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Ann Martgan Receives Distinguished Alumni Award from CCLC

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Photo: Ann Martgan (center), CCLC Distinguished Alumni of the year.

The Community College League of California (CCLC) recognized Crafton Hills College Alumna Ann Martgan as a recipient of the 2022 California Community College Distinguished Alumni Award on November 18 at their Annual Convention.

Since 1964, CCLC has recognized individuals whose attendance at a California Community College helped them achieve their educational and professional goals and serve their communities. Martgan was selected based on her accomplishments in the EMS field and her community service.

In her comments during the awards ceremony, Martgan shared how her 18 year career began in a classroom at Crafton Hills College where she entered with uncertainties about her ability to balance her education with a newborn while her husband was deployed.

She spoke of how the hope she had to create a better future for herself, and her family was the driving force that led her to become the first in her family to receive a degree.

Martgan stated, “Community colleges provide alternative pathways for students of all socio-economic backgrounds who might otherwise not be able to establish themselves in the workforce and provide for their families.”

After completing the EMT program at Crafton, Martgan’s career has included positions as an emergency medical technician, professional expert, paramedic, patient care attendant, flight paramedic, EMS coordinator, EMS operations manager, and a professor. Martgan is currently the EMS operations manager for the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians and a professor for the CHC paramedic program.

There to celebrate with Martgan were San Bernardino Community College District Board of Trustees Vice Chair Dr. Stephanie Houston, Trustee Dr. Nathan Gonzales, Chancellor Diana Rodriguez, Vice Chancellor Jose Torres, SBVC Interim President Dr. Scott Thayer, CHC President Dr. Kevin Horan, Dean of Career Education and Human Development Dan Word, Paramedic Program Director Amanda Ward, and Director of Institutional Advancement Michelle Riggs.

CHC Remembers Cliff Cabanilla

The Crafton Hills College community recently lost one of its faculty pioneers, Cliff Cabanilla, who initiated Crafton's dramatic arts program when the College opened in 1972.

At that time, the College had no facilities for performances, so Cabanilla had to find suitable space off campus to develop into a working theatre. An abandoned building in downtown Redlands that had housed an A&P supermarket became the home for the fledgling program. Cabanilla and student volunteers converted the space into a 250-seat theatre with a thrust stage. Cabanilla built up the Theatre Arts program by holding classes and performances off campus until the Performing Arts Center was built in 1978.

During his tenure, Crafton's Theatre Arts program trained thousands of students in theatre crafts, provided the CHC community with top-notch entertainment, and garnered recognition from theatre arts college academic organizations.

The success of this program is a result of Cabanilla's charisma, fertile imagination, and hard work. Under Cabanilla's inspiring leadership, Theatre Arts thrived at Crafton and remains a vibrant legacy of this inspirational and visionary professor.

In addition to his work at Crafton, Cabanilla also founded the Redlands Theatre Festival at Prospect Park in Redlands, which is still in operation and is managed by his two daughters, Shannon and Candice.

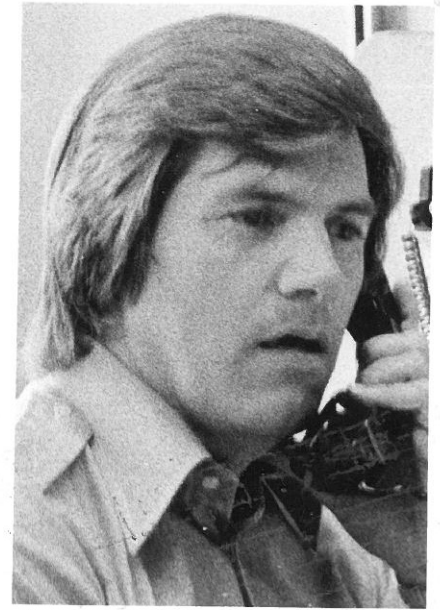


Photo: Cliff Cabanilla.

Foster-Care Students Get Life Skills Guidance Through I-City

Participating students navigated through the simulation and learned about money management, housing, transportation and supporting a family.



Photo: Joeshay Walker.

On November 5, the Crafton Hills College EOPS/Guardian Scholars Program hosted the San Bernardino County Children and Family Services Independent City or I-City. I-City is an annual event that the County of San Bernardino Independent Living Program holds for 16-18-year-old foster

youth to prepare them for independent living.

I-City is a fun, interactive and informative event. Foster youths are placed in a simulated city where they practice money management and test their decision-making skills as they experience various scenarios that they will confront when they turn 18, leave foster care and begin living independently.

Participants circulate through different I-City workshops where they learn about health, government, childcare, banking, transportation, housing and utilities, shopping at a grocery store, the courts, fines and collection, entertainment, educational opportunities, and careers. Community partners provide these workshops and promote their services to expose foster youth to the different resources in their communities. Participating students navigated through the simulation and learned about money management,

housing, transportation and supporting a family.

Delmy Spencer, vice president of student services, and Ivan Peña, dean of student services, delivered welcoming remarks to the students, community partners and foster care parents.

Two former CHC Guardian Scholars students participated in the event: CHC Alumnus JoeShay Walker, who currently works for the County of San Bernardino Independent Living Program, served as the emcee for the event. Walker graduated from UCI in 2017 with a degree in Political Science and is continuing her studies to become a clinical psychologist. Alumna Angelica Barrera represented the Renaissance Scholars Program at CSUSB, where she is currently pursuing a degree in Nutrition with an anticipated graduation date of May 2024.

RUSD Roadrunner Road Trip

Rialto Unified School District had over 100 students from four high schools (Eisenhower, Rialto, Carter and Milor) attend the very first Roadrunner Road Trip on Nov 4. This was all thanks to Trustee Williams and the Career Coaches from each school. During this trip, the students learned about various student services as well as programs such as EOPS, Radiology, Respiratory and the STEM Center. Students were offered an optional campus tour during lunch including a visit to the Public Safety & Allied Health building.



Photo: Rialto Unified School District high school students visit CHC.

CHC Theatre Department Takes the Show on the Road

Over the past few months, theatre professor Paul Jacques has been visiting high school theatre programs in our region including Banning, Redlands High, Redlands East Valley, and Yucaipa High. During his time with the students, Jacques taught stage combat, a specialized art form for simulated fighting on stage. Using the acronym BEDPAN for Balance, Eye contact, Distance, Prep, Action, and Nice Reaction, Jacques gives future Roadrunners a glimpse into the opportunities available at Crafton Hills College.



Photo: Paul Jacques with theatre students at YHS.

CHC Student Senate Hosts Club Rush

On October 26, over 150 CHC students met representatives from a dozen campus clubs, competed for prizes, and enjoyed tasty items from the food trucks at Club Rush.

Attendees tested their knowledge of Halloween Trivia and showed their creativity in the costume contest while enjoying music by DJ CINEMA.



Photo: CHC Veterans Club at Club Rush.

CHC Student Brianna Moran Shares Her Story at GIA Conference

As the student speaker at her graduation and this conference, Moran continues to share her educational journey.



Photo: Brianna Moran.

Brianna Moran, a 2022 graduate of Redlands Adult School and current Crafton Hills College Honors student, was the opening speaker at the Growing Inland Achievement (GIA) Conference on October 23. Moran shared the experiences she had in overcoming difficult challenges

and spoke very highly about Crafton Hills College in front of nearly 250 attendees.

At seventeen, Moran left high school without graduating. A decade later, a postcard from Redlands Adult School helped change the course of her life.

Dealing with weight, health, and alcohol problems, Moran decided she was tired of making poor life choices and set a goal of earning her GED.

Moran shared that she found the passion she had for education through her experience at Redlands Adult School. The guidance counselor there encouraged her to dual enroll as a high school and college student simultaneously. She set and reached her goal of finishing high school by her 27th birthday.

Moran currently works a full-time job as a staffing director, continues to strive to be a 4.0 full-time student at Crafton, and hopes to transfer to UCLA in the fall of 2024 as a psychology major. Her goal is to become a clinical psychologist. As the student speaker at her graduation and this conference, Moran continues to share her educational journey as an adult re-entry student.

CHC Volunteers Partnered with Redlands Family Service Association in Food Drive

On November 12, about fifty Crafton Hills College students and employees volunteered to sort 22,000 pounds of donated food for distribution by Redlands Family Services, which conducts an annual food drive for Redlands families in need.

Their participation was a Three Peaks Challenge event, designed as opportunities for CHC students to engage, learn, and advance. These events include physical stamina activities such as mountain hikes and service engagement opportunities, such as helping the Redlands Family Service Association.



Photo: Crafton students and employees at Redlands Family Service Association.

CHC Hosts Annual Waa't Event

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Photo: Fourth and fifth grade students at Waa't event.

This year marks the seventeenth year of CHC's hosting the annual Waa't celebration, teaching 4th and 5th grade students about native culture and heritage of the San Bernardino East Valley.

San Manuel Band of Mission Indians Tribal

Citizen and State Assembly member James Ramos and Agua Caliente Tribal Member Eli Andreas introduced a traditional hummingbird song to students.

We were also honored to have Morongo Tribal Member and Serrano Elder Ernest

Siva there to teach Yucaipa school children Serrano songs. Students had an opportunity to make cordage, participate in basket weaving, and learn some native Serrano words and phrases.

This event is held November 9 and 10, a reminder us of how fortunate we are to have personal storytellers who can share their cultures' rich histories during Native American Heritage Month.

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"For the past fifteen years, I have worked with Crafton Hills College to host the Waa't event. We welcomed fourth and fifth graders today from the local school districts to come to the college and witness songs, language, and culture of the surrounding Native American communities. Let's continue to celebrate all month for Native American Heritage Month and into the future!" said Ramos.

Classified Senate Hosts Chili Cookoff

The CHC Classified Senate hosted a Halloween chili cookoff fundraiser on October 31. Seven volunteers brought chili and desserts for the contest that was judged by the 35 employees who purchased tickets to attend. Contributions totaling \$220.81 will help to support the Classified Senate activities this year.

Kevin Palkki's chili received the most votes overall. However, as Senate President, Kevin declined his prize and gift cards were awarded to the following: 1st Place: Diana Vaichis, 2nd Place: Rebecca Abeyta, and 3rd Place: Van Muse.



Photo: Veronica Lehman, Ruby Zuniga, and Gabriela Garcia.

USC and DSA Visit CHC for Presentation & Tour of LEED Certified Projects



Photo: Attendees pose for picture before campus tour.

On November 15, Crafton Hills College hosted a presentation and campus tour for USC students studying construction management, architecture and design, state leaders in green building, and architects working on current projects within the district. The tour was focused on showcasing working examples of state-of-the-art sustainable facilities at the college.

Introductions and opening remarks were provided by CHC President, Dr. Kevin Horan. “As students of architecture and students studying design, my piece of advice to you is to pay attention to the details.” Dr. Horan offered his experience and lessons learned when a design is not executed as anticipated.

Ida Clair, State Architect for the Division

of the State Architect (DSA) addressed the group with an update on how state efforts are moving construction in the right direction when it comes to design. Clair spoke about the increased emphasis on sustainability in the new code cycle, requiring new buildings to have electric vehicle charging stations, solar photovoltaic, battery storage systems, and more. The DSA provides design and construction oversight for K–12 schools, community colleges, and various other state-owned and state-leased facilities to ensure that they comply with all structural, accessibility, and fire and life safety codes.

Ben Stapleton, Executive Director of the U.S. Green Building Council Los Angeles Chapter (USGBC-LA) expressed the mission of his organization is to transform

southern California into a more sustainable region for all. The USGBC-LA is a non-profit organization representing green building and sustainability professionals in and around the Greater Los Angeles region and he offered the students the opportunity to join his organization.

San Bernardino Community College District representatives Farrah Farzaneh and Yash Patel presented an overview of upcoming projects, the district’s sustainability journey to date, and the energy analytics dashboard. Jeremy Judd, Operations Manager for Kitchell and Larry Cook, Facility Director at Crafton Hills College commented on the campus-wide sustainability efforts and the importance of operational sustainability focused on reducing unnecessary expenses and waste in construction. Cook also emphasized the need to critically analyze design intent early to ensure successful implementation. Cook noted that Crafton has reduced energy usage even though the square footage has increased significantly.

Attendees broke into two groups for a site walk with one group guided by Cook and the second by Martin Howell, Global Energy & Sustainability Skill Leader at ARUP. The groups visited the Crafton Center, Central Plant, Public Safety & Allied Health building, the Kinesiology, Health Education & Aquatics complex, and the solar farm.

YHS Preview Day

Over 250 seniors from Yucaipa High School swarmed the campus on Oct 28 for our first ever YHS meets CHC Preview Day. The students had the opportunity to learn about what Crafton has to offer. They toured the campus, learned about financial aid options, the EMS programs and met with current students. It wasn’t all workshops though. Ryker the Roadrunner was also in attendance to hand out t-shirts and dance with the YHS seniors.



Photo: Yucaipa high school students visit Crafton Hills College.

Girl Scouts Learn about Careers in Public Safety

Young ladies came from as far as Barstow to experience the programs CHC offers and the career opportunities that come with those courses as part of their Classroom-to-Career program.

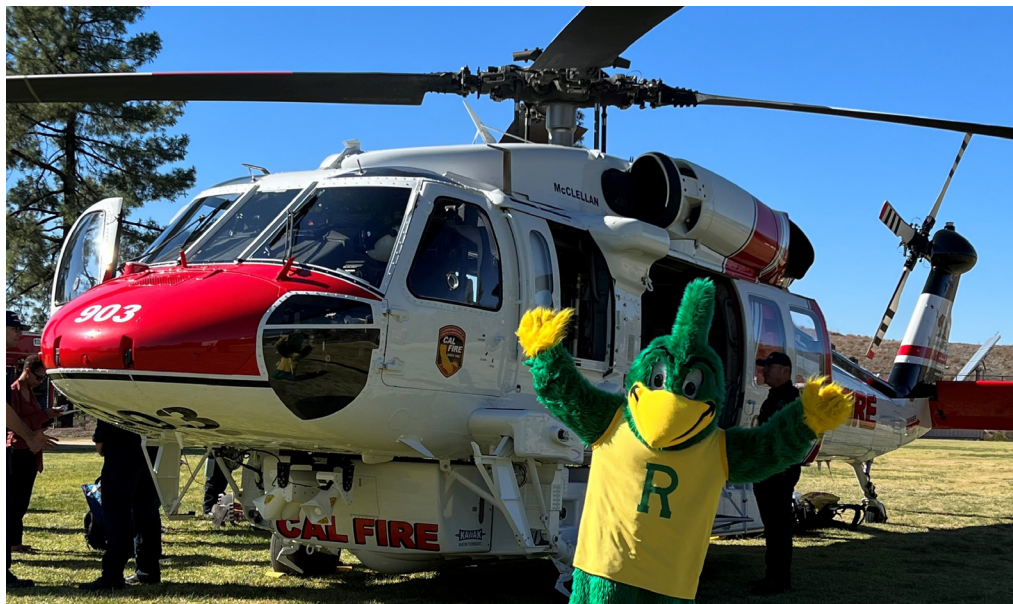


Photo: Ryker poses next to Cal Fire's helicopter at CHC.

Crafton Hills College collaborated with community partners to provide an outreach event for the Girl Scouts of the San Geronio Council.

On November 16, young ladies came

from as far as Barstow to experience the Public Safety and Allied Health programs CHC offers and the career opportunities that come with those courses as part of their Classroom-to-Career program. The event is intended to spark interest in

higher education and showcase career and technical opportunities where women are often under-represented. Scouts learned about public safety and allied health programs and the educational requirements and job opportunities in these professions.

This annual event was coordinated by CHC alumna and Adjunct Professor Ann Martgan, who serves as the EMS Operations Manager for the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians, along with CHC's Paramedic Program Director Amanda Ward.

Community partners, including the Redlands Fire Department, American Medical Response, San Manuel Band of Mission Indians, and CAL FIRE San Bernardino/Inyo/Mono Unit were on site with fire engines, ambulances, and even a medic helicopter that provided an opportunity for the Scouts to experience hands-on demonstrations.

CHC Outreach Welcomes Local Counselors

On October 21, Crafton Hills College welcomed high school and adult school counselors from the area for a Counselor's breakfast. The event provided these counselors with the opportunity to learn more about Crafton Hills College, including student support services, transfer programs, Crafton Hills alumni experiences, and College Corp service opportunities for full-time students.

A total of twelve counselors attended, representing Citrus Valley High School, Beaumont High School, Oak View High School, Green Valley High School, Redlands High School, Redlands eAcademy and Redlands Independent Student Education (RISE).



Photo: Local Counselors at CHC Counselor Outreach.

Crafton Hills College Celebrates Veterans

The Crafton Hills College Veterans Resource Center honored veterans and their dependents from November 7 through November 15.

On November 7, the Cal Vet office held a workshop about benefits that Cal Vet offers our California veterans, including VA home loans, the process for having disabilities rated with the VA, DMV options and Fish and Wildlife licenses.

On Veterans Day, November 11, student veterans represented Crafton Hills College at the annual Redlands Veterans Day parade.

And finally, on November 15, the CHC Veterans Resource Center and the Student Veterans of America (SVA) chapter hosted a BBQ lunch for student veterans that featured giveaways, music, and games.



Photo: CHC Veterans Resource Center staff and students.

Campus community members were encouraged to stop by and visit with our CHC student veterans and thank them for

their service.

Dia de los Muertos Altar Display



Photo: Isidro Zepeda and Franklin Florez pose next to altar.

On October 31, CHC student Franklin Florez and English professor Isidro Zepeda set up a Dia de los Muertos altar display in the Crafton Center lobby. The display was a collaboration between the College's multicultural club, art department, multimedia program, Latino Faculty Staff,

Administrators' Association, and Zepeda's Chicano literature class. Both futuristic and traditional altars were featured. Zepeda explained that the two different altars "show the union of nature and technology and how together we can create something beautiful that doesn't destroy our planet."

"Depending on how this information is passed down, it takes different interpretations, but the way that I was taught by family is that the altar is a mirror of the spirit," Zepeda stated. "So, when we are looking at the altar, we are looking at our spirit. And it's filled with energies, with colors, it's vibrant, it's energetic, it's alive and at the same time, we pay homage to our ancestors who have crossed on into the spiritual form."

"It's a mirror reminding us to connect back to their essence, to the planet, to the earth, to the energy, to the elements, to the water that nourishes us and gives us life. That's what the altar represents."

"It's been modernized and evangelized, so it takes a lot of different other components. We include those elements." Zepeda continued, "the altars displayed are a reminder to honor and keep traditions but also to create a space for the future."



Photo: Blue and Ryker.

CHC Partners with Metrolink for Mascot Video

Metrolink, Southern California’s commuter rail system, invited Crafton Hills College, with mascot Ryker the Roadrunner, to participate in its “Back to School” campaign. Southern California higher education institutions and their respective mascots set forth to Union Station in downtown Los Angeles for a day of photo shoots and filming on November 15. Attendees included University of La Verne, UC Riverside, Pitzer College, CSU Northridge, California State Polytechnic University Pomona, and San Bernardino Valley College.

Large Jairo Nhel De Vera.

Metrolink operates Arrow, the Redlands passenger rail service with five stations along the nine-mile route between downtown San Bernardino and downtown Redlands. The new service started on Monday, October 24. This Metrolink expansion allows students from all over the Inland Empire to commute to CHC with ease as there are over twenty trips per day to the Redlands Stations. OmniTrans public transportation takes care of any last-mile rail service needs with multiple routes directly to CHC. The College is committed to improving access to education and values partnerships with Metrolink and OmniTrans to help students with public transportation.

The mascots made full use of a closed off train platform and a coach reserved for the shoot. Attending the shoot were three CHC Student Senate officers: Internal Affairs Director Enggie Ocampo, Senator at Large Dalia Coleman, and Senator at

2022 Native American Heritage Month Celebrations at Crafton

November is Native American Heritage Month, a time to celebrate rich and diverse Native cultures, traditions, and histories and to acknowledge the important contributions of Native people. The 2022 Native American Heritage Month theme is “Revitalizing Indigenous Connections,” which reflects on how the living bonds of history and culture must be continually honored, maintained, and renewed with each generation. Crafton Hills College celebrated all month long with various events centered around the culture and history of California’s First Cultures. The events for 2022 all began with a land acknowledgement, which is a formal statement that a public event is being held on land that was originally inhabited by Indigenous peoples.

The celebrations included a documentary screening of “Why We Serve,” a short film presented by the Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian that documents Native Americans’ history of military service. Providing a voice to veterans chastised for their commitment to



the U.S. by those in their community who believed that Native Americans should not serve a country that overran their homelands, suppressed their cultures, and confined them to reservations. The reasons why these Native Americans vets served were complex, and yet this discourse is necessary to understand what an integral part Native Americans have played in the military.

Native American author Ursula Pike was

also a part of the celebration, sharing her experiences, inspirations, and truths as a writer and member of the Karuk Tribe.

Also, a San Manuel Fire Department Documentary highlighted the history of the department and their efforts to provide the most basic emergency services. The Celebrations will close with the documentary Screening of “RUMBLE: The Indians Who Rocked the World” on November 29.