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Photo: CHC Fire Academy 107.

Crafton Hills College’s Fire Academy Receives \$1.8 Million Boost from San Manuel Band of Mission Indians

Crafton Hills College has identified Public Safety training as a critical priority due to a severe shortage of trained professionals in the community. One reason for this shortage is the high-cost students must bear to qualify for positions in emergency medical services and firefighting. Each year Crafton Hills College’s Fire Academy cadets struggle to meet the out-of-pocket costs for uniforms, equipment, supplies, testing, licensing, and certifications.

The goal for Crafton Hills College (CHC) is to recruit a diverse cadet pool for its fire science and paramedic programs, but low-income students are often unable to afford the cost of participating and becoming certified and licensed.

The San Manuel Band of Mission Indians will invest \$1.8 million in the CHC Fire Academy. This contribution will help people facing financial barriers to higher education and training, including those from

underserved populations, the unemployed or underemployed, and women. This way, San Manuel will substantially increase its support of programs that create pathways

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“One of the greatest assets we have as a college is the support of our community and partnerships with extraordinary organizations, such as the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians. We are humbled by their generosity and shared interest

in building a talented and diverse first responder workforce,” said Crafton Hills College President Dr. Kevin Horan.

The grant will allow students to focus on their training and alleviate some financial hardships. This support will help CHC recruit more diverse students into these programs, which will ultimately help our communities by providing the trained personnel needed to fill open positions.

“We are grateful to the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians for their generous support of our local students,” said San Bernardino Community College District Chancellor Diana Rodriguez. “The Crafton Hills College Fire Academy opens doors to good-paying jobs for our graduates. This gift will help build a diverse workforce of firefighters who will combat California’s wildfires and keep our communities safe.”

San Manuel’s \$1.8 million Fire Academy grant will be the largest gift ever received by the CHC Foundation. It will directly support the CHC Fire Academy’s objective to create a more diversified cadet pool.

The donation comes at a time when updated industry standards have resulted in increased program costs to a point where cadets are expected to pay more out-of-pocket to complete the 18-week course.

“I have never seen in my entire time at Crafton a grant this large for a program like ours,” said Academy Chief Mike Alder. “It is a tremendous shot in the arm for the Academy and the cadets.”

“It has been an honor to partner with Crafton Hills on both financial support and recruitment,” says San Manuel Band of Mission Indians Vice-Chairman Johnny Hernandez Jr. “Every person should be able to follow their dreams regardless of their financial situation. The Tribe is excited to hear this may close the gap between diverse communities and access to following their dreams in firefighting.”

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Crafton's Fire Academy is one of the premier fire academies in the Southern California region designed to meet requirements for Firefighter 1 and 2 certifications. Offered twice a year – once in the fall and again in the spring – the program tests cadets on leadership, communication, physical fitness and what to expect in the field of fire service through hands-on training. About 30 cadets participate in the program each term.

College officials applied for the grant

in December 2021 with support from the Crafton Hills College Foundation, a nonprofit that looks to advance the educational, career, and personal successes of Roadrunners through engagement and learning.

"The grant from San Manuel will support the academy's efforts over the next five years," said Alder.

"This grant opens up doors for those who are currently at a financial disadvantage to

go through the program," he said. "It has always been our goal to increase diversity not just in our program, but the service industry as a whole."

"I was getting real concerned about the program because costs were going up. I kept asking myself 'What are we going to do?' 'How are going to fix this?', and then San Manuel comes to the rescue," he continued. "I feel a lot better about the program's future now, and I couldn't be happier."

Crafton Educator Talks Social Justice in New Online Blog Interview

A recent interview in the blog, "Heart-Head-Hands: Everyday Living for Justice," puts a Crafton Hills College (CHC) educator at the head of the table.

Chloe de los Reyes, an assistant professor of English at CHC, spoke with blog creator and writer Beth Godbee about her work and dedication to lifelong learning and the importance of social justice.

"This is such a momentous time – the COVID-19 pandemic, Black Lives Matter movement, and persisting violence against API (Asian Pacific Islanders), among many other ongoing injustices. This time has really spurred a reawakening in me, and I'm guessing, in many others," de los Reyes told Godbee in the writeup published earlier this month.

"Heart-Head-Hands" is an online space for "learning and unlearning, writing and striving toward justice – social, racial and environmental justice," according to the blog's "About Us" space. The idea is to encourage readers and social justice advocates to make "commitments to justice actionable in everyday life," it continues.

Godbee, a fellow educator and former professor, has broken the space down into eight categories of learning that include

practicing everyday feminism, striving toward racial justice and downloadable vegan recipes. Overall, Godbee hopes readers weave through the material with "deeply relational, ideological and spiritual" thoughts.

Both de los Reyes and Godbee have known each other for close to two decades and have kept in touch over the years because of their "shared commitments," says Godbee.

De los Reyes is honest with her answers to Godbee's questions, speaking freely about her experiences moving from the Philippines to California at the age of 12.

"And as you can imagine, this was such a significant moment in my life," shared de los Reyes. "I spoke English because it was widely spoken in the Philippines (we were colonized by the U.S.). But when I arrived in the U.S., folks readily pointed out my accent or the 'funny' ways I used English. It always made me feel really bad."

"So, at a young age, I became acutely aware that language is currency in America, and I needed to pay extra attention to it. This eventually led to a degree in Composition Studies," she continued. "At first, my motivation for going into Comp Studies



Photo: Chloe de los Reyes.

was because I wanted to fix myself – my English – but slowly I started to realize the deep connections among language, identity, culture, and power. I realized how important it is for people to think differently about language and, most importantly, to understand that difference is not deficiency."

To read de los Reyes' full interview, along with remarks about Godbee's reactions to the chat and their friendship, go to heart-head-hands.com/chloe-de-los-reyes.



Photo: Para-athletes Connor Gioffreda, 23 of Baltimore, MD., and Matthew Torres, 21 of Fairfield, CT.

Annual California Classic Puts Spotlight on Para-Athletics

Swimmers with physical or intellectual limitations at all ability levels – from new swimmers to Paralympic hopefuls – took center stage at the annual California Classic for para-athletes.

The two-day swimming event – held September 17 and 18 at the Crafton Hills College (CHC) Aquatics Center – invited these athletes to put their skills to the test in various events. But the main attraction was athletes encouraging one another to the finish line.

This year's entries included athletes Jamal Hill, Matthew Torres, and Han-nah Nelson who competed in the 2021 Tokyo Paralympics. Torres, pictured above, brought home the bronze medal from Tokyo in the 400-meter freestyle.

"It's absolutely fabulous," said Colleen Clifford of Atlanta, GA. "My son is an S2 athlete (a class for participants who have limited use of their arms, and no or extremely limited use of their hands, legs and trunk), and to see him swimming alongside the [Paralympic] medalists competing here today, it's exciting to see where he can go."

Since 2015, CHC has partnered with

U.S. Paralympics to host the event, and its community of volunteers who lend their time to help athletes in and out of the water, time events or do other much-needed tasks to make the event successful.

Nathan Manley, the Director of U.S. Paralympics, said the event not only serves as a new or reintroduction to para-athletics

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but also allows seasoned athletes an opportunity to share the deck, engage and take on a mentorship role with others.

"The athletes here are probably less concerned about performance and hopefully equally engaged about meeting people and creating relationships," he explained.

Among that bunch was 11-year-old Chloe Cederholm of Salt Lake City, Utah, an ambitious athlete who has her sights on becoming a future Paralympic participant and pediatric surgeon.

Diagnosed with McCune-Albright Syndrome, a rare disorder that affects bones, skin and hormone-producing tissues, Chloe found out she could not run or jump, which meant participating in some sports she loved was not possible. But then, when she was six years old, she found the water, and she never looked back. As events continued throughout the morning on September 17, Chloe was focused on doing her best.

"When I'm in the water, I always just try to go. I try to get every step down to get a good race in," she said. "When I'm swimming longer races, like the butterfly, I play a song in my head to make it through, a fighting song."

After Chloe finished her event, a huge smile would not leave her face. Nor her dad's as he waited to get the post-race stroke-by-stroke account.

"I never thought I'd have a swimmer in my family because I sink whenever I go into the water," Chloe's dad, Wayne Cederholm, said with a chuckle. "But now I've taken up swimming a lot so I can see what she's going through, and it just makes me super excited to see that she's willing to put in the work."

Another perk for dad is watching other para-athletes rally around Chloe.

"It was really special to have all of these people come and give her a big hug and treat her like they've known her her entire life," Cederholm said. "Everyone here is faced with unique circumstances, but everyone here wants to see everyone happy."

Some athletes will move on to similar competitions held across the nation this year and beyond while others will set their sights on future summer Olympic Games in France (2024) and Los Angeles (2028). To learn more about Team U.S.A. and what's to come, visit teamusa.org.

To volunteer for next year's California Classic, contact Heather Chittenden, Crafton's athletic director, by email at hchittenden@craftonhills.edu or by phone at 909-389-3605.



Photo: CHC Honors students.

Honors' Fall Meet-and-Greet

On August 26, most of Crafton Hills College's current Honors students (70 of 95) attended the Honors Institute's first in-person meet-and-greet since January 2020. The event, planned by Honors ambassadors Dakota Erwin, Noah Hensley, Rachel Kanter, and Kyo Watanabe, was the largest gathering of Crafton's Honors students in memory.

Honors Coordinator Judy Cannon spoke briefly about Honors requirements and opportunities, and Debbie Bogh, the Honors counselor, shared details about preparing for transfer; the UCTAG program, and the UCLA TAP transfer program, both of which is available only to students who have completed all the College's Honors requirements and assure acceptance of

transfer. The students enjoyed lunch thanks to support from the CHC Foundation, played a competitive game of Jeopardy, learned how hard it is to put together a 100-piece puzzle without "the big picture" for guidance (kind of like life), and got to know each other a little better.

Off-Campus Access to Library Databases

!!! Great News !!!

Say hello to using your district login to access library databases beginning Monday, September 19

Questions? clrdesk@craftonhills.edu



CHC Library Improves and Expands Services

CHC students will now find using library databases even easier. As of September 19, students are now able to use their District login (same as for Canvas) to access online library resources such as eBooks, articles, and databases. This improvement removes barriers for students who can now access library resources from off-campus.

In addition, 24/7 research help is now available via an Ask a Librarian link on the webpage. In May, the CHC library launched a chat service that allows students to get research help 24 hours a day, 7 days a week through services provided by the California Community College's Co-Op.



Photo: CHC employees attend training.

Together We Are Roadrunners Training and Team Building

Thirty-three CHC employees participated in a three-hour customer service professional development activity on September 23. The goal of this training, presented by Elsa Marquez, from the Leadership Consultancy, was to create an

enhanced culture of service by inviting participants to share ideas and suggest innovations. Ideas presented by the group included having a virtual campus tour, better communication across campus, cross-department training on policies and

procedures, and building community to engage with students.

The activities emphasized the need for personal responsibility and cooperation in service to others to create a welcoming, supportive environment for our students. Among the attendees were five new completion coaches who attended the training at the end of their first day on the job. These new team members, who are also recent alumni of CHC, will be working directly with students through the counseling office. Their perspectives added to the mix of concepts from those who have worked at the College and allowed the groups to delve into ways that we can better serve students.

Groups explored opportunities to improve the customer service experience. Each group reported ideas on what the College could achieve by working through barriers and how staff can leverage time and resources to better serve students. The interactive session provided new approaches and techniques that lead to full engagement and the achievement of excellence in customer service on campus and when representing the institution in the community.



Photo: CHC Men's Water Polo Team.

CHC Water Polo

Crafton Hills College Men's Water Polo played their first home game on September 7 against Chaffey College. Crafton had a

strong lead at halftime and everyone on the team got playing time.

The Crafton Roadrunners posted their best period of play in the fourth, posting a huge margin over the Chaffey Panthers to extend their lead to a final score of 17-5.

The crowd was full of spectators from both campuses and cheered from the first swim off to the end of the match. Excitement filled the stands with each goal Crafton scored. Their hard work didn't end in the water as the team proceeded to tear down the pool deck. It was a great start to the season. Please come and support their upcoming games at home on:

October 5 Men's 2:00 p.m., Women's 3:30 p.m. vs. Grossmont

October 7 Women's 8:00 a.m., Men's 9:00 a.m. vs. Santa Monica and El Camino

Captain Michael Orland Scholarship Awarded to CHC Fire Cadet Grace Shumate

Mike Orland, a graduate of CHC Fire Academy #34 and retired paramedic fire captain for the San Manuel Fire Department, passed away on September 4, 2021, at the age of 54. Orland was diagnosed with stage IV kidney cancer in 2019 and began awarding scholarships to cadets in the CHC Fire Academy in 2020 as a legacy for a career and program he cared deeply about.

Orland left an endowment that the CHC Foundation will use to continue awarding the Michael Orland Endowed Scholarship in his memory. This scholarship will be awarded to one cadet in each academy who has had to overcome significant challenges; displays the necessary courage, perseverance, and tenacity that it takes to be a firefighter; demonstrates a history of civic mindedness through giving back to their community, volunteering, and being a good person; possesses personal characteristics of selflessness and kindness; and has a selfless and humble attitude.

Mike Orland's mother, Margie Orland, presented the scholarship for the first time since his passing to a cadet in Academy 107

on September 16.

Orland addressed the 29 cadets stating, "I'm really honored to be here today to speak to all of you and proud to represent Michael and what he expected of his career and the future of all of yours."

"I was very impressed with all three candidates, but there was one that was just so outstanding with how that person perceived being a firefighter," Orland continued. "Today, I would like to recognize Grace Shumate."

Orland explained that a firefighter poem written by Shumate and attached to her application was a factor in her selection, saying, "My heart just went out because you shared the essence of what it really means to be a firefighter. Your resume was filled with educating yourself and dedicating yourself to others who want to be part of the firefighter experience. Everything that you have shared with me was exactly what Mike would have expected from someone to receive this scholarship."

Shumate was honored to receive the scholarship. "As I strive to become a

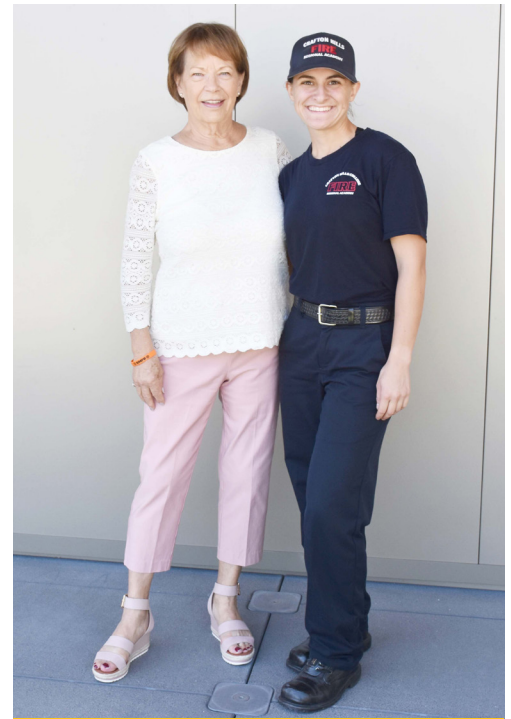


Photo: Margie Orland and Grace Shumate.

firefighter, I want to emulate his [Mike's] compassion, his kindness, his work ethic, and his love for others and the outdoors," stated Shumate.

Orland said of Shumate, "I was amazed with the poetry, essay and resume of Grace Shumate. She is a dedicated young lady who will go far in her career as a firefighter, and Michael would have been proud of her."



Photo: CHC Art Gallery exhibit.

Art By Us Exhibit Features Works by CHC Faculty and Staff

On September 14, the CHC Art Department launched the Fall 2022 exhibition *Art by Us: Creative Works by Crafton Hills College Staff & Faculty* with an artist reception to showcase the creative works of staff and faculty members. All the works on exhibit were created by Crafton staff and included a variety of poetry, photography, painting, drawing, cake making, ceramic sculpture, knitting, leather carving, 3D printing, digital sculpting, mixed media, and assemblage.

The artist reception was open to the entire Crafton campus as well as friends, family, and colleagues of the artists. During the

reception attendees were introduced to the artists and encouraged to ask questions. Librarian Krista Ivy was asked by students to share her creative process in detail. She happily obliged, going as far as sharing how she sources materials.

Fine Arts Department Chair Renée Azenaro and Art Lab Technician Michael Bedoya were on hand to help attendees with any questions and provide additional resources to students interested in the College's art programs.

The exhibit was open from September 6 through September 27.



Photo: Bill Ahlborn (center) with some lecture attendees.

Lunch and Learn Lecture with William Ahlborn

William (Bill) Ahlborn is an alumnus and retired adjunct faculty member from Crafton Hill College. He is a veteran and purple heart recipient from the battle of the bulge in WWII, and a dedicated donor and friend to the College.

Ahlborn has conducted desert field trips for three universities and multi-day desert explorations for 17 years. He has traveled to 150 countries, all 50 states, all seven

continents, and around 400 national park units. Bill has a love for geography and earth science and continues to travel the world even into his late 90's.

Ahlborn reached out to the College and asked to lead a lecture titled "What is a Desert?". Students, employees, and community members were invited to bring their lunch and learn during the one-hour event at noon on September 7, 2022.

Integrating humor into his teaching, Ahlborn began speaking to the audience of over 50 attendees stating, "One way or another, let's find out, what is a desert. If you already know the answer, don't blurt it out because then I'll have to fill in the rest of the time with 97-year-old year old humor and you would not want to go through that."

Ahlborn provided an interactive opportunity for audience members to react to questions about things people typically associate with deserts including cactus, palm trees, snakes, heat, and rainfall. Ahlborn spent time discussing facts about the four major Deserts in North America and many he's visited around the world. At the end of the lecture, one audience member guessed correctly that the largest desert on Earth is Antarctica. Ahlborn eliminated some of the myths surrounding deserts and that the one thing all deserts have in common is that they receive no more than 10 inches of precipitation per year.

Audience members surrounded Ahlborn following the lecture to thank him for the information, ask follow up questions, and pose for a few photos.



Photo: New CHC Completion Coaches.

CHC Adds Five Completion Coaches to Assist Students

Crafton is bringing additional resources to students in the form of Completion Coaches. Completion Coaches will work

with students one-on-one in coaching sessions that are designed to educate them about college-wide resources and develop

a personalized pathway to completion. All the coaches are Crafton alumni who have successfully completed their goals at Crafton. Additionally, they understand the demands of being a college student as they are all in the process of completing their undergraduate and postgraduate degrees at local universities.

Students will be able to meet with their completion coaches in person or online to discuss career programs or transfer opportunities, academic planning, goal setting, strategies to improve time management and organization, transitioning to college, managing college and work-life balance, understanding college policies and procedures as well as encouraging campus engagement. On their first day the coaches were given a behind-the-scenes campus tour and attended a customer service workshop where they were introduced and given a warm welcome.

Hispanic Heritage Month Celebrations at CHC

Crafton Hills College kicked off National Hispanic/Latinx Heritage Month by inviting students to celebrate Hispanic and Latinx cultures in the quad on September 14.

National Hispanic Heritage Month celebrates the histories, cultures and contributions of American citizens whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean and Central and South America. The observation started in 1968 as Hispanic Heritage Week under President Lyndon Johnson and was expanded by President Ronald Reagan in 1988 to cover a 30-day period starting on September 15 and ending on October 15.

CHC Latinx Faculty, Staff, and Administrators set up a *Bienvenida* booth to welcome all

students to the festivities. Dr. Christopher Olivera, Professor of Microbiology, gifted students embroidered masks imported from Yucatan. Special Guest DJ Cinema provided a rhythmic soundtrack and played various genres of Latin music like Bachata, Cumbia, Salsa, Reggaeton, Mexican Regional and Rancheras. Students and staff made song requests for artists like Bad Bunny, El Alfa and Grupo Firme.

The festivities also included tasty tacos and refreshing traditional *aguas frescas*. The celebration helped Crafton promote educational equity by celebrating the Hispanic/Latinx cultures and highlighting their contributions to the greater community.



Photo: Faculty and staff at opening celebration.



Photo: Students with Ryker at Transfer Fair.

Transfer center coordinator, Mariana Macamay was especially grateful for the professors who walked their students to the fair. "It shows their commitment to connecting their students to resources outside the classroom and to help students move forward in their educational goals."

Many of the universities gave in-person demonstrations for students and provided helpful information for those looking to transfer. A few eager students even applied for provisional admission to the institutions of their choice on the spot to help their chances of future acceptance.

The UTC simultaneously held additional workshops at the Transfer Center during the fair. These two workshops covered two specific transfer options: the University of Redlands' Promise program, which provides free tuition for Cal Grant eligible students, and how to transfer to UC Santa Barbara under its Transfer Admission Guarantee. The UTC is dedicated to increasing student awareness of transfer opportunities and encouraging students to reach their full potential while at Crafton to ensure they are prepared for whatever transfer path they take.

Hundreds of Students Visit CHC's Transfer Fair

On September 14, the Crafton Hills College (CHC) University Transfer Center (UTC) hosted an in-person transfer fair with 25 college representatives from California State University, University of California, private, out-of-state, and even global universities.

Hundreds of students attended to receive information first-hand from representatives

about their respective institutions. The CHC student body came out in full force and asked questions about the admission process, what factors could help their application get accepted, attendance costs, majors available, housing, financial aid/scholarship opportunities, paid internships, major-to-career opportunities, and campus life.



Photo: CHC employees, students, and community members celebrate CHC's 50th anniversary.



Photo: Theatre students and faculty at their booth.



Photo: CHC employees pose under balloon arch.

CHC Celebrates 50th Anniversary

On September 11, 1972, Crafton Hills College (CHC) welcomed its first students as the second college in the San Bernardino Community College District (SBCCD).

For fifty years, CHC has provided added capacity to serve Yucaipa, Redlands, and other east valley communities with high quality two-year college programs for transfer to four-year colleges and certificates of completion leading to employment.

Since its opening, CHC has enrolled

189,485 students and awarded 17,277 degrees and 14,547 certificates (as of spring 2022).

In celebration of the 50th anniversary, Crafton Hills College invited the campus and community to commemorate this milestone in the campus quad on September 12, 2022.

Attendees were asked to wear green and gold while they enjoyed music, visited information booths, played games, and

were treated to sweets and giveaways. Activities included a group photo at noon, a visit with the College mascot, a scavenger hunt, tree planting, timeline signing, and the collection of items for inclusion in a time capsule set to be opened in September 2072. This event was sponsored in part by the CHC Foundation.