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A Sustainable and Zero-Net-Energy College Campus

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Photo: Crafton's Kinesiology, Health Education and Aquatics (KHA) Complex.

In January, the Division of the State Architect (DSA) announced the sustainable schools showcase building for the first quarter of 2023, the Kinesiology, Health Education and Aquatics (KHA) Complex at Crafton Hills College was featured.

The goal of the California Sustainable Schools Showcase is to create awareness of strategies that can be implemented in the development of a path to zero net energy, zero carbon, and an overall healthy sustainable school.

"We must be a leader as a campus to show

not only do we care about our students but our communities and their well-being. Through sustainable buildings, we help lead the transformation to a clean energy future," said CHC President Dr. Kevin Horan.

Guided by the San Bernardino Community College District's commitment to sustainability, innovation, and energy efficiency, Crafton has implemented many sustainability strategies on its campus. The Kinesiology, Health Education and Aquatics (KHA) Complex is powered by 100 percent renewable energy from its nearby

solar farm. The seven-acre solar farm, on the upper slopes of the campus, has a 140-panel solar array producing onsite renewable energy that supplies 50–65 percent of the electrical energy needed for the campus.

When it came time for additional space in the KHA Complex (containing fitness studios, offices, and an Aquatics Center), the campus focused on reducing its carbon footprint by blending the new addition into the existing structure using similar materials to create a seamless transition to the new space.

Taking advantage of the hillside, architects chose fully grouted concrete masonry units largely buried in the earth for the northern walls. The exposed walls, clad in masonry veneer with an air space in between, create a large thermal mass that absorbs heat during the daytime and releases it slowly at night, easing the loads on the building's heating and air-conditioning systems. Floor-to-ceiling windows on the south facade allow daylight into the building and accentuate the views of different scenic points of the campus. The KHA Complex was certified LEED Platinum at its completion.

For more information and pictures visit: www.shorturl.at/iLPY2

Crafton Hills College's 99th Paramedics Class Defines Expectations by Becoming the First Program of its Kind of Graduate



Photo: Paramedic Class #99, faculty, and administrators.

Crafton Hills College's 99th Paramedic Class has its own lucky number: 10.

For 10 weeks, 15 students worked above and beyond to complete the requirements necessary to become paramedics in a field with a growing need. To answer the call, the Yucaipa-based college created a hybrid program that squeezed down 18 weeks of didactic training into that magic number of 10. During the didactic portion of the program, learning occurs through lectures, interactive presentations, skills labs, and simulations.

"What absolutely floored me is [this] entire cohort passed on the first try," said Amanda Ward, the program's director, during the group's graduation celebration, held February 2, in the Finkelstein Performing Arts Center.

Hundreds attended the ceremony, which was filled with many hoots and hollers that were welcomed by each student and Crafton officials in attendance.

Dan Word, dean of career education and human development, exclaimed, "This is a graduation like no other, and the thing that

makes it all happen is really you and your participation," he told the excited crowd. "At any point that you feel like you need to explode with a round of applause, holler out and give a congratulations."

The accelerated paramedic program was introduced to Crafton students last June, and Paramedic Class 99 participants volunteered for the chance to become part of campus history. To complete this program, students spent 10-plus hours a day in class or in the field and dozens more soaking in as much information as possible during all-day Sunday study sessions, shared Class Speaker Brian Pillsworth.

"First of all, each and every member of Class 99 should be extremely proud of this great accomplishment here today, not only for completing the rigorous journey that is in itself paramedics school but for completing Crafton's very first hybrid program," he said.

"Our class motto was chosen for a specific reason, a motto that we came to respect as time went on and we began to see just how challenging an accelerated paramedic program could be. The motto ... for Class

of 99, 'Expectations Redefined,' truly lived up to its weight. The bar was raised as we all accepted the challenges of an expedited paramedic program."

Although Class 99's journey is just getting started, they did not leave the Friday night ceremony empty-handed. Each graduate received an award of \$150 from the Crafton Hills College Foundation to use toward licensure fees.

Ceremony guest speaker Andrew Simpson, a captain with the Chino Valley Fire Department and fellow Roadrunner, encouraged each grad to follow "The Golden Rule" of treating others how one wants to be treated in the field no matter what they face.

"Don't complain about the system and do nothing to fix it," Smith said. "If you see a problem with the system, look to improve it. Be the one that takes the extra effort. Don't do it for the money and the success but do it because it is the right thing to do."

Before the ceremony ended, a pinning event allowed loved ones to be a part of the festivities. Finally, class awards were announced:

- Medical Director's Award: Brian Pillsworth and Angel Meza
- Cardiology Award: Matthew Garabedian
- Pharmacology Award: Adam Nelson
- Clinical Award: Jose Panuco
- Field and Skills Award: Gregory Pullon
- Assessment Award: Angel Meza
- Director's Award: Myles Banks

To learn more about Crafton's paramedic program and to apply, visit www.craftonhills.edu/paramedic.



Photo: (L to R) Allene Kao, Karla Tapia, Rose Romer, Brandon Sierra, and Olivia Peterson.

The event began with sandwiches, chips, and cookies provided by the Crafton Hills College Foundation.

Lunch was followed by a “sorting” exercise in which the students lined up according to the month and day of their birthdays. Teams of six were formed from the line.

The teams competed for awards in a rousing game of Jeopardy, with categories of movies, music, pop culture, academics, and facts about Crafton. The event ended with a highly competitive team-building engineering challenge. The goal was to build the tallest tower using only uncooked spaghetti, marshmallows, and a yard of masking tape. The winning team’s tower stood an impressive 4’6” tall.

Events like this are part of creating an Honors “community” that is an important part of the program’s success.

CHC Honors Institute Hosts Spring Meet & Greet

On Friday, February 3, over seventy members of Crafton’s College Honors Institute participated in a “Meet & Greet” activity that occurs at the beginning of each semester.

Crafton Hills College to Expand Class Scheduling Options for Students



Photo: Crafton students in computer lab.

Crafton Hills College will soon become a member of the California Virtual Campus Consortium (CVC) as a Teaching College.

The CVC is a state-wide initiative that provides students with access to online courses and degrees from participating colleges and universities across California. By becoming a teaching college, students from throughout California will have access to courses offered at Crafton Hills through its online course offerings.

A problem community college students encounter is finding a class they need to complete their program requirements at a time that fits their schedule. Classes that have small enrollment numbers are typically offered only once every two or four semesters. Students may have to wait a semester or even a year to enroll in a

class required to complete their program.

As a Teaching College, Crafton Hills College will offer students a comprehensive range of online courses, as well as opportunities to pursue degrees in a flexible, accessible format. The College’s participation in the CVC will provide students with increased access to high-quality education and a wide selection of programs and courses as well as the student support services needed by students.

Crafton Hills College’s participation in the CVC will allow it to expand its reach and provide more students with access to a quality education, regardless of location.

A Young High Schooler Chooses Crafton Hills College

"I can wholeheartedly say coming to Crafton was the best decision I made for my educational career and personal development."

At age sixteen, CHC graduate Amr Bahjri faced the difficult decision of whether to finish high school with his friends or graduate early to take advantage of the free tuition offered through the Promise Program at Crafton Hills College. Knowing that this program was an opportunity worth taking, Amr enrolled at Crafton. He admitted to feeling extremely nervous about being in a classroom with mostly adults, and not having friends on campus tempted him to return to high school and his former classmates. Yet, he wanted to make a positive change in himself while attending Crafton, so Amr joined the Honors Program, became involved in Student Senate, and found employment as a tutor of STEM subjects on campus. Through these programs Amr found confidence once again and felt his passion for school rekindled.

Amr excelled as a student at Crafton and received multiple awards and scholarships,

including the Raymond Pryke Memorial Honors Scholarship, Kiwanis Club of Yucaipa Valley Scholarship, Promise Program Student of the Year, Tutoring Center Student of the Year, Presidential Volunteer Service Award, and the Gold Honors Research Fellow Award. Amr says receiving CHC Foundation scholarships was one of his greatest achievements at Crafton and he felt honored for the recognition.

Reflecting on his time as a student at CHC Amr shares, "Crafton is such a welcoming environment, and the administration and faculty are extremely devoted to helping students achieve their dreams. I do not know where I would be without some of the mentors I've met throughout my journey here. Wherever you go on campus, someone is always willing to lend a helping hand and make sure your experience is filled with enjoyment."

Since graduating from Crafton in May 2022 with an Associate in Science transfer degree in Biology, Amr has transferred to University of California Riverside to continue his education. He recommends attending Crafton to people he meets



Photo: Amr Bahjri.

and hopes they will have an enjoyable experience just as he did. Amr states, "I am in debt to everything Crafton has done for my life, and I will find a way to return that favor." He concludes, "...I knew this was a chance worth taking. I can wholeheartedly say coming to Crafton was the best decision I made for my educational career and personal development."

For more information on Crafton and its benefits and resources, visit www.craftonhills.edu.



Photo: Timothy Allison.

Crafton Alum Becomes Business Executive/Entrepreneur

Veteran CHC alum Timothy Allison credits his education and life experience for broadening his view of the world. Admitting his struggles with dyslexia, PTSD, and OCD, along with drug and alcohol addiction, he overcame those trials to graduate from Crafton's Paramedic program in 1992. Aware of the excellent reputation of the CHC's EMS program, he decided to enroll as a first-generation college student. When asked what he liked most about his time at CHC, he says it was learning from legendary Professor Jim Holbrook.

The advice Allison offers to anyone trying to choose a college is to spend time researching programs to ensure the school is compatible with their personal ethics. Crafton provided a positive impact on him

and others as they were taught as EMS practitioners to become ambassadors of peace. Allison claims that he became more empathetic, compassionate, and inquisitive about the human condition through his experience.

Since attending Crafton, Timothy has earned his BA in Healthcare Administration and is the President/Senior Program Manager of PureFusion Consulting. He is currently enrolled in a master's program to further his education.

We are proud to have Timothy as part of our Crafton Hills College alumni. For more information about our Alumni Association visit: www.craftonhills.edu/alumni.

Cash-For-College Workshop Addresses Ways to Pay for College and More

“I believe it’s important for students to attend one of these workshops because there’s a lot of fear and stigma associated with how they are going to pay for college.”



Photo: Julissa Loza Mendez, Coordinator of Network Engagement at Growing Inland Achievement.

Need money to attend college? All you need is access to a computer and 30 minutes of your time.

That’s the main takeaway attendees learned at the February 7 Cash-for-College Workshop, hosted by Growing Inland Achievement (GIA) in collaboration with Crafton Hills College.

The hour-long information session introduced dozens of future and current college students (and many parents) to ways they can access free money to attend college by applying online with a Federal Student Aid Application (FAFSA) or applications for scholarships.

“I believe it’s important for students to attend one of these workshops because there’s a lot of fear and stigma associated with how they are going to pay for college,” explained J. Manny Villegas, Crafton’s interim financial aid coordinator. “But little do they know, there’s some sort of resource out there and they can find these answers in

this safe space.”

Accessibility to these resources is key, Villegas continued, no matter a student’s circumstance or immigration status.

For example, students with a social security number can apply for State financial aid with FAFSA, while those without a social security number, such as undocumented students, can apply for aid with a California Dream Act Application (CADAA). “When it comes to these events,” he added, “I hope people feel comfortable enough to ask questions.”

Attending the Tuesday night workshop allowed Enggie Ocampos, a third-year Crafton student, to do two things: Fill out a FAFSA without error and potentially earn a \$1,000 GIA scholarship.

“Throughout my last two years at Crafton, I was struggling to complete the (FAFSA),” explained the psychology and sociology double major. “I felt like I was doing it

wrong and wanted to see if I can complete it without messing something up.”

To help ease Ocampos’ mind, volunteers were on hand to answer questions, and computers earmarked at both the FAFSA and CADDA application site were available. “Even one hour of committing yourself to a workshop will do wonders,” she said, “this will help me out a lot.”

Hearing this feedback is exactly why event organizers hope to bring additional Cash-for-College workshops to campus, and while there are yet no dates established for the next one, Villegas said additional workshops could be scheduled very soon.

Added Julissa Loza Mendez, coordinator of network engagement at GIA the Regional Coordinating Organization (RCO) for California Student Aid Commission (CSAC), Inland Empire, “The reason why it is important to have an event that’s dedicated around financial aid is that education has proven it is one of the best pathways to financial success. [Students] who graduate with a college degree are more likely to find a high paying career and improve their socioeconomic status.”

But what about students whose parents may make too much money? Loza Mendez said to apply for aid anyway because it may bring money that’s available to the student.

To learn more about Cash-for-College and its resources, go to <https://cash4college.csac.ca.gov>.

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CHC Collaborates with CRY/ROP on Career Technical Education Options Fair

High school students in the Yucaipa-Redlands area are receiving valuable information and career guidance thanks to the Outreach and Educational Partnerships team at Crafton Hills College (CHC) in collaboration with Colton-Redlands-Yucaipa (CRY)/Regional Occupational Program (ROP). Resources include information about different career paths, college application support, dual enrollment at CHC, and campus resources.

The first event of this outreach program occurred on Friday, February 10, when Redlands East Valley High School hosted a Career Technical Education (CTE) Options Fair in its gym. Students from Redlands High School, Redlands East Valley High School, Orangewood High School, and Citrus Valley High School attended. Students could visit various tables and network with organizations and employers.

About 30 organizations provided

students with information and resources about careers in their respective fields. Participating organizations included local employers, short-term training programs, community college programs, military recruiters, unions, and organizations that offer internships, education opportunities, and future job information. The variety of participating organizations was impressive, including representatives from Amazon, CHC, CRY/ROP, and San Bernardino County Probation.

At the CHC table, students could spin the prize wheel and win Crafton Hills College gear, including lanyards, pens, pencils, lip balm, and other goodies. They also signed up to receive more information about the College and enrollment steps.

The Outreach and Educational Partnerships team is excited to continue the partnership with our local community organizations, employers, and school districts. Together



Photo: Outreach staff provide information.

we can continue to provide resources to diverse student populations.

To learn more about the Colton-Redlands-Yucaipa/Regional Occupational Program visit: <https://cryrop.edu/>

Local High School Students Get Introduced to 3D Animation at CHC



Photo: Local high school students attend field trip at CHC

On Feb 10, over 100 local high school students interested in the arts, media, and entertainment received a full scope experience of the multimedia programs at Crafton Hills College.

While on campus, the group of students from the Colton-Redlands-Yucaipa (CRY) / Regional Occupational Program (ROP) enjoyed a campus tour, a Crafton information session, free lunch, and a hands-on experience with one of the college's multimedia instructors.

Multimedia Professor Peter Gend provided an immersive introduction to Crafton's multimedia pathway and a demonstration of 3D animation software used in his courses.

Students experienced the software themselves by creating their own 3D characters and saw other students' designs. Gend even showed students how to access

the free software from home and some low-cost drawing pads that are like those used at the collegiate level.

Students learned about the career benefits and academic requirements of the multimedia pathway at Crafton during an information session held by Belinda Navarrete, Coordinator of Outreach and Educational Partnerships at Crafton. During lunch, the CHC mascot, Ryker, passed out Crafton swag (lanyards, lip balm, pens) and took pictures with the students.

For more information on Crafton's multimedia program, visit: <https://www.craftonhills.edu/multimedia>.

Crafton Hills College Celebrates Black History Month



Photo: (L to R) Dr. Willie Blackmon, Alexis Ford, Kashaunda Harris, Dr. Aysia Brown.

Crafton Hills College students, staff, and faculty kicked off this year's Black History Month Celebrations with a presentation by Dr. Aysia Brown, Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion at San Bernardino Community College District, along with Roadrunners, Professional Development Coordinator Ms. Kashaunda Harris, Director of Outreach Dr. Willie Blackmon, and Completion Coach Alexis Ford.

This year's theme, "Black Resistance," was intertwined with a message of hope, love, and pride as each of the presenters imparted their inspiring personal experiences and the inspiration for their endurance.

Harris began the ceremony by introducing

the Swahili term Habari Gani, used mostly during Kwanzaa celebrations as a greeting, meaning "what's up?" before reminding the group that Black history is American history and that it should be celebrated year-round, not just in February.

Dr. Willie Blackmon's message focused on mental health struggles. Blackmon stated that "sometimes it's okay to not be okay." Blackmon stressed the stigma in the black community regarding mental health, stating that "63% of black people believe that mental health conditions are a sign of personal weakness." His message culminated with the need for change to remedy healthcare professional bias, inequality of care, and lack of cultural competency.

Harris led a libation ceremony as part of the cultural celebration. "This is how we pay homage to those who are no longer with us. It is tradition to pour libations in remembrance of our ancestors on all special occasions because the ancestors have done the work and led the way for us to be here where we are today. Ashe!" stated Harris.

Dr. Brown incorporated what she referred to as her golden rules as the basis for her presentation while connecting poetry, quotations, and stories to declare love as the sustaining force against oppression. "I've been Black since before I was born. And it has been the most beautiful, burden-es, blessing of my life to navigate that fact and that reality," shared Brown.

Alexis Ford, a recent CHC alumnus who now works in the CHC Student Services department while finishing her bachelor's degree at California State University San Bernardino, shared her experiences and her wishes to be an advocate for students of color. She came to Crafton as a re-entry student when she was 24 years old and soon qualified for and joined the Honors Institute.

Additional Black History Month events and activities are being held throughout the month.

Join us for A Night Out at Crafton Hills!

On Thursday, April 6, 2023, the Crafton Hills College Foundation will hold a night out fundraiser to benefit students. You don't want to miss this casual fun event that will be held for the first time ever in the campus quad with food stations, auctions, games, and more.

Tickets are on sale now for \$100 with discounted tickets available to SBCCD employees.

Funds raised will provide resources that directly support students, programs, and services at the College.

We invite you to join us for a fun night out that will help us provide a pathway to social and economic advancement for thousands of students.

Visit www.craftonhills.edu/foundation for additional information and to reserve your spot.

