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A 'Night Out' at Crafton Hills College Raises More Than \$186,000 for Students



Photo: CHC Foundation Board of Directors.

A Night Out Fundraiser, hosted by Crafton Hills College's Foundation, raised more than \$186,000 for students

Supporters gathered under a tent set up in the College's quad on April 6 to raise funds for the CHC Foundation, a nonprofit dedicated to bettering the lives of Roadrunners.

The annual event and Foundation's largest fundraiser brought in thousands through student sponsorships and silent and live auctions. Items included behind-the-plate seating at an Angels baseball game and a seven-night stay at any Wyndham Timeshare Resort.

Since its founding, the CHC Foundation has helped students reach their dreams of higher education. The Foundation does this by raising funds year-round to support student scholarships, financial hardship grants and educational programs.

Students Dakota Erwin, a member of the current graduating class, and Anthony Estrada, a recent Crafton grad, explained to the Night Out audience how without the nonprofit's support, they might not have achieved their educational goals.

"When I came to Crafton three years ago, I came here for one class and stayed here for the rest. I love this campus so much," Erwin said. "The Crafton Foundation gave

me my first scholarship last year and I was so honored."

"I didn't think I could come back to college and work full-time until I realized I'm never going to make enough money to go back to school so I might as well do both," she continued. "I worked full-time. I came back for that one class and the opportunities that Crafton gave me made me realize I could do both."

"Dakota hit the nail on the head," Estrada added minutes later. "Truly, thank you. I'm not sure a lot of you understand when I say, 'Thank you,' how much it means to me because I'm not one of those guys that usually asks for help. But when I reached out to [Paramedic Director] Amanda [Ward] and the Foundation, they helped me with open arms and continue to help me to this day."

Guests also enjoyed comments from Crafton leaders and a brief musical performance from Foundation President Dr. Phong Nguyen.

This year's Outstanding Alumnus honor went to Dr. Stephanie Houston, a rockstar in the world of education who currently chairs the San Bernardino Community College District Board and serves as assistant superintendent of innovation and engagement for the San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools.

Award-Winning Author, Laurie Frankel, Visits CHC



Photo: CHC President, Dr. Kevin Horan presents Laurie Frankel with a gift.

Crafton Hills College brought award-winning and best-selling author, Laurie Frankel to campus on April 19 as the finale to this year's one book one college

program. This year's book, *This is How it Always Is*, has inspired discussions and activities that

have broadened student and employee understanding of gender identity throughout the 2022-2023 year.

Community, alumni, students and employees had the opportunity to attend a BookTalk and Q&A at noon followed by a book signing. Later that afternoon, Frankel shared her insights on the writing process, the importance of research, and how she improves her novels through hundreds of revisions at a writing workshop.

The President's Circle private dinner event was the day's closing activity. Donors to the College's Foundation were given the opportunity to meet Frankel at an intimate fireside chat where she shared details about her values, background, parenting, societal expectations, and experiences as an author.

Student Senate Attends General Assembly in Long Beach



Photo: CHC 22/23 Student Senate.

From March 31 to April 2, 13 Crafton Hills College Student Senate members attended the statewide Student Senate for California Community Colleges (SSCCC) General Assembly in Long Beach, California.

improve student access, promote student success, engage and empower local student leaders, and enrich the collegiate experience for all California community college students. More than 600 student senators representing all 117 California Community colleges attended this 27th

General Assembly.

Attendees participated in their choice of over 30 workshops, elected the organizations' officers, and debated and voted on resolutions impacting community college students statewide on topics relating to students, such as equal opportunities for remote students' educational experience, equity in leadership, and equitable course repeatability.

Every student enrolled at Crafton Hills College is a member of the Associated Students. The Student Senate is the governing board of the Associated Students. The Crafton Hills College Student Senate exists to serve current and future students by establishing a foundation that fosters involvement, awareness and unity.

The Student Senate meets on Fridays, 3 p.m. - 5 p.m. via Zoom. Please email craftonstudentsenate@gmail.com for meeting information.



Photo: CHC Librarian Natalie Lopez.

CHC Librarian Accepted to Harvard Leadership Institute

CHC Librarian Natalie Lopez was recently accepted into the Harvard Leadership Institute for Academic Librarians, a program designed to increase leadership effectiveness and management capacity.

This year's program runs for five days in mid-July and will address topics such as Contemporary Leadership Challenges; Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging; and Leading Transformational Changes.

Lopez has some advice for those looking

to get into the field: talk to her. "I would be happy to tell [anyone] how rewarding this career path is and how it is connected to so many disciplines," she continued.

"The librarian field is also very flexible with research interests in a variety of formats such as print and electronic books, streaming films and even published zines. If any student is interested in pursuing a career in teaching, the library has information literacy and instruction opportunities as well."



Photo: CHC Students in Computer Lab.

Application Fees Waived for Transfer Students

The Crafton Hills College Foundation provides student fee waivers to cover the application fees for Roadrunners transferring to four-year schools, providing financial relief for low-income students and enabling them to apply to more universities.

Applicants with a 2.5 GPA or higher and attendance at an application workshop can apply for fee waivers through the CHC Transfer Center. The Foundation has supported over 250 students since 2015 and aims to extend educational opportunities to all CHC students through scholarships, grants, and other funding

sources.

The fee to apply to one UC or CSU campus is \$70. Through this program at Crafton, students are able to receive reimbursement of application fees for applications at two institutions.

For those looking to help increase funding available, donors can contact Michelle Riggs, director of institutional advancement, by email at mriggs@craftonhills.edu or by phone at 909-389-3391. Guests can view more of the Foundation's work or donate directly at www.craftonhills.edu/foundation.



Photo: CHC Student Dakota Erwin.

Crafton Hills Graduate Finds Niche in Architecture

Crafton Hills College student, Dakota Erwin, has been accepted to California Poly Pomona's highly competitive Architecture program.

Erwin plans to work towards a bachelor's in architecture and environmental design, a subject Erin developed a love for in high school.

In addition to earning her bachelor's, Erwin plans to minor in urban planning and design and has dreams of building sustainable housing units for generations to come. Erwin said she was influenced

by her childhood experiences living in mobile homes in an area where drug use and homelessness is high. "My family was affected by that, and I knew that I not only wanted to make great structures but also make lives better," she continued.

"This past year, I have been clearer in what I want to do. I want to find better ways to build our environment to be more sustainable and more affordable. Crafton has definitely brought a spark back in me for sure by opening these doors and opportunities."

Honors Transfer Council of California

On Saturday, March 25, thirteen Crafton Hills College Honors students traveled to UC Irvine to participate in the 2023 Honors Transfer Council of California (HTCC) Student Research Conference. During the conference, a total of six awards were given to students presenters. Crafton Hills College Honors students took home three of those awards.

Social Science/Humanities Poster Awards:
 Rachel Kanter, 1st place (\$250) for "Breadwinners & Babymakers: Examining the Relationship Between Benevolent Sexism, Narcissism, & Self-Esteem."

Anthony Page, 3rd place (\$150) for "The Connection Between Sense of Social Support and Grade."

STEM Poster Awards:
 Dakota Erwin, 3rd Place (\$150) for "Seismic Isolation and Sustainability in Our Built Environment."



Photo: CHC Honors Students.

In addition, two Crafton Hills College students were given Exemplary Student Awards (\$100) based on essays they submitted before the conference: Dakota

Erwin and Angie Cristobal.

To learn more about the HTCC Student Research Conference visit www.honorstransfercouncil.org.

GayPril Speaker: DoctorJonPaul

Gaypril is a month-long campus pride celebration of the lives and experiences of LGBTQIA+ people. The Gaypril Speaker Series at Crafton Hills College welcomed Dr. Jonathan P. Higgins, aka DoctorJonPaul, to campus April 12.

The award-winning educator, freelance journalist and disruptor spoke openly about their experience as a member of the LGBTQIA+ community and the importance of being kinder to yourself with their presentation titled "Celebrating The 'U' in Queer."

"The world has never been easy for us. And when I say 'For us,' what I mean specifically is for queer people," they explained. "But when you add on the blackness, and when you add on the fatness, and you add on the poor and you add on all of these different people that make up folks like myself, you have to figure out how do I love and



Photo: CHC staff with DoctorJonPaul.

navigate in a world when I'm being told every day that I'm not wanted."

The Gaypril Speaker Series looks to shine a

spotlight on LGBTQIA+-related issues and educate the public. DoctorJonPaul's talk was the second event in the series, which continues through April.