

# BOARD OF TRUSTEES REPORT

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## City of Redlands Donates Fire Engine to Crafton Hills College



The City of Redlands City Council recently donated a fully equipped 2002 Seagrave firetruck to the Crafton Hills College Fire Academy.

The addition will enhance the program through the simulation of emergency responses using current industry-recognized equipment. This truck will

replace an old truck that will be retired.

CHC's Interim Fire Chief, Ryan Harold explained that equipment such as fire engines would be out of reach for the College's fire science program without such donations from firefighting agencies in the area. A new fire engine costs nearly a million dollars.

"Our partnership with the City of Redlands is invaluable, and the donation of this truck is significant in helping us meet the demands of our local workforce with the well-trained candidates," said CHC President Kevin Horan.

*Photo: CHC Interim Fire Chief Ryan Harold, Redlands Fire Chief Rich Sessler.*



## Orland Scholarship Awarded to Cadet in Academy 109

Margie Orland, mother of Fire Captain, Michael Orland continues his legacy at Crafton through the awarding of a scholarship to support one cadet each academy.

For the Academy 109 presentation, Michael's son Jacob Orland joined his grandmother in reviewing the essays and selecting a candidate.

John Magallanez was selected as the recipient for Academy 109. Magallanez, who commutes from Pasadena every day to attend the academy, shared with the

Orlands that his journey to become a firefighter was inspired by an experience he had at the age of four when he was rescued from a locked car.

Orland addressed the entire class before ending the ceremony. "I admire your motto 'all grit, no quit' - that was Mike's life motto also and he would have been very proud of each of you. Wishing you a great future in your forthcoming careers and may you always be safe."

*Photo: Jacob Orland, CHC Cadet John Magallanez, and Margie Orland.*

Crafton Hills College Anthropology Students Learn How to Extract DNA with Common Ingredients.



A hands-on lab experiment introduced CHC anthropology students to a new way to explore DNA using common household ingredients.

The one-day DNA Extraction Lab took over Professor Cheryl DiBartolo’s Biological Anthropology Class with the goal of exposing students to the hands-on process of extracting DNA, which plays a central role in genetics.

While Crafton has offered various anthropology courses on campus for years, by hosting the lab and future events, DiBartolo hopes to spark additional curiosity about her discipline.

“This is a fairly simple experiment and something that I hope students will share with their families at home,” DiBartolo explained. “My main focus [of this lab] is for students to realize that science can be done by everyone, and sometimes with very simple household products like we will be using today.”

“My hope for this class is that students walk away with some valuable insight into what makes us human,” she continued. “Anthropology is the study of what it means to be human... I hope it also sparks some interest in anthropology in general.”

*Photo: CHC student studying DNA in a hands-on anthropology lab.*

Girl Scouts Visit Crafton Hills College to Explore Allied Health and Medical Career Pathways



It was an exciting day for the girls of the San Geronio Girl Scouts as they stepped into the world of healthcare and medical careers during the Allied Health and Medical Career Day at Crafton Hills College.

On October 19, over 160 young ladies participated in an immersive experience by which they were able to explore educational opportunities and ignite a passion for health and medical professions.

Interactive sessions and demonstrations provided the scouts with a unique opportunity to gain insights into the

diverse careers available. Equipment on site - including a Blackhawk helicopter; fire engines, and an ambulance - allowed the girls to explore equipment and what it’s like to work in these professions.

Crafton Hills College is proud to partner with the Girl Scouts and other community partners to inspire the next generation of leaders and empower young girls to dream big and pursue their passion.

*Photo: San Geronio Girl Scouts learning about medical careers at CHC.*

Crafton’s Paramedic Program Director Advocates Against State Proposed Licensure Increase

Director of Crafton Hills College’s Emergency Medical Program Amanda Ward is ready to speak up for her students. So, when she learned the state legislature was considering increasing paramedic licensure fees, Ward traveled across the state to oppose any such increase.

“I found out about the proposed fee increase at a state meeting where they were voting on the topic,” explained Ward, herself a program alumna.

Currently, Crafton’s Paramedic Program cost is about \$5,000. Fees do not include licensing, an additional \$1,300 out-of-pocket.

Ward said California licensure fees are already the highest in the country and “raising these rates would again only increase the barriers that paramedic students are facing at the end of their program, thus slowing their ability to enter a workforce that desperately needs them.”



Child Development Center Safety Week



A non-emergency introduction to safety is an important part of early learning at the Crafton Hills College Child Development Center.

Interim Director of the Child Development Center, Heather Stephens stated, “We know that emotions can be overwhelming when someone is in a true emergency. For young children this is even more true, and that can result in children hiding or running away from the people who are there to help.”

Being a part of the CHC campus community provides a unique opportunity that allows the center’s 3–5-year-old students direct access to public safety and allied health programs. Throughout the week, they were able to explore the equipment, vehicles,

uniforms, and people that they would encounter in an emergency in a secure, fun, and child friendly manner.

“Knowing what to expect takes a lot of the pressure off young children making even an emergency less scary,” continued Stephens.

The children also participated in the Great Shake Out on Friday, Oct. 20. As staff tied the week’s lessons together in play, “We had an emergency response center, pretend fire trucks, and safety puzzles. We wore uniforms, we read and made our own safety stories, and we practiced all the ways we can keep ourselves safe,” concluded Stephens.

*Photo: CHC Child Development Center students learn about emergency response.*

Dean Ivan Peña Wins 2023 Toward-A-Shared-Vision Award for Excellence in Innovation by GIA



Crafton Hills College Dean of Student Equity and Success Dr. Ivan Peña has been selected to receive a 2023 Toward a Shared Vision Award for Excellence in Innovation by Growing Inland Achievement, a regional K-16 collaborative that works to achieve educational and economic equity in the Inland Empire.

This award recognizes individuals and groups supporting student success in the

region while embodying GIA’s core values of equity, transformation, collaboration, innovation, and centering students.

When asked about his award-winning contributions, Dr. Peña credited the College’s counseling department for its innovative efforts. “This recognition is not only a personal honor, but a testament to the remarkable counseling team at CHC.”

CHC’s counseling department has used data to track its students according to progress toward degree or certificate completion in terms of unit count (0-14, 15-29, etc.) and holds student events to celebrate the completion of these unit milestones.

CHC has incorporated a Completion Team model that proactively reaches out to students to address early alerts, and provides academic enrichment workshops, career exploration, early transfer preparation, and just-in-time counseling support. The work has resulted in a record number of students completing counselor-approved educational plans. This approach may very well be why CHC continues to lead community colleges in southern California in student success rates.

The Toward a Shared Vision Awards ceremony will take place on October 26 as a part of the Growing Inland Achievement’s Annual Summit.

*Photo: Dean Ivan Peña with college mascot Ryker.*

Legacy Society Donor Event Unveils Commemorative Plaques in Honor of Generous Contributors



The Crafton Hills College Foundation hosted a reception to honor and celebrate the generosity of Legacy Society donors on October 20.

Seventy engraved blocks serve as a lasting testament to the unwavering dedication of donors with cumulative gifts to the college and are prominently displayed in the Crafton Center, allowing all visitors to view and appreciate the profound impact of their philanthropy.

The ceremony included a reflection from Foundation Director and Legacy Society member, Barbara Smith who shared, "Having my name on the legacy wall is a very nice thank you for my donation to the college, however, the gratitude of being able to see my donations at work is beyond heart-warming."

Student, Daxter Serrato, provided an overview of how the funds they received helped them attend the National Conference for the Geological Society of America. Daxter explained how the extracurricular experience broadened their horizon about research topics. "I hope my story, and my hard work highlights the importance of our donors' investments into the hopes and dreams of the students here at Crafton," concluded Daxter.

The CHC Foundation is a nonprofit corporation devoted exclusively to raising funds for scholarships, grants, and other types

of assistance for CHC students and faculty. Cumulative contributions over \$10,000 qualifies donors for acknowledgment on the Legacy Wall, which has a total of five levels of giving – Supporters (\$10,000-\$24,999), Collaborator (\$25,000-\$49,999), Innovators (\$50,000-\$99,999), Benefactors (\$100,000-\$499,999) and Visionaries (\$500,000+) – but donations of any size are welcome. To learn more about the Foundation, visit [www.craftonhills.edu/foundation](http://www.craftonhills.edu/foundation).

Photo: CHC Legacy Society 2023.

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