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Rise of the Roadrunners, Crafton Hills College Captures Conference Title

In just four years, the Roadrunners have captured their first Inland Empire Athletic Conference men's cross country championship, ending San Bernardino Valley College's title streak that dated back to the conference's inaugural season in 2019.

"It means more than I can put into words," head coach Martin Zamudio said. "For Crafton Hills College, this is the first men's conference championship in the history of our athletics program, so that's something incredibly special that will forever be part of the school's history."

Zamudio's strategy centered on recruiting local runners and creating an environment where athletes from different backgrounds could develop together. "Our strategy was to assemble an experienced coaching staff and bring together runners in the Inland Empire, while also creating a environment that embraces athletes from all walks of life," Zamudio added.



That approach has helped the men's roster grow to more than 20 runners, which gives Crafton depth to compete against more established programs.

In addition to the success on the course, Zamudio also emphasizes academic success, athlete development, and building a positive team culture. His philosophy puts together structured training with a supportive environment where his athletes are encouraged to challenge themselves while enjoying the collegiate experience. "When you come to Crafton, you're not joining a program with decades of tradition behind it, you're helping create that tradition yourself," says Zamudio. "We've been talking about creating a legacy since the very beginning, and seeing these young men turn that vision into reality is something I'll never forget." Goals 1 and 2.

Photo: CHC Cross Country Team

CHC Women's Water Polo Claims Back-to-Back Conference Championships



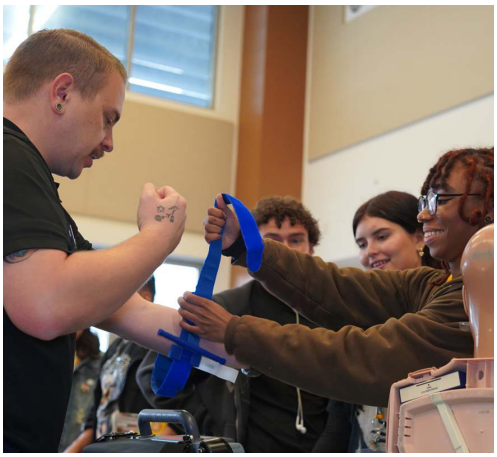
The Crafton Hills College Women's Water Polo team captured its second consecutive Pacific Coast Athletic Conference (PCAC) Championship on Saturday, November 7, defeating Miramar College in a thrilling 10-9 victory.

The back-to-back conference titles mark an impressive achievement for the program and reflect the dedication, teamwork, and hard work of our student-athletes and coaching staff.

Congratulations to the team on another outstanding season! Goal 1.

Photo: CHC Women's Water Polo Team

CHC Connects Students with Academic Majors and Career/Employment Opportunities



CHC students had the opportunity to explore their academic interests and connect with potential employers during the annual Hello Major/Hello Career Fair. Held Thursday, October 22, the event welcomed more than 300 attendees and brought together faculty, local employers, and students for learning, networking, and career exploration.

The event had several goals: to help students learn more about the academic majors and programs offered at CHC, to introduce them to potential career opportunities, and to encourage students who haven't yet chosen a major to explore their options.

By connecting with faculty and employers, students could gain a better understanding of different majors, career pathways, and the opportunities available to help them make informed decisions about their educational and professional futures.

Faculty and student leads from various academic departments and representatives from local employers hosted informational tables where students could ask questions, explore different fields of study, and learn about career paths.

Employers shared information about their companies and industries, along with potential internships and part-time, full-time, and volunteer opportunities. These conversations helped students see how their academic interests could connect to real-world careers.

Students shared with Career Center Coordinator Trinette Barrie that they learned more about academic majors than they had anticipated and gained an understanding of the types of jobs and opportunities available through different companies.

The Hello Major/Hello Career Fair provided a valuable opportunity for students to make connections, ask questions, and begin envisioning their futures. It also gave local companies an opportunity to meet Crafton Hills College students, learn about their interests and skills, and share ways to become involved in developing the local workforce. Goal 1.

Photo: Students at Career Fair

Crafton Hills College Students Earn Instant Admission to CSUSB

On October 28, Crafton Hills College's University Transfer Center hosted two events that connected students with California State University, San Bernardino (CSUSB) faculty and staff and opened new doors to transfer.

At the CSUSB Instant Admit event, 60 students with at least 30 transferable units took part, and 55 of them were admitted on the spot to CSUSB for Fall 2027.

CSUSB Day drew about 100 students to a resource fair with representatives from 15 CSUSB academic programs and student services. Students asked program-specific questions, met faculty and staff face to face, and learned about the support available to them as they transfer.

CSUSB Day began at Crafton Hills College and has since grown. CSUSB now brings it to other community colleges. Rather than a typical recruitment event, it gives students direct access to academic departments and support services, so they can make informed choices about their futures.



Together, these events reflect Crafton Hills College's commitment to creating clear transfer pathways and helping students take the next step toward a bachelor's degree. Goal 1.

Photo: Participants at CSUSB Day

Empowering Future Heroes: Girl Scouts Explore Allied Health & Medical Careers



On November 4th, Crafton Hills College's Outreach team and Public Safety department had the honor of collaboratively hosting the wonderful and eager to learn Girl Scouts of San Gorgonio for their annual Girl Scouts Allied Health & Medical Careers Day. During the event, the participating girl scouts rotated through four breakout sessions, including: Emergency Medical Services, Nursing Services, Fire Technology, and community agencies. Throughout these sessions, the girls explored career opportunities in allied health and public safety, learned about educational pathways into these fields, and gained insight into the importance of female representation in traditionally male-dominated professions.

Additionally, representatives from community agencies, including AMR Redlands, Redlands Fire Department, and CAL FIRE, provided hands-on opportunities for the girls to explore emergency response vehicles, learn about specialized equipment, and engage directly with professionals working in the field.

The annual event aims to inspire the next generation of female healthcare professionals and first responders by introducing the girls to rewarding career pathways and empowering them to envision themselves in these roles. Goals 1 and 3.

Photo: Girl Scouts learning from CAL FIRE

Crafton Hills College Hosts Premiere of The Great Food Quest Educational Video Series

Crafton Hills College welcomed educators, community partners, and families to the Finkelstein Performing Arts Center on October 15 for the premiere of The Great Food Quest, a new farm-to-school video series designed to connect young learners with food, farming, culture, and healthy choices.

Produced through a partnership between San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools, KVCR Public Media, and the Dairy Council of California, the series takes children on an educational adventure exploring where food comes from and how it supports healthy living. Featuring local farms, student agricultural projects, and Spanish vocabulary, the series highlights the Inland Empire's agricultural community while making nutrition education fun and accessible.



The premiere brought together regional education and community partners to celebrate this innovative resource for students and families. Crafton Hills College was proud to host the event and support an initiative that promotes education, community partnerships, and lifelong learning. Goals 2 and 4.

Photo: Attendees at The Great Food Quest Premiere

Crafton Hills College Vocational Nursing Program is Going Places!



Despite CHC's Vocational Nursing program being new, they are already doing great things. Within the month of October, the program visited the Hospital of Emotions, participated in the Haunted Hospital Challenge, and donated to Breast Cancer Awareness.

Their Oct. 14 field trip to the Hospital of Emotions in Los Angeles tugged on students' heartstrings and engaged their innate compassion for their future patients. A central theme in students' reflections was the importance of seeing the person behind the diagnosis.

Two weeks later, on Oct. 28, the Haunted Hospital Challenge put students in a deliberate practice session where the previous care team had vanished. Each team rotated through four patient scenarios built to sharpen observation, clinical judgment, and clinical reasoning.

Finally, on Oct. 27, they came together to honor family members and friends affected by breast cancer. Their efforts raised $250, which they donated to the National Breast Cancer Foundation.

In a short period of time, the Vocational Nursing students at CHC have made tangible efforts to grow their skills and demonstrate their boundless compassion. Goal 3.

Photo: Vocational Nursing Program at the Hospital of Emotions

Stater Bros. Charities and Partners Contribute $60,000 to Crafton Hills College



On Friday, November 6, representatives from Stater Bros. Charities and AWAKE Chocolate visited Crafton Hills College to present a $10,000 donation in support of the CHC Fire Academy. The program prepares students for careers in the fire service through hands-on training and education, helping meet the region's need for skilled first responders. Just three days later, on Monday, November 9, Stater Bros. Charities returned to campus to present a $50,000 donation to the college's Basic Needs Center. The center provides food and essential resources to students experiencing financial hardship, helping them stay focused on their education.

Through its charitable arm, Stater Bros. Charities has invested more than $60 million in Southern California communities since 2008, supporting organizations that provide meaningful assistance to local residents. Together, the two donations reflect a shared commitment to strengthening the community through education, workforce development and student support. Goals 1 and 3.

Photo: November 9 Check Presentation

Crafton Hills College Unveils Donor Legacy Wall



CHC celebrated the generosity of its donors with the unveiling of their Legacy Wall on Friday, November 6. Hosted by the CHC Foundation, the event brought together donors, faculty, administrators, community leaders, and Foundation Directors to recognize those whose contributions have made a lasting difference in the lives of Crafton students.

The Legacy Wall honors donors who have contributed $10,000 or more to support student scholarships, academic programs, and other college initiatives. The display features individually engraved plaques arranged across five giving levels. Each level recognizes the generosity of donors whose investments are creating lasting opportunities for Crafton students.

College President Kevin Horan shared that the donors recognized on the wall have collectively contributed more than $4.4 million to CHC. The new Legacy Wall serves as a lasting tribute to the generosity of Crafton's donors and a reminder of the opportunities their support creates for students today and for generations to come. Goals 1 and 4.

Photo: Donors at CHC Legacy Wall