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# BOARD OF TRUSTEES REPORT

## Crafton Hills College Launches “Roadrunner Roll Call” Alumni Campaign

Crafton Hills College announced the launch of its new alumni engagement campaign, Roadrunner Roll Call, which will run from April 1-30, 2026. This initiative is designed to reconnect with past students and strengthen alumni engagement by encouraging Roadrunners everywhere to be counted and celebrated.



At the heart of the campaign is a spirited, campus-wide competition in which five teams – made up of faculty, staff, students, alumni, and Foundation representatives – will compete throughout April to locate and reconnect with as many Crafton alumni as possible. Each alumni submission will help teams climb the leaderboard, building excitement and fostering a sense of shared purpose across the campus community.

“We are thrilled to launch Roadrunner Roll Call, a campaign designed to

celebrate and reconnect with our alumni,” said Carrie Audet, alumni coordinator at Crafton Hills College. “We know our graduates go on to do incredible things, and this is a fantastic opportunity to celebrate their journeys, bring them back into the Crafton community, and remind them that they will always be part of the Roadrunner family.”

Alumni are invited to participate by visiting the Roadrunner Roll Call landing page and submitting their information to be officially “found.”

Whether they attended for a semester, completed a certificate, or earned a degree, every Roadrunner’s story matters, and this campaign provides a platform for their accomplishments to be recognized.

Beyond the friendly competition, Roadrunner Roll Call aims to build a stronger alumni network that can support mentorship opportunities, student success initiatives, and future college programs.

*Photo: Roadrunner Roll Call Kickoff*

## CHC Foundation Vice President Wynona Duvall Honored as 2026 Woman of the Year



Wynona Duvall, First Vice President of the Crafton Hills College Foundation, has been named the 2026 Woman of the

Year for the 19th Senate District by Rosilicie Ochoa Bogh—a recognition that reflects both her professional excellence and her deep commitment to community.

Since joining the Foundation’s Board of Directors in 2021, Wynona has played a vital role in advancing opportunities for CHC students. Her leadership and generosity of spirit mirror the values that define Crafton. For Wynona, that impact is deeply personal. “Giving

back to this community has been one of the most rewarding chapters of my life,” she shared. “I’m honored to stand alongside so many who are committed to making a difference.”

At Crafton, we are proud to celebrate Wynona Duvall—her leadership, her service, and her unwavering belief in the power of community.

*Photo: Wynona Duvall*

## CHC Basic Needs Center Hosts THRIVE Fest Wellness & Resource Fair



Crafton Hills College's Basic Needs Center hosted THRIVE Fest, a Wellness & Resource Fair held in the CHC Main Quad. The event brought together 28 campus and community partners to connect students with holistic support spanning mental and physical wellness, financial well-being, food and housing justice, and parenting resources.

Students explored resource booths, unwound with therapy cats and dogs provided through Paws-To-Share, and enjoyed oversized lawn games and chalk art. A medical mobile unit on-site offered ultrasounds and pregnancy testing, while San Bernardino County agencies connected students to medical, food, dental, and parenting services. Riverside San Bernardino

County Indian Health Inc. provided education on overdose recognition and Narcan administration.

The event also featured a free meal and a live DJ. CHC's Outreach Coordinator, Jamie Sierra, led four golf-cart tours of CHC's Campus Garden, with garden caretaker Marc Hanson offering students an informative look at what grows there. Community Action Partnership donated 50 hygiene product bags and 50 snack bags to support attendees.

500 meals were served, 200 Farm Fresh To You fruit and vegetable boxes were distributed, and four students walked away with raffle prizes including wellness and fitness items. Vendor feedback was enthusiastic, with attendees describing the event as very well organized with a layout and setup that worked beautifully.

*Photo: THRIVE Fest*

## Where Chemistry Clicks: Inside Professor Kim Salt's student-centered classroom



For many students, chemistry comes with a reputation. It can feel overwhelming, intimidating, and out of reach before the semester even begins. For Kim Salt, Professor of Chemistry at Crafton Hills College, helping students move past that fear is at the heart of her work. "I try to make

chemistry approachable," Salt says. "That means breaking complex ideas into manageable pieces and connecting them to everyday experiences." Salt currently teaches first and second semester general chemistry, CHEM 150 and CHEM 151, and has also taught introductory chemistry, CHEM 101. Her teaching philosophy centers on problem-solving, persistence, and curiosity rather than memorization.

She wants to create an atmosphere in the classroom that supports students while they develop their ability to solve problems related to difficult subject matter. In addition to providing students with knowledge of chemistry, she would like them to leave her classes with a belief in their abilities and a commitment to logical thinking.

"I want students to have confidence," she stated. "I want them to believe that they can face difficult challenges and

will be able to solve problems using logic. These are skills that will remain with them regardless of whether or not they continue studying chemistry."

In the years that Salt has been teaching, she has witnessed firsthand how developing this type of confidence in her students can lead to a positive change in a student's academic career.

"The most rewarding feeling is seeing the realization occur with a student who believed they were not a science person to recognize that they are able to complete chemistry," she said. "I have had students begin a class believing they were unable to do the material and finish the class with a sense of confidence and ability to accomplish. Witnessing the transformation of a student is an incredible experience."

*Photo: Kim Salt with a student*

## An Evening of Magic: Celebrating the Impact of President's Circle Giving



On the evening of April 2, Crafton Hills College hosted a private event to thank its President's Circle members for their continued support of students. Guests gathered for dinner followed by a performance from illusionist Danny Ray, whose mix of sleight of hand, storytelling, and audience participation created an engaging and memorable experience. Throughout

the evening, guests were surprised and impressed by how seamlessly each illusion came together, bringing moments of laughter and connection to the room.

More than entertainment, the performance reflected the purpose of the evening. Themes of possibility and perspective reinforced the impact of giving and the important role President's Circle members play in supporting student success.

President's Circle donors are essential to changing lives at Crafton. Their generosity helps remove financial barriers, expand opportunities, and

support students as they work toward their educational and career goals.

Kevin Horan shared his appreciation, noting, "Your support creates opportunities our students might not otherwise have. Tonight is a small way for us to say thank you for the difference you make every day."

The event provided an opportunity for donors to connect, reflect, and be recognized. It was a meaningful way to express gratitude for the President's Circle.

*Photo: President's Circle*

## Crafton Hills College Hosts Workshops on Credit for Prior Learning Initiative



CHC Dean of Career and Human Development Dan Word coordinated two campus workshops to introduce and explore the implementation of Credit for Prior Learning (CPL), a statewide initiative transforming how colleges recognize and award academic credit.

allows students to earn credit for knowledge gained outside the traditional classroom—through work experience, military service, apprenticeships, and independent learning—under California Title V guidelines. Designed to support working adults and veterans, CPL helps remove common barriers such as cost and time to completion. By colleges recognizing knowledge gained outside schools, many students can shorten their time to degree—often by up to a year—while reducing educational expenses and accelerating their path to career advancement.

driven, standards-based process in which instructors evaluate whether a student's prior learning aligns with established course outcomes. This process ensures academic integrity while expanding access and opportunity.

The workshops highlighted CPL's broader impact and rapid expansion. Now implemented across all 116 California community colleges, CPL is a key component of the state's Vision 2030 goals, with targets to serve hundreds of thousands of students and significantly increase credit awards.

The workshops outlined how CPL

CPL is not automatic. It is a faculty-

*Photo: CPL Workshop*

## Female Flyers Take Flight at A.K. Smiley Library



In celebration of Women's History Month, Sabrina Jimenez, Professor of History at Crafton Hills College, delivered an engaging lecture at A.K. Smiley Public Library on Female Flyers:

Early 20th Century Pilots.

The presentation highlighted the trailblazing women who helped shape aviation—from early pioneers like Bessie Coleman and Amelia Earhart to the courageous Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASPs) of World War II.

Jimenez shared powerful stories of determination and resilience, detailing how these women overcame barriers

of gender and race to serve their country—often without recognition. From ferrying aircraft across the United States to flying dangerous training missions, the WASPs played a critical role in the war effort while paving the way for future generations.

The lecture offered a compelling reminder of the often-overlooked contributions of women in aviation.

*Photo: Sabrina Jimenez*

### 243 EOPS Scholars Honored at Spring 2026 Luncheon



Certificate of Achievement along with an Academic Success Kit, which included a tumbler, a rechargeable portfolio, and a USB drive to support their continued academic journey.

The Scholars Luncheon was a celebratory event recognizing the outstanding academic achievements of our (EOPS, CARE, NextUp, CalWORKs and DREAMer) students. A total of 243 scholars were invited to attend, along with their family members and friends, creating a vibrant and supportive atmosphere to honor their success.

Students were recognized based on their academic performance during the Fall 2025 semester, with eligibility requiring a minimum GPA of 3.0 or higher. This criterion ensured that the event highlighted students who demonstrated strong commitment, discipline, and excellence in their studies.

The Scholars Luncheon was first introduced in Spring 2025, and due to its success and impact, it is now planned as an annual spring semester event.

Scholars were encouraged to celebrate this milestone with their loved ones, and notably, there was no limit on the number of guests they could invite, allowing for an inclusive and meaningful experience for all attendees.

Each honored scholar received a *Photo: EOPS Scholars Luncheon*

### 543 Lives Saved: Crafton Hills Community Honored for Blood Donation Impact



— visiting campus twice a month, welcoming students, faculty, and staff who roll up their sleeves in the spirit of giving. Donating blood is a direct way that our campus community can show that they care.

to the college.

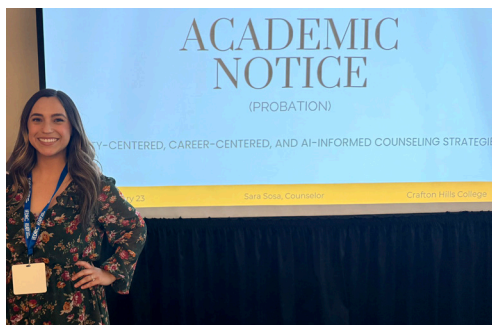
CHC is deeply honored to be recognized by LifeStream for this milestone, and even more honored to work alongside an organization that has made lifesaving care its mission. Thank you to every donor who showed up and supported our blood drives, and to LifeStream for making this achievement possible.

For many years LifeStream has made Crafton Hills College a regular stop

In 2025, that collective care added up to something remarkable. The Crafton Hills community donated 181 pints of blood and behind that number are 543 lives saved. LifeStream honored this achievement with a special award

*Photo: LifeStream Award*

### CHC Counselor Sara Sosa Presents at 2026 Inland Empire/Desert Regional Counselor Conclave



Desert Regional Counselor Conclave. The annual event brings together counseling professionals from K–12 schools, community colleges, and universities across the region to share best practices that support student success and academic persistence.

probation as an opportunity for student growth rather than a punitive label.

The presentation highlighted how CHC has redesigned its approach to supporting students experiencing academic challenges by implementing proactive outreach, technology-enabled engagement, and strengths-based counseling strategies.

CHC Counselor and Academic Notice lead Sara Sosa was recently invited to present at the 2026 Inland Empire/

Sara presented the session “Reframing Academic Notice (Probation): Equity-Centered, Career-Connected, and AI-Informed Counseling Strategies”. The interactive session explored how institutions can reframe academic

*Photo: Sara Sosa*