**CRAFTON HILLS COLLEGE**

**President’s Letter**

November 3, 2010

Dear Colleagues,

**Accreditation:**

On Friday, November 5, 2010, a two-person team will visit our campus to review and verify our progress report to the Accrediting Commission. Both Kathryn Lehner and Dr. Christopher Myers were on the previous visits and will be able to judge our progress. Please be available to meet with them if asked. Cheryl Cox will be setting up the meetings.

Cheryl Marshall and I will attend the Accrediting Commission meeting in January to answer any questions from the Commission. A determination by the Commission will be announced in early February. I am hopeful that we will have proven to the Commission that we have sustainable processes in place that align with the best practices in the accreditation standards of clear communication, participative decision-making, and integrated planning and review processes.

**Respiratory Care Accreditation:**

The Respiratory Care program recently had a full on-site visit based on the report submitted by the program earlier this fall. The team from the Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care (Co ARC) was very thorough interviewing students, faculty, management, and the program’s advisory committee. The exit interview was very positive; we should hear the accreditation determination by late March.

The Respiratory Program is one of several CHC programs that have separate accreditations. The faculty in the program worked hard and long to prepare the documentation for the visit and we congratulate them.

**Title V:**

Work continues to get the new Title V grant up and running. Debbie Bogh will head the project with Daniel Bahner as Activities Director and Gwen Diponio as Honors Coordinator. We will be posting two positions that will need to be filled as soon as possible: Transfer Center Coordinator and Grants Manager. Please let people know about these two positions that will be posted on the HR web site.

**Budget:**

We have a budget from the state and will be receiving details soon. We do know that the reinstatement of cuts made to categorical programs was vetoed by the governor and so funding for these programs remain the same as last year when they were severely cut. Many expect midyear cuts. We shall have to wait and see what the newly elected governor and legislature propose.

**Ribbon cutting:**

Thank you to everyone who attended the ribbon cutting ceremonies for the Aquatics Center and the Library and Learning Resources Center. Two hundred fifty were present for the program for Aquatics Center and one hundred fifty were present for the official opening of the Library & Learning Resource Center and the unveiling of the Donor Wall.

Many, many campus members of the campus with the assistance of community partners, CHC Foundation Board members, donors, retirees and sponsors helped make the ribbon cutting ceremonies a huge success. They include:

* The custodial, grounds, and maintenance crews who arranged the set ups and the general preparation for the event. The staff was “awesome” and our guests commented on the beauty and cleanliness of the campus.
* Technology Services who set up the audio equipment.
* The Associated Students and Student Life Director Ericka Paddock who helped distribute programs, cookies, water and conducted tours. As always our students were there to help.
* Student Leanne Perrault for a wonderful rendition of the National Anthem.
* Alisa Moore who developed the program that was representative of the campus and community.
* Scott Rippy, Academic Senate; David Williams, Classified Senate; and Kaylee Hrisoulas, Associated Students President for their fine presentations.
* Our sponsors for the event – Steinberg Architects for the great flash drives, Kitchell BRJ for the delicious lunch, Tilden Coil for those “cool” swimming caps, the CHC Foundation for the good cookies, and Pepsi for the water.
* City of Yucaipa for their continued support. We appreciate their proclamation and financial support for the Aquatics Center.
* The Yucaipa Swim Team for their gift of the framed 2004 Olympics poster where CHC’s 50 meter pool was used for trials and for their volunteer time.
* SBCCD Board of Trustees members, Dr. Don Singer, Dr. Chuck Terrell, Carlton Lockwood, and of course Chairman James Ramos for their attendance and comments.
* Cheryl Bardowell who worked vigorously to have the Donor Wall ready for the unveiling. She is now working at establishing other recognition areas.
* Denise Allen Hoyt who brought two special guests: Mary Jo Swalley, Vice President Administration USA Swimming and Executive Director Southern California Swimming to participate in the program; and her son, Trevor, whose training started with the Yucaipa Swim Team and is now a student athletic at UC Berkeley, to perform the swimming demonstration.
* Cheryl Cox and Betty Jo Wood who work hard to ensure that all our events are successful.

It was truly a joyful celebration and thanks to all who contributed to make it a success.