

President's Letter

March 2011

Dear Colleagues,

This has been a very busy time for all of us on campus.

BUDGET: I wish I had better news from Sacramento, but as of this writing, we remain in budget limbo. No decision regarding a June vote on the extension of the current tax levels has been reached. We are optimistic that the voters will have the opportunity to speak. With the assistance of the Community College League of California, leaders from community colleges across the state have been letting our elected officials know how vital this vote is to the continued success of our institutions.

APPRECIATION: My thanks to the campus community for their consideration and patience while the work is commencing on the parking lots. I also want to send my kudos for the continuing hard work being done by the Program Review, Planning and Accreditation Committees— a clear indication of the sustainability of our commitment to those processes.

CHC FOUNDATION GALA:The 2011 CHC Foundation Gala Dinner & Auction is Saturday, April 9 from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at the Hilton San Bernardino Grand Ballroom.

Themed “Dancing to the Jailhouse Rock: Spend the Evening with Elvis”, everyone will eat well, watch a student dance performance, participate in an Elvis Look Alike contest, listen to the CHC Jazz Band, bid for gifts in both an opportunity drawing and a live auction, dance, and have the chance to bail their friends and family out of jail, all in the name of fund raising for a great cause: to support our students.

This is going to be a terrific event again this year. I hope to see everyone there! What a great way to help support our students and campus events. For more information, tickets and sponsorships, contact Betty Jo Wood at 909.389.3245 or bjwood@craftonhills.edu.

ACCREDITATION: I am very proud to announce that Crafton Hills College is not only a fully accredited institution, but it is no longer under sanction. Our accreditation has been fully reaffirmed.

I would like to personally thank our CHC faculty, staff, administrators and students for their dedication and hard work, the Board of Trustees, the Chancellor and District staff for their commitment to the process, and the community for their support that led to this successful resolution.

As an institution, we have come out of this experience stronger than ever. We have demonstrated 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.

The team members' report from their October 2010 visit lauded our College, noting that "We wish to acknowledge the tremendous amount of work that both Crafton Hills and the District office have completed in their efforts to bring Crafton Hills into compliance with all accreditation standards. The results are impressive and are so well done that they could be used as models for other colleges struggling to develop integrated planning tools."

Our spring semester has been productive and successful! We are starting our graduation preparations, which is the culmination of so much of our hard work.

Sincerely,

Gloria Macías Harrison