



*February 2022*

# CHC Honors Newsletter



From left to right: Kyle Bermudez, Lindsay Adams, Zack Levesque, Peyton Pruitt  
Last week, these Honors students harvested tangerine, grapefruit, and lemon trees for an elderly couple. The fruit was then donated to the Family Service Association of Redlands.

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## **Spring is Rolling In**

By: Grace Newlin

So have a few puns to prepare!

What is the spring season's favorite kind of pickles? Daffo- dills

What do you call a rabbit with flees? Bugs Bunny

What goes up when the rain goes down? Umbrellas

Why did the bird go to the hospital? It needed tweetment!

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## Announcements!

We're trying something new with our newsletter! In every new edition, we will be including a prompt. For the next two to three weeks following the release of the latest edition of the newsletter, everyone is more than welcome to submit whatever they created- whether it was an essay, story, poetry, drawing, photograph, etc.- that was inspired by the prompt, and it will be added to the following edition of the newsletter! For this edition, the prompt is: *ambition*. As a bonus, students who submit will receive 10 participation points.

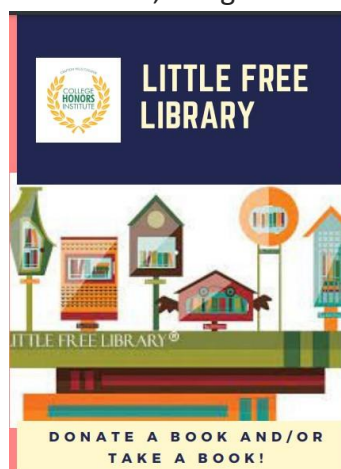
Don't forget to get your participation points for this semester! The Meet and Greet was 40 points and there will be plenty of opportunities to collect your points throughout the rest of the semester. Some examples include: Research conferences, research workshops, career workshops, transfer workshops, submitting responses to the newsletter, etc.

Reminder that the HTCC Student Research Conference sponsored by UCI will take place on Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations to those of you who are presenting and a big thank you to anyone who signed up to be moderators! Students are welcome to sit in as audience members, there will be many wonderful presentations to learn from that day!

For those of you graduating this semester, expect to receive an email from one of the ambassadors soon, asking you for pictures and answers to a few questions for a graduation booklet Judy will be putting together! While the due date for your responses will be April 4<sup>th</sup>, don't forget that you can turn this in early!

Another reminder: if you haven't already, those of you graduating this semester need to apply for graduation ASAP! The due date for this is February 28<sup>th</sup> and the application can be found under the Admissions and Records section of the Crafton website.

Judy is starting a free little library for the Honors Program. The books will be in the Honors Lounge, West 214. If you have books to donate, bring them to the Honors Lounge.



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## Conference Highlight!

>> HTCC UCI <<

[March 26, 9:00 – 5:00]

### CRAFTON COLLEGE HONORS INSTITUTE PRESENTERS

Katelin Danielson: Victims of Cyberbullying: Mental Health Issues and Long-term Effects

Noah Hensley: Our Approach to Social Media: Methods of Mindfulness that Reduce the Psychological Detriments of Social Media Usage

Rachel Kanter: Mandatory Morality: Examining the Ethics of China's Social Credit Policies

Alyssa Serrato: Western Roots: Origins of the Cowboy

Lauren Stairs: Face Masks and Communication: A Pandemic Problem

Adrian Toquero: Mind the Meta: The Use of Flow and Video Games to Humanize Digital Life

### CRAFTON HONORS INSTITUTE STUDENT MODERATORS

Kyo Watanabe

Samantha Jordan

Natalie Hinton

Hannah Gill

Peter Jacquet

Enggie Ocampo

Amr Bahjri

**All Honors students and faculty are invited to attend, but you must pre-register:**

**<https://www.honorstransfercouncil.org/the-conference-1>**

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## Club Highlight!

### >>> **Computer Science Club**<<<

- by Kyo Watanabe

Tied by our interests to pursue the field of engineering through the utilization of programming - both conceptual and practical - our club was established to help ourselves and others improve in our ability to build and execute efficient solutions to problems. We re-chartered the club during early October, not long before Crafton's first club rush during the fall semester.

Currently, our meetings consist of creating algorithmic solutions to problem sets most commonly seen in interview questions for candidates looking to obtain a position in the tech world. Due to recent certainties regarding the pandemic, we are currently limited to only zoom meetings, however, if an opportunity arises in the future we are planning to organize in-person meetings at the Crafton library.

In a typical meeting, we would choose specific programming questions, construct solutions as both groups and individuals, and then showcase our solutions and methods to the group at the end of the meeting. This way, we are able to foster collaboration (highly common in engineering jobs), share new methods of problem-solving, and create soft skills through presenting.

Each problem set question is presented and evaluated based on how efficiently the solution is built. When coming up with a solution, some members code their solutions, while others verbally explain how the solution is reached. This means that there are no programming requirements! Anyone is free to join.

Currently we have about ten members, mostly pursuing a major in STEM - more specifically Computer Science.

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## Student Highlight!

>>> **Nilesh Patyal**<<<

### **What is your major?**

- My major is Computer Science.

### **Why did you pick this major?**

- Originally, my plan was to pursue a career related to engineering. But then, I've been learning about all the amazing opportunities and positions that come with computer science. It's definitely a growing industry and something that I show a lot of interest in.

### **When do you plan on graduating?**

-Spring 2022

### **What career do you hope it leads to?**

- Although I'm still a bit unsure at the moment, my plan is to hopefully become a mix of an engineer that works in between software development and mechanical engineering. We'll see what the future holds though!!!

### **What are some things you like to do in your spare time?**

-Most of the time, I'm usually playing video games, but I also love building large, advanced LEGO and Technic sets. Also, whenever I'm free, I enjoy working out at the gym and go bike riding at times.

### **What three words would you use to describe yourself?**

- Intelligent, good-looking, and funny.

### **What are your favorite foods?**

- Man, there are just so many to pick. But if I had to choose, fried chicken, pasta, and tacos would definitely be at the top of my list.

### **What would be your perfect day?**

- My perfect day would be getting out of bed, completing all my work-related items, making sure to get a good workout in and seeing constant improvement, learning from my mistakes, and just being happy in general.

### **Would you rather experience traveling in space or the deepest part of the ocean? Why?**

- For sure I would travel to the deepest part of the ocean. Most likely, my stomach would not be able to withstand the high altitudes and I would get sick really easily.

**What is your favorite color?**

- Tie between blue and red, and can depend at times. To me, red seems more radical and sporty, while blue is pretty and almost has that soothing aroma to it.

**If you had to trade places with one person, who would it be and why?**

- I think that I would trade places with an executive of some large company. Maybe I'll gain some first hand experience and insight on how they manage their day-to-day business.

**Would you rather read a book or watch a movie?**

- While movies are for sure more fun to experience, books do tend to be more accurate, like the Harry Potter series. If I had to make a choice between the two, I would go with a movie.

**What is your favorite thing about attending Crafton Hills?**

- Definitely the amazing panoramic views of Yucaipa and how modern the campus looks. Also, the professors here are pretty great too!!!

**Which professor has impacted your time at Crafton the most?**

- Ashley Hayes, my English 102-H professor. She's definitely one of the sweetest and most caring professors I've ever had at Crafton. You can tell that she cares deeply about her students.

**Tell us something surprising about you.**

- Whenever I have an interesting dream, after getting out of bed, I make sure to go on my phone and type out the dream I had on the Notes app. There are definitely some interesting dreams I have written in there!!



**Social Media!**

@chchonors

#CraftonHillsHonors #GetInvolved

## Volunteer Ideas!

Don't wait for the last semester to get your hours in 😊

**CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate)** Great opportunity for those who have 2 semesters left with Crafton since the application takes time.

<https://www.casaofsb.org/become-a-volunteer/volunteer-requirements.html>

**ENGIN** is seeking volunteers to act as speaking buddies for international students. The opportunity allows for students to become paired with a Ukrainian student and video chat with them each week to practice English. This is the sign-up form. <https://forms.gle/QSXn8jN8uUPoMrK26>

**Redlands Family Service Association** is always looking for volunteers. They need help distributing food boxes to needy families, sorting food donations and stocking shelves in their pantry, sorting clothing donations, etc. MANY of our Honors students have gotten their service hours here. It takes 1-2 days to be approved once you sign up, so factor that in. Here is the link for sign-ups:

<https://app.betterimpact.com/PublicOrganization/7ee96b4d-61cf-4660-be5c-caafe970acfb/1>

**Volunteers needed or the SUT San Bernardino Chapter**

<https://www.volunteermatch.org/search/opp3262602.jsp>

**Reading Partners** needs volunteers to read to children online. You must pass a background check and commit to at least one session per week. For more information, you can talk to Honors student Samantha McVeigh. Her email is [samanthamcveigh12@gmail.com](mailto:samanthamcveigh12@gmail.com).

Volunteer link: <https://readingpartners.org/volunteer/>

Honors student Samantha Jordan recommends **Helping Hands Pantry** in San Bernardino. Their website says: "Volunteers are needed in every aspect of our operation, from our pantry garden where we grow fresh produce to be handed out, to warehouse, office work, distribution, and more. We even have a mobile food bank called **Living On The Streets** that goes out to the homeless in the Inland Empire. We feed more than 1000 people every day, from Fontana to Calimesa, and even in the mountain communities, like Big Bear, Lake Arrowhead, and Forest Falls. That takes a lot of people power!"

Volunteers can sign up here: <https://helpinghandspantry.org/volunteers/>.

Samantha Jordan also recommends **Amy's Farm**. It's in Ontario, but it looks like it's worth the drive! Here is the volunteer page: <https://www.amysfarm.com/give/volunteer>. To ask Samantha questions about either of these opportunities, you can contact her at [samanthajordan8132@gmail.com](mailto:samanthajordan8132@gmail.com).



Honors student Grace Newlin shared this online opportunity: The Smithsonian Transcription Center seeks to engage the public in making their collections more accessible. They work with digital volunteers to transcribe historic documents and collections records to facilitate research and inspire learning in everyone. Download a one-page handout about the Transcription Center, including helpful tips for new users, [here](#).

Grace also sent this online opportunity: The Zooniverse is the world's largest and most popular platform for people-powered research. This research is made possible by volunteers — more than a million people around the world who come together to assist professional researchers. Our goal is to enable research that would not be possible, or practical, otherwise. Zooniverse research results in new discoveries, datasets useful to the wider research community, and many publications.

See this page for more information about volunteering: <https://www.zooniverse.org/about>  
You can contact Grace about either of these at [grace.e.newlin@gmail.com](mailto:grace.e.newlin@gmail.com).

There is a community garden in Loma Linda that needs some help to plant, weed, and other basic yard work.

To volunteer: [https://www.lomalinda-ca.gov/residents/community\\_garden](https://www.lomalinda-ca.gov/residents/community_garden)

Here is the link to the instagram page:

<https://instagram.com/lomalindagarden?igshid=bvgzcaopem72>

Address: 25340 Van Leuven Loma Linda, CA

Contact: Amy Jones 562-485-7203 or [Jones.amyv@gmail.com](mailto:Jones.amyv@gmail.com)

Download the Be My Eyes app on your phone and help someone who is blind or has limited vision. See <https://www.bemyeyes.com/> for more information.

Connect with a low-income student and be a coach/tutor through the organization UPchieve. See <https://upchieve.org/volunteer> for more information.

Send online messages or mail letters of encouragement to nursing home residents and staff through the [Adopt a Nursing Home Program](#). <https://www.adoptanursinghome.com/>

Send a card, letter or note once a week to someone undergoing chemotherapy. Apply at [Chemo Angels](#). <https://www.chemoangels.com/angel-pre-app>

**Make a difference by volunteering at Kaiser Permanente Hospice!**

<https://www.volunteermatch.org/search/opp2371584.jsp>

**WE NEED YOU!! Blood Drives – Ambassador NOW!!! Turn Compassion into Action**

<https://www.volunteermatch.org/search/opp3290230.jsp>

**Looking to make a great IMPACT in a youth's life?**

<https://www.volunteermatch.org/search/opp1306731.jsp>

**Friends of the Library Volunteer**

<https://www.volunteermatch.org/search/opp1168033.jsp>

**Mentor - Connect to College Mentoring Program**

<https://www.volunteermatch.org/search/opp163436.jsp>

**Stray Cat Alliance needs your help with kitty adoptions!!!**

<https://www.volunteermatch.org/search/opp3330207.jsp>

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## Let's Talk About It!

**Discuss issues, form solutions, think outside the box, and stay connected! The mind is a powerful tool. Use it.**

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## Contribute to the Newsletter!

We welcome articles, poems, fiction, photography, or art from any Honors students or professors! Get your work seen and get "PUBLISHED" on your resume. We have some pretty cool people in Honors and we want your voice and vision!

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## Inspiration!

**"Great things are done by a series of small things brought together.."**

**- Vincent Van Gogh**

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## What did you do over winter break?

**Kyo Watanabe:** My break was a period of refreshing my mind from the stress built up from last semester. Pursued new hobbies, worked for most of the week, and casual hikes across the canyons.

**Ashley Sotelo:** For winter break I went to Mexico and spent the holidays with my family. I ate a generous amount of delicious food and had a great deal of fun with my cousins. My name is Ashley Sotelo and my major is Art and the Japanese language



**Lauren Ashlock:** My major is health sciences. Over break, I was able to go backpacking in Joshua Tree, CA with a few friends.



**Peter Jacquet:** Over winter break, I traveled by airplane for the first time during the pandemic. I visited my Father who had to work in the mornings but we still got to spend a lot of time together in the evenings. I got a lot of reading done and I didn't forget to study. My major is business.

**Judy Cannon:** I was an English major. Over the winter break I spent time with my husband, kids, and grandkids (and grand-dog) in Utah.

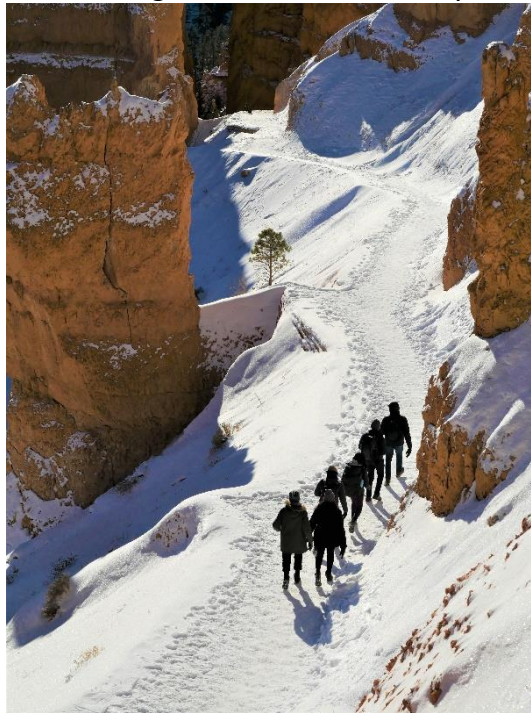




**Alyssa Serrato:** I'm Alyssa Serrato, a geology major, and over the break I went to Long beach in celebration of my 24th birthday. My friend and I went whale watching, encountering five gray whales, two fin whales, and a pod of common dolphins.



**Charisma Urena:** My name is Charisma Urena and my majors are biology and psychology. Over my winter break I camped in the freezing, beautiful Zion and Bryce Canyon, Utah.

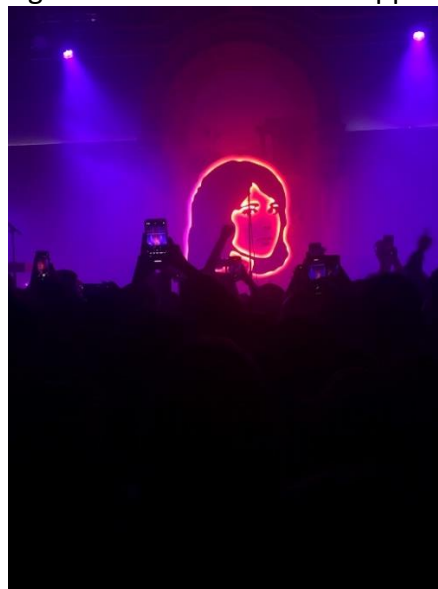


**Noah Milam:** I'm a communications major. Over winter break I went to visit my grandparents in Virginia and together we took a trip to Washington D.C.! While we were there, there was a huge snowstorm and they ended up shutting most attractions down, but we were still able to see the Washington Monument and had a wonderful time!



**Michael Stevens:** My major is computer science. Over winter break, the most notable thing I did was go see Hamilton with my girlfriend.

**Hannah Gill:** During break, I attended a TV Girl concert. It was right before the omicron variant took the country by storm, so I'm grateful to have had that opportunity.



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