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CHC Honors Newsletter
Hi Snowy Mountains!

By: Victoria Karalun

Welcome to the 2021 spring semester! Our third online semester means we are a TOUGH bunch! If you’re hanging in there and getting through your classes, congratulations, you are AMAZING!

The ambassadors have been brainstorming and we have so many new things coming. Honors only gets better and better. We’re so grateful to have you all on board to be growing this wonderful program. Let’s make this a strong semester and show this school who we are!

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Professor Highlight!

>>> Robin Jennings<<<

[English]

By: Alexis Ford

“Robin, I’m so fortunate that I was able to have a kind soul teacher like you. I will always be grateful for your encouraging words and willingness to go the extra mile to help your students. You saw the light in me and was determined to make me an Honor student. I can’t thank you enough because I am living proof of the rose that grew from the concrete.” - Alexis

What do you teach and what was your major?

I teach college writing, primarily English 101. I majored in English Lit, minored in editing, and ended up with a master’s degree in creative writing.

Why did you pick that major?

I chose my master’s program because it offered me two years of guided experience as a composition instructor. I wanted to be qualified and prepared to teach at community colleges.

Did you have any other careers before this one?

Yes, I was a barista before my BA and worked in online news editorial before my MA.

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

Garden and write.

What 3 words would you use to describe yourself?

Mother, writer, cat-feeder.

What are your favorite foods?

The ones my mom used to make. Baked macaroni and cheese with whole wheat noodles and split pea soup are two of my favorites.
What would be your perfect day?
Any day I can spend relaxing and having fun with my kids.

Would you rather experience traveling to space or to the deepest part of the ocean?
Space. Why? I just love space. I was in NASA’s Young Astronaut program as a kid!

If you could be any animal, which animal would you be and why?
I think I would choose to be a whale. Their lives in family groups singing underwater seem very appealing.

What is your favorite color?
Indigo.

What is your favorite thing about teaching at Crafton Hills?
The students. Every class is so different, and I love getting to work with so many people.

What is your favorite travel destination?
I’d love to visit Italy someday.

Tell us something surprising about you!
I am still in touch with my first writing professor from community college many years ago!
Student Highlight, Ambassador Edition!

>>> Alexis Ford<<<

What is your major?
My major is Psychology.

Why did you pick this major?
I picked this major because I enjoy talking to people and hearing everyone’s stories. I want to help as many people as possible and spread my knowledge to others. I’m also big on reading other people’s body language and figuring out why we do certain things.

When do you plan to graduate?
I’M GRADUATING THIS YEAR!!! CLASS OF 2021!!!!!

What career do you hope it leads to?
I hope to have my own practice one day and to also be on any of the murder shows on the ID channel, like Fatal Vows, Deadly Women, Scorned, etc.

What are some things you like to do in your spare time?
I like to sleep, and when I’m not sleeping I enjoy spending my time at the beach and I love to eat food.

What three words would you use to describe yourself?
Determined, independent, and beautiful.

What are your favorite foods?
I love French fries and soul food!

What would be your perfect day?
My perfect day would be not having to stress about anything like going to work or making sure I did my homework. I would spend the whole day at the beach. Probably have a bottle of wine, show off my creative side, and paint the scenery.
Would you rather experience traveling to space or the deepest part of the ocean? Why?
I would want to experience the deepest part of the ocean because I would want to face my fears of drowning and see what life is like for other creatures. I would also like to swim with dolphins.

What book has impacted your life and why?
The Five People You Meet In Heaven is such an amazing book and I’m so thankful that Professor Lowe made us read it in her class. That book gave me a different perspective about the people we meet and why we meet them.

What song has impacted your life and why?
I have a lot of songs that have impacted my life but artist-wise I would say it’s between 6lack and Phora.

What is your favorite color?
Lavender.

What is your favorite thing about attending Crafton Hills?
That’s hard to answer because I have nothing but wonderful things to say about Crafton. If I had to choose I would say the connections I made with people because without those connections my outlook of the school would have changed.

Which professor has impacted your time at Crafton Hills the most?
Ms. Robin because she wanted to see me succeed not only in school, but also in my personal life. Whenever I needed help, she was more than willing to put in the time to help me.

Tell us something interesting about you!
I’ve never been outside of California so I hope that one day I can travel to see what else the world has to offer.
Social Media

You may have noticed something new in our social media connection? Yes we have an awesome new Discord group! If you haven’t checked it out yet, go see! It’s not intimidating to learn if you haven’t used it before. It’s so exciting that we get to chat with other Honors members during this time when we’re a little more disconnected physically! If you’re feeling the need for more interaction, definitely come check out our Discord channel! If you’re not sure how to find it, ask Judy or an ambassador 😊.

Volunteer Ideas

- (from left to right: Matt, Brystal, Alexis, and Judy)

Don’t wait until the last minute to get your 15 hours if you are graduating this semester!
If you are planning to graduate this semester and still need volunteer hours, here are some ideas for places you can volunteer:

**Redlands Family Service** help give back by participating in the food drive they host every Tuesday and by organizing clothes throughout the week.  
https://www.volunteermatch.org

Volunteers needed or the SUT San Bernardino Chapter  
https://www.volunteermatch.org/search/opp3262602.jsp

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

The Communication Exchange Program  
https://www.volunteermatch.org/search/opp3213326.jsp

Weekday Food Bank Volunteers  
https://www.feedingamericaie.org/volunteer
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!

Email your work to vkaralun@hotmail.com.

Save The Date!

- Friday 5th February: Last day to drop classes
- Friday 12th February: Lincoln’s birthday (no classes)
- Monday 15th February: Washington’s birthday (no classes)
- Friday 19th February; 12noon: So You Are Thinking About Presenting at a Research Conference (Zoom)
- Saturday 20th February; 11am: SCCUR online workshop: How to Write an Effective Research Abstract, Lilian Voong, Ph. D., STEM Writing Specialist and Lecturer, Caltech
- Friday 26th February; 12noon-2pm: Brainstorming Symposium (Zoom)
- Sunday 28th February: SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION DEADLINE
- Monday 1st March; 12noon: Abstract Workshop (Zoom)
- Tuesday 2nd March; 1pm: Abstract Workshop (Zoom)
- Friday 5th March; 12noon: Ch 2 Spare Parts Book Discussion led by Honors students (Zoom)
- Monday 22nd March – Friday 26th March: Spring Recess
• Tuesday 30\textsuperscript{th} March; 1pm: Poster Presentation Workshop (Zoom)
• Tuesday 30\textsuperscript{th} March: Zonta Scholarship Deadline
• Wednesday 31\textsuperscript{st} March; 12noon: Poster Presentation Workshop (Zoom)

Inspiration!

“If you are working on something that you really care about, you don’t have to be pushed. The vision pulls you.” – Steve Jobs

In Pictures: What We Did Over Break! by Judy Cannon

Ashley Mascharenhas said this was her winter break (left), and Alyssa Serrato send us this picture of her winter break (right). By the way, ALYSSA WON THE DRAWING for a gift card for this month’s newsletter!
Professor Juie McKee, Sociology, spent New Year’s Eve night camping in Twentynine Palms, started a paint-by-number, worked on a puzzle, and made jelly with her best friend.

Marinah Tamura (Left photo) went hiking over winter break, and Lauren Valdez (right photo) went to San Diego.
Brystal Nevins made macarons for the first and second time! The ones below are the second time and are strawberry lemonade filled with lemon curd and strawberry cream cheese frosting.

Professor Mary Stupin, Music (left): “My husband and I hiked in Valley of Fire State Park north of Las Vegas. This is the wave formation. VERY COOL!!” Professor Guadalupe Alatorre, Speech (right) worked on a huge jigsaw puzzle.

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