I Think We’re All Happy That It’s FALL!

By: Victoria Karalun

It’s true – there’s a chill in the air! Maybe we can even switch out our flip flops for real shoes soon. That also means we’re on the home stretch of our semester! If you’ve made it this far in your classes, well done! Keep on going for one more month.

Spring graduates, remember to apply for transfer this month. All of your ambassadors are graduating this spring, so reach out to any of us if you have questions 😊. Also make sure to get a counseling appointment with Debbie Bogh to be sure of any requirements remaining for your final semester. Have an amazing month and enjoy that Thanksgiving break!

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Professor Highlight!

>>> Gerarda Costello<<<

[History]

By: Ashley Mascarenhas

What do you teach and what was your major?

I teach History. I majored in English, History, and Art History.

Why did you pick that major?

I picked these majors because I believe they are interrelated with our history. There are three types of ways of learning: Visual, Auditory, and Kinesthetic. With these three majors you can integrate the three modalities and incorporate all of them.

Did you have any other careers before this one?

I was a hair stylist when I was at an academy in Sussex and was able to pay for my schooling with this career.

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

I love to go to the gym, hang out with my girlfriends and go dancing at clubs, reading, and yard work. With Covid-19, I miss going to the gym and out with my friends.

What 3 words would you use to describe yourself?

Kind, patient, and talkative.
What are your favorite foods?

I love Chinese food and Mexican food, especially ground beef enchiladas, chile relleno, and margaritas 😊.

What would be your perfect day?

I would get up and read for an hour. I find that the more I read, the more I am able to retain information. I would go to the gym, tidy up around the house, visit friends, and then go dancing.

Would you rather experience traveling to space or to the deepest part of the ocean? Why?

I would travel to the deepest part of the ocean because there is great life in the ocean that we have yet to explore.

What is your favorite thing about teaching at Crafton Hills?

I love that we have integrated students that come from all walks of life. Crafton has a beautiful campus, nice faculty, and many programs such as the Fire academy and respiratory program. I miss being able to walk around the campus, interacting with the students, and my classroom in East 101 where there is great lighting.

What is your favorite travel destination?

Italy. The small towns there are lovely, the culture is easy going, and the food is amazing. I love the flavor of life and people.

With everything that is going in our world today, what is the best piece of advice you can give our students to continue to make the world a better place?

Be kind and supportive of each other. Be there for one another and please stay in school the best you can. I know it is a difficult time right now, but we must remember what is important and that is kindness and support. We are going to get through this TOGETHER.
Student Highlight!

>>> Hannah Stiff <<<

By: Alexis Ford

What is your major?

Political Science

Why did you pick this major?

I’ve always been interested in law and the way governments function. I also think it’s an important topic to learn about, especially nowadays with what’s going on.

When do you plan to graduate?

Spring 2021

What career do you hope it leads to?

I would like to become a lawyer and, ultimately, a judge.

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

I love reading fiction books! Especially fantasy and historical fiction. I also enjoy playing volleyball, hiking, and swimming!

What three words would you use to describe yourself?

Introverted, logical, and sarcastic.
What are your favorite foods?

Potatoes! My favorites are chips, french fries and mashed potatoes!

What would be your perfect day?

Waking up early and walking my dog, getting coffee, then heading to the park or beach for a picnic. After watching the sunset, I would head home and watch a movie with my family and lots of snacks.

Would you rather experience traveling to space or the deepest part of the ocean? Why?

Definitely the deepest part of the ocean. I love swimming, and I think the fact that we have no idea what’s in the ocean on our own planet is crazy! It would be so cool to explore down there.

What song has impacted your life and why?

Warrior by Demi Lovato helped me a lot when I was younger. Cats in the Cradle by Henry Chapin has a special place in my heart too.

What is your favorite thing about attending Crafton Hills?

I love the supportive faculty and staff that are always willing to help.

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

Ashley Hayes is my favorite professor! She is always so encouraging and helpful. I learned a lot in her class and really felt I grew as a student and a person.

Tell us something interesting about you!

I’ve never been to a public school! I was actually homeschooled up until eighth grade and then went to a charter school in high school where I only actually went to school two days a week.
Social Media

Ashley is ROCKING our social media this year! Check out facebook.com/CHCHonors and @CHCHonors to get the latest information, fun inspirational quotes, and PRIZES! We also have a new Pinterest page! Check out CHC Honors on Pinterest to find boards for self-care, volunteering opportunities, and yes, pictures of puppies and kittens 😊.

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!

- Wednesday 11th November; Abstracts Due For CHC Student Research Conference
- Wednesday 11th November; Veterans Day; no classes
- Friday 20th November; 9am-12noon: CHC Student Research Conference; Zoom
- Saturday 21st November; SCCUR Conference, CalTech (details to come)
- Monday 23rd November – Friday 27th November; Thanksgiving Break, no classes
Our Sources Say...

By: Ashley Mascarenhas

Do you have multiple research papers this semester and need help with the basics? How many times have you questioned if the source you are using is credible? What about detecting fake news sources? Did you wish that choosing a topic could come with tips and tricks? Ding, ding, ding! Our sources say the library workshops are the number one answer. Like the rest of you, I too have felt the enormous amount of stress when it comes to research papers. Fortunately, this semester I was able to join the workshops the library provided when it came to the research basics and utilizing the article databases. I walked away from the workshop not only with a weight off my shoulder, but the confidence to execute an amazing and credible paper. These workshops are always accessible to students. Go to Crafton’s website, click on Student Services, Library, and on the right side click on Workshops-Register Here. Even with the social distance, our library staff is here to support your academic success. 😊

FYI: Library Databases

Crafton Hills has an amazing library and, while we can’t physically visit as much as we’d like right now, we can still access its online resources. Did you know that our library has a huge amount of information available online for research, projects, and any other schoolwork you have? The username and password changes each semester. Here is the login information for this semester.

Username: lovecrafton
Password: Learn@home20
Reasons You Might Want to Present Your Research at The Crafton Honors Research Conference on November 20, 2020

By: Judy Cannon

- You get to share what you have learned with others in a professional setting.
- It is excellent preparation for your upper-division work at your transfer university.
- You will learn more about your topic as you prepare to present it to others.
- It gives you an opportunity to work with faculty mentors on research.
- It is a required part of earning the Honors Research Fellow Award.
- Research conference participation looks good on college applications.
- It is a low-pressure way to prepare to present at other research conferences—kind of like a dress rehearsal!

Abstracts (an outline of the main ideas of your research) are due to Judy by Wednesday, November 11. However, if you missed the deadline and still want to present, please contact Judy ASAP at honors@craftonhills.edu and we will see if we can work you in.

My Experience with a Workshop

By: Alexis Ford

I (Alexis Ford) attended the Cal State Application workshop and although it was two hours long I found it to be helpful. They go over everything step by step and they really embrace all questions so, no question is a dumb question please ask away. If you are planning to transfer soon I highly recommend that you attend these workshops even if you think you don’t need the help or if you feel like your ready to submit your application like I was before you do just attend the workshop to make sure you have a clear understanding of what the application entails so you don’t mess up. If you already completed this portion, congrats your one step closer to meeting your dreams!
In Pictures: Halloween!

Joshly Aventura, 2019

Brystal and Matt Nevins

From Daniel McCluskey

Lauren Valdez
Alexis Ford

Julee McKee and her husband as Toto and Dorothy

Prof. Julie Marge McKee
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