



## Alumni Spotlight

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Twenty-three-year-old Crafton Hills College (CHC) alumna Felicia Becerra of Redlands recently graduated with high honors at the University of California, Berkeley (UC Berkeley) with a degree in English.

This spring, UC Berkeley awarded Becerra with the prestigious Chancellor's Fellowship, a scholarship which pays for two years of graduate school. At UC Berkeley, Becerra received several scholarships and awards and credits her successes to the invaluable experiences she gained at CHC, where she attended from 2002-2005.

Becerra specifically found her niche in literature and writing during multiple English classes with CHC English Professor Kris Acquistapace.

"I took a creative writing class with Professor Acquistapace," Becerra said. "Through her classes, I fell in love with reading, writing, and studying literature. Her encouragement for me to write and her dedication to her students also greatly influenced me."

Becerra describes the contrasts of the two colleges. "After I had been at Berkeley for a year, I realized how much I appreciated studying English at Crafton where class sizes were much smaller," Becerra said. "At Crafton I had an English class with 15-25 students; at Berkeley, I had several classes with over

100 students."

While attending Berkeley, Becerra was on the Deans list, took graduate courses in Old Norse Literature, and wrote her thesis on women and memory in Homer's "The Iliad."



Recently, the UC Berkeley Scandinavian Department announced it will fund Becerra to attend the University of Oslo in Norway to study Norwegian. The Scandinavian Department requires its students to study a language, and Becerra chose Norwegian because she is fascinated by Viking history and Norse literature.

Last year, she received a very prestigious year-long internship at the Mark Twain Project, where she was in charge of transcribing the journals of Mark Twain's youngest daughter, Jean Clemens.

"I was in charge of transcribing journals of Jean Clemens and sometimes letters of other relatives of

the Clemens family," Becerra said. "I also transcribed reviews of Twain's work in older book reviews and newspapers."

Becerra was thrilled to discover a previously unknown letter authored by Jean Clemens to the editor of the New York Times.

Becerra was invited to share her experiences with English students at CHC. She felt honored to be asked by Professor Acquistapace.

Becerra had an appreciative audience. Her advice: "Keep writing!"

"Even if you don't feel like writing, keep writing, and don't worry about hitting dry spells because they happen to everyone," Becerra said.

"Take creative writing courses so that you can become comfortable sharing your work, and also see how others play with ideas."

Becerra feels education is an important way of discovering yourself. "I believe education helps people to find what they truly want to do in life," Becerra said. "People also learn about themselves as much as the subjects they study. As a writer or artist of any kind, an education is important because inspiration can come from the most unexpected places during your academic career."

- Patrick Fite

**Tell us how Crafton Hills College made a difference in your life!**

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## CHC to open Simulation Training Center

The faculty and staff in the 2007-08 CHC DELTA Leadership Academy were given an incredible assignment: come up with a project designed for the betterment of the CHC college community. The group decided to turn the assignment into a grant-writing project.

The result was nothing short of amazing. The work that was done by DELTA Leadership Academy participants demonstrates what can happen with true collaboration. They sought, wrote, and received an equipment grant for nursing and allied health programs valued at \$141,077.

The grant will be used to purchase three Gaumard human patient simulators for the purpose of training emergency medical personnel. One trauma adult, one medical adult, and one pediatric simulator will arrive sometime this winter.

The simulators are top-of-the-line; they breathe, talk, bleed and generate a blood pressure, all of which are adjustable to fit the scenario that is being played out at that time and controlled from a wireless computer.

Patient simulators will provide

training for all medical personnel. From the scene of an accident, EMT's and Paramedics can diagnose and treat the simulator using real monitoring and resuscitation equipment.

It can then be transferred to an emergency room where medical personnel, including respiratory therapists, can practice as well.



Patient simulators are ideal for competency-based programs because sensors inside the simulator track all of the students' actions and changes in the simulators condition are time stamped and logged for evaluation and debriefing.

This will allow instructors to notify students at precisely what points they

succeed and fail in their diagnosis and treatment. Results can be forwarded to any printer or sent via the internet.

Through this high-tech teaching methodology, Crafton Hills College will be able to increase student learning outcomes and lower attrition for both the industry and our programs.

The new CHC Simulation Training Center will be state of the art, with only two others like it in the western United States; Stanford University and Loma Linda University.

Not only will the Training Center be used for CHC students pursuing a degree in emergency services or respiratory care, the center will also be used to offer continuing education classes to community healthcare professionals who need continuing education credits for recertification.

The new CHC Simulation Training Center is expected to open sometime in the spring. Keep posted for announcement of its Open House so you can see firsthand how CHC is leading the way in public safety and emergency services careers.

For more information, contact Gary Reese, EMT instructor, at (909) 389-3255. - *Brittnee A. Quintanar*

### Steady Income for Life

These are tough economic times. The need for retirement planning and estate planning has never been more of a priority. Investment returns are down. Life expectancies are up. This is why some individuals are considering methods of giving that can actually help enhance prosperity in retirement years.

Many folks believe in charitable gifts, since they can be one of life's greatest joys. However, everyday obligations may limit what you feel you can give without jeopardizing you or your loved ones' financial security and well-being. Did you know that there are ways to make a gift and receive income for life or another period of time?

Charitable gifts can be made to Crafton Hills College Foundation in ways that provide you with a fixed income for life. The payments remain the same each year and can continue for the life of a surviving friend or family member. Two methods of giving that feature fixed income payments are the *Charitable Gift Annuity* and the *Charitable Remainder Annuity Trust*.

**For more information at no obligation, contact Cheryl Bardowell at (909) 389-3260**

## CHC Upcoming Events

Event	Date	Time
K - 12 Mask Exhibition ☺	10/21 - 10/29/08	9:30am - 7:00pm
↳ Opening Reception* ☺	10/23/08	6:00- 8:30pm
Advanced Student Art Exhibition ☺	11/6 - 11/21/08	9:30am - 7:00pm
↳ Opening Reception * ☺	11/6/08	6:30 - 9:00pm
RED Theatre Performance	11/7 & 11/8/08	8:00pm
Student Art Exhibition ☺	12/4 - 12/17/08	9:30am - 7:00pm
↳ Opening Reception * ☺	12/4/08	6:30 - 9:00pm
Fall Dance Show	12/5 & 12/6/08	8:00pm
Composers Recital	12/6/08	1:00pm
Choir Concert	12/9/08	7:00pm
Jazz Concert	12/11/08	8:00pm

☺ = FREE Event    \* = Refreshments provided

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WWW.CRAFTONHILLS.EDU/ALUMNI  
FOR THE MOST UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION ON UPCOMING EVENTS**

### Invitation from the Alumni Coordinator...

Please be our guest at an evening reception hosted by CHC Alumni & Friends

Thursday, October 16th  
5:30pm - 7:30pm  
CHC Cafeteria

You and a guest will enjoy Wine and heavy hors d'oeuvres

Kindly RSVP by October 9th  
Contact: Betty Jo Wood  
(909) 389-3245

## Letter from the CHC Foundation President

Dear Alumni & Friends,

Crafton Hills College (CHC) continues its 36-year tradition of providing quality, comprehensive educational programs for people of all ages, interests and backgrounds. It is through this tradition that CHC has established itself as an invaluable asset to the many communities in the Inland Empire.

CHC's importance to these communities is reflected in the contributions of the many professionals who began their college education here. These individuals serve in a variety of fields - emergency medical care, fire-fighting, business, education, child care, computer programming, respiratory care, law enforcement, and many more.

As new businesses and industries settle in this region, CHC continues to increase in importance as a source for a college education and employee training. The goal of the CHC Founda-

tion is to assist students in achieving their career endeavors.

The CHC Foundation was established the same year the college opened, 1972, to extend and enhance the educational opportunities to CHC students. The CHC Foundation is a nonprofit corporation devoted exclusively to raising funds for scholarships, grants, and other types of assistance for CHC students and faculty.

I am proud to say that the generosity of our donors, alumni, and friends allowed us to:

- ◇ Begin a \$55,000 Endowment
- ◇ Increase payroll contributions by 13%
- ◇ Increase CHC Foundation assets by 23%

With your support, we can do even more to promote the dreams of current and future Crafton Hills College students. We, the Foundation members, believe that education is

the key to better jobs, a better economy, and a better quality of life.

Most of all, I would like to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to the many donors, alumni, and friends who share the Foundation's vision and have generously supported our students. Through the generosity of these benefactors students have been assisted in pursuing their diverse educational goals and, ultimately, achieving their dreams.

Thank you very much for your continued support of the Foundation and Crafton Hills College.



Sincerely,

Donald J. Nydam  
CHC Foundation President

