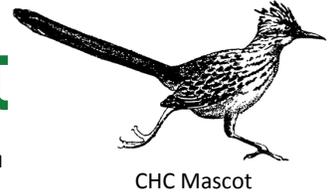


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CHC Mascot

## 2008 CHC Foundation Annual Gala

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Walking through the doors of the Hilton Grand Ballroom into the Crafton Hills College (CHC) Foundation's annual fundraiser gala was tantamount to walking through a "time warp" into the 1970's.

This year's gala was titled "Be There or Be Square" and had a 1970's theme. The guests showed up ready for a 70's party, displaying their diverse attire and 'funky' dance moves.

The fashions ranged from tie dyed t-shirts and gypsy blouses to colorful, bold print dresses, and butterfly necklaces - and that was just the ladies! The guys wore everything from jeans and bandanas of the early 70's to the glittery sequined shirts, platform shoes, afros, and large medallion jewelry of the late 70's.

Like the fashions, the music and night's scenes reflected a very active, changing decade - from a live band playing tunes by the Grateful Dead and The Band to a disco floor with a glittery ball and tunes from Earth, Wind, and Fire; Donna Summer, Kool and the Gang, and - of course - the Village People. Peace signs were flashed periodically, as well as some "power to the people" signs. There were also many "John Travolta" disco poses, as well as several attempted "Saturday Night Fever" moves on the dance floor.

"It was amazing to see some of our professors and administrators, who usually dress so professionally, show up in bell bottoms,

open shirts, and huge afros," said CHC Associated Student Senator Britany Marano, who wore a print dress from the era and showed off some her own disco moves on the dance floor. "Overall, it was a fun night."

Proceeds from a live auction, opportunity drawing, and private donations were raised for student scholarships, student book buying, academic areas, and various cultural programs at the college.

"We received such a tremendous response of support from everyone," said CHC President Gloria Harrison. "CHC is truly blessed to have so many friends in the community. We're extremely pleased."

Additionally, San Bernardino Community College District (SBCCD) Chancellor Don Averill was honored with a plaque recognizing his nine years of service as the district's chancellor. The CHC Foundation recognized Averill, who will be retiring in June, for dedicating his life to education.

In the spirit of the evening and with much good humor, Averill

tered and members of CHC's Associated Students kicked off the dancing with "the hustle," which they had been practicing for a week.



"It showed how everyone could come together and have a good time while supporting a good cause," said AS Student Senator Diva MacSeng. "The 70's theme was great. The Student Senate was a little nervous about doing the hustle, but it was nice when the faculty and administrators joined in and supported us."

According to CHC Resource Development Director Cheryl Bardowell, the unofficial gross proceeds totaled approximately \$66,000. "The support we received was amazing," Bardowell said. "We have tremendous gratitude."

VIP sponsors of the 2008 CHC Foundation Gala were San Manuel Band of Mission Indians, The Coeta & Donald Barker Foundation, Steinberg Architects, Tilden-Coil Constructors, Arrowhead Credit Union, Southern California Edison, and Eugene H. Wood.

-Patrick Fite



Current CHC students led "The Hustle."



April and Ken Bryson flash the PEACE sign.

Middle picture from left, SBCCD Trustee Carleton Lockwood, his wife Claudette, SBCCD Chancellor Don Averill, JoAnne Singer, and SBCCD Trustee Don Singer

Far right picture from left, Students: Diva MacSeng, Victor Cisneros, and Kyle Fodness.



accepted the plaque while wearing the long haired, pink wig he had donned for the event.

Later in the evening, the lights went down, the disco ball glit-

## Alumni Spotlight

"It was the single greatest experience of my life so far," said Jonathan Trovato about attending the Crafton Hills College (CHC) Fire Academy. "Crafton Hills College puts on the best fire academy in the world, hands down, with the *best* training and resources."

Trovato, a firefighter at Yucaipa Fire Station # 2, is proud to fulfill his dreams by serving as a paid call firefighter in the community.

Fire Engineer Operator Elizabeth Brown is Trovato's direct supervisor. Being a CHC Fire Academy and Paramedic Alumna herself, she is constantly impressed by the program.

"Crafton has a solid reputation for turning out excellent firefighters, and Jonathan is one of them," said Brown. "He is a very dedicated young man. He has an exceptional work ethic and awesome public skills," said Brown.

At the young age of 15, Trovato knew his calling in life was to serve as a lifeguard for the Redlands YMCA and Pharaohs Lost Kingdom.

Trovato then attended the Public Safety Internship Academy (PSIA) at Glen Helen Correctional Facility for the two-year program. Shortly after graduation from the PSIA, Trovato joined The Redlands Fire Explorers and decided to enroll in the CHC Fire Academy.

Trovato graduated from the 67<sup>th</sup> Crafton Hills Fire Academy in 2007. He claims it was empowering, yet intense, with long 14 hour days, five days a week.



Trovato credits his success to his supportive family and the excellent instructors at CHC. "All the instructors at the Academy and in EMS were amazing with a lot of applicable life and field experiences,"

Trovato said. "They want to pass all techniques and experiences to new generation firefighters."

Earning an Emergency Medical Services I Certificate is a requirement for entrance to the Fire Academy.

Besides saving lives, another one of the alluring reasons for Trovato becoming a firefighter is the camaraderie between co-workers. "They are just like family. Working a 24-hour shift will make you feel that."

"You always work as a team," Trovato said. "There is always someone there watching your back."

Trovato is currently serving as Vice President for Redlands Firefighter Explorers, sharing his passion and being a role model for younger kids.

Trovato loves his job and plans on continuing his education. He will be returning to CHC in the pursuit of becoming a Paramedic.

"I know I still have a lot of work and school to go before I can become half the person I want to be," said Trovato.   
-Patrick Fite

## Measure M Passes!

Citizens of the San Bernardino Community College District (SBCCD) passed a \$500 million bond measure February 5 with a "yes" vote, well over the 55 percent required.

Crafton Hills College (CHC) and San Bernardino Valley College (SBVC) comprise the SBCCD. Measure M funding will enable CHC and SBVC to add and improve buildings and facilities at the two colleges.

Among the projects planned at CHC during the next ten years include a general education building, a science building, and other projects.

"We were thrilled by the endorsements we received from our elected officials, professional organizations, Chambers of Commerce, community

members, education leaders...and on and on," said SBCCD Chancellor Don Averill.

This bond will help the two colleges in the district continue their projects as outlined in their Master Plans.

More importantly, it will help the colleges deliver the job training skills and transfer education classes that are needed in the local communities, which are located in one of the fastest growing regions in the nation.

"The passage of Measure M will be vital to the growth of this college in order to serve the educational and training needs of our service area," said CHC President Gloria Harrison.

"This service area is still one of the fastest growing areas in the state and

the nation. We believe that education is the key to better jobs, a better economy, and a better quality of life," she said. "Thank you for your continuing support of education and job training in this region."

A mandated Citizens' Oversight Committee, which was formed when Measure P (a \$190 million general obligation bond) was passed in 2002, will provide oversight for Measure M funds as well. You can find information on the Citizens' Oversight Committee and Measure M projects on the district website at [www.sbccd.org](http://www.sbccd.org).

-Patrick Fite

## Do you need a Will?

Approximately one-quarter of US Americans, age 65 and older, have not created a will. A will or trust is perhaps the most important document you can own. While no one likes to think about it, when the time comes for our estates to be administered, having a will ensures that our assets will be distributed according to our personal wishes. We receive satisfaction and peace of mind knowing that we are making things easier for loved ones, and that our decisions control the distribution of the assets we've worked hard to accumulate over a lifetime. For many people, creating a will, or updating an existing one, provides an opportunity to acknowledge both loved ones and charitable organizations that especially enriched their lives.

Some of our alumni and friends have recognized the influence and importance of Crafton Hills College in their lives, or in the lives of loved ones, by including the College in their charitable and estate giving. Indeed, for many, a planned or estate gift

serves as the gateway to philanthropy.

Following the tradition of major universities that have large endowments, with funding coming from the estates of alumni and friends, Crafton Hills College has established an endowment program. Through the proceeds of its fundraising events, the College Foundation has set aside \$35,000.00 to start the endowment.

Bequests or will gifts can make a tremendous difference in student programs and services for the future. The Crafton Hills College Foundation can receive these gifts, as a non-profit entity, and can help create a legacy through a gift in someone's memory. A charitable bequest is a meaningful way to memorialize someone special to you.

Our wills and bequests program is designed to be a service to our alumni and friends. We have publications and information on wills and bequests that can be sent to you with no obligation. As always, our services are free and confidential.

**To receive more information, please call Cheryl Bardowell at (909) 389-3260.**

## Upcoming CHC Events

Crafton Hills College students enrolled in THART 150: Summer Theatre Workshop, will be performing live throughout the summer at the Redlands Theatre Festival.

Please visit

[www.rtfseason.org](http://www.rtfseason.org) for ticketing information.

**DON'T FORGET TO REGULARLY CHECK OUR WEBSITE AT [WWW.CRAFTONHILLS.EDU/ALUMNI](http://WWW.CRAFTONHILLS.EDU/ALUMNI) FOR THE MOST UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION ON UPCOMING EVENTS BY CLICKING ON "CALENDAR" IN THE SPOTLIGHT SECTION.**

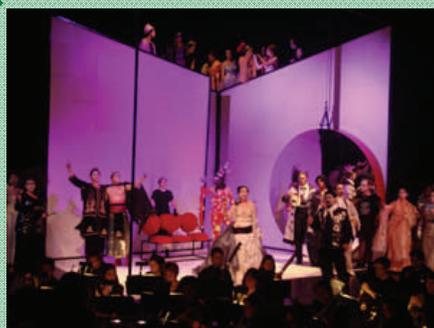
## Note from the Alumni Coordinator...

I want to THANK everyone who completed an Alumni & Friends Event Interest survey. Your feedback is invaluable in helping plan future events, and to shape the newly created Alumni & Friends program. Don't forget to check our website regularly for news and upcoming events at [www.craftonhills.edu/alumni](http://www.craftonhills.edu/alumni).

I hope your summer is filled with SUNSHINE!



- Brittnee A. Quintanar



## Audience Enjoys "La Traviata"

Whether you were an opera aficionado or a newcomer to the world of opera, The University of Redlands (UR) School of Music and Crafton Hills College (CHC) collaboration of "La Traviata" was a treat for everyone who attended the performance at the CHC Finkelstein Performing Arts Center. With the creative sets, colorful costumes by CHC Art Professor Snezana Petrovic, dynamic performances of the UR opera students, imaginative dance routines of the CHC Dance Company, beautiful music performed by the UR Orchestra, led by Co Boi Nguyen, there was much to engage the audience. After the Opera, which received a standing ovation, UR Director Marco Schindelmann recognized CHC Theatre Art Instructor Tom Bryant for helping make the event possible and suggested future collaborations between the two schools.

- Patrick Fite

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While at Crafton Hills College, I ultimately:

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If you have EVER attended Crafton Hills College, or support our mission and vision, please join CHC Alumni & Friends by returning the adjacent form to 11711 Sand Canyon Road; Yucaipa, CA 92399 OR join online at [www.craftonhills.edu/alumni](http://www.craftonhills.edu/alumni). It is absolutely FREE to join & you will receive the following benefits:

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