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“They Called Us Enemy” Book Talk with George Takei



The campus buzzed with excitement on April 9 as nearly 400 guests gathered for the culmination of the college’s 23-24 “One Book, One College” program, featuring George Takei’s memoir “They Called Us Enemy.”

Takei shared the deeply personal journey chronicled in his memoir – a journey marked by resilience, courage, and hope in the face of adversity. He spoke of his childhood spent in internment camps during World War II, a dark chapter in American history.

Takei engaged in dialogue with CHC President Dr. Kevin Horan, as he recounted

his family’s struggles and triumphs.

An intimate gathering immediately followed for 25 students nominated by faculty members to have their books signed by Takei, take photos and converse one-on-one with the author.

For the students and faculty of Crafton Hills College, George Takei’s visit was more than just a book talk; it was a transformative experience and reminder that in the face of adversity, it is courage, compassion, and unity that ultimately prevail.

Photo: George Takei and President Horan.

Annual Fundraiser Raises Over \$196,000 in Support of the Crafton Hills College Foundation

On April 18, the CHC Foundation raised more than \$196,000 through the generosity of attendees and sponsors of their annual fundraiser.

“I can’t thank you enough for being here and being a part of our community,” said Crafton President Kevin Horan. “What we do tonight removes barriers for students, and that’s why we are here.”

Halau O Kanahela’s group of traditional Hawaiian folk dancers provided a spirited performance that allowed guests to experience “paradise” through an

indigenous Hawaiian lens.

Gala guests then heard directly from two of those most involved in the Foundation’s year-round efforts to raise funds to support its Roadrunner students: 2024 Outstanding Alumnus Damian Garcia and Paramedic Program Director Amanda Ward.

100% of the proceeds will directly benefit Crafton Hills College to help students overcome financial barriers and enhance programs.

Photo: Halau O Kanahela group member.



Academic Senate Announces Awards for Outstanding Faculty and Classified Professional of the Year



Crafton Hills College Academic Senate honored outstanding faculty members, selecting Ernesto Rivera (Counseling) and Danielle McCoy (Math) as top full-time faculty, alongside Wendy Lamb (English)

as outstanding part-time faculty. Rivera was praised for his kindness, dedication, and collaborative spirit, while McCoy's leadership and commitment to student success were highlighted.

Other nominated full-timers included Breanna Andrews, Lauren Bond, Andrew Guevara, Steve Helleman, Krista Ivy, Isidro Rivera, and Jillian Robertson, with part-time nominees Vanesse Hiten, Nicholas Morris, Jennifer Simmers, and Amy Wassing also recognized. These faculty members contribute significantly to CHC's academic excellence, reflected in its high student success and transfer rates.

Additionally, Elizabeth Lopez from the Office of Instruction was named Classified Professional of the Year, alongside nominees Karen Peterson, Christina Sweeting, and Alyssa Taylor.

Photo: Ernesto Rivera (left) and Danielle McCoy (right).

Health & Resource Fair Invites Students and Staff to Get to Know Available Services



On March 28, CHC Health & Wellness staff, Student Accessibility Services, and the Basic Needs Office along with various vendors hosted a fair to provide information and showcase the services they and other agencies provide to the campus community.

In addition to the CHC Health & Wellness mental health and medical teams, the fair included service providers who highlighted their services and fielded questions from

students seeking additional information. Students seemed excited to learn how many different services they could receive, most for free. The medical table enrolled students into the Family Pact program.

Tables also had free goodies for visitors including jump ropes, squeeze balls, gym scarves, water bottles, bean bags, LED arm bands, and coloring books. The Basic Needs Office distributed 400 Farm Fresh to You

boxes filled with fresh vegetables and fruit during the resources fair. This event has propelled us forward to distribute another 200 fresh vegetable and fruit boxes in April and 200 boxes in May. Additionally, the food truck served a total of 586 meals and 200 Juice It Up smoothies to students.

The mental health table offered "Talk with a Therapist" sessions and a handout about counseling on campus or online. Five students signed up for an initial visit with a mental health therapist, and attending faculty members said they would announce such opportunities to their students. The event also incorporated tours to our on-campus community garden led by retired professor Janine Ledoux.

A special thank you to the entire planning committee, that included Erika Sherman, Ericka Paddock, Vannesa Ramirez, Lauren Means, and Hannah Sandy, for hosting this inaugural event.

Photo: Representative and Ryker at Resource Fair.

'Chorus of Displaced' Introduces Crafton Community to Realities of War and How it Shapes Lives



Crafton Hills College recently showcased "Chorus of the Displaced" by Kyong Boon Oh, a first-gen Korean immigrant artist.

Through photos, Oh portrayed the turmoil of the 1950-1953 Korean War, touching on personal and global narratives of loss and displacement. Oh's exhibition delved into the complex layers of displacement, political struggles, and the interconnectedness of historical events.

A workshop and reception allowed attendees to learn Oh's techniques firsthand, emphasizing overlooked narratives and marginalized identities. The College's Art Gallery provides a platform for both professional and student artwork, fostering exploration and understanding. Professor Renée Azenaro praised Oh's work for its skill and thoughtfulness, highlighting its value to the college community.

Photo: Kyong Boon.

ACUE Pinning Ceremony Celebrates Educators' Commitment to Effective Teaching



On May 3, the ACUE Pinning Ceremony to honor participants who completed 25 weeks of teaching, learning, and equity training provided by the Association of College and University Educators (ACUE).

ACUE, renowned for offering the sole teaching certification endorsed by the American Council on Education, specializes in certifying faculty in its Effective Teaching Practice Framework.

This certification has been demonstrated to enhance student success and boost the retention rates of first-year students.

The following individuals from the CHC participated in the ceremony: Ana Mayo, Heather Gilmore, Heather Jasso, and Rejoice Chavira.

Photo: ACUE Pinning Ceremony.

A Festive Day at CHC: Welcoming 517 Seniors to Explore Opportunities



On April 12, CHC transformed the campus quad into a carnival as 517 seniors from ten local high schools visited campus, eager to delve into the realm of possibilities.

Booths lined the pathways, offering workshops ranging from the Crafton Alumni Panel to Fire Technology and Emergency Medical Services. Students

engaged in lively discussions while learning about the resources and opportunities available.

Ryker, the College's mascot posed for photos and spread school spirit with the soon-to-be college students.

Photo: Local high school seniors.

CHC Alumni Night Shines with 'Legally Blonde: The Musical' Reunion



CHC hosted a memorable evening for its alumni providing an opportunity for former students to reconnect, reminisce, and mingle during a private reception on April 27.

Attendees had an opportunity to meet the director and castmembers, and were treated to complimentary tickets for the CHC Theatre Department's production of "Legally Blonde: The Musical." The production follows the journey of Elle Woods as she defies stereotypes and

discovers her true potential at Harvard Law School. With its catchy songs, energetic choreography, and empowering message, the performance captivated the audience.

The CHC Alumni Night provided an opportunity for former students to reconnect with the CHC community and enjoy a memorable evening of theater and camaraderie.

Photo: Castmember at reception.

New Partnership for EMT Training and Employment



Crafton Hills College partners with local employers CONFIRE's Priority Ambulance and AMR to train and guarantee employment for emergency medical technicians (EMTs). The college launched the program on May 6.

The inaugural cohort of 25 students, will be paid while they learn during this 10-week hybrid program. Students were selected based on their desire to serve their community and their compassion.

These partnerships not only offer a pathway to employment but also strengthen the bond between education and community service, setting a precedent for collaboration and innovation in emergency medical care.

Photo: CONFIRE and Crafton representatives.

Empowering Foster Youth: A Celebration of Support at Crafton Hills College



Crafton Hills College's EOPS Department organized a campus-wide resource fair and luncheon in honor of National Foster Care Awareness Month.

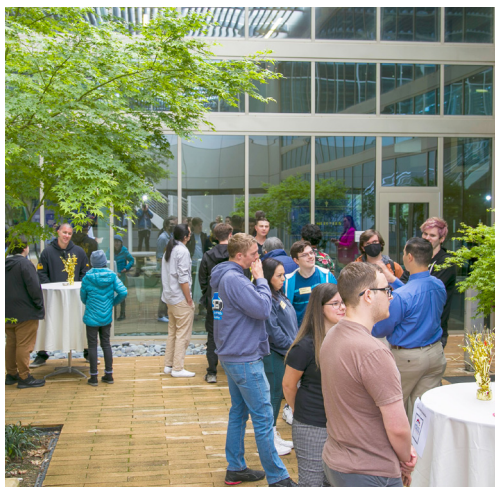
The events highlighted the support resources offered by EOPS and NextUp for current and former foster youth at CHC. Over 200 students engaged with the EOPS/NextUp Team while enjoying food, music, prizes, and a student speaker who

shared their journey.

Crafton provides an inclusive environment where every student has the support they need to succeed. These events celebrate the remarkable stories of CHC students and highlight the strength and resilience foster youth bring to our community.

Photo: Staff at resource fair.

Networking Luncheon Connects Students and Employers



Crafton Hills College Career Center hosted a Networking & Employer Appreciation Luncheon on April 25.

The event connected students with employers, providing information about various industries and opportunities for networking. Trinette Barrie, Career Center Coordinator, emphasized its role in empowering students professionally. Employers shared industry insights and identified potential talent for roles. Students received guidance on developing elevator pitches and practiced networking etiquette.

Participating employers were honored with certificates of recognition from CA State Assemblymember James C. Ramos. The event was made possible by support from the Inland Empire/Desert Regional Consortium.

This annual event teaches students how to explore careers, connect with employers, and create a winning impression at interviews.

Photo: Students and employers.