

# PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

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**Dr. Henry D. Shannon**



VISION STATEMENT  
*Chaffey College:  
Improving lives  
through education.*

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## A Message from Superintendent/ President Shannon

Dear Campus Community,

The last month has been one of great struggles and triumphs for civil rights and equity.

The May 25 death of George Floyd brought even more dismay and unrest on a nation already struggling to cope with COVID-19. The protests and riots brought me back to other moments in history - times when people decided they were fed up with unjust acts by people in power.

We remembered Mr. Floyd and other victims of racial injustice during a virtual vigil that was widely attended by faculty, staff, students, as well as members of the Governing Board.

The Supreme Court delivered a major victory to LGBTQ+ employees on June 15, ruling that they should be protected from job discrimination. At Chaffey College, we support all LGBTQ+ students, faculty and staff, and want them to feel protected not only on our campuses, but in all areas of their lives.

Then on June 18, the Supreme Court ruled against the plan to end DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals). While this is also a major victory, we will continue to provide much needed support to our students and their families. We have teamed up with the TODEC Legal Center to provide free immigration legal services and support, either virtually or by phone. Learn more at <https://www.chaffey.edu/spops/ccsj.php>

We rounded out June with a Juneteenth celebration over Zoom, giving our campus community an opportunity to remember another important point in American history with regard to civil rights.

Whether you are taking classes or enjoying time off, I wish you all a safe and relaxing summer. Fall will be here before we know it, and I know we'll all be energized to take on this new academic year.

Sincerely,



Henry D. Shannon, Ph.D.

# Marketing and Public Relations Projects Honored

Chaffey College's marketing and public relations staff have earned 16 awards in state and national competitions since March in advertising, writing and graphic design.

Staff - under the Department of Equity, Outreach and Communications - received five awards in the 2020 Community College Public Relations Organization Awards during a June 10 virtual ceremony. The college received another 11 awards in the 35th annual Higher Education Marketing Awards in March.

"We enjoy letting the world know about Chaffey's amazing students, faculty, staff and programs, and we're able to do that well thanks to our talented team of designers and storytellers," said Alisha Rosas, executive director of equity, outreach and communications and acting vice president of student services. "We are honored to be recognized for our work."

Chaffey received three second-place awards in the 2020 CCPro Awards for digital advertising, news release writing and radio advertising. CCPro honored Chaffey with two third place awards for its 2019 commencement program and a presentation folder.

Chaffey's Higher Education Marketing Awards included two gold awards for the "Got Culture?" book and the "I am Chaffey" advertising series. Other colleges earning awards in that contest included Columbia, Howard, Stanford and Texas A&M universities.



## Biology Students Get Lab Experience at Home Thanks to Kits

Chaffey College biology students can't come to campus to conduct lab experiments due to COVID-19, so the college decided to bring the "lab" to them.

Staff members have assembled hundreds of take-home kits - an assortment of measuring cups, yeast, testing strips and tubing - so that students in beginning biology courses can conduct simple and safe experiments from home.

"Faculty came up with a list of experiments that were approved by the college so that when students did their experiments at home, there was no risk involved," said Sira Palerm, Chaffey's science lab coordinator.

Biology Professors Sarah Cotton and Emily Avila-Teegarden realized that with a few minor changes, in-person lab assignments could work from home. Students could still learn the process of fermentation by baking bread, experience the scientific method with Alka Seltzer tablets and understand environmental biology by using kits to test water from their communities.

The problem was that all of the supplies students needed would cost them more than \$100 if they went to the store themselves. And companies offering similar biology kits boosted their prices to \$300 apiece due to COVID-19 demand.

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# More than 100 Gather for Social Justice Vigil

Students, faculty, staff and community members held up signs and lit candles on June 4 to honor the memory of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery and others who have died due to racial injustice or violence.

The "Virtual Vigil for Racial Justice and the Need for Healing" drew about 125 people, some who shared their own stories of witnessing or experiencing racism.

"It's important that we understand that social justice and equity is something that we all need to strive for," said Chaffey College Superintendent/President Dr. Henry Shannon.

Kelvin Simmons, bishop with Immanuel Praise Fellowship in Rancho Cucamonga, said he grew up in South Central Los Angeles where he witnessed friends being grabbed and placed into chokeholds by law enforcement. The death of George Floyd brought back those dark childhood memories.

"I want us to know how important this is for George Floyd. It is important for Breonna Taylor. It is important for brother Arbery. But it's important also for the names that we do not know," he said.

Chaffey College Acting Police Chief Darryl Seube, also a native of South Central L.A. said he attended the vigil to better understand community perspectives on the issue.

"Excessive force is not acceptable under any circumstances, but there's more than just the excessive force issue," he said. "We want to know how we can reach our community to serve them better and that's why I'm here."

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"In an era of trying to reduce costs, it's egregious to ask students to pay \$300 for items they would have gotten for free if they were on campus," Cotton said.

But Palerm, a savvy shopper, managed to get the kits down to \$14 each for 200 students. The college covered the cost.

Staff have been handing out the kits in drive-thru events on campus.

Biochemistry major Austin Moss, a Rancho Cucamonga resident who is transferring to Azusa Pacific University in the fall, said he never took online classes at Chaffey until the pandemic hit. However, he is embracing the transition and picked up his biology kit from campus on June 17.

"I'm actually looking forward to (the experiments)," he said. "Most of the time lab activities take place in laboratories, so it will be interesting in a home setting."

Cotton said that some experiences – such as learning how to use a microscope or other tools of science – need to be learned in a real lab. But for students starting in biology, the use of kits is a great solution for online. The approach will continue in the fall for some classes.

## Wignall in the World of COVID-19

Rebecca Trawick and her department had been preparing for the annual "Student Invitational" art exhibition in March when the coronavirus turned life upside down.

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Students expected to bring large installations, paintings, graphic designs, ceramics and more to the museum to proudly show people their work in person.

And then, "in person" became impossible.

"We knew about COVID of course, but admittedly it didn't cross my mind that we'd shut down for such a long time," said Trawick, museum director.

Some students' ceramic works became trapped on a campus they couldn't access. Other students had to use their homes as makeshift studios to complete paintings.

But despite the challenges, the shift to online gave artists a realization that the virtual world provides a new way to showcase art and exposes them to a larger audience. It also showed students how to be versatile in the face of challenging circumstances.

"Artists need to know how to share their work using contemporary tools and recognizing contemporary behaviors," said Assistant Curator Roman Stollenwerk.

Graphic design student Dariia Zamrii had planned to present an art installation – complete with two 12-foot walls folding inward. The installation, called "Uniquely Identical" served as an illustration of the conformity she faced at every turn during her childhood in Russia. Her designs include architectural floorplans from six elementary schools she attended and photos of herself and her twin sister wearing identical outfits.

Had there been more time to prepare, Zamrii – who has a background in web design – said she would have turned her art installation into a website. It's a lesson she plans to keep in mind for her next exhibition.

"We have this interaction in the gallery – you can feel the texture and see the details, but with this transition, we need to adapt to find new ways to interact with the viewer," she said.

When in-person exhibitions resume, Trawick says she hopes to continue offering online galleries to expand the reach of Chaffey's visual arts events.

The **Wignall Museum** will host a series of virtual programs including artist talks, studio visits, tutorials and more through its "Wignall Home Edition," taking place from September through December.

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## Mission Statement

Chaffey College inspires hope and success by improving lives and our community in a dynamic, supportive, and engaging environment of educational excellence where our diverse students learn and benefit from foundation, career, and transfer programs.

## Scholar-Athletes Accepted to Four-Year Colleges, Universities

Chaffey College congratulates all of its scholar-athletes who have been accepted to four-year colleges and universities. They include:

### Football

Gary Theard - University of Texas, El Paso  
Javian Lofton-Wilson - Liberty University  
Isaiah Coleman - Northern Arizona University  
Francisco Jimenez - Samford University  
Tayari Venable - UC Davis  
Caleb Arreola - West Texas A&M  
Shakell Brown - West Texas A&M  
Jeff Ward - New Mexico Highlands University  
David Martinez - University of Sioux Falls  
Musa Traylor - Fort Lewis College  
Jerrin Appling - Southern Oregon University  
Josh Ramos - Concord University  
Ryan Torres - University of La Verne  
Isaac Wallace - Missouri Western State University

### Softball

Sydney McCarthy - Azusa Pacific University  
Allysia Victorino - Cal State San Bernardino

### Water Polo

Blake Schwartz - San Jose State University  
Ryan Erickson - UC Santa Barbara  
Kyle McClanahan - Cal Poly Pomona  
Ethan Vermeersch - Loma Linda University  
Gio Santos - Whittier College  
Tyler Paxton - University of Redlands  
Anthony Simeonov - San Francisco State University  
JT Case - Cal State University San Bernardino

### Volleyball

Kendall Mency - Chicago State University  
Cecelia White - Cal State Dominguez Hills

### Women's Soccer

Karla Garcia-Limon - Cal State Dominguez Hills  
Taylor Windham - Cal State Los Angeles  
Angel Rodriguez - Azusa Pacific University  
Niya Sanders - Cal State Dominguez Hills  
Myllinda Gomez - Cal State Dominguez Hills

### Men's Soccer

Ivan Macias - Cal Poly Pomona  
Adrian Macias - Cal Poly Pomona

### Baseball

Zuko Tillman - CSU Northridge  
Elias Jauregui - CSU Northridge  
Daniel Mendez - CSU Fullerton  
Ryan Buckley - University of San Francisco  
Jason DuMont - Point Loma Nazarene University  
Jaren Billen - CSU San Marcos  
Colby Sims - Upper Iowa University  
James Harden - Cal State Dominguez Hills  
Tommy Rodriguez - Vanguard University  
Johan Castillo - Georgetown College  
Matthew Flores - Georgetown College  
Daniel Jaime - Georgetown College  
Jeremy Pulido - University of Pikeville  
Marco Carbajal - Bethesda University

### Men's Basketball

Emmanuel Olalere - Randall University  
Darren Williams - University of Hawaii at Hilo

### Women's Basketball

Ariana Corbin - Bethesda University