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A Message from Superintendent/ President Shannon

Dear Chaffey and Community Members,

I trust that January has ushered in a new and refreshing energy for all of us as we embark on what I believe will be a busy and purposeful year ahead. At Chaffey College, we are off to a strong start to the spring semester. As indicated by full parking lots and busier hallways, we are serving about 2,000 more students than we were at this time last year. That is something to celebrate!

As part of our mission to support student success, we are once again providing [campus grants](#) to all actively enrolled students this semester. Full-time students will automatically receive \$300 and part-time students will receive \$100 to help cover their expenses. Additionally, students do not have to pay for parking at any of our campuses this semester. It is indeed a great time to be a Panther!

This month the Wignall Museum of Contemporary Art opened its latest exhibit, "[Reunion](#)" – which features original works by our own faculty and staff created during the height of the pandemic. You don't want to miss this. Exhibit hours are Monday – Thursday from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. As always, admission is free.

We are gearing up for many more exciting events ahead – such as Chaffey College's 140th Anniversary! To help commemorate this momentous occasion, we are hosting three celebrations at each of our campus locations.

Please save the dates:

- Saturday, March 11 from 12- 3 p.m. will be our "Family Day" celebration on the Rancho campus
- Thursday, March 23 from 12-3 p.m. will be our Chino campus celebration
- Thursday, March 30 from 12-3 p.m. will be our Fontana campus celebration

We invite the community, faculty, students and staff to join us for food, giveaways, entertainment, activities and much more! Learn more about our 140th celebrations and RSVP at Chaffey.edu/140years/.

There is much to be grateful for and much to look forward to in 2023. Thank you for being a part of our Chaffey community.

Sincerely,

Henry D. Shannon, Ph.D.
Superintendent/President

Alta Loma High Celebrates First Dual Enrollment Grad

High school senior Kaitlyn Persons used her spare time during the pandemic to do something many of her classmates did not. She decided to go after a college degree.

The Alta Loma High School student is now the first at her school to earn a high school diploma and an associate's degree simultaneously.

While Persons is the first to achieve this, she's not alone in her participation in dual enrollment. Alta Loma students had registered in more than 100 fall classes, or sections, with Chaffey College. That number swells to more than 1,200 across the Chaffey Joint Union High School District.

"These kinds of partnerships and dual enrollment programs are providing more and more students access to a college education and, in many cases, a head start to an eventual four-year degree," said Dr. Mathew Holton, Chaffey District Superintendent.

Persons joins a growing number of high school students earning a college degree and diploma at the same time at Chaffey College. Chaffey's 2022 graduating class included 27 dual enrollment students.

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Chaffey Enters Transfer Partnership with Arizona State University

Chaffey College launched a new partnership with [Arizona State University](#) in December to provide students a seamless transfer experience with the MyPath2ASU™ program.

[MyPath2ASU™](#) helps students successfully plan their transfer to ASU, ensuring a smooth transition.

"We want our students to reach their academic and career goals with the least confusion possible, and the course roadmap our students will gain from this collaboration will provide just that," said Chaffey College Superintendent/President Henry D. Shannon. "We are grateful to embark on this partnership with Arizona State University."

Through the partnership, students using MyPath2ASU™ will have access to:

- Course-by-course guided pathways
- Guaranteed admission to ASU and admission into MyPath2ASU™ major choice if requirements are met
- Self-service, degree progress tracking through My Transfer Guide to minimize loss of credit
- Personalized ASU communications to help students prepare academically and build a connection to ASU

ASU and Chaffey College will work collaboratively to promote educational degree pathways containing ground and online course offerings. These pathways will ensure their courses are applicable toward their degree in their chosen major and minimize credit loss.



College Futures Foundation Honors Matt Morin



A state organization dedicated to improving college equity and success rates has honored Assistant Dean of Intersegmental Partnerships and Deliveries Matt Morin for his work to support students.

The Oakland-based [College Futures Foundation](#), directed by former California Community Colleges Chancellor Eloy Oakley, recognized 46 leaders who have advanced equity-focused holistic student support, particularly during the pandemic.

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Dance Program Returns to Stage with Kinetic Capture

Megan Fowler-Hurst fell in love with the dance film genre while studying at CalArts, turning that passion into a community film festival and showing colleges how to incorporate it into their dance programs.

That's what the instructor brought to Chaffey College for December's production "Kinetic Capture," the dance program's first live performance in two years. The production included a combination of live and filmed pieces featuring students, faculty and alumni.

"Dance and filmmaking are both equally as important," Fowler-Hurst said. "To me, it's another part of the choreographic process and you can do so much more. You can cut and edit, make things appear and disappear, which you can't do live."

The genre, also known as "dance cinema" or "screen dance," blends choreography and cinematography. It has been around since the beginning of motion pictures, but saw a resurgence with the closure of face-to-face instruction, theaters and live performances due to COVID-19.

While students gain the experience of dancing before an audience, their exposure to dance film teaches them skills they may not have gained prior to the pandemic. The video pieces give students access to roles as film directors, sound designers and actors.

Student Nohely Gomez, who choreographed and performed for Kinetic, has already had a screen dance piece air during the "Voices: Latinx and Indigenous Artists Showcase" through Stomping Ground LA.

"It expands your horizons and the possibilities are endless," she said.

The honorees were recognized in December and highlighted in the publication, [Celebrating Exemplary Student Support Leaders: Stories and Practical Advice from California Community College Faculty and Staff](#).

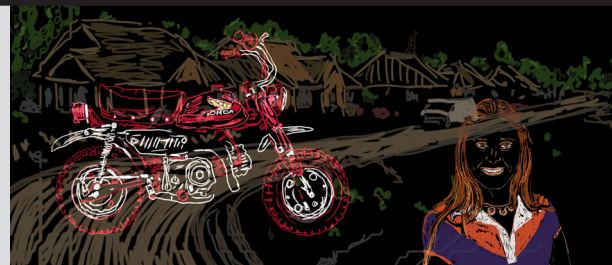
Morin, who was nominated for the award by Dean of Institutional Effectiveness Rob Rundquist, has worked at Chaffey for five years.

He played a key role in the passage of Senate Bill 554, testifying before the California Assembly and Senate about the need for adults without high school diplomas to be able to attend community college for free. Prior to SB 554's passage, this population had a 1 to 2 percent completion rate in higher education. Chaffey had 220 enrollments among SB 554 students in the 2021-2022 academic year.

"SB 554 removes some of the greatest barriers to completion, such as residency requirements and lack of access to financial aid," Morin said. "I feel most excited about how this award brings attention to the many members of our community who are often forgotten as those who can benefit most from a college education. Adults without high school diplomas are the most likely group to live below the poverty line or find themselves unemployed."

Rundquist highlighted Morin's work to improve college access among Inland Empire underrepresented communities, calling it his greatest contribution to Chaffey's Guided Pathways work.

"Matt has led the charge in both the Dual Enrollment and Adult Education sectors to streamline processes and change policy to ensure that the system lives up to its promise of serving the top 100 percent of students," Rundquist said.



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"That's the largest number in Chaffey history," said Chaffey College Superintendent/President Henry Shannon. "We congratulate

Kaitlyn for her tremendous accomplishment and wish her success in the next chapter of her journey."

400 Holiday Gifts Distributed to Students in Need



Maria Carrera has struggled to stay on the path toward a college degree, pushing through job loss from the pandemic and the challenges of being a single mother. But she had a moment of relief in December in the form of two wrapped holiday presents and smiles on her children's faces.

"It has given me a boost," the Fontana resident said. "I can say that I was at least able to give them this."

Chaffey College's Panther Care Program, which provides support to students facing food and housing insecurity, distributed more than 400 holiday gifts to the children of Chaffey students December 19-21 at the college's three campuses.

Students pulled up in vehicles to receive the gifts, which had been donated by Volunteers of the Inland Empire and Chaffey Joint Union High School District. It's an annual tradition that supports students and gives staff members a chance to spread holiday cheer.

"It gives students with children an opportunity to give gifts to their kids," said Prentice Harris, Panther Care coordinator. "It can be challenging to provide gifts while balancing parenting and coursework, so the toy drive helps relieve the pressures that the holidays may bring."

Carrera was able to stay enrolled in her classes during the pandemic with the support of Chaffey's Extended Opportunity Programs and Services (EOPS), as well as the CalWORKs program.

"They've always been a great support during the time that I was here," she said.

Carrera now works for Chaffey's Industrial Technical Learning Center in Fontana as a receptionist. She will receive an associate's degree in business administration at Chaffey's commencement ceremony in May.



Save The Date

February 9

Black History Month Celebration
HS-143 or [Zoom](#)

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Black History Month Panel Discussion –
HS-143 or [Zoom](#)

February 14

[The Playlist Project Workshop](#)

February 16

[Black Excellence Panel](#)

February 27

[Black Excellence in Education Panel](#)

February 28

[I am Chaffey with Tamari Jenkins](#)

February 2

Black History Month
Opening Celebration - Quad

February 6

Black Joy Yoga AD-109 or [Zoom](#)

February 8

Obi Mbu (Primordial House)
HS-142 or [Zoom](#)