

# 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,

I hope that you had an enjoyable and safe Thanksgiving holiday. I know for many of us, this year there is an eagerness to make up for lost time and to resume family traditions that may have been skipped last year. While we are still in a very real pandemic, I am hopeful that this year there are more opportunities to safely reconnect and celebrate with the people we love.

It is hard to believe that the fall semester is soon coming to a close. I must say, one of the things I am most thankful for this year is getting to welcome our Panthers back to campus for in-person classes. And I am truly grateful to our Administrative Services and Emergency Operations team for helping to facilitate a safe return by implementing countless safety measures and protocols.

As we know, some of these measures included the installation of 590 air purifiers, 500 Plexiglass barricades and more than 400 gallons of available hand sanitizer on campus. These efforts, coupled with our [Vaccine Implementation Plan](#), will continue into the spring semester as we look forward to welcoming even more students, faculty and staff to campus.

I am filled with gratitude for all of the hard work our Chaffey community has collectively put in to ensure our students have the best educational experience possible. Thank you to our faculty, staff and administrators for adapting in your unique capacities to serve our students – whether it was adopting a hybrid model of work or taking on new responsibilities to fill a need. Your efforts are appreciated and respected.

As the holiday season continues, I would like to recognize that this time of year can be challenging for many of our Panthers. Anticipation and anxiety about completing end-of-semester tasks is one thing but when you add food and other basic insecurities into the mix, it can make for a very difficult season. Please remember that [Panther Care](#) services are available to provide a variety of support to Panthers who need assistance.

We have much to look forward to and I am excited to keep up our momentum into the new year. Let's finish this year the only way we know how – Panther strong!

Go Panthers!

Sincerely,



Henry D. Shannon, Ph.D.

# Chaffey College Superintendent/President Honored by Boy Scouts of America



The California Inland Empire Council of the Boy Scouts of America honored Chaffey College Superintendent/President Dr. Henry Shannon on November 2 with the 2021 Distinguished Citizen Award for his contributions to the region.

Around 100 community leaders and officials with the Boy Scouts celebrated Shannon's achievement at the DoubleTree Hotel in Ontario.

"I'm really touched to be a Distinguished Citizen," Shannon said. "It's important that we talk about how you develop character. Part of that starts with mentoring our young people and giving them what they need."

Shannon, who served as a Boy Scout in the fourth grade, remembers pitching tents, starting campfires and learning how to be a leader in his years as a Boy Scout. But he also recalls the cold nights at Camp Beaumont where his troop would gather.

"I still freeze a little bit thinking about those winter times in St. Louis," Shannon said.

The leadership and mentorship skills Shannon learned in the Boy Scouts later guided him in his work as a Boy Scout commissioner, an educator and in his current role at Chaffey.



## Chaffey College Named Equity Champion of Higher Ed

The Campaign for College Opportunity named [Chaffey College](#) a 2021 Equity Champion of Higher Education and honored the college during a virtual ceremony on November 16.

The [Campaign for College Opportunity](#), a Los Angeles advocacy organization dedicated to improving college access and success rates, ranked Chaffey the [No. 3 Inland Empire community college](#) in terms of awarding transfer degrees to Latinos. The organization based its ranking on degrees awarded to Latino students, relative to the college-wide average, in the 2019-2020 academic year.

"We have seen a dramatic increase in Chaffey students earning associate degrees for transfer between 2015 and 2020, but the most dramatic increase has been among our Latinx students," said Chaffey College Superintendent/President Dr. Henry Shannon. "We are honored to be recognized for our work to support equity and the success of all our students."

Chaffey College awarded more than 900 associate degrees for transfer (ADT) to Latino students in 2020 out of more than 1,400 ADT degrees awarded. That's a 164 increase in degrees earned by Latino students in five years.

Chaffey was recognized for its achievement during a virtual "Champions of Higher Education Celebration." The event drew hundreds of California community college and Cal State University honorees, as well as higher education leaders and elected officials.

## Apple 1 with ties to Chaffey Sells for \$500,000

Chaffey College alumnus Joey Catuara bought an Apple 1 from his electronics professor in 1977 so he could do computer programming at home.

He held onto that computer - one of only 200 built in the garage of Apple founder Steve Jobs with the help of Steve Wozniak - for 44 years. When he decided to sell it, the piece of tech history became the subject of worldwide media coverage and sold at auction for \$500,000 on November 9.

"I was pleased that the coverage spanned the globe - evidenced by the fact that it was bought by someone in Germany," the Rancho Cucamonga resident said.



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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.

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Catuara graduated in 1976 from the University of Southern California with a degree in mathematics. He went to work as a software engineer for Aerojet, but did not want to stop learning, so he enrolled in a microprocessors course at Chaffey in spring 1977. He also took basketball and volleyball courses at Chaffey for around 20 years.

When he discovered his professor was selling an Apple 1, Catuara decided to make an investment.

"I was a guy who was into computers, using big mainframes," he said. "This was a toy to learn microprocessors and to have an actual computer on my kitchen table."

Catuara wrote programs in BASIC with it and eventually stored it in a closet. When he heard about an Apple 1 selling at auction for \$25,000 around 2010, he took it out and started researching auction houses.

He eventually made his way to John Moran in Monrovia. The company advertised the item widely, even placing an ad that appeared in Times Square. The company also displayed the computer at Chaffey for the media.

Computer science faculty, along with staff members, stopped in to check out the piece of history. Computer Information Systems Professor Steve Siedschlag talked to the press about the historic computer's link to Chaffey.

"It's pretty cool that it did go through our halls and how everybody's hearing about it," he told the LA Times.

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The Boy Scouts awarded Shannon due to his vast achievements during the more than 40 years he has served in higher education. Such achievements include leading Chaffey to becoming a top-10 community college in the nation through the Aspen Institute for Community College Excellence, being a champion for initiatives that support equity and awarding around 5,500 degrees and certificates to students in 2021.

He encouraged the community to consider the values of the Boy Scouts for their own lives.

"We can't let this moment in time leave us without making our mark. It's all about that village and that village is all of us, helping someone, giving back," he said.



## Save The Date

**December 1**

[Artist Talk with Eric Tenorio](#)

**December 2**

[Foster Youth, EOPS and Independent Scholars Celebration](#)

**December 7**

[#RealTalk - Who am I?  
Conversations About Identity](#)

**December 8**

[Exploring Hidden Histories: Religion](#)

**December 10**

[Design Talk with Brandon Hook](#)

**December 23 - January 2**

Winter Recess (campus closed)