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A Message from Superintendent/ President Shannon

Dear Campus Community,

October was a busy month at Chaffey College and November will be no different.

First, I wish to highlight that November is Native American Heritage Month, a time when we celebrate the contributions and history of Native Americans. If you are looking for ways you can mark this occasion, please join Dr. Jennifer Henry on November 17 for her "[Multidimensional Identities](#)" workshop, which will focus on November heritage celebrations. You can also stop by the [National Museum of the American Indian](#) to check out several free virtual events that are planned for this month.

By now you have heard about our inaugural [Black and Brown Minds & Mattering Conference](#), which took place on the Rancho Cucamonga campus on November 1. I enjoyed hearing from the presenters and the topics they addressed – everything from ways we can better serve undocumented students to the relevancy of cultural education. It was an honor to sit down with Dr. Francisco C. Rodriguez, chancellor with the Los Angeles Community College District, to address ways we can help our communities of color succeed.

I also wanted to remind everyone that November 8 is Election Day, so please make your voice heard by casting your ballot. As Americans, voting is one of the key freedoms that we have under the Constitution and it is important that we exercise our rights.

Report to the Community will follow on November 9 at the Double Tree in Ontario where we will share our points of pride with educational leaders, legislators and our campus community. If you have not registered for this wonderful event yet, [you still have time](#).

November 11 is Veterans Day - a time when we honor, celebrate and support the men and women who have fought for our freedoms. Check out the [robust selection of events](#) organized by the Center for Culture and Social Justice.

Lastly, as we approach the season of giving thanks – I want to take this opportunity to share my gratitude for the tremendous work our faculty, staff and administrators have done and continue to do for our students and this community day after day. Without you, our mission and vision would be impossible. Thank you!

Sincerely,

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

Panther Essentials Holds Grand Opening

The food, diapers and housing support offered by Chaffey's Panther Care Program helped Quintisha Sherard stay enrolled in her classes during the pandemic.

The public health major, who is a single mother of five, says she's now an A student with high hopes for her future.

"Chaffey College has been like a family to me," she said. "This program is a major blessing in my life."

The resources Sherard obtained are now offered through [Panther Essentials](#), a center that held a grand opening celebration on October 6 at the Rancho Cucamonga campus. The ribbon-cutting drew both campus and community members.

Chaffey College Superintendent/President Henry D. Shannon said the center provides the holistic support that students need. A 2021 survey revealed that more than 60 percent of Chaffey students have experienced at least one basic needs insecurity during the pandemic, including 39 percent experiencing food insecurity and 54 percent with housing insecurities. Around 11 percent of Chaffey students reported being homeless.

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Chaffey College Top Ranked for Hispanic Enrollment, Granting Degrees



Hispanic Outlook on Education has ranked Chaffey College the No. 6 California community college to grant associate's degrees to Hispanic students and the state's No. 7 college in Hispanic enrollment.

The magazine ranked 100 colleges throughout the nation based on degrees granted at community colleges in 2020-2021 and total enrollment of Hispanic students the same year. The rankings were included in the magazine's "Top Community Colleges for Hispanics" edition, released October 11.

"Chaffey College strives to improve the lives of all students we serve," said Chaffey College Superintendent/President

Henry Shannon. "We are particularly proud to be a Hispanic Serving Institution and a college that is committed to improving equity. These rankings reflect our dedication to student success."

Chaffey College placed No. 13 nationally for the number of Hispanic students receiving associate's degrees. Of the roughly 3,800 degrees awarded in the 2020-2021 academic year, 66 percent of those awards went to students identifying as Hispanic.

Chaffey ranked No. 11 nationally out of 100 community colleges for the number of Hispanic students enrolled at Chaffey. Out of nearly 28,000 students enrolled, 64 percent are Hispanic.



Chaffey College Performing Arts Season Opens with Theatre Showcase

From classic Shakespeare to modern musical theatre, Chaffey College students brought a variety of short performances to the stage in the "Theatre Arts Showcase 2022," the first production of the season.

The showcase included 16 actors and three technicians, with shows on October 25 and 27.

"We're just brushing off the dust, the cobwebs," said Christa Havenhill, professor of theatre and production director. "This is our show to get back into traditional theatre where the actors and the audience are in the same physical room."

Havenhill split the showcase into two parts, the first focusing on short scenes that students will likely use to get acting jobs.

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Manufacturing Day Draws 300 Inland Empire Students

Chaffey High School senior Vanessa Reyes has no problem getting her hands dirty working on cars and welding steel. So when she found out her advanced welding class would be visiting the Chaffey College Industrial Technical Learning Center in Fontana to learn about job prospects, she came along with her classmates Maya Vivaldo and Zoey Ortiz.

"I think it's very useful knowing that you don't have to pay for your classes here," Reyes said.

Around 300 students from Inland Empire high schools visited the InTech Center for Manufacturing Day on October 14, an event that showcases rewarding manufacturing careers. Students toured manufacturing facilities, interacted with local employers and got hands-on experience with welding simulators, robotics and more.

"Events like this are important not only for students, but also our regional workforce," said Chaffey College Superintendent/President Henry D. Shannon. "This is a great opportunity to give our area high school students a glimpse of career paths they can consider."

Manufacturing involves the mechanical, physical or chemical transformation of materials, substances or components into new products, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Various positions exist for industrial maintenance technicians, machinists, welders, woodworkers, medical appliance technicians and more.

Citrus High School junior Alvin Augustine said he has more of an interest in going into real estate, but he enjoyed the experience of touring InTech to learn about more career options.

"It's interesting," he said. "There are a lot of machines that I've never seen before. It's good to learn new things. Usually when you go to a mechanic's shop, you can't touch anything but here you can so that's cool."

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"It gives the actors a chance to have pieces rehearsed and prepared to go out for an audition," she said. "But it's also to educate the audience and show them what it takes to be selected for a role."

Theatre major Shayli Shipman knows firsthand the value of a solid audition package. She's been going on auditions for roles since she was 11-years-old, and in 2018 landed a spot on Disney's musical theatre production "Aladdin Jr." Although she has performed monologues over Zoom for Chaffey, the showcase will be Shipman's debut performance on the Chaffey stage.

"I feel like being in person in any way you can is extremely crucial to forming connections, getting feedback on your art and improving," she said. "It's a shift for the better."

The second half of the showcase included musical theatre pieces including Ariel Galindo singing "Oh, What a Circus" from *Evita*. Shipman sang "A Million Dreams" from 2017's "The Greatest Showman."

Assemblyman James Ramos Secures \$3.5 Million for New Chaffey Program



Chaffey College took one step closer to launching a housing management training program with the allocation of \$3.5 million in state funding by California Assemblyman James C. Ramos in September.

The workforce development initiative - called CORE Academy - will be managed by National CORE and Chaffey College to deliver training to low-income Inland Empire residents.

"We are excited to embark on this new program with our community partner National CORE," said Chaffey College Superintendent/President Henry Shannon. "Property management and maintenance

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Mission Statement

Chaffey College improves lives and our communities through education with a steadfast commitment to equity and innovation to empower our diverse students who learn and thrive through excellent career, transfer, and workforce education programs that advance economic and social mobility for all.

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are rewarding careers, and we are honored to play a role in improving the lives of students who need it the most."

Ramos previously secured \$1 million to help National CORE and Chaffey College lay the foundation for the new program. Gregory Bradbard, president of the Hope Through Housing Foundation, said the additional funding – flowing through the city of Rancho Cucamonga - will cover the cost of a dedicated facility for CORE Academy.

"We are very excited to take this next step in the development of a home for CORE Academy as we continue to expand our partnership with Chaffey College and provide new workforce training opportunities for our community," Bradbard said.

The proposed facility will include 5,000-square-feet of classroom space, parking and a student lounge. Students will get hands-on training in labs that emulate maintenance areas for basic plumbing, wood working, electrical, heating and cooling and more. The proposal also includes support services for students including career coaching, financial education, healthcare and child care.

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"Our students can't learn unless they're fed, have housing and other things that are critical for their success," Shannon said.

Albert Rodriguez, director of student equity and engagement, said the idea for a dedicated center came from the Panther Pantry drive-thru events. Staff members saw the increasing needs of Chaffey students and sought a way to better serve them.

"I'm fortunate to work at a campus that cares so much about our students, not only academically but the whole student," Rodriguez said.

Other needs supported through Panther Essentials include a "professional closet" to provide students with attire for job interviews, wellness books to check out and help with signing up for CalFresh and Medi-Cal.



Save The Date

NOVEMBER 1

[Black and Brown Minds & Mattering Conference](#)

NOVEMBER 8

[Collective Care Veteran Experience "De-Escalation Workshop"](#)

NOVEMBER 8

[Manage Your Business, presented by CalTAP/CalVet](#)

NOVEMBER 9

[Report to the Community](#)

[Veterans Virtual Rally Point Wednesday: Health Mind and Body](#)

NOVEMBER 14

[Artist Talk: Yvette M. Pino, founder of The Veteran Print Project](#)

NOVEMBER 16

[Veterans Virtual Rally Point Wednesday: Healing Intergenerational Trauma](#)

NOVEMBER 17

[Multidimensional Identities: November Heritage Celebrations](#)