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A Message from Superintendent/President Shannon

Dear Campus Community,

It is officially the fall season, as indicated by the cooler temperatures and action-packed weeks at Chaffey College. We are in the midst of a strong beginning to the 2022-23 academic school year and already have many reasons to be proud.

We welcomed more on-campus activities this month with open arms. For example, Chaffey College's first-ever on-campus Farmers Market was a huge success on the Rancho Cucamonga campus. Hosted on September 1, it was wonderful to support local businesses who offered a variety of goods and delicious food for our campus community. We look forward to growing and expanding this experience in the near future.

We also kicked-off Hispanic Heritage Month in September with a host of virtual and in-person activities aimed at recognizing and celebrating the contributions and influence of Hispanic Americans in our society. And it is not over yet. Be sure to mark your calendars for upcoming [CCSJ events scheduled through October 15](#).

On the horizon we are looking forward to a new and exciting opportunity to uplift our Black and Brown communities in the Inland Empire as we prepare to host the inaugural [Black and Brown Minds & Mattering Conference](#) on the Rancho Cucamonga Campus on November 1. It will be a day of celebration and cultural unity for members of our community in and outside of Chaffey College – you do not want to miss this.

Also, I am excited that we will be back in-person this year with our annual Report to the Community luncheon on November 9. Hosted at the Double Tree in Ontario, we invite community members to learn what we have been up to at Chaffey College this past year and how we are innovating for our students while impacting economic growth in our region. [Registration is open!](#)

They say “time flies when you’re having fun” – I believe it also flies when you are surrounded by purpose and inspiration. Take it all in, Panthers!

Sincerely,

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

Club Rush Draws More than 1,000

From chess and Dungeons and Dragons, to cybersecurity and STEM, students came in droves to sign up for clubs during the first on-campus Chaffey College Club Rush in two years.

The August 31 event drew more than 1,000 new and returning students, many who had missed campus life and interacting with each other during the pandemic.

"I haven't taken an in-person class in almost two years so this is exciting," said Muhammad Khalfani-bey, who registered for six clubs.

Students representing 22 clubs, including three that are already chartered, shared the focus of their groups and signed up new members. Representatives from College Wrap, Omnitrans and Costco also participated in the event.

Ethan Lademur with the Chaffey Media Club said that his group tried to stay active during the pandemic through online forums such as Discord, but it was not the same experience and participation dwindled.

"We're meant to connect with each other in person so I think it's awesome," said Demia Lotson of the Black Student Union.



Erick Galindo

Chaffey Celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month

From the journey of a Telly award-winning director, to the stories of two ethnic studies professors, Chaffey College has been celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month through the theme of storytelling.

The campus community learned the story of [Erick Galindo](#) in September, and will hear from two new ethnic studies professors and more in October. The series, which also includes workshops and movie screenings, celebrates the achievements and accomplishments of Hispanic Americans.

"I tried to tie into the theme of storytelling," said Albert Rodriguez, director of student equity and engagement. "That's one of the reasons we chose Erick, because he's really good at telling stories both verbally and written."

Students had the opportunity to get writing tips from Galindo, a writer and director whose sitcom "The Mexican Beverly Hills" is currently in development at CBS. They also heard from Rodriguez, who talked about corridos and how they connect people culturally.

It's the first time in Chaffey history that all of the events have been held in a hybrid format, with both face-to-face and online accessibility. Rodriguez said that while COVID-19 presented many challenges in holding some events remotely, it showed the college that a virtual component widens the audience.

"We're excited to have people back on campus, but we're also excited to reach people who might not be able to make it," Rodriguez said.

Ethnic Studies Professors Patricia Medellin Gomez and Jose Zamora will speak about the first-generation college experience and ethnic studies in separate presentations on October 3 and 6. The series will also include an October 13 cultural identity workshop led by Dr. Jennifer Henry, director of social wellness.

Chaffey Students Accepted into NASA Programs



Sheetal Ram



Jessica Estrada

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration selected two Chaffey College students for space exploration workshops in August and September, including one student who got to see the Artemis I rocket.



Chaffey Hosts Inaugural Farmers Market

When Alexis Velasquez heard that Sweet Dough Cinna-Rolls was coming to Chaffey College to sell its sweet treats, her mother asked her to grab one to go.

The [Redlands company](#) was one of 12 vendors participating in Chaffey's first Heritage Farmers Market on September 1 at the Rancho Cucamonga campus. Vendors sold a wide variety of food, including kettle corn, tamales, fruits, vegetables and more.

"I just love farmers markets because it's great to support small businesses, and it's great for students to come and shop," said Velasquez, a communication studies major.

Chaffey originally partnered with [Heritage](#) during the pandemic to deliver bags of produce to students at home, said [Panther Care](#) Coordinator Prentice Harris.

"We wanted to give the campus an opportunity to get locally-grown fresh fruits and vegetables and introduce health eating habits to our students," he said.

Farmers saw a steady line of customers wanting strawberries, mangoes, tomatoes and apples. So did Pomona-based [Coffee by Sergio](#), who served up fruit jars filled with decadent drinks.

"The iced coffee is really good. It beats Starbucks," said Christopher Cormier, kinesiology major.

Marijane Chuang, owner of the Chino Valley company [Pet Wants](#), said she's never vended on a college campus before, but had high hopes of success at Chaffey. Her company sells various pet food products.

"I'm assuming a lot of college students are pet parents, especially with the rise of adoptions during COVID," she said.

Chaffey hopes to eventually expand the event to the Chino and Fontana campuses.

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Sheetal Ram, an aerospace engineering student, and Jessica Estrada, an English major, attended separate fall seminars organized by NASA.

"I have always dreamed of being an astronaut, so this experience was kind of a dream come true," Estrada said.

Estrada was one of only 100 digital creators selected for the [Artemis I Social](#) program. The three-day event included an opportunity to see the Artemis I, a rocket carrying the Orion spacecraft. Although the launch was delayed, Estrada toured the Kennedy Space Center, met with the NASA social media team and received clearance similar to news media while attending the event.

Estrada holds bachelor's and master's degrees in business, but continues to take classes at Chaffey to expand her knowledge.

Ram participated in the [NASA Community College Aerospace Scholars](#) (NCAS) program, a virtual experience to learn about NASA missions and careers in science and engineering. She completed a five-week online NCAS course to earn her spot. Ram and other students worked in teams to design missions to explore the moon or Mars. They learned to manage a budget, and develop communication and outreach strategies. Students also attended workshops to learn how to apply for NASA internships and toured facilities virtually.

"At the end of the program, I felt that I was a much more confident engineering student, and had a deep sense of pride and accomplishment," Ram said.

Ram plans to transfer to a four-year university and pursue degrees in aerospace or aeronautical engineering. She envisions a future working as an operations engineer for NASA, Boeing or Northrop Grumman. The Veterans Resource Center employee hopes to use her career to help other veterans interested in the aerospace industry.

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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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Sociology Professor Anthony Guaracha said the event is an exciting part of the college experience, where students can create connections that could last for many years.

"It's really exciting to see students, hearing the voices and seeing the interaction taking place," he said.

Save The Date

OCTOBER 3

[Ethnic Studies: Explained with Professor Zamora](#)

OCTOBER 3

[Strategies for Job Search Success presented by California Transition Assistance Program \(CaTAP\)](#)

OCTOBER 5

[Medical School Roadmap Esmeralda N. Trejo, M.S. presenting from UCR](#)

OCTOBER 6

[The Non-Traditional First-Generation College Student Experience: A Woman of Color Perspective with Professor Gomez](#)

OCTOBER 10

[On Two Fronts: Latinos and Vietnam Film Screening](#)

OCTOBER 11

[Willie Baronet Sign Making Workshop](#)

OCTOBER 12

[What is Student Invitational and How Do I Apply?](#)

OCTOBER 13

[Multidimensional Identities: October Heritage Celebrations](#)

OCTOBER 14

[Chavela Movie Screening](#)

OCTOBER 14

[National Manufacturing Day at InTech](#)

OCTOBER 21

[EOPS Dreamer Paint Night with Local Artist Art Carrillo](#)

OCTOBER 30

[Car Club presents Trunk or Treat](#)

NOVEMBER 1

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

NOVEMBER 8

[De-Escalation Workshop Presented by David Weiner from Secure Measures](#)

NOVEMBER 8

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

NOVEMBER 9

[Report to the Community](#)

NOVEMBER 9

[Veterans Virtual Rally Point Wednesday: Healthy 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](#)