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A Message from Superintendent/ President Shannon

Dear Chaffey College and Community Members,

Summer is upon us. I hope that each of you are taking some time to enjoy the warmer weather and longer days with friends and family.

At Chaffey College, we are on the move with the summer term. I am pleased to share that summer term enrollment is up 35 percent from this point last year! This is a wonderful testament to our enrollment recovery efforts and a positive indication that we are serving a growing need in the region. [Please note that registration is open for fall 2023 term.](#)

We remain committed to student success at Chaffey College and as a result we are in the midst of some very exciting changes in student services, instruction, economic development, and facilities. While more information will be shared in the coming months, you can stay up to date with the latest developments on Measure P projects [online](#).

Community is at the center of why we exist at Chaffey College and it is always a personal win for me when I see our college raising the bar with new programs and events designed to better serve our students. For example, this month we celebrated our first college-wide Pride and Juneteenth events on our Rancho Cucamonga campus and welcomed hundreds from the surrounding communities to partake in the celebrations. You can read more about these events further in this newsletter.

Speaking of wins, this month Chaffey College became the first community college to win the Inland Empire Athletic Conference Commissioner's Cup. We claimed five conference titles during the 2022-23 season alone. Congratulations to our Panthers on the field!

The Quakes are presenting Chaffey College Night on Friday, July 14 at 6:30 p.m. Be sure to sport your Chaffey gear as the Quakes take on the Modesto Nuts at [LoanMart Field](#). Chaffey's own Associate Superintendent Troy Ament is scheduled to throw out the first pitch!

Have a great summer, Panthers!

Sincerely,



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

Matt Morin Selected for National Dual Enrollment Initiative

A national nonprofit group has selected Matt Morin, assistant dean of intersegmental partnerships and deliveries, for a team that will work to accelerate associate degree attainment among underrepresented students.

Morin will be one of six higher education leaders chosen for the "[Designers in Residence](#)" program through Education Design Lab.

"I feel honored to be working at an institution and with colleagues and leaders who are experimenting to improve the returns on investment that the public makes in our higher education," Morin said. "This is why the 'Designers in Residence' program recognized Chaffey College."

Education Design Lab produces unique higher education models that address the changing economy and emerging technology opportunities. The organization developed a 21st Century Skills badges model, similar to Chaffey's ACES program, or [Academic Community Employability Skills](#).

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Chaffey Athletics Wins Commissioner's Cup

Chaffey College in June became the first community college to win the Inland Empire Athletic Conference Commissioner's Cup.

The award is given to the college earning the most points from conference competitions.

Chaffey athletics claimed five conference titles in the 2022-2023 season for women's and men's soccer, women's cross country, baseball and softball. Teams received 70 "All-Conference" selections, six MVPs, five coaches of the year and six "All-America" honors.

"On behalf of the IEAC, congratulations to Chaffey College for earning the inaugural Commissioner's Cup," said Tony Lipold, conference commissioner.

Athletic Director Timi Brown said that winning the award in the wake of the pandemic speaks to the dedication, resiliency, work ethic and competitive spirit of Chaffey's coaches, staff and student-athletes. Like other athletic programs, Chaffey faced the challenges of COVID-19 but many of its teams still emerged with a successful season.

"We are extremely honored that Panther Athletics is being awarded the IEAC Commissioner's Cup," Brown said. "I am truly grateful that I have the honor of working with an amazing group of people, and for an institution that recognizes the value athletics brings to our campus and community."

Brown credited Superintendent/President Henry Shannon, the Chaffey College Governing Board, the college's executive leadership team and Dean of Kinesiology, Nutrition and Athletics Michael McClellan with helping the program succeed.

"Without a doubt, our student-athletes, coaches and support staff are some of the very best, and earning this award is a phenomenal accomplishment," Brown said.

The conference, which launched in 2019, includes 11 schools covering a geographic area that stretches from Barstow to Norco, and Blythe to San Bernardino.



More Than 300 Join Chaffey Pride Celebration



Rainbow flags and balloons swayed in the afternoon breeze as more than 300 people gathered for Chaffey College's inaugural community "Pride Celebration" on June 8, hearing powerful messages of acceptance. "We are all human and we should be able to celebrate who we are," Asunzion Perez said. "This is where it starts - in community college."

The celebration was originally set to be held off campus at Haven City Market, but had to be moved to campus after the business canceled amid complaints over the event's theme. Chaffey College stayed on schedule for the celebration and saw a gathering twice the size expected.

"I'm glad that Chaffey stepped up and still decided to have it," said David Rodriguez of Rancho Cucamonga. "It's great to go somewhere where I can feel safe and celebrate pride."

Pride Month, held in June, is celebrated to honor the 1969 Stonewall Uprising - a catalyst for the gay rights movement.

Drag artist "Bubblegum" - a Chaffey College alumnus - served as emcee for the event, which also included a resource fair, arts and crafts, music, dancing, games and free food. Community groups - including the [Pomona Pride Center](#), [TruEvolution](#) and Cal Poly Pomona Pride Student Identity Development and Education - provided information and giveaways to visitors. Various Chaffey departments also set up booths for the event.

Jaden Langston, president of Chaffey's Lavender Coalition, told the gathering that her goal as leader of the LGBTQIA+ student club was to ensure that anyone who steps on Chaffey's campus will have a safe space.

"Through these times, when the world is driving backward to take us down, we need to remember the power of our voices," she said. "It is our right, our choice, to love who we want. It is our right, our choice to identify as who we want to be."



Chaffey College Celebrates Juneteenth



Vanessa Russell's family had been waiting for years for Juneteenth to be recognized as a federal holiday. And when President Joe Biden signed a resolution in 2021, they cheered.

Russell, a Fontana resident and nursing major at Chaffey College, decided to celebrate by joining Chaffey College's first community celebration of the holiday.

"Black people struggle with what to do on Juneteenth because it's a new holiday, so it's nice to have this," she said.

Juneteenth - the 11th national holiday to be introduced in America - marks the end of slavery in the United States. Although the Emancipation Proclamation had been signed in 1863, not all slaves were freed right away. Two years later, on June 19, 1865, about 2,000 Union troops arrived in Texas to free more than 250,000 enslaved Black people in the state.

Chaffey College Superintendent President Henry Shannon said Juneteenth is an important holiday for the college because it aligns with the college's emphasis on equity.

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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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Morin will work with leaders on the "Associate-Degree-by-Grade-13" model, providing students with support to earn enough college credit while in high school to complete an associate degree for high-wage, high-growth careers by their 13th year of education.

He said that the Design Lab reached out to Chaffey because of its innovative approach to online dual enrollment pathways.

"They were also interested in how we combine these program pathways with digital credentialing and skills measurement," he said.

Each of the team members will receive a \$75,000 grant for their college, learn equity- and human-centered design and receive mentorship from the first group of designers.

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"We plan to continue having open and honest conversations as a campus community about racial equity because it helps us grow as a community, state, and nation," he said.

Chaffey College celebrated the holiday with music, games, a resource fair, and performances by African Soul International.

Guadalupe Teran and her sister, Natividad Teran, brought their children to the event to introduce them to Juneteenth. The sisters, who were raised by Black foster parents, acknowledge that their lives would have been much different if their parents had not been granted freedom. And Guadalupe Teran's 5-year-old son, Jayace, who is part Black, may not have been born.

"For me, it's important to recognize the holiday because we live in a diverse world," Guadalupe Teran said. "We've come a long way."

Counseling faculty member Donald Essex said Chaffey's celebration gives the college community a chance to engage and interact with each other, while also learning about the holiday.

"I think it's a time to come together to create a sense of belonging and learn from our history," Essex said.



Save The Date



July 4 Independence Day
Campus Closed

July 14 Chaffey College Night
[Quakes](#)

July 6 Financial Aid Dream Act
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