

# PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

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## VISION STATEMENT

*Chaffey College:  
Improving lives  
through education.*

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## A Message from Superintendent/ President Shannon

October was a busy month for Chaffey College. Though our events remain mostly virtual, we hosted a wide variety of activities to keep our campus community engaged.

We continued Hispanic Heritage Month with a celebration of "National Coming Out Day" and learned about leadership from Dr. Daisy Gonzales from the Chancellor's Office. We saw more than 200 students during our first-ever "Drive-Thru Tailgate" event at the Rancho Cucamonga campus and many more joined us for Zoom tailgate events that included a 5K run, yoga and a "Coaches Corner" virtual happy hour.

We also brought our students, faculty and staff together for "Undocumented Action Week" from October 19-23 to share stories of overcoming adversity, and to learn about entrepreneurship, legal rights and activism.

I would like to thank our campus community, alumni, Governing Board and surrounding community for keeping our school spirit alive during the pandemic. I realize it can sometimes be difficult to rejoice in times like these, but it is important to see the positive side of life where we can. After all, what our students accomplish every day is definitely worth celebrating.

Sincerely,

*Henry D. Shannon*  
Henry D. Shannon, Ph.D.

## Chaffey Awarding \$2.5 Million in Federal CARES Funding

Chaffey College has begun distributing \$500 grants to students in its second wave of Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act funding.



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# Chaffey Top Ranked in Latino Enrollment, Degree-Granting

Hispanic Outlook on Education has ranked Chaffey College the No. 3 California community college to grant associate's degrees to Latino students and the No. 4 school in the state in Latino enrollment.

The rankings were included in the magazine's "Top Community Colleges for Hispanics" edition, released in October.

"We are honored to be recognized as one of California's most diverse community colleges," said Chaffey College Superintendent/President Dr. Henry Shannon. "Our student body reflects the diversity of our region, and we take pride in serving students who come from all walks of life."

Chaffey College placed No. 7 nationally out of the top 100 ranked community colleges for the number of Latino students receiving associate's degrees in 2019. Of the more than 3,800 associate's degrees awarded, more than 2,200 went to Latino students, or 59 percent.\*

Chaffey ranked No. 9 nationally out of 100 community colleges for Latino student enrollment in the 2018-2019 academic year. Out of nearly 23,000 students, more than 66 percent were Latino.

Hispanic Outlook, founded in 1990, gathered data from the Department of Education's National Center for Education Statistics and Integrated Post-secondary Education Data System (IPEDS) databases to compile its lists.

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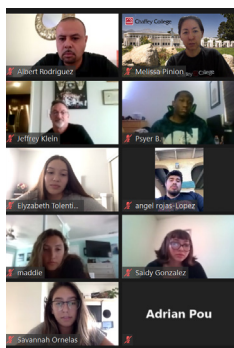
As many as 5,000 students will receive the grants in the next month. Students who did not receive CARES funding in May, and who met certain other criteria, were eligible for the funding. Criteria included having a minimum course load and grade-point average, as well as a federal financial aid application on file.

"Our students have displayed amazing bravery and perseverance in the last six months," said Chaffey College Superintendent/President Henry Shannon. "We want to ensure that they have the resources they need to get through this pandemic, whether their needs are financial or academic."

The College will provide similar assistance to international and undocumented students through equity funding.

Chaffey College received \$5.7 million in federal funding in the spring, which has been used for the grants, distribution of technology, as well as cleaning, sanitation and protective supplies.

The CARES Act - a \$2.2 trillion stimulus package - was signed into law on March 27. It allocated roughly \$14 billion to support colleges and students.



## Student Athletes Talk Culture, Perseverance at McFarland Screening

The women of Chaffey College's 2015 cross-country team had a rough season, with runners often placing in the back half.

But Coach Rob Lander believed his "Great Eight" would end the season with the ultimate underdog story. And the team didn't disappoint. They wound up winning the conference championships that year.

"I was so proud of those women," he said. "They showed so much fight."

It's a story that aligns with "McFarland, USA," a Disney film that around 30 student-athletes and coaches watched together during a Zoom event on October 2. "McFarland" chronicles the true story of track coach Jim White and the Latino cross-country team from McFarland High School, which won nine state championships, including five in a row.

A student-athlete discussion panel talked about how the movie resonated with them in terms of culture, and also shared the struggles

they've experienced due to COVID-19, which has placed all games and team practices on hold.

Football player Kevin Lukasiewicz said being away from his teammates has been difficult, but it has also been a learning experience.

"With COVID, it's taken the glory out of football, but it has made me realize that I love football beyond the surface glory," he said. "It's taking me back to the basics."

Student-athletes discussed the challenges of staying motivated with training, particularly since gyms have been mostly closed since March.

Volleyball player Elyzabeth Tolentino says she has followed the advice of her coach, who told the team that staying on top of training now will pay off later when pandemic restrictions are lifted.

"When I'm back on the court and feeling good, I'm going to remember it's because I pushed myself," she said.

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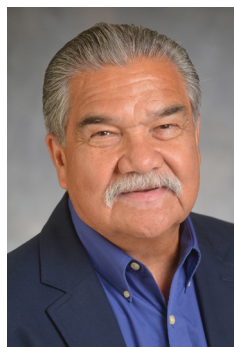
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## Mission Statement

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.



Solorzano

racism, but one incident he detailed in a 1940 essay sheds light on what we now know as a microaggression, said UCLA Professor Daniel Solorzano.

Solorzano, who led a pair of webinars on the topic in September for the Chaffey College community, described DuBois' anecdote from the work, "Dusk of Dawn."

"He wrote that a lady in a train car ordered him to bring her a glass of water, mistaking him for a porter," Solorzano said.

Chaffey College in the last several months has hosted a series of virtual events for students, faculty and staff to foster a greater atmosphere of inclusion. They follow a June directive by the Chancellor's Office for all community colleges to take action against structural racism, citing the death of George Floyd and other people of color as having an impact on everyone.

About 100 people attended the webinars, titled "Racial Microaggressions: Using Critical Race Theory to Respond to Everyday Racism." Microaggressions include verbal and non-

# Campus Community Explores Microaggressions

Black civil rights leader W.E.B. DuBois wrote sparingly about his personal experience with

verbal insults targeting marginalized groups. These exchanges can be either intentional or unintentional.

Solorzano, an expert on ethnic studies and race relations, asked participants to identify their personal experiences with microaggressions either on or off campus.

Roni Osifeso, an educational program assistant at the Fontana campus, said she didn't learn about racism until she came to the U.S. from the Caribbean in the 12th grade.

"I started having experiences that I didn't understand, like people following me in the store, or people treating me a certain way in school," she said.

Solorzano also asked the community to consider incorporating "microaffirmations" - small acts of inclusion - in their personal and professional lives.

Chaffey Political Science Professor Monica Carter said she has taken time to teach her children their cultural history by taking them to civil rights museums in the South and teaching them the origin of their names. "It's my attempt to say 'You are beautiful, you have a history and it's important that you know it,'" Carter said.



## Save The Date

### November 13

Gender Fluidity Discussion

### November 17

Auditions for "The Golden Age of Radio"

### November 20

Trans Day of Remembrance

### November 30

Artist talk with Nicole Seisler

### November 2-6

Dia De Los Muertos

### November 5-7

Anon(ymous)

### November 10

Artist talk with Danielle Guidici Wallis