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A Message from Superintendent/ President Shannon

Dear Chaffey College and Community Members,

I am always grateful for the changing of seasons and especially look forward to every fall semester. For those of us who work in higher education, I believe this time of year is like a fresh beginning. We always get a second chance to do something different that will ultimately benefit our students. Maybe you are setting higher goals, improving a process, or just trying to achieve more than the year before. Whatever your aim, I trust you will aim high!

The fall semester at Chaffey College is off to a solid start. A few weeks ago, we welcomed more than 1,000 students and their families to our Orientation Day events, giving them a preview of the college experience and an opportunity to get acquainted with Chaffey staff and resources. I was pleased to meet so many new students and was inspired by their energy and enthusiasm to be a new Chaffey Panther.

At the present time, we have the largest unduplicated student headcount since the onset of the pandemic – a clear indication that there is a growing demand in the region for educating and upskilling our communities.

We continue to support students in a variety of ways including our Panther Promise program, which gives first-time students two years' free tuition, and our growing dual enrollment program that provides high school students access to college coursework.

Our eyes are on the future at Chaffey College – and this is evident with a quick stroll through any of our campuses. There is construction everywhere! Thanks to taxpayer dollars through Bond Measure P, we are breaking ground and making progress on new buildings that will expand learning opportunities for current and future generations. Updates on our various campus projects in Rancho Cucamonga, Fontana, Chino and Ontario can be found on our [Measure P website](#).

I am excited for all the fall semester will bring and I hope you are too. Let us make this the best fall semester yet.

Sincerely,



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

Chaffey Announces 2023- 2024 Governing Board Officers

The Governing Board announced its officers for 2023-2024 at its regular meeting on July 27.

The Chaffey College Governing Board officers are:

- President – Kathleen Brugger
- representing Rancho Cucamonga
- Vice President – Deana Olivares-Lambert
- representing Upland
- Clerk – Gloria Negrete-McLeod
- representing the Chino Valley
- Member – Gary C. Ovitt
- representing Ontario
- Immediate Past President
Lee C. McDougal – representing Fontana

Brugger has served on the board since 1993. Previously, she was a member of the Ontario-Montclair School District Board of Trustees for 16 years. Deana Olivares-Lambert was named vice president and Gloria Negrete-McLeod was named clerk. Gary C. Ovitt will serve as member and voting representative for the San Bernardino County Committee on School District Organization. Lee C. McDougal was named immediate past president.

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Fall Semester Kicks Off With 21,000 Students

Chaffey College began fall semester August 14 with 13 percent more students than fall 2022, 13 new faculty members, as well as new programs in cloud computing, property management and more.

Chaffey College continues to support students in various ways including the Panther Promise program that gives first-time students two years' free tuition, and the growing dual enrollment program that provides high school students access to college coursework.

"Chaffey College is still here and we remain one of the region's top choices to move up in the workforce or get prepared for transfer to four-year universities," said President/Superintendent Henry D. Shannon. "We encourage any students who have drifted away from college in the last few years to get back on the path toward improving their lives."

New faculty members starting this year will teach for a variety of programs including radiologic technology, American Sign Language, nursing, culinary arts and history.

The college introduced three new credit programs, including two associate's degrees in cloud security and physical therapist assistant, as well as a cloud analyst certificate.

Chaffey College students also have access to a new non-credit property management certificate program. The courses, offered through an initiative called CORE Academy, were created in partnership with National CORE and Hope Through Housing. Students can earn certificates that range from the basics of property management to advanced leasing.

Students interested in phlebotomy can enroll in a new non-credit phlebotomy technician certificate program starting this semester.



Wignall Opens Fall Season With 'Seeing the Unseen'

Watercolor paintings depicting climate change, the molecular structure of cells and the coronavirus are among the artwork featured in Chaffey College's upcoming Wignall Museum exhibition "Seeing the Unseen: Science and Art," which opened August 21.

The exhibition was curated collaboratively by museum staff and three Chaffey STEM professors: Professor of Physics Mark Padilla, Professor of Astronomy Joann Eisberg and Professor of Biology Emeritus Robin Ikeda. The artwork gives students and other visitors another way to learn about science outside of a lab or classroom.

"The works of art included in the exhibition have been accomplished through rigorous research and experimentation," said Rebecca Trawick, Wignall director and curator. "Many of the artists have a background in the sciences."

The Wignall has presented other exhibitions where faculty participate in the curatorial and planning processes, including those teaching English, health sciences and more, but not to the extent of "Seeing the Unseen."



"In spring 2024, we will launch with a math/art iteration," Trawick said. "In fall 2025, we plan to open an exhibition with English/humanities that examines zines and comics, so we will continue with this collaborative approach into the future."

"Seeing the Unseen" includes artwork created by trained scientists including Elizabeth Hénaff, David S. Goodsell and Juniper Harrower.

"Seeing the Unseen" runs until November 18 at the [Wignall](#). The exhibition is free and open to the public. A reception for the artists is set for 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. on August 29 at the museum. The museum is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday and noon to 4 p.m.

Orientation Day Draws 1,000 in Rancho Cucamonga



Chaffey College's fall "Orientation Day" events culminated August 11 with a family day celebration at the Rancho Cucamonga campus, drawing around 1,000 students and their families.

Orientation Day kicks off the fall and spring semesters, giving students a chance to get acquainted with the campus, learn more about Academic and Career Communities, meet with counselors and more.

Carlos Flores, who graduated from Chaffey in May, brought his 18-year-old daughter, Giselle Flores, to the event.

"We wanted to accompany her for support for the beginning of her journey," Flores said.

Giselle Flores, a computer science major who graduated from Rancho Cucamonga High School, chose Chaffey because of her father, but also because she felt it was a great place to get started.

"I knew this was the smartest choice to come here and then transfer to a university," she said.

Students toured the campus and met with faculty and campus leaders to learn more about their majors, visited informational booths in the Sports Center and enjoyed face painting and balloon artist creations.

Some students who attended were not new to campus, but came to take advantage of other workshops being offered.

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Chris Cormier, who is majoring in kinesiology, physical education and real estate, says he came to meet with the Chaffey Transfer Center to get assistance with his transfer application.

"I'm having trouble getting in my application for UCR," he said.

New student Daniel Sanchez came with his cousin and aunt so he would be ready for the first day of classes.

"I wanted to know what I'd be doing and how to get around," he said. "I wanted to figure out where classes are."

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The Governing Board represents the community of the college's district in determining policies and making decisions,

which govern the operation of the district and the college.

The board will meet again on August 24.

Serving the communities of:

Chino, Chino Hills, Fontana,
 Montclair, Ontario,
 Rancho Cucamonga, Upland

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.



Save The Date



Now through November 18
 "Seeing the Unseen" - Wignall Museum

Sept 4 Campus closed
 for Labor Day holiday

Sept 6 Veterans Resource Center
 Rally Point - VRC

Sept 20 Celebrating Nuestra Cultura
 CCSJ

Sept 29 Friday Flick "The Heights"
 CCSJ