

PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

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VISION STATEMENT
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Improving lives
through education.*

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A Message from Superintendent/ President Shannon

Fall brings many reminders of the rich cultural and ethnic diversity that exists in our campus community. I look forward to every opportunity to celebrate and learn more about the beauty in diversity that exists among us.

Our [Center for Culture and Social Justice \(CCSJ\)](#) does a wonderful job at highlighting all the different identities around us. September 15 kicked off Hispanic Heritage Month and the CCSJ has already hosted a wide variety of Zoom gatherings focused on dance, entrepreneurship, careers and poetry. Keep an eye on our CCSJ events page for these events, which will continue through October 15.

Another point of pride to look forward to is our Tailgate Drive-Thru celebration. Although participants will be in their vehicles, it brings me joy knowing we can still find safe ways to get our campus community together and show our Panther Pride. There will be decorated cars, giveaways and an appearance by our new mascots, Rocky and Roxy. It all takes place in Lot R4 from 9 a.m. to noon Friday, October 1. Spread the word and be sure to cheer on our Panthers when they take on Southwestern the following day.

While this year is not without its challenges, I am reminded of the importance of focusing on our mission. I can tell our Panthers are excited to be back in the classroom and interacting with each other. And we are honored to help all of them reach their goals, whether they are working in person or online.

Alisha Serrano, Interim Director of Institutional Research and Community and Distance Education, shared a sentiment that resonated with me at a recent board meeting and I would like to share it with you in closing:

"Years from now each of us will look back and ask ourselves what we did to make life better for others during this challenging time. We will be able to say that we worked to sustain students and help them thrive and continue their education. We worked to support the faculty who continually strive to meet students' needs and enhance their teaching."

Let's keep up the great work!

Sincerely,



Henry D. Shannon, Ph.D.

Chaffey College Joins California Virtual Campus



Chaffey College students now have a convenient way to take classes at multiple California community colleges without filling out multiple applications.

In late summer, the college joined the California Virtual Campus – Online Education Initiative, a group of 115 community colleges. The program first launched in 2014 with a group of 23 pilot colleges, expanding to 57 in 2018.

“We believe that access is critical for our students, so if they can’t find a course they need at Chaffey, we encourage them to check out this new resource,” said Chaffey College President/ Superintendent Henry Shannon. “This will be a game-changer for our Panthers, giving them the tools they need to reach their goals faster. And it will also show students from other community colleges the quality education we offer at Chaffey.”

Students can access the California Virtual Campus by enrolling at a “home” college – one of the participating colleges in the consortium – and then logging on to the CVC website to choose courses from other campuses.

All participating colleges offer classes at a flat rate of \$46 per unit and there is no service fee for taking classes through CVC.

Financial aid and academic transcripts are automatically transferred between schools.



Chaffey College Celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month

The campus community gathered on September 14 to learn the story of TED speaker Dr. Victor Rios, who survived incarceration and gun violence to become a champion for young people who have been affected by the criminal justice system. The webinar also included a screening of the documentary “The Pushouts,” which details Rios’ journey.

It was one of several events held in celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month. Speakers were also scheduled to give talks on topics ranging from mental health, cybercrime and careers in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM), among other subjects. Hispanic Heritage Month events will continue through Oct. 15. Learn more at <https://www.chaffey.edu/spops.ccsj.php>.

“Hispanic Heritage Month is one way that we highlight the beauty of the Hispanic/Latinx culture through workshops, events, documentary screenings and lectures,” said Director of Student Equity and Engagement Dr. Leticia Romo.

Rios, who grew up in Oakland and was surrounded by drugs and gangs, dropped out of school in the eighth grade and wound up in Juvenile Hall by 15. But with the help of numerous mentors he was able to return to school and eventually graduated from Cal State University East Bay, and earned a masters degree and Ph.D. from UC Berkeley.

Rios told the Chaffey community that many students consider the education system foreign when they come from communities of struggle.

“Just because we grew up to be survivors does not mean we should stay in survival mode,” he said.

Rios, a UC Santa Barbara professor and author, spoke about how Chaffey can better serve its students by expanding academically guided pathways into emotionally guided pathways.

“We need the emotional aspect of guided pathways to support students who feel out of place in higher education,” he said.

Chaffey Passes Vaccine Mandate



All students taking in-person classes and using in-person services are required to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 by October 15 under a mandate passed by the Governing Board.

The mandate and deadline also applies to employees.

Chaffey College is offering a \$300 incentive for students who were enrolled in fall 2021 courses on or before September 7, 2021. Students who show proof of full vaccination by October 15 will receive this payment in December 2021.

Additionally, students participating in the drive-thru Tailgate celebration on October 1 can receive a \$15 digital Amazon gift card for showing proof of vaccination against COVID-19. The event will be from 9 a.m. to noon.

Learn more about the mandate at <https://www.chaffey.edu/coronavirus>.

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Chaffey's Center for Culture and Social Justice shifted to a virtual format due to the pandemic, but the response has been positive, Romo said.

"I have received many emails from students, staff, faculty, and community members who have enjoyed learning and engaging more about culture and social justice," Romo said.

Golf Tournament Raises \$108,000

More than 100 Chaffey College community members teed up to raise money for students on August 30 at the annual golf tournament at Red Hill Country Club.

The 30th annual Chaffey College Foundation Golf Tournament raised an estimated \$108,000, with 140 players competing on the course and 166 player spots sold. It was the most successful tournament in about a decade.

"The funds raised by this event can make a huge difference in student success," said Chaffey College Superintendent/President Henry Shannon. "We look forward to seeing people from our campus and surrounding community on the golf course every year."

Dignitaries who competed included Chaffey College Governing Board Member Deana Olivares-Lambert, who played on the women's team, as well as numerous foundation board members. The event also received support from many volunteers including members of the foundation board, athletics and Safeworks CM's Founder Rebecca Jones, who helped sell game packages. Board of Trustee member Kathy Brugger attended in support of the auction.



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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.

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The first place winning team was Foundation Board Member Manuel Saucedo, Andres Berumen, Julio Figueroa and Al Marquez.

The event included numerous auctions with Chaffey College Foundation Director Joe Lutz serving as auctioneer, and activities including a wine and spirits auction that raised \$2,100 and unique items auctioned included Rose Parade and Lakers tickets, as well as an Angel Jewelers gift certificate and wine basket, raising \$2,800. Grand prize items included a Porsche driving experience, as well as a 70-inch 4K television, which the winner donated back to the foundation.

The silent auction raised more than \$4,100.



Save The Date

October 1

[Tech Talk:](#)

[The Latinx experience in STEM/Cyber](#)

October 8

[Cafecito Y Platica: A conversation with Victoria E. Beckman](#)

October 12

[Brown Butch Masculinities Enacted in Counter-Narratives](#)

October 13

[Uncovering Poverty: A faculty perspective](#)

October 14

[Javier Cabral, editor in chief for L.A. Taco](#)

October 15

[Deadline to submit COVID-19 vaccine documentation](#)

October 18

[Intergalactic Travels: A reading on undocumented migration and more](#)

October 19

[Aliento: Transforming Trauma into Hope + Action](#)

October 21

[The Unafraid screening](#)

October 27

[Artist talk with Willie Baronet](#)