A Message from Superintendent/President Shannon

Welcome to the first edition of the President's Update! This electronic message will be sent out to you once in the summer and monthly beginning in the fall. It will provide you with campus news and highlights to keep you involved with Chaffey College. Our campus is filled with exciting programs, student success stories and more, and I am so excited to share them with you.

As we complete the spring 2016 semester, there is a shared sense of pride for the accomplishments of our students, faculty and staff. It was felt most at our 99th commencement ceremony as we celebrated our largest graduating class in Chaffey College history. As the graduates walked to receive their degrees/certificates, I felt tremendous pride because in each one, there was a story where obstacles were faced, conquered and a goal was achieved.

In my commencement address to students, I shared author Angela Duckworth’s (GRIT: The Power of Passion and Perseverance) theory about the importance of grit. The students all were familiar with the concept of having an "I’m-going-to-get-it-done" attitude because that is what our students do – they roll up their sleeves and dig in. It’s just their way, and I have no doubt our graduates will contribute greatly to the world. Congratulations, Class of 2016!

Sincerely,

Henry D. Shannon, Ph.D.
On May 19, Chaffey College celebrated the accomplishments of graduates for the 2015-16 academic year at the college’s 99th commencement ceremony. With 4,396 degrees and certificates earned, this was the college’s largest graduating class in its 133-year history.

“We are very proud of the Chaffey College Class of 2016,” said Dr. Henry Shannon. “These are amazing students, each with an inspiring story of perseverance and accomplishments.”

Faculty and Staff of the Year

Faculty and staff honored at this year’s commencement ceremony included Dr. Angela Burk-Herrick (Faculty of the Year) and Patricia Green (Staff of the Year).

Each honoree was selected based on her commitment to students. “These employees exemplify the best Chaffey College has to offer,” said Dr. Shannon. “Each is fully committed to our students, and their dedication directly impacts our students’ success.”

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Student Invitational 2016 Showcases Art

Student Invitational 2016 featured Chaffey College student art work. In this rigorous program, the selected artists work closely with faculty, the museum curators, and other art professionals to create a new body of work. The exhibition was on display in April at the Wignall Museum of Contemporary Art.

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The Chaffey College AutoTech Department was recently the recipient of an $85,000 CNC machine granted to the college by Rottler Manufacturing. The state-of-the-art engine building machine will allow faculty to supplement existing curriculum, preparing students for the technology driven automotive industry. The donation would not have been possible without the cooperation of our colleagues at College of the Desert.

Upon the recommendation of Upland-based Hopper Equipment & Supply, Chaffey College was one of only four schools nationwide to benefit from the grant. The newly acquired machinery further establishes the college as an elite training facility for career-technical education. The equipment will be used to enhance coursework in both lower engine rebuilding and high performance engine building classes and will also be used in the college's newly established classes taught at Fontana High School.

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Earth Day took on special significance at Chaffey College this year as the GEM Sustainability Committee hosted its first Living Lab Symposium. Professors from three community colleges and across five academic areas presented personal testimonies on how they are using areas outside of the traditional classroom to facilitate learning. The symposium allowed attendees to share insights, highlight new and ongoing projects, and generate ideas on furthering the Living Lab concept.

Chaffey College professors Mark Padilla, Neil Watkins, and Sandra Collins presented activities currently being used in the classrooms at Chaffey College. Padilla, a physics instructor, regularly takes students to the college's Central Plant to learn about thermodynamics. Collins (biology) utilizes the ponds, trees, and nature preserve on the Rancho Cucamonga Campus to collect samples. Watkins (English) uses the Wignall Museum to teach students how to write about art.

"Community college students benefit from the hands-on, practical experiences that smaller class size affords," said Dean of Mathematics and Sciences, Ted Younglove. "These projects illustrate the many opportunities for non-traditional learning experiences available to our students. It was exciting to see the collaborations occurring and hear the exciting new ideas being shared across disciplines."
**The Breeze Staff Sweep Awards at Statewide Journalism Competition**

Congratulations to *The Breeze* staff who once again earned statewide honors for photography and writing. At the recent Journalism Association of Community Colleges Convention and Competition, seven newspaper staff members earned nine awards for excellence in journalism. These included:

- **Hanejun Chung**, General Excellence, Photo Illustration
- **Liz Duncan**, 4th place, Sports Photography
- **Kyle Frizol**, Honorable Mention, Feature Writing and Critical Review
- **Sadie Gribbon**, 2nd place, Social Media and 3rd place News Judgement and Layout Design
- **Haroon Hasnain**, Honorable Mention, Feature Writing and Critical Review
- **Michelle Menes**, General Excellence, Sports Photography
- **Kyle Smith**, General Excellence Award 2015, Sports Column Writing and Honorable Mention, Social Media

“As a team, they learned to compete against each other, as well as support each other, while energizing their goals and upping team motivation for the coming year,” said *The Breeze* advisor Professor Michelle Dowd. “I couldn’t be prouder of our team.”

*The Breeze* staff consists of students who are majoring in journalism, as well as those in other majors who want to learn to research topics, explore their communities, and express themselves publicly, as they develop their professional skills and personas.

**Children’s Theatre Presents ‘Pony Expresso’ to more than 800 Children**

This spring, 14 Chaffey College students participated in the Theatre Department’s 10th Annual Children’s Theatre production. Under the direction of Professor Christa El-Said, students enrolled in Theatre 57 staged a successful production of “Pony Expresso” both on campus and at four local elementary schools. Eight hundred elementary students from Mission (Ontario), Stork (Alta Loma), Carnelian (Alta Loma), and Beech/Almond (Fontana) participated in the touring production.

“The audiences especially were engaged and participated by booing the villain and cheering for the hero,” said Professor El-Said. “They also enjoyed the slapstick humor from the corny coffee puns. But what I always find the most endearing are the Q&A sessions after the play when the children get to meet and make personal connections with the actors and have an opportunity to ask about Chaffey College.”
The Chaffey College Dreamers Club recently co-sponsored a leadership conference for students by students. The group works to increase awareness about the challenges undocumented students face in higher education. They also aim to increase awareness of resources available to help this student population.

This year’s conference entitled, *Awakening the Leader in You*, featured speakers Superintendent/President Dr. Henry Shannon, Congresswoman Norma Torres, and graduating student Erik Sanchez, who delivered the keynote address.

“We were honored to have Congresswoman Torres join us for this event,” said Chaffey Dreamers advisor Dr. Neil Watkins. “Her story of immigration, obstacles, and success really resonated with our students.”

The original idea for the conference came from Dreamers President Gissella Moya, who had attended a similar conference at another school.

“Leadership conferences are very empowering, so I wanted more students to feel the passion that I have,” she said. “I wanted to create a legacy of empowered students. My vision was for more students to understand the worth of their voices, the importance of mentors and the skill to network.”

Moya’s vision became reality this spring and she’s hopeful that under the guidance of next year’s club leadership, the next conference will be even bigger and better. Moya graduated spring 2016 and will transfer to UC Berkeley in the fall to pursue a degree in political science.

The conference was co-sponsored by the Dreamers, Associated Students of Chaffey College, the School of Counseling & Matriculation, the School of Language Arts, and the President’s Equity Council.

Last month, the Chaffey College Car Club hosted its eighth Annual Car Show with 130 cars and more than 1,000 attendees. Faculty, staff, students, and community members gathered together to display their cars and raise funds for student scholarships and community outreach programs. In total, $6,400 was raised, including donations from Short Timers Car Club and Burr-King.

Funds raised have already been earmarked for scholarships, Veterans Resource Center, Legal Night, Trunk or Treat, Night with Santa, and Associated Students of Chaffey College Food Pantry.

The Chaffey College Car Club is no stranger to college and community giving. Well known for their overwhelming generosity, it is a founding partner of the ASCC Food Pantry. Last fall, club members donated two pallets of ready-to-eat food and snacks to Student Activities. These provisions are made available to students in need at no charge.

More than 200 students participated in the college’s sixth annual Dress for Success program this spring. Professional clothing, shoes, and accessories were donated by Chaffey College faculty and staff and were available at no charge to students. The event also provided students with the opportunity to have their resumes reviewed as well as meet with local employers. The event was sponsored by the Career Center.
Legal Night was held last month and serviced more than 200 clients, the most ever accommodated since the program was implemented three years ago. The event, which is designed to provide those in need of legal counsel with a free law consultation, was made possible due to its volunteers. A total of 45 lawyers and two court-appointed Spanish translators helped staff the event.

The most popular legal consultation requests included family law, criminal law, and immigration law. “Clients received advice on a variety of situations including bench warrants, child custody, and how to keep family members in the United States legally,” said Professor Abel Chen, who helped run the event. “Legal Night provides a needed service to members of the Chaffey College community as well as the local community, who could otherwise, not afford legal advice.” Students who volunteer at Legal Night also benefit by practicing interviewing, presentation, and note-taking skills as they work alongside the lawyers doing the pro-bono work. Additionally, the event helps students network. A total of five students were offered jobs by the participating attorneys. Finally, the event had a philanthropic goal – to raise funds for a boarding school in Uganda. This year, students raised more than $4,000 (an amount matched by the Chaffey Car Club) for the school.