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A Message from Superintendent/ President Shannon

Dear Campus Community,

The 2020-2021 academic year has officially begun and students have started logging on for Zoom classes and meetings with faculty and staff. This semester will likely go down in Chaffey College history as one of the most unique, but now that we have experienced being fully online in spring and summer, we feel much more prepared for this term.

Just 5 percent of Chaffey's courses will be taught in person or in hybrid format for fall. Those classes mainly focus on essential skills and essential career areas and involve labs that cannot be taught remotely. We are monitoring local and state health guidelines so that when we do completely reopen for students, faculty and staff, we will be able to do so safely. Students joining us on campus this fall - along with faculty and staff - will be required to wear face coverings and physically distance while on campus. Staff will work to keep classrooms clean and disinfected in between classes.

The health of our Chaffey College family remains just as important to us as the education of our students.

Despite most of our services and instruction continuing to operate remotely, we have plenty of activities planned for the year, including art exhibitions, theatre productions, social justice webinars and more.

Thank you to all of our Chaffey College students who have chosen to join us this semester. We are honored that you have chosen Chaffey to get the skills you need to transform your life. Our faculty and staff will do their best to assist you along the way.

Sincerely,



Henry D. Shannon, Ph.D.

Virtual Welcome Day Draws Nearly 350 Students



More than 300 students gathered on Zoom to learn about college majors, online resources, financial aid and more during Chaffey College's first virtual "Welcome Day" on Aug. 14.

The event provides new and returning students with an overview of the college.

"We are looking forward to a great year at Chaffey," Chaffey College Superintendent/President Dr. Henry Shannon said in a welcome message. "You will be a big part of that. The fact that you are here during these challenging times shows that you are strong."

Chaffey provided six separate Zoom rooms to serve students from each of the college's academic and career communities. More than 30

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Leaders Look to the Future at Convocation

Around 1,400 faculty and staff tuned in from home computers instead of theater seats and the speeches were pre-recorded rather than recited live. But, the messages delivered during the Chaffey College Convocation and FLEX event on August 12 remained as hopeful as in years' past.

For the first time in Chaffey College history, Convocation – like other events in the wake of COVID-19 – was held virtually.

Chaffey College Superintendent/President Dr. Henry Shannon and others framed their messages around the theme "future-mindedness," which Shannon called critical given the current state of the world. He said the college has already done a great job of adapting to the challenges surrounding COVID-19.

"There is no doubt that we have what it takes to finish this term and this year very strong," he said.

Shannon thanked numerous departments who played critical roles in Chaffey's transition to online including Distance Education staff, the Safe Campus Reopening Taskforce and the executive team, along with faculty and staff throughout the college.

He spoke about the relevance of equity given the summer's spotlight on civil rights, as well as the deaths of George Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor and others.

"Ensuring the equity of all people should never be a matter of convenience," he said.

Shannon also touched on challenges ahead, including the state's \$54 billion deficit. But, he added that most of Chaffey's programs, particularly those serving the most vulnerable students, would receive the same level of funding as last year.

The college welcomed 38 new employees during the event, and announced the winners of the Puck Awards. The winners are: Robert Stoner and Michael Hughes in information technology for the classified category; Joe Vallejo in counseling for the faculty category; and Distance Education for the team category.

Getting Started as a Chaffey Panther

Welcome to Chaffey College! We're so glad you're here!

In order to prepare for your educational journey, there are some tasks you need to complete as a new student.

The Student Checklist action items include:

- Logging into your "My Chaffey" Portal
- Applying for Financial Aid
- Completing the New Student Orientation
- Completing the Placement Process
- Creating and maintaining your Educational Plan
- Finding your assigned registration date
- Registering for classes
- Paying your fees
- Buying your textbooks
- Finding and attending your classes

Click next to go to "How to Login to My Chaffey Portal"



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faculty and staff members gave students information on potential careers they could pursue based on the community they selected.

"It is okay if you're undecided," said Armida Ordorica, who serves as a Chaffey success coach for arts, communication and design. "Chaffey is here to give you support and help you find a program that fits your goals."

Kinesiology Professor Elaine Martinez shared with students in the health, wellness and athletics community that she also received her education from a community college. She praised students for spending their day to get prepared for the fall semester.

"When I was a student, I had no idea I would end up being a professor at a community college," she said. "This could be an option for you in the near future for those of you who aspire to do that."

Biology Department Assembles 675 Kits for Home Lab Work

Buying hundreds of boxes of Jell-O and Alka Seltzer at the store gets Sira Palerm some critical looks from other customers, but she's willing to deal with it. Biology students need lab kits to conduct experiments from home because most classes at Chaffey College continue to take place online for fall.

The science lab coordinator, along with Instructional Assistant Sandra Lovos, has assembled and distributed 675 lab kits for students. Additionally, they personally staffed the drive-thru pick-up service, which included weekend hours, to make it as easy and safe as possible for students. The pair have become used to the process. After all, they already put together 200 kits for students taking biology over the summer.

"We had a really good response from the summer students," Palerm said. "They really appreciated having something to do at home."

By purchasing materials in bulk, it saves students and the college money. The materials – which include water testing kits, flour, iodine, droppers and dialysis tubing – can be used to teach students everything from natural selection to the science of fermentation.

Students are even learning the importance of hand-washing, something very timely given the pandemic. Instructors plan to have students come to campus in drive-thru format and place their fingers on Petri dishes before and after washing their hands according to Center for Disease Control guidelines.

They will later analyze the bacterial growth from their own hands.

Lovos, a Chaffey student who is majoring in psychology, feels good about helping students do lab work at home. She has seen firsthand the value of lab activities.

"It's important because you feel like you're learning something besides lectures," she said. "It's hands on."



The Show Goes on With Theatre's 'Anon(ymous)'

While COVID-19 has closed the curtain on some college theater productions, Sheila Malone has used the pandemic as an opportunity to give her students skills beyond the stage.

The theater department will produce "Anon(ymous)" by Naomi Iizuka – the retelling of Homer's Odyssey – through the use of green screens, home filming, voiceover acting, digital media, video editing and more. The play will premiere online in November.

It's one of several examples of how Chaffey professors have used innovation to keep students learning their trade in a world of social distancing and remote education.

"This is a process and I can't foresee what hurdles we'll come against, but I know there's a lot of creative space in the play," said Malone, professor of theatre.

Malone has a background in new media and has produced interactive video installations for galleries, museums and theater productions.



She also works for local theater companies that have had to adapt to the pandemic by offering staged readings over Zoom.

Rather than forgo all theater productions for fall, Malone decided to put her skills to work and share them with her students.

"After this project, students will hopefully have an arsenal of skills in addition to acting," she said.

Malone said Chaffey students will film themselves at home using cell phones and other personal equipment. They will also be able to produce other video elements from home with virtual access to the college's digital lab.



With the use of green screens, montage, animation, found footage and voiceovers, she hopes students will be able to tell the story of a refugee boy journeying through the U.S. in search of his parents. Students will be given remote access to the college's digital lab to produce elements from their home computers.

Staff are currently receiving training in video editing software to put together all of the components.

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Chaffey Rolls Out New Academic Programs for Fall



Students can now pursue new degrees and certificates in public health, baking and real estate in programs being introduced for the 2020-2021 academic year at Chaffey College.

The programs have been created to address regional workforce needs while providing career opportunities for students.

"This economy is merciless to people who do not have an education," said Laura Hope, associate superintendent of instruction and institutional effectiveness. "We're trying to show students that there's not only an opportunity to continue their education, but there's an urgency to do it."

The new programs include University of California transfer pathway degrees in chemistry and physics; baking and patisserie; public health and hospitality management for transfer; a noncredit certificate of completion for "Employability Skills for the 21st Century" and a real estate salesperson certificate.

Hope said programs currently being developed this year include one for physical therapy assistant, which is being considered for the Fontana campus given its proximity to Kaiser Permanente Medical Center. It would be Fontana's first academic program.

Leaders are also working to "bundle" classes from several programs into a certificate program focused on baking, event planning and facilities management.

"There's a lot of opportunities in entertainment and leisure in Southern California and we want to capitalize on those opportunities for students," Hope said.

A certificate in e-commerce is also being developed.

Nearly all Chaffey College courses will be delivered online for the fall, but over 150 classes will be offered in person or in hybrid format. Employees have been taking precautions – such as promoting physical distancing, requiring the use of face coverings, and sanitizing between classes – to ensure the safety of the campus community.

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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.



Save The Date

Sept. 1-4

Auditions for theatre department's "Anon(ymous)"

Hispanic Heritage Month Events

Sept. 15

Music from Latin America with Anthony Guaracha
www.chaffey.edu/spops/ccsj.php

Sept. 16 and 18

Inclusive Campus Talk with Daniel Solorzano
www.chaffey.edu/spops/ccsj.php

Social Justice Events

Sept. 23

History discussion about school desegregation
www.chaffey.edu/spops/ccsj.php

Sept. 28 - Get out the vote!

Sept. 30 - I am Chaffey series talk