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A Message from Superintendent/ President Shannon

Happy New Year! Spring semester has begun, and while we are facing many of the same challenges we did last spring, I believe we all have the benefit of familiarity now. Connecting remotely has become a way of life for us, our spouses, children and extended family.

But 2021 brings us some hope of an eventual return to normalcy. We now have a vaccine that is being administered to the first phase of eligible Californians, which should bring down the number of infections and free up bed space in our hospital ICUs. And Congress passed a \$900 billion COVID-19 relief package in December to help people with the economic fallout from the pandemic. We may not have the answers to what happens next for our country, but it is encouraging to see some progress toward rebuilding what we have lost.

Chaffey College has been working hard to help students stay on track toward their goals. We plan on distributing a third round of funding through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act to students in need. And whether they're meeting with students online or handing out laptops, food and classroom supplies in our drive-thru events, our amazing faculty and staff continue to keep the success of our students their top priority. We may not be on campus, but we have been very busy.

I thank you all for your perseverance and hard work. We're going to make it through this!

Sincerely,

Henry D. Shannon, Ph.D.

Dr. Henry Shannon Named Educator of the Year

The Inland Empire Economic Partnership (IEEP) named Chaffey College Superintendent/President Dr. Henry Shannon "Educator of the Year" during its annual awards ceremony on January 14.

The event, held virtually due to the pandemic, also honored other business leaders and

various organizations. Shannon received the award for his commitment to partnering with the business community and support of the Center of Excellence in Logistics, a consortium of academic and industry partners focused on workforce education and the logistics sector, among other areas.

"I am honored and humbled to be honored with this award," Shannon said. "I look forward to continuing our work with the Inland Empire Economic Partnership for many years to come

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Spring Semester Kicks Off With Laptop, Supplies Drive-Thru



Staff members wearing masks and gloves handed out Chromebooks, backpacks, books and other supplies to hundreds of students for spring semester in a series of drive-thru events at all three campuses.

Chaffey College has been holding drive-thru events since March due to the campus closure. Since then, the college has distributed nearly 2,600 laptops, said Jim Fillpot, dean of institutional research, policy and grants.

"While the vast majority of students continue to use Chromebooks checked out in prior semesters, through the six drive-thru pickup events that were scheduled the week before and the first week of the semester, an additional 177 students were able to obtain Chromebooks to support online learning this spring," Fillpot said.

Employees also handed out supplies for Disability Programs and Services, Extended Opportunity Programs and Services and CalWORKs students. Students in those programs normally receive kits and other items in person, but staff needed to shift to a drive-thru

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as we address the challenges and celebrate the triumphs that lie ahead for our region."

The Inland Empire Economic Partnership is a regional economic development organization that helps business and government leaders make the Inland Empire a great place to live, work and invest. Members advocate for the region by working with policymakers at the city, county, state and national levels.

The organization's annual awards ceremony celebrates the work of local leaders who help the Inland Empire navigate and overcome economic challenges.

"By using their talents, expertise and influence, these honorees stand out among those who make San Bernardino and Riverside County a better place to live for the 4.6 million people of the region," IEEP President and CEO Paul Granillo said.

Campus Community Talks Servant Leadership

More than 50 people from the Chaffey College campus and surrounding community gathered January 14 to discuss Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s legacy of servant leadership and how students can get involved through their own service.

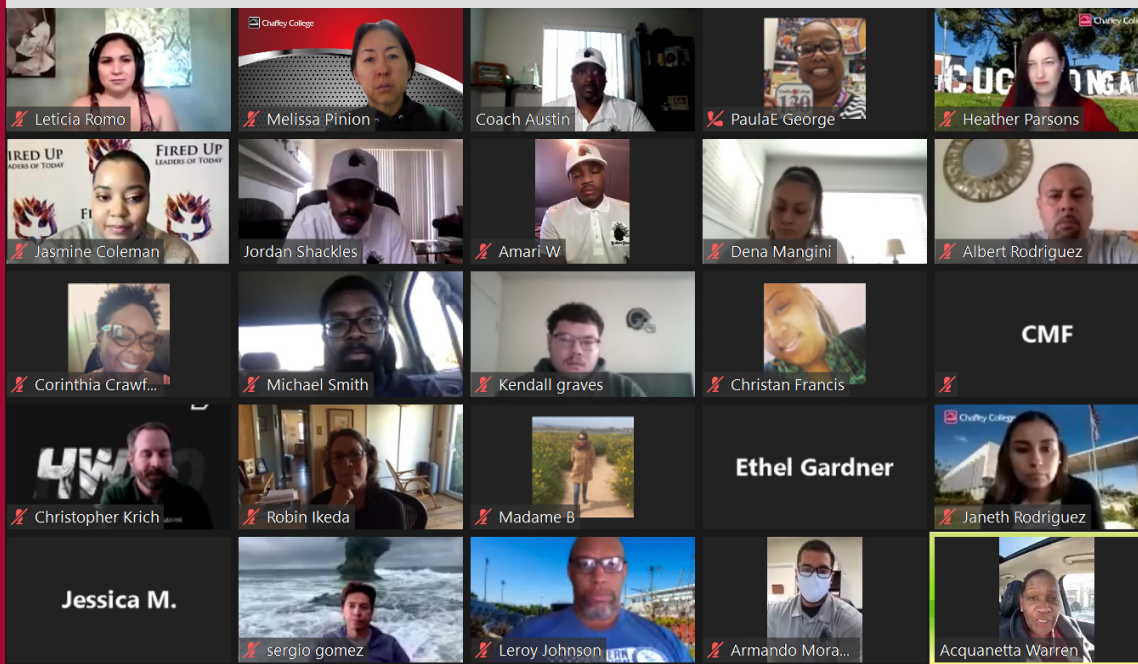
The "Honoring MLK Jr: A Servant's Heart Panel Discussion" featured representatives from city government, alumni, as well as faith-based and educational leaders.

Fontana Mayor Acquanetta Warren said that even though the world is in the middle of a pandemic, there are opportunities to volunteer through churches, neighborhoods, nonprofit groups and more.

"Everybody thinks you need to get elected to do something," she said. "I started my political career by just volunteering."

Emmett Terrell, retired deputy superintendent for the Pomona Unified School District, suggested that students can start by supporting and finding opportunities among their own group of associates.

"What I've learned in my life and what's really helped me in any successes that I've had is taking the first step," Terrell said. "That first step is asking 'How can I help you? How can I create access? How can I facilitate change? How can I help you to achieve the greater good?'"



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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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Jordan Shackles, Chaffey College Brothers Forum member and alumnus, currently serves St. Joseph Center in Los Angeles and helps provide shelter to the homeless through the COVID-19 initiative "Project Roomkey." He said Chaffey's campus may be closed, but there are plenty of opportunities for college students to serve in the community.

"We have more resources than volunteers right now," he said.

Jasmine Coleman with Fired-Up! Ministries in Rancho Cucamonga suggested students can get involved virtually by joining a college club, student government and by mentoring peers.

"College is the best time to jump in and explore," she said.

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model this year, said Diana Sanchez, interim director for EOPS, CARE, NextUp and CalWORKS.

"This is a key part of our service to students as they help them feel prepared for their semester and provide the opportunity to set up their first counseling appointment with the program," Sanchez said.



Save The Date

Feb. 1 and 2

Golden Age of Radio Auditions

Feb. 5

Rising Scholars Network "Voices of Freedom"

Feb. 10

Make a Zine Workshop

Feb. 16

Artist Talk with Jonah Elijah and Robert Newman

Feb. 17

Tierra del Sol Gallery Walk Through

Feb. 23

Artist Talk with Cole M. James

Feb. 25

Artist Talk with William Camargo

Feb. 26

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