

PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

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VISION STATEMENT
*Chaffey College:
Improving lives
through education.*

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A Message from Superintendent/ President Shannon

Earlier this month I was invited to speak at the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society Fall Leadership Conference for California and Nevada, where some of our brightest students proudly represented Chaffey.

Led by their advisor, Professor of Psychology Nicole Barbari, these students have chosen to go above and beyond what is asked of them, whether it is through facilitating workshops on student success or fundraising to give back to our community. I am inspired by our honor society students because through their leadership, they not only create more opportunities for themselves, but also for their peers. Likewise, their actions have a positive impact on the community and that is what makes all of us stronger.

Making our community stronger has been a consistent theme for us at Chaffey and I am excited to share that we have reached a major milestone. As of Friday, October 15, the majority of our students, faculty and staff are now in compliance with our fall 2021 vaccine mandate. While I know this was not an easy task to coordinate, I want to commend our leadership team for its diligence in helping to organize this critical effort. I would also like to say THANK YOU to each of you who has taken the personal and social responsibility to help keep our campuses safer by getting vaccinated and uploading your vaccination card through My Chaffey.

While we can all agree that COVID-19 has impacted each of us in many different ways, I hope and trust that we all share a common goal to provide the safest, healthiest learning community as possible for our students.

Despite the pandemic, we have accomplished many great things and I am looking forward to sharing our success stories with the greater community on Thursday, November 4 during the [2021 Report to the Community - a virtual event](#). Please join us and share in our moment of pride.

Go Panthers!

Sincerely,



Henry D. Shannon, Ph.D.

Report to the Community Coming November 4

Chaffey College will present its annual "Report to the Community" event virtually at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday November 4, providing a look back at how the college adapted during the pandemic and a look forward to Chaffey's future.

The event will include a video presentation highlighting points of pride for the college, as well as a "Report to the Community" book featuring success stories from the campus and alumni.

"We look forward to Report to the Community every year because it gives us a chance to shine," said Chaffey College Superintendent/President Henry Shannon. "We have a lot to share with the community this year given the challenges we have faced and overcome."

Several students will share ways the college supported them during the pandemic in a panel discussion following the video presentation.

The event will also include a recorded performance of Chaffey College's choir singing "Will There Really be a Morning?" by Ruth Morris Gray and directed by Professor of Music David Rentz. Learn more at www.chaffey.edu/rtc.



Chaffey Top Ranked for Enrolling, Granting Degrees to Hispanic Students

[Hispanic Outlook on Education](#) has ranked [Chaffey College](#) the No. 4 California community college to grant associate's degrees to Hispanic students and the state's No. 5 college in Hispanic enrollment.

The magazine ranked 100 colleges throughout the nation based on degrees granted at community colleges in 2019-2020 and total enrollment of Hispanic students the same year. The rankings were included in the magazine's "Top Colleges and Universities for Hispanics" edition, released October 12. "As a [Hispanic Serving Institution](#) with a diverse student body, we are committed to transforming the lives of all of our students through education. It is an honor to receive recognition for the work we do to help our students succeed," said Chaffey College Superintendent/President Henry Shannon.

Chaffey College placed No. 11 nationally for the number of Hispanic students receiving associate's degrees. Of the roughly 4,000 degrees awarded in the 2019-2020 academic year, 63 percent of those awards went to students identifying as Hispanic.

Chaffey ranked No. 8 nationally out of 100 community colleges for the number of Hispanic students enrolled at Chaffey. Out of about 30,000 students enrolled, 63 percent are Hispanic.



300 Students Celebrate in Drive-Thru Tailgate

Students waved pompoms, honked their horns and showed off decorated cars in Chaffey College's first-ever drive-thru Tailgate celebration on October 1.

The event, taking place on the Rancho Cucamonga campus, drew about 300 students who came to pick up Chaffey swag bags.

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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 event normally occurs on Grigsby Field and gives the community and alumni a chance to check out information booths, food trucks and petting zoos prior to a home game. It was held in drive-thru format due to the pandemic.

For Branden Bocanegra, a 2020 Kaiser High School graduate and business major, it was his first time seeing the campus.

"It's great that Chaffey was still able to give everyone something to come out and have a good time," he said.

The event served as the introduction for Chaffey's newly-named mascots Rocky and Roxy, who waved and danced for students.

Business student James Burk came with his son, Zachary Hoppock, a computer science major.

"I just enjoy going to Chaffey events," Burk said. "It's a lot of fun."

About 160 students also took the opportunity at the event to get an Amazon gift card by showing proof of their COVID-19 vaccination.



Save The Date

November 16

[#RealTalk - First Gen:
Conversation About Navigating College](#)

November 1

[Tarde de Calacas](#)

November 17

[Artist Talk with Landyn Pan](#)

November 2

[Lola's Cocina: Comida and Day of the Dead](#)

November 17

[International Education Celebration](#)

November 3

[Advocacy and Social Justice
for LGBTQ2S with Lady Shug](#)

November 18

[Workshop with Landyn Pan](#)

November 4

[Virtual Report to the Community](#)

November 18

[Foster Youth EOPS and Independent
Scholars - Friendsgiving](#)

November 10

[Transfer with Pride](#)

November 19

[Trans Day of Remembrance](#)

November 16

[Talk with Darryl Evey - "Poverty:
Why It Sucks and How You Can Help"](#)

November 30

[Native Wellness Institute:
Being an Ally in Indian Country](#)