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Dear Chaffey Community

I trust you are enjoying the summer season that is upon us. Whether you are taking some time off or forging ahead on goals, I hope at a certain point we all can do a little of both.

Summer session is in full swing through July 29 with more than 11,000 students enrolled in online and in-person classes. We are focused on increasing flexible learning opportunities and are gearing up for a robust fall semester. [Registration for fall is open.](#)

I would like to express my gratitude to our faculty and staff who are working straight through the summer to ensure all current and incoming students are served and provided the information and resources they need to be successful at Chaffey College. While the summer season is typically a quieter operation on campus, there is a lot still happening behind the scenes.

One thing we are looking forward to in the coming weeks and months is celebrating the 50th anniversary of Title IX. In addition to the protections it offers our students, since 1972 Title IX has been instrumental in combating gender-based discrimination at colleges and universities – including women's participation in NCAA sports. Chaffey College will honor this milestone in the fall with a series of guest speakers, movie screenings and athletic events. I look forward to celebrating this with you.

As the fiscal year comes to a close and we plan for 2022-23, I would once again like to thank this community for your dedication to Chaffey College.

Have a safe and wonderful Independence Day weekend.

Sincerely,



Henry D. Shannon, Ph.D.

Turning Point Alum Working Toward Career Helping Others

When Genevieve Silva put on her graduation cap and gown in 2015 and walked out to greet her family, she felt victorious knowing that she had finished what she started.

But the venue for her commencement ceremony was not Toyota Arena, and she couldn't just drive home after the festivities.

She celebrated that milestone from behind the walls of the California Institution for Women in Chino while serving a 14-year sentence.

"I was proud of myself," Silva said. "I was glad it was over, but I still took classes after that and became a Chaffey tutor in the program."

Thanks to her academic accomplishments and good behavior, Silva was released early in 2021. She earned two more associate's degrees and a certificate this year.

She will transfer to the University of California Riverside in the fall to major in sociology, a degree she hopes will lead to a career helping children with social skills or guiding college students as a counselor.

Silva was arrested in 2010 following a residential robbery in Riverside.

But she did not let that mistake hold her back. She applied for Chaffey College's Turning Point program as soon as the opportunity arose.

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Chaffey Celebrates Women in Athletics with Title IX Anniversary

Timi Brown remains grateful to this day for the long drives her parents made to get her to travel basketball team games. And even more, she appreciates being able to compete in high school sports at all.

Had she been born a little more than a decade earlier, that opportunity may not have been available.

Brown and other female athletes have been able to play competitive sports in the U.S. since 1972 under a federal law called Title IX.

"I'm so grateful to my parents who got me involved in organized sports because I know that I would not be an athletic director today if it weren't for sports," Brown said.

Women's participation in National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) sports has increased by nearly 30 percent since the passage of Title IX, a civil rights law that prohibits sex-based discrimination in any school that receives federal funding. Chaffey College plans to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the law with a series of panel discussions, guest speakers, movie screenings and athletic events throughout the next year.

Grace Cooper, Chaffey head women's soccer coach, has been playing competitive soccer since high school. But that did not initially seem normal for her parents, who are Italian immigrants.

"Being a female playing a collegiate sport was brand new to them," Cooper said. "In Italy, girls or women didn't play. For me, Title IX is something that afforded me that opportunity and also changed the view of my family."

Kinesiology major Angely Gutierrez, a member of the women's soccer team, says she and her family have seen the value of playing college sports.

"My grandpa said soccer has already paid off for me," she said. "It's been something that has always kept me on track. It's always been my motivation to do well in school."

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Despite the progress made by Title IX, groups such as the [Women's Sports Foundation](#) say there is still room for improvement. Women comprise about 60 percent of college enrollees across the country, but only about 44 percent have access to college sport opportunities and just 14 percent are women of color, according to the [foundation](#).

Kayleen Morales, also a member of the soccer team, credits athletics with helping her push past numerous adversities. But even with Title IX in place, she saw equity issues while playing soccer in high school.

"Our high school uniforms were actually the boy's old uniforms passed on to us from many years ago," she said.

Cooper would like to see opportunities expand for women in college athletics, including opportunities for more women to coach women's teams.

"If we can just continue to have women in these positions, that will help with enrollment and recruiting of these young ladies to come play and compete," she said.

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"I love learning," she said. "I always tell my mom that I have an opinion about everything so I know my opinions will get stronger the more I know."

She earned her first associate's degree and certificate in business in 2015, and credits Chaffey's faculty and counselors with helping her reach her goals.

Laura Alvarado, assistant director of adult education pathways, said students in prison face daily struggles related to their environment. But Silva pushed through those barriers to succeed.

"Genevieve's success is not surprising," Alvarado said. "She has always been a strong individual with thoughts and opinions that need to be heard. Her energy and rich life experience will be an asset to UCR."

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Chaffey College improves lives and our communities through education with a steadfast commitment to equity and innovation to empower our diverse students who learn and thrive through excellent career, transfer, and workforce education programs that advance economic and social mobility for all.



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