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A Message from Superintendent/ President Shannon

Dear Chaffey and Community Members,

Just like that, we are nearing the end of another year and another semester. While it amazes me how quickly the time seems to pass, I am always left with a feeling of pride and gratitude when I think about all we have accomplished as a community.

On November 9 more than 250 city and educational leaders and community members from the Inland Empire attended our annual Report to the Community in Ontario. The event highlighted the relevancy of a college education, showcased Chaffey's latest equity initiatives and shared student success stories from the Industrial Technical Learning Center, English as a Second Language (ESL) and Extended Opportunity Programs and Services (EOPS) programs. I was left inspired and fueled for the future, as I know so many of you were as well.

I am also still reeling from welcoming nearly 400 community members to campus to attend our inaugural Black and Brown Minds & Mattering Conference on November 1. We continue to receive positive feedback from attendees and community members alike who are grateful that Chaffey is actively addressing the needs of our underserved populations and uplifting them as well. We are excited to grow this conference next year.

At Chaffey, we are forging ahead into our 140th year with exciting plans in 2023, which include expanding our programs, growing our campuses and serving more students in-person and online. (And yes, there will be a celebration to mark our 140th anniversary – more details on that soon!)

A key factor in providing more opportunities for student success is community support. I am grateful to share that Chaffey College has received seed money to establish the Randall Lewis Center for Entrepreneurship with a gift of \$250,000 from Lewis Management Corp. This will enable Chaffey to offer students more tools, resources and connections to help them reach their entrepreneurial endeavors.

In closing, I'd like to acknowledge the season that is upon us and let each of you know how grateful I am for your commitment and dedication to our students and this community. As we know, the last month of the year is always a whirlwind, but I hope you will join me in taking a moment to reflect on a successful year and set some intentions for another great year ahead.

Enjoy the holidays and stay safe!

Sincerely,

Henry D. Shannon, Ph.D.

Superintendent/President

Women's Soccer Earns National Award



United Soccer Coaches has honored the Chaffey women's soccer team with the prestigious [Pinnacle Award](#) for its performance on the field and in the classroom.

The organization, the world's largest group of soccer coaches, announced award winners in October. Chaffey was the only community college to receive the award. Seven collegiate programs nationwide were recognized.

The Pinnacle Award recognizes teams that have earned both the College Team Ethics and Sportsmanship Award and the College Team Academic Award (team GPA above 3.0) and have recorded a winning percentage of .750 or higher during their competitive season. Platinum status is awarded to teams that have received zero penalty cards in their season. Chaffey College was the only program recognized for this level of sportsmanship.

Head Women's Soccer Coach Grace Cooper called the achievement of academic and athletic excellence, and avoiding penalty cards, an impressive feat.

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Chaffey Holds Inaugural Black and Brown Minds & Mattering Conference

Around 400 students and educators gathered November 1 to celebrate and lift up communities of color at the inaugural Chaffey College "[Black and Brown Minds & Mattering Conference](#)."

The event - through workshops, cultural displays and discussions - seeks to shine a light on the systemic issues facing Black and brown communities and find solutions to better serve them.

"Colleges across the nation saw [dramatic decreases in enrollment among students of color](#) during the pandemic," said Chaffey

College Superintendent/President Henry Shannon. "And while the pandemic is over, we are still seeing its effects on our Black and Brown populations. We need to find ways to better support these communities to help them succeed."

[Shannon](#) and [Francisco C. Rodriguez](#), chancellor for the Los Angeles Community College District, served as morning keynote speakers for the conference. [Felicia "Fe" Montes](#), a multimedia artist, poet, performer, educator and more, closed the conference with a presentation on embracing one's heritage.

Shannon and Rodriguez addressed a variety of issues including equity, starting with their own roots in segregated schools and neighborhoods as well as issues they've faced as leaders.

Despite the hurdles they have faced, Shannon and Rodriguez said they persisted with the mission of supporting the generations to follow them.

"This disease called racism and bias prevails and we are the agents to combat that - all of us in this room," Rodriguez said.

Faculty, students and community members led workshops throughout the day focused on various issues facing undocumented students, the importance of ethnic studies and the value of dialogue to bring different communities together, among other topics.

Karla Alfaro, president of the Chaffey student club UNIDOS (United Network of Immigrants and Dreamers Organizing for Students), addressed the fear of deportation

due to the [legal battle over Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals](#), or DACA.

"We're making this life for ourselves, but we don't know if we can stay. We don't know if they are going to revoke DACA," she said.

Carmen Stephens, a counselor at Pasadena City College, praised Chaffey for hosting the event.

"I think it's great, it's timely and it's needed right now," Stephens said. "I think more colleges should join in."

Chaffey theater student Rene Sarver said the conference has sparked her interest in taking classes related to ethnic studies, journalism and other subjects.

"I'm just very impressed with the conference, the talks, the stories, and the goals for greater equity, greater inclusion and how to reach those who are forgotten," she said.





Alumnus Helps Get Prado Dam Mural Restored

Eric Ramirez '21 wants to one day see his artwork on the big screen as an animator or filmmaker.

The Chaffey College alumnus will soon get to see the fruits of his labor on a very different, and much larger canvas. Ramirez helped artists and supporters get the [Prado Dam bicentennial mural](#) restored, a project that had been caught in legal limbo for years. A group including the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Rep. Ken Calvert, Ramirez and the mural's original artists from Corona High School participated in a groundbreaking ceremony for the restoration project in September.

The mural is six times the size of Mount Rushmore.

"I'm honestly really happy about it," Ramirez said. "My entire life I've seen that mural covered in graffiti and looking terrible. Now I want to see what it used to look like. The fact that I've had a hand in this, I'm shocked."

Ramirez, while pursuing two degrees in studio arts at Chaffey, heard about the struggles of artist Ron Kammeyer to get the mural restored. According to news reports, Kammeyer and the Mural Conservancy of Los Angeles sued to stop plans to have the 1976 mural removed.

Ramirez, a Disability Programs and Services (DPS) and Extended Opportunity Programs and Services (EOPS) student, produced a [video interview](#) with Kammeyer and directed viewers to visit a Change.org petition. The petition - asking supporters to "[Save the Largest Patriotic Mural in America](#)" - generated more than 37,000 signatures.

Calvert and the Army Corps of Engineers have secured \$2.5 million in federal funds to remove the existing lead-based paint and restore the original mural design. The mural is expected to be completed in July.

Chaffey Rolls Out Virtual Reality Tech in Nursing

Nurse Angelica Medina stood nearby Lou Thao's hospital bed as the patient groaned from the pain of diverticulitis. After checking his vital signs, Medina reached for the telephone and asked the on-duty physician whether she could give him morphine.

It turns out the "patient" was only a character in a virtual reality simulation and Medina - a vocational nursing student - was wearing Oculus Quest goggles in a Chaffey College classroom in Chino rather than a hospital.

"It's just so real," Medina said. "Having the goggles is a safety net. I feel like I'm rehearsing on my own in my room."

Chaffey fully implemented VR technology in its vocational nursing program in the fall, making it one of the few Southern California community colleges using VR in nursing education. The equipment and [SimX](#) teaching software was funded through a \$63,000 [Strong Workforce](#) grant.

"Our nursing program prepares students to address healthcare needs of the community thanks to our quality faculty, innovative teaching approaches and cutting-edge technology," said Chaffey College Dean of Health Sciences Eric Sorenson. "The introduction of virtual reality technology to our vocational nursing program provides our students another way to be prepared for treating real patients, and we are proud to be one of the first community colleges in the region to provide this resource."

Chaffey College has used VR in numerous other programs such as the Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning, but it is the first time the technology has been incorporated into the nursing program.

Nursing students are required to complete hundreds of clinical hours - time spent in hospital settings with actual patients - to become licensed. But schools have encountered challenges getting access to clinical opportunities in the wake of COVID-19, said Naveen Khan, associate professor of nursing.

"This is a good solution," Khan said. "It's as realistic an experience you can get next to clinical settings."



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Mission Statement

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.

Chaffey College Draws 250 Educators, Lawmakers for Report to the Community



More than 250 city and educational leaders as well as community members from the Inland Empire gathered on November 9 for Chaffey College's annual Report to the Community in Ontario.

With the theme "Forging Ahead," the event highlighted the relevancy of a college education, showcased Chaffey's latest equity initiatives and shared student success stories from the Industrial Technical Learning Center, English as a Second Language (ESL) and Extended Opportunity Programs and Services (EOPS) programs.

Chaffey College Superintendent/President Dr. Henry Shannon spoke about the important role supporters and donors play in helping the college offer more opportunities for students to succeed - thanking Randall Lewis of Lewis Group of Companies and the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians for their recent charitable gifts to the college.

Lewis recently gave Chaffey College \$250,000 to establish a center for entrepreneurship and innovation and San Manuel gave \$1.7 million earlier this year to support hospitality management and culinary arts programs.

"I'm so proud to be here today," Shannon said. "They say it takes a village and the village that we have here is superb. This village is strong and resilient."

The Report to the Community also featured a live performance by the Chaffey College Concert Choir, which debuted a new song that was produced specifically for the event.

The last time Chaffey hosted its Report to the Community in-person was February 2020.

Chaffey College Governing Board President Lee McDougal thanked community members for their support in helping Chaffey fulfill its mission. He also spoke of the pride he feels from seeing students succeed.

"Students have the capacity and determination to achieve more - they just need the opportunity and resources," he said.

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"To have a group that can accomplish all three is extremely rare, especially at the collegiate level," she said.

In the 2021 season, Chaffey's Women's Soccer program was undefeated in the Inland Empire Athletic Conference (11-0) and advanced to the CCCAA state playoffs as the #8 seed in the south.



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