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through education.

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A Message from Acting Superintendent/President Lisa Bailey

Happy Fall Semester!

I hope the summer months brought many opportunities to spend time with loved ones and rejuvenate for the new academic year.

At present, Dr. Henry D. Shannon is away on medical leave, so I would like to first and foremost wish him a restful and speedy recovery. He sends his gratitude to the Chaffey community for its continued hard work and messages of support. During his temporary absence, the Chaffey College Governing Board directed the Executive Team to continue advancing the District's mission. We will do our best to lead the District's work through listening, consulting and communicating.

Also, in accordance with Board Policy 2432, I have been asked to serve as Acting Superintendent/President while concurrently operating as the Associate Superintendent of Business Services and Economic Development. I will continue to serve in this capacity until Dr. Shannon returns in late December.

Our focus on student success remains steadfast! And students are responding with energy and optimism. Student Life in the Quad has never been more active with food, music, games and activities promoting social engagement and belonging. In the week leading up to the start of the semester, we hosted more than 1,500 new and returning students and their families during Orientation Day - which set the tone for a vibrant and action-packed semester ahead.

This semester, students can access new tools and opportunities to boost their success at Chaffey. We recently rolled out the Student Success Incentive Program, launched a new mobile app, and increased in-person evening class offerings for added scheduling flexibility. These programs and the latest information on the fall semester are available online.

We have much to look forward to. Be sure to visit the Wignall Museum next week to check out the opening of its latest exhibit, "Reading Room: Zine, Comix & Other Radical Texts," which celebrates the impact of zines and comics on today's culture. The exhibit runs September 3 through November 16. Also, mark your calendars for our Tailgate football event Saturday, September 21, when our Panthers take on Santa Monica College.

It is going to be a fantastic semester!

Lisa Bailey
Acting Superintendent/President

Chaffey Marketing Wins \$50,000 Lumina Foundation Grant

Lumina Foundation has awarded Chaffey College \$50,000 through their Instagram challenge. Chaffey's [Instagram Reel](#) featured student testimonials about the college and how it has benefitted them.

Chaffey was one of seven community colleges to receive the mini-grant and one of more than 100 to submit videos for the foundation's first-ever Instagram challenge. Lumina's grants will fund digital media outreach and marketing efforts for each college awarded.

"Chaffey College provides an exceptional value for its diverse student body, and the words of our students affirm this in our Reel," said Chaffey College Superintendent/President Henry D. Shannon. "We are grateful to Lumina Foundation and will put these funds to good use in helping more students succeed."

The Instagram challenge invited community colleges to create a 90-second Reel, highlighting why their college is the best choice for practicality, convenience and excellence. By participating, Chaffey aimed to showcase #WhatsExcellent about the college and demonstrated the life-changing experiences and opportunities available to students.

"For the past two years, Lumina has engaged in a national conversation about understanding and strengthening community college brands," said Mary Laphen Pope, Lumina's strategy officer for participation. "While discussions often focus on challenges such as enrollment declines, success stories about community colleges and their students are rarely highlighted. We aim to change that."

Mark Vidal, director of strategic communications, expressed pride in the marketing team and the praise students offered in the Reel.

"Chaffey College embodies the dreams and aspirations of our community, offering high-quality programs, excellent student support, growing campus facilities, and endless opportunities," he said. "We are eager to continue sharing our stories and highlighting the diverse and profound impact of a community college education."



1,500 Gather for Orientation Day

Rose Ortiz plans to become a veterinarian one day, and to get there, she's pursuing a biology degree at Chaffey College.

The Chino High School graduate decided to kick off her college career by coming to the Rancho Cucamonga campus on August 9 for Orientation Day.

"It's my first time in college so I'm looking for a good start," Ortiz said.

Orientation Day takes place every year in the fall and spring, giving students a chance to get acclimated to their campuses, meet with admissions or other staff, and learn about academic and career communities. About 1,500 students attended events virtually, as well as in Fontana, Chino and Rancho Cucamonga.

New and returning students took campus tours, enjoyed free food and music, and took home some Chaffey swag.

Ethan Del Cid came with his friends to the event to get questions answered about his classes.

"I'm a little nervous because I know it's going to be a little different than high school," he said.

Graphic design major Chloe Waite wants to earn credits to transfer to USC or another four-year university. She attended Orientation Day, feeling both anxious and excited.

"I want to learn my daily schedule for the semester," she said.

Ortiz, who came to the event with her mother, Lissette Lomeli, said she chose Chaffey over a four-year university to save money and because it is close to where she lives.

"I'm so proud of her," Lomeli said.

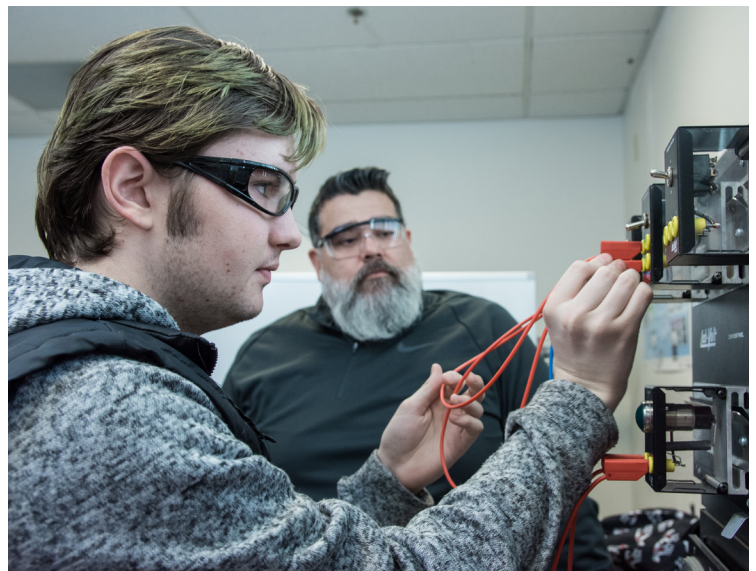
InTech Center Receives \$1.2 Million Grant to Train In-Need Students

The Division of Apprenticeship Standards in July awarded the Chaffey College Industrial Technical Learning Center \$1.2 million to provide free training to low-income and underrepresented students. Chaffey College was the only entity out of 39 organizations awarded to receive the maximum award.

The grant will allow Chaffey to train 100 students who are between 16 and 24-years-old and from various groups including formerly incarcerated, current and former foster youths, youth parents and the disabled, among others.

Chaffey College Superintendent/President Henry D. Shannon expressed gratitude and excitement for the grant.

"Chaffey College's InTech program has been named a national model for workforce education because it was designed by industry for industry, provides a pipeline of skilled workers and gives students access to no-cost training for well-paying jobs," Shannon said. "We are grateful to receive this generous support from the state because it will allow us to train more students and support our industry partners." Students enrolled in the program will receive training in the industrial electrical mechanical pre-apprenticeship program, which lasts for 16 weeks. They will each receive a \$6,000 stipend. Additionally, InTech will provide employability skills training, showing students how to create a resume, how to ace a job interview and search for a job.



Students must be willing to enter the workforce immediately after graduating. The median wage for maintenance technicians is around \$56,000 in the Inland Empire, according to O*Net Online. Demand for maintenance technicians is expected to grow by 18 percent through 2030 in California.

Chaffey College Director of Workforce Development Laura Alvarado called the grant a game changer.

"This grant will ease financial burdens for students who need support the most, giving them a chance to improve their lives and the lives of their families," Alvarado said. "Our industry employers will also benefit from this award by receiving a skilled, local workforce." Chaffey expects to begin announcing information sessions on the InTech website for the program in early September, with the first group of students starting classes later that month.

Chaffey Receives 2023 Lincoln Aviator Black Label from Ford of Upland



Ford of Upland donated a new Lincoln Aviator to Chaffey College's automotive technology program, providing students with a luxury SUV to enhance learning.

Jonathan Polidano, program coordinator for the auto tech program, says the donation will be a great learning tool for students. Chaffey also owns seven electric and hybrid vehicles, and one gas-powered vehicle, for training purposes. The new vehicle is worth an estimated \$80,000.

"It's going to be great to have another vehicle that's not hybrid and has a traditional combustion engine. That way, if we need to do demonstrations for our students on direct injection faults or more advanced traditional powertrain systems, we can do that. The combination of the turbocharged V6 engine, all-wheel drive, and 10-speed transmission affords our students learning opportunities in technologies that most of our other vehicles can't replicate," he said.

U.S. Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development and Rep. Norma Torres Visit InTech

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Alejandra Castillo remembers when her mother would return home with small burn marks on her arms from her job as a welder in the 1990s. Her mother lost that job when her company moved overseas, but Castillo – now the U.S. Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development – doesn't want that to happen to others.

She visited the Industrial Technical Learning Center with Congresswoman Norma Torres on July 26 to learn how the federal government can support workforce development in the Inland Empire.

"I come from a working class family and this job is personal to me," she said.

Numerous other dignitaries have visited the center in the last few years, including Lt. Gov. Eleni Kounalakis, U.S. Secretary of Education Miguel Cardona and U.S. Secretary of Labor Marty Walsh. Vice President Kamala Harris, while serving as a U.S. Senator, toured InTech in 2017.

Castillo said that workforce development is not only important to the community, but also to national security because overseas organizations are investing in their people and technologies to define the future of the globe.

"We are in a race, not against ourselves, but a global race and it's exciting. But we have to get the work done," she said.

She encouraged schools and other workforce training organizations to apply for federal grants to continue meeting the needs of the region.

"If we don't have the entrepreneurs that are going to create the supply chain for all these industries of the future, then we are structurally at a disadvantage," she said.

The event was attended by Chaffey community members including Chaffey College Governing Board President Deana Olivares-Lambert and Vice President Gloria Negrete-McLeod.

Several InTech graduates shared their testimony about how the program has helped improve their lives, including Danngely Lorenzana.

Lorenzana described the struggle of dropping out of college at 19-years-old when he became a father. He took a job doing warehouse work and logistics, making \$17 per hour.

He praised Chaffey for giving him access to free job training, helping him get a position in industrial electrical technology that pays more than twice what he previously earned.

"This program is amazing," he said.

The donation stemmed from Chaffey's relationship with Ford during the last 1 ½ years. During that time, students have been participating in Ford's New Ford Tech ACE online technician training program to get added experience and marketable skills before graduating.

Christian Burke, vice president of sales for the dealership, said the donation is the dealership's latest move in supporting workforce education.

"Ford of Upland has donated this beautiful Lincoln to Chaffey to show how important we consider technology, product education and the community," Burke said. "We believe in supporting local schools in our region, and we are excited to see how much students are able to learn by working on this car."

Polidano said the SUV's more advanced autonomous features such as adaptive cruise control, dynamic lower entry air glide suspension, 360 degree camera and lane centering assist will also provide students with knowledge that they can't get from most other Chaffey vehicles.

The vehicle was acquired with the support of the Chaffey College Foundation.

Wignall Museum Receives \$25,000 California Humanities Grant

California Humanities has awarded the Chaffey College Wignall Museum of Contemporary Art \$25,000 for its project "Reading Room: Zines, Comix, & Other Radical Texts." The project is an exhibition, a series of public programs and two annual zine/comics festivals.

The Humanities For All Project Grant is a competitive grant program of California Humanities, which supports locally-developed projects that respond to the needs, interests and concerns of Californians, provide accessible learning experiences for the public, and promote understanding among our state's diverse population.

The Wignall Museum organized "Reading Room: Zines, Comix, & Other Radical Texts" with the support of campus and community partners. The multidimensional project will launch September 3 with the opening of an exhibition focusing on artists who are young or emerging within the Inland Empire. Accompanying public programs will include film screenings, panel discussions, hands-on art-making workshops, and other community engagement opportunities featuring local and regional artists and cultural workers. The grant period will extend into 2026, and zine and comic festivals will commence annually during that time.

"California Humanities is honored to welcome our newest round of Project Grant awards," said President and CEO Rick Noguchi. "These projects will push the boundaries for not only how we understand and engage with our diverse array of California histories and cultures, but also provide a unique humanities lens for discussing pressing and important community issues."

California Humanities promotes the humanities - focused on ideas, conversation and learning - as relevant, meaningful ways to understand the human condition and connect us to each other in order to help strengthen California. California Humanities has provided grants and programs across the state since 1975. To learn more, visit calhum.org, or like and follow on Facebook, X, and Instagram.



Chaffey Professors Selected for Stanford University Fellowship

Professor of Journalism Ian Jones and Associate Professor of Sociology Jessica Moronez will bring a global perspective to their fall classes through a one-year fellowship hosted by Stanford University.

The Education Partnership for Internationalizing Curriculum ([EPIC](#)) Community College Faculty Fellowship program tasks faculty with developing innovative teaching materials and assignments that internationalize their academic disciplines.

Jones, who also teaches English and serves as a faculty advisor for Chaffey's student-run newspaper *The Breeze*, wrote for his own student newspaper at Bishops University in Quebec, Canada. He says students in his multimedia reporting course in the fall will benefit from being able to connect local stories with larger issues.

"A.I. is going to replace some aspects of journalistic practice, so journalism will become more investigative," Jones said. "I think this is going to help them develop investigative skills that are key to the field of journalism."

He hopes to develop an Open Educational Resources guidebook based on his fellowship work so that other student journalists at Chaffey and other schools can benefit.

Moronez, who teaches sociology and social justice studies at the California Institution for Women (CIW), the California Institution for Men (CIM) and online, hopes to bring a global perspective to her sociology of gender course at CIW.

She envisions her students being able to take virtual museum tours, and explore various multimedia that will expand their perspective on gender.

"I really want them to experience the world even though they are so confined," Moronez said. "It's a form of social justice for them as well."

Moronez wants to connect with other colleges that offer prison education to discover what they are doing to offer their students an international approach to learning. She is hoping to present her findings at two global conferences, in addition to the fellowship presentation in May.

She says Chaffey's collaboration with Stanford on this project will show students that Chaffey is fully invested in their education.



Chaffey professors have been a part of the fellowship several times. The 2023 fellows included Professor of Anthropology Allison Tripp, who introduced cross-cultural storytelling to her classes to provide her students with a global perspective on anthropology. Chaffey Adjunct History Professor Tomasz Stanek, while serving another community college, participated in the 2021 fellowship, focusing on global ethnic studies.

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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 Announces 2024-2025 Governing Board Officers

The [Governing Board](#) for the Chaffey Community College District announced its officers for 2024-2025 at its regular meeting on July 17.

The Chaffey College Governing Board officers are:

- President - Deana Olivares-Lambert - representing Upland
- Vice President - Gloria Negrete-McLeod - representing the Chino Valley
- Clerk - Gary C. Ovitt - representing Ontario
- Member - Lee C. McDougal - representing Fontana, also serving as San Bernardino County Committee on School District Reorganization
- Immediate Past President - Kathleen Brugger - representing Rancho Cucamonga
- Student Trustee - Corah Miller

Olivares-Lambert has served on the board since 2020. She is a partner at The 20/20 Network, a Southern California-based communications firm specializing in media and community relations, branding, strategic planning and crisis management.

"Chaffey College remains the jewel of the Inland Empire by helping our students earn degrees and certificates and providing our workforce with skilled employees, both which drive our region's economic growth," said Chaffey College Superintendent/President Henry Shannon. "The reorganization of the Chaffey College Governing Board will position us for continued success in our mission of improving the lives of our students."

The Governing Board represents the community of the college's district in determining policies and making decisions, which govern the operation of the district and the college.

The board will meet again on September 24.



Save The Date

September 21

Tailgate
[Grigsby Field](#)

September 23

Juneteenth: A Conversation
with Samuel Dunson and
Omar Dphrepaulezz
CAA-211
[Wignall Museum](#)

September 3 - November 16

Zines, Comix and Other Radical Texts
[Wignall Museum](#)

September 5

Farmers Market
[Rancho Campus Quad](#)

September 17

Transfer Fair
[Rancho Campus Quad](#)