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A Message from Acting Superintendent/President Lisa Bailey

Happy Hispanic Heritage Month!

September was busy and productive, highlighted by many impactful events led by our fantastic students, faculty, and classified professionals.

We kicked off a month-long celebration for Hispanic Heritage Month on September 16 with hundreds of students partaking in the festivities produced by Student Life and the Center for Culture and Social Justice. A live mariachi band, delicious traditional foods, and calaveras workshops are just some examples of the activities our campuses have hosted in honor of the celebration - which will continue through October.

I would like to also celebrate and congratulate our football team on their victorious match against Santa Monica College on September 21, with a final score of 54-7! Thank you to the members of our community who came out to support our Panthers and those who joined us for our annual Tailgate event.

It is always an honor to host our esteemed elected officials on our Chaffey campuses. This month we welcomed Senator Susan Rubio to our Chino campus, providing her with an exclusive tour of the new Chino Instructional Building, which is scheduled to open in January 2025. She was thrilled to see that soon our students will have access to a brand-new state- of-the-art facility designed with their success in mind.

Chaffey was also well-represented on Capitol Hill this month when student Jasmine Desulma and faculty member Sarah Davila spoke at a press conference advocating in support of funding for students' basic needs. At the press conference, hosted by U.S. Senator Alex Padilla and Congresswoman Norma Torres, they shared their personal stories and called for support of the Basic Assistance for Students in College (BASIC) Act. I applaud them for their display of courage and advocacy for all underserved students in our country.

Registration is now open for our third annual Black and Brown Minds & Mattering Conference, taking place Wednesday, October 30 on our Rancho Cucamonga campus. Always an inspiring event, this year we will welcome keynote speakers President of Compton College and CEO of Compton Community College District, Dr. Keith Curry, and Latinx artist and storyteller, Anna Alvarado. You can register for free [here](#).

It is hard to believe we have three months left of 2024, but there is still time to achieve at Chaffey! Our Fast Track II term for the fall semester begins October 14! [View available classes](#).

Lisa Bailey
Acting Superintendent/President



Chaffey Doubles Night Courses for Fall

Chaffey College has more than doubled the number of evening class offerings for fall 2024, bringing students more options to meet their academic goals.

There are still opportunities to register for classes occurring between 4:30 and 10 p.m. on Chaffey's Chino, Fontana, and Rancho Cucamonga campuses for Fast Track II, which begins October 14.

"Many of our students work day jobs, but still desire a face-to-face classroom experience," said Chaffey College Interim Associate Superintendent of Instruction and Institutional Effectiveness Michael McClellan. "By offering courses after normal business hours, our students will be able to reach their goals in a way that fits into their schedules."

Chaffey rolled out 246 course sections at the start of registration, a 114 percent increase from fall 2023.

Students can complete numerous requirements for transfer and degrees with subjects such as biology, business, chemistry and communication studies. They can also pursue workforce education classes including automotive technology, firefighting and community health worker principles.

A wide variety of night classes will continue to be offered in future semesters, with the goal of giving all students access to flexible course schedules.

"We remain committed to equity at Chaffey College and by reducing barriers to access, more students will have an opportunity to improve their lives with a college education," McClellan said

Chaffey Celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month

The sound of violins, guitars and a trumpet echoed through the quad as students lined up for funnel cake, taquitos and more during Chaffey College's Hispanic Heritage Month kickoff event September 16.

Mariachi Bohemio took the stage while the campus community lined up for food and information booths.

"I'm here because this represents my culture," said Ashley Sanchez, a business administration and marketing major.

Sanchez's boyfriend, Jasen Cruz, who is Filipino, said he has learned a lot more about Latino culture from Sanchez. He appreciates Chaffey holding a celebration for Hispanic Heritage Month.

"It's beautiful to show diversity and all ethnicities," he said. "It brings people together."

Sociology major Jimmy Mendez also appreciated Chaffey's dedication to diversity through on-campus celebrations. He came to celebrate his heritage with friends and classmates.

"For Chaffey to do this - it goes a long way," he said.

The celebration continues in October with several more events. They include:

- October 2 from 2 to 4 p.m., Wignall Museum and Chino Campus Quad - Calaveras Making Workshops
- October 3 from 2 to 4:30 p.m., AD-125 - Veteran movie screening of *On Two Fronts: Latinos and Vietnam*. Pizza and drinks will be served.





Chaffey Community Gathers for Presidential Debate

Students, faculty and staff gathered to watch the second presidential debate on the Rancho Cucamonga campus on September 10.

The event - hosted by Student Life and the Center for Culture and Social Justice - gave students a chance to learn more about the candidates and the importance of voting.

"Younger generations are always characterized as being the voices of change and seeing the turnout of the attendance at the event made me very hopeful and optimistic for the future leaders that will have come out of that room," said Jayden Galvan, president of the Chaffey Speech and Debate Club.

The club, which facilitated the event, encouraged students to pay attention to the policies of each candidate so they know how they will be affected.

"We helped initiate conversation in the room about some of the issues concerning the students in our campus so that way we could pay close attention to the policies of each presidential candidate and see their stances on the issues that concern our community," Galvan said.

Debate Club Vice President Ethan Covarrubias, a psychology and pre-law student, said he was excited to see about 50 members of the campus community attend.

"I think the overall turnout could reflect the next step to increasing voting," he said.

The event also gave students a chance to exchange ideas and bond.

"I enjoyed the camaraderie of the event," Covarrubias said. "Being able to both speak and discuss expectations before and during the debate was a special moment that I won't forget."

Students Find Community at Fall Club Rush

From karaoke to crocheting and mental health to men's volleyball, students representing a wide variety of interests brought together thousands from the campus community for Fall Club Rush on August 28.

The event takes place twice a year, giving students a chance to join or create their own clubs on campus and connect with each other outside of the classroom.

Eleven clubs were chartered as of August 29, with another 25 working to gather more members to become officially chartered.

English major Brandon Croxford dreamed up the Karaoke Club as a way for students to express themselves. He's hoping he can gather enough like-minded singers to make the club official.

"Club meetings will most likely consist of discussing some of our favorite songs/music, what singing means to us, planning karaoke face-offs and singing our hearts out," he said.

Sarah Siddiqui, who is majoring in psychology, serves as president of the Chaffey Loves You Club. The club plans to focus on raising mental health awareness through presentations, workshops and guest speakers.

"Chaffey College has provided me with incredible support, especially EOPS, and I want to give back to this caring community," she said.

Many long-standing clubs such as Chaffey College Student Government, Game Development and Chaffey Dungeons and Dragons also attended the event to recruit new members.

Several unchartered reading and writing clubs joined the festivities, including the Book Club, the Books and Music Club, the Panther Poet Society and the Fiction Writing Club.

Among newcomers looking for charter status is WooSTEM, a group of female students majoring in Science, Technology, Engineering or Mathematics, and the Youth Innovation Collective.

A list of chartered clubs can be found [online](#). To join unchartered clubs, reach out to Student Life Coordinator [Sonia Juarez](#).



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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.



The Chino Campus welcomed Senator Susan Rubio in September, providing her with a tour of the Chino Instructional Building, which is scheduled to open in January 2025.



Save The Date

NOW - November 16

Zines, Comix and Other Radical Texts

[Wignall Museum](#)

October 1

Diversity Workshops: Internalized Homophobia and Transphobia

[AD-191](#)

October 2

Cul-ti-vate gardening workshop

[Fontana Student Lounge](#)

Calaveras Making Workshops

[Chino](#) and [Wignall Museum](#)

October 3

Hispanic Heritage Month Veteran Movie Day

[AD-125](#)

October 5

Community Arts Day at the Wig!

[Wignall Museum](#)

October 7

Moonlight Munch & Mingle

[Outside LA, PS and BE](#)

October 8

Diversity Workshops: Rejection and Acceptance

[AD-191](#)

Reception for "Reading Room"

Exhibition – [Wignall Museum](#)

October 9

No Straight Lines:

The Rise of Queer Comics – [CAA-211](#)

Canvas Orientation – [LI-8](#)

October 10

Artists 4 Democracy Zine Workshop

[Student Life](#)

October 15

Make a Zine with Tierra del Sol!

[Wignall Museum](#)

Moonlight Munch & Mingle

[Outside Panther Express, VSS and PS](#)

October 16

I Want a President

[Wignall Museum](#)

October 23

You Are a Poet!

This Workshop Will Prove It

[CAA-210](#)

October 23

Moonlight Munch & Mingle

[Outside LA, VSS and PS](#)

October 24

Visiting Artist Lecture: James Spooner

[CAA-211](#)

October 24-27

The Legend of Sleepy Hollow

[Theatre](#)

October 30

[Black and Brown Minds & Mattering Conference](#)

Rancho Campus