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Educational Development Center reopens with upgrades



The Citrus Community College District Board of Trustees and Superintendent/President Schulz participated in a ceremonial ribbon-cutting in August.

After being under construction for nearly two years, the Citrus College Educational Development (ED) Center recently reopened with new classrooms and state-of-the-art science laboratories.

The college marked the reopening with an Aug. 10 ribbon-cutting ceremony that included several dozen guests, including U.S. Rep. Judy Chu and dignitaries from several legislative offices. Attendees also included members of the campus community and Citrus Community College District Board of Trustees.

Thanks to sustainable design, as well as building automation and energy management systems, the modernized ED Center will use far less energy than in the past, with total consumption expected to drop to 6.8 kilowatt hours per square foot per year. Overall, the building will exceed California Energy Commission standards and save more than 170,000 kilowatt hours of energy per year.

The efficient building has also grabbed the attention of others outside the region. Earlier this year, Citrus College earned an Excellence in Energy and Sustainability

Award from the California Community Colleges Board of Governors. Specifically, the college won Best Innovative Project for a medium-sized community college district.

Citrus College worked with Westberg White Architecture and Pezeshki Engineering, Inc., on the \$14.4 million project. Nearly two-thirds of the project was funded from the Citrus Community College District's capital outlay fund, with the remainder coming from the Measure G general obligation bond.

The ED Center modernization is the final project to be funded by Measure G, a \$121 million general obligation bond that voters passed in 2004.

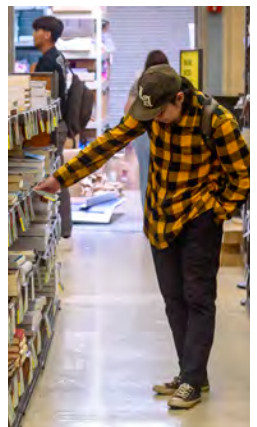
Many other campus upgrades have been funded through Measure G, including the Administration Building, athletic facilities, the Ross L. Handy Campus Center, the Campus Safety Building, the Center for Innovation, Hayden Hall, the Student Services Building and the Visual Arts Building, to name a few.



Welcome home, Owls!

Citrus College welcomed thousands of students to campus for the start of the fall 2023 semester in late August. During the first week of classes, staff members volunteered at information booths across campus to help students find classes and answer questions.

The college also hosted Welcome Day on Aug. 24. The event consisted of workshop sessions and a resource fair that provided information about academic programs, financial aid, career and transfer services, honors, and more.



Automotive technology students visit premier Toyota facility



The visit to Toyota Racing Development headquarters took place on Sept. 6.

Nearly a dozen Citrus College students and faculty members recently had the experience of a lifetime when they received an exclusive behind-the-scenes tour of the iconic Toyota Racing Development (TRD) facility in Costa Mesa.

In addition to designing and manufacturing engines for Toyota's racing teams, TRD helps with race vehicle engineering and support on the racetrack. Outside racing circles, TRD has its footprint on many Toyota vehicles – such as the Tacoma, Tundra and 4Runner – that offer TRD Pro special editions.

In Costa Mesa, students and instructors were treated to a two-hour tour where they met and learned from a handful of TRD employees. They also asked about their career journeys and what steps they took to ultimately work for Toyota.

"Visiting the Toyota Racing Development headquarters was a genuine privilege, thanks to our kind friend and commercial director, Jon Flack," said Priscilla Englert, Citrus College automotive technology instructor. "We first met Jon at the

SEMA [Specialty Equipment Market Association] show last year, where he shared the importance of the TRD brand and Toyota motorsports."

"Several of our High-Performance Institute students had the unique opportunity to join us on this trip," Englert added. "They were treated with warm hospitality and a better understanding of the research and development, engineering, and manufacturing processes that take place at TRD."

Students who attended said they had a blast.

"Visiting TRD was a great experience," said Noah Moya, an automotive technology student. "I got to see how they manufactured parts for not only NASCAR, but also consumer cars."

"My experience at TRD demonstrated to me how much effort is put into everything they do," automotive technology student Rainei Melgoza added. "It was really interesting being able to experience what a normal day looks like for them."

To learn about Citrus College's Automotive Technology program and Toyota Technician Training and Education Network (Toyota T-TEN), visit www.citruscollege.edu/academics/programs/auto.



Clarion ends print edition, but continues online



Clarion staff members for fall 2023 include (pictured L-R): Abiodun Collins, Ashton Nieves, Arturo Gonzalez Garcia, Adrian Franco, Daniela Vargas and Kiya Esparza. Not pictured: Jenan Hanno.

The Clarion, the award-winning Citrus College student publication that began printing in 1947, recently entered a new era when it moved entirely online.

The transition comes as news consumption habits are changing, with more people getting their news from the internet.

"As the profession changes, the Clarion needs to change too, and our consistent online readership lets me know that we can complete this evolution successfully," said Patrick Schmiedt, Citrus College journalism instructor and staff advisor to the Clarion.

Publishing online isn't new to the Clarion. For the past 20 years, the newspaper has maintained both a print and electronic presence, with its website receiving around 50,000 annual views over the past few years.

To prepare for the digital transition, the Clarion took a number of steps, including redesigning the website, launching a weekly newsletter and creating an official TikTok account.

According to Schmiedt, a benefit of moving entirely online is that Clarion staff will have more time to devote to stories, photos, graphics, videos and social media. From a curriculum standpoint, courses such as COMM 230 Design for Media can be reimagined to further prioritize these skills.

"Every profession needs people who can communicate clearly and concisely," Schmiedt said. "The critical thinking skills this work develops help students in all fields work through the loads of information they're bombarded with each day to figure out what's most important and most deserving of their time. Clarion students just take that extra step to share that work with an audience."

The Clarion's final print issue, which featured a commemorative section, hit newsstands on June 13. Along with all other issues from the 2022-2023 academic year, it has been added to a digital archive, which contains every article going back to 1964.

To read the latest Clarion stories, visit www.ccclarion.com. To view the archive, visit <https://tiny.cc/clarion>.

Graduate-turned-instructor shares her knowledge with Citrus College students

Although Evangeline De Vera graduated from Citrus College's Licensed Vocational Nursing (LVN) program in December 2020, she doesn't consider that her happiest moment on campus. Instead, she reserves that label for something more recent.

"My happiest moment was when I saw my first set of students graduate from the LVN program," she explained. "I felt a sense of fulfillment in myself and with my students."

De Vera first came to Citrus College in 2019 after researching local health sciences programs.

"I liked the program offered at Citrus College," she said. "I checked every subject and found that the curriculum was straightforward and excellent."

She began her academic journey by enrolling in the college's introduction to vocational nursing course, the successful completion of which earned her a space in the LVN program.



De Vera serves as an adjunct faculty member in the Citrus College Licensed Vocational Nursing program.

"After finishing my LVN program, I took pre-requisite subjects in preparation for the associate degree in nursing/registered nursing (RN) program," De Vera said. "This summer, I was accepted into the Citrus College LVN to RN bridge program, and I will graduate by June 2024."

Learning she was accepted into the program wasn't the only good news De Vera received this summer. At the start of the summer 2023 session, she was hired to serve in the LVN program as an adjunct faculty member teaching obstetrics and pediatrics.

"I choose to teach at Citrus College because I want to give back to the school where I received my formal education," she said.

In addition to her work at the college, De Vera also works as a vocational nurse in the labor, delivery, recovery and postpartum unit of Pomona Valley Hospital Medical Center.

With so many great things happening in her life, De Vera says she has discovered the keys to success.

"Perseverance, dedication and humility," she says. "It is also crucial to find a balance between school and life."

According to De Vera, gratitude is also important.

"I will be forever thankful. That is why I want to give my alma mater the gift of my time," she said.

Symposium shines spotlight on student research



Faculty, staff and students stopped by the 2023 STEM Summer Research Symposium in late September.

From detecting fake imagery online to igniting hydrogen and methane fuels in automotive engines, the 28 students who recently shared their work at the annual Citrus College STEM Summer Research Symposium are searching for solutions to modern challenges.

Hosted in the Campus Center on Sept. 21, the symposium showcased research Citrus College STEM students conducted throughout the summer. Members of the campus community had the opportunity to learn more about these innovative projects as the participating students discussed their work, explained their posters and shared their findings during the event.

"It's common for researchers to discuss their process and findings at conference presentations," explained Victoria Dominguez, dean of mathematics and business and interim STEM grants director. "Our STEM students who present at symposiums, including the college's Summer Research Symposium, are learning how professional researchers prepare for and present information."

Twenty-one of the students who presented at the symposium were participants in the college's Summer Research Experience (SRE). As such, they were each placed in positions at one of a variety of research sites, including California Polytechnic University, Pomona; California State University, Fullerton; Scripps College; Chapman University; Azusa Pacific University; University of Southern California; Oak Crest Institute of Science; and California Botanic Garden. The other seven students secured research opportunities independently or through other STEM programs.

As part of the SRE, students conducted research anywhere from eight to 10 weeks. Throughout their participation, they also answered questions in the SRE Canvas shell, which allowed them to discuss how their project was going and enabled them to lend support to their peers.

"This year's research posters feature student projects spanning various STEM fields, from computer science and environmental science to physics, biology and engineering," Dominguez said. "We are grateful to all of the faculty and staff who stopped by to see our students in their amazing roles as STEM scientists and researchers. Many thanks to Grant Project Specialist Monica Hernandez, who executes this event each fall."



Database administrator receives July ABCD honors



Maliglig has worked in the TeCS office since 2018.

In the five years since joining the Citrus College Technology and Computer Services (TeCS) team, Database Administrator Mike Maliglig has been instrumental in moving the college forward with its technological systems and applications. According to his supervisor, Maliglig is committed to making the college a safer place.

"Mike's work to secure, protect and advance the systems here at Citrus College is appreciated," said Allan Abutin, enterprise systems supervisor. "His work provides our college with the opportunity to have an advanced and safe student experience."

Maliglig's efforts recently earned him the Above and Beyond Classified Development (ABCD) Award for July 2023. Designed to highlight classified employees who demonstrate collaboration, service, dedication and a commitment to the college's mission, the ABCD Award is presented quarterly.

"Mike has shown the confidence to perform at a very high level. Our teammates can rely on him to be thorough and dedicated as we move our projects forward," Abutin said. "He is as dependable as can be, is dedicated to his craft and is a great team player. Mike is a pleasure to work with."

In his role as database administrator, Maliglig is responsible for monitoring system performance and troubleshooting problems, among other things. When he isn't working, he is an avid bowler and enjoys fishing.

"Mike is one of the brightest stars here at TeCS," Abutin said. "We wouldn't be where we are at today without him."



The Citrus College Pride Center hosted an open house at the start of the fall 2023 semester.

LGBTQIA+ hub provides students with resources, connection

Although attending college is often difficult, it can be uniquely challenging for queer students. From bullying and overt harassment to general discomfort and feelings of loneliness, LGBTQIA+ students face many obstacles that can impede their academic achievement.

"Now, more than ever, our LGBTQIA+ community needs resources and safe spaces," explains Anastasia Arnestad, coordinator of the Citrus College Pride Center. "Recent changes at Citrus College, including the opening of the Pride Center, have made it clear that this campus is committed to supporting all students."

This support was recently showcased during a Pride Center Open House on Sept. 6. Located in the Ross L. Handy Campus Center, room 117, the center is designed to provide a safe space with dedicated

support that empowers students to thrive and accomplish their academic and career goals.

"While the Pride Center opened last year, it is still a relatively new entity on this campus," Arnestad explained. "It is already an inclusive space for those who need it, and there are plenty of opportunities for what it can and will be."

Among these opportunities are promoting LGBTQIA+ Ally Trainings and hosting queer-forward programming as often as possible. Already scheduled for the fall 2023 semester is a harm reduction workshop, a coming out discussion group, a queer student social, the observation of World AIDS Day, and a snack and study program during finals.

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