

Citrus College's Haugh Scholars Program: Honoring a Legacy and Securing the Future
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This fall, 25 Citrus College freshmen began a mentoring program that will facilitate their transition from high school to college. This special opportunity will provide them with the information and tools they need to complete their educational goals—thanks to Judy Haugh, Citrus College alumna and daughter of the late Dr. Robert D. Haugh.

The Haugh Scholars Program was established in honor of Citrus College's third superintendent/president, who served the college and the community from 1967-1981. Under Haugh's leadership, the present-day Citrus Community College District was established, student enrollment increased in number and diversity, and the college expanded its academic programs. New facilities were built, including the performing arts center that bears Dr. Haugh's name.

"The Citrus College Foundation is grateful to the Haugh family for their generosity and their insight in establishing the Haugh Scholars Program," said Brian Bowcock, president of the Citrus College Foundation. "This College of Completion gift provides opportunities for a new generation of college students to complete their education."

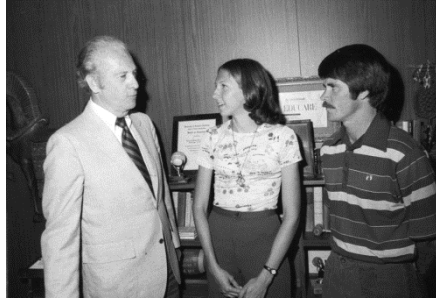
The Haugh Scholars Program has been established for Citrus College freshmen from Monrovia, where Dr. Haugh and his family were longtime residents. Throughout the semester-long program, the Haugh Scholars will attend seminars designed to facilitate in-depth communication and foster a sense of community among themselves. The seminars cover student success topics such as developing educational and career goals; applying for financial aid; accessing Citrus College's educational resources; and transferring to a four-year institution.

The Haugh Scholars Program reflects both family pride and professional expertise. Judy Haugh, in honoring her father, provided significant input into the structure of the program. She is a longtime community college educator who recently retired as articulation officer and associate professor of counseling for Riverside City College.

"Judy brings extensive knowledge of the challenges many community college students face in completing their education," noted Citrus College Superintendent/President Geraldine M. Perri, Ph.D. "Most important of all, she knows what it takes to help students succeed."

Citrus College's history credits Dr. Robert Haugh as a consensus-builder and communicator who was always focused on students. His legacy ensures that opportunities for college completion will be available to a new generation of Citrus College students.

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Dr. Robert D. Haugh with Citrus College track team member (and future Olympian) Ruth Caldwell and track and field coach Vince O'Boyle, in the 1970s.



Haugh Scholars attend a financial aid workshop conducted by Financial Aid Director Carol Thomas (second from left).