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Architecture students build portable showers for individuals who are unhoused

Two Citrus College Architecture Club students paint a wood frame that will be used in the project.

Over the past few weeks, several Citrus College students have found a new way to use their skills and give back to the community.

In collaboration with Hillside LA, a church in Los Angeles, Citrus College Architecture Club students are in the midst of converting a trailer originally meant for hauling off-road vehicles into a small building that provides showers to people experiencing homelessness or housing insecurity.

The students became involved after Tommy Reyes, an architecture instructor at Citrus College, learned about the project through a friend and mentor at California State University, Los Angeles.

"I saw immediately that this project had a host of layers that would benefit our students here at Citrus," Reyes said. "I realized this was my chance to show students how to design and build a project that also gives back to an underserved community."

Citrus College students have finished the design phase and are now starting to build the trailer. When it's finished, Hillside LA will primarily use it to help unhoused communities in Orange County.

A key highlight of the project is that it will also be sustainable. The water will be stored in a tank that will be heated by the sun as much as possible, Reyes said. To heat the water further, the shower will use an electric water heater powered by solar panels and batteries. When not in use, the solar panels will recharge the batteries.

The experience of working on the project has shown what architecture and engineering can achieve.

"I want [these students] to know that they can help solve a lot of our current problems when it comes to climate change, homelessness and other problems we have in Southern California," Reyes said. "We can be the change we would like to see, and we can be the change we need as a society and give back."

Reyes said the group is looking to work on more projects that will benefit the community. In the meantime, students are currently collecting donations for the showers, including towels, soap, shampoo, deodorant, dental hygiene products and more.

To learn more, contact Reyes at treyes@citruscollege.edu.



Citrus College superintendent/president honored during campus celebration

When Dr. Greg Schulz became superintendent/president of Citrus College in July 2021, the global pandemic made an investiture ceremony impossible.

Nearly two years later, the Associated Students of Citrus College (ASCC) made up for lost time by presenting Superintendent/President Schulz with an official chain of office.

In medieval times, high-ranking officials were presented with chains of office to indicate their roles in society and remind them of their fidelity to the community.

Today, these metal collars are presented to presidents of academic institutions during investiture ceremonies.

The Citrus College chain of office consists of a heavy metal chain, a medallion with the college seal, and plates featuring the names and tenure dates of the college's former superintendent/presidents.

It was presented to Superintendent/President Schulz during the ASCC/ICC (Inter-Club Council) end-of-year celebration on May 9.

"I was honored to receive this beautiful chain of office," Superintendent/President Schulz said. "Reading the names of the seven individuals who held this position before me reaffirms what a tremendous privilege it is to serve as this institution's eighth superintendent/president. Thank you for allowing me to spend every single day doing a job I love with people I admire, and for giving me the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of our students."



Superintendent/President Schulz, wearing the Citrus College chain of office, stands next to ASCC President Guzman during the investiture ceremony.

The chain of office presentation was only one aspect of this festive event. Other highlights included the passing of the gavel to the new ASCC president, as well as the presentation of ASCC awards, certificates and medals.

"The ASCC/ICC end-of-year celebration was as much a celebration of Dr. Schulz as it was for my fellow students," said Sofia Guzman, ASCC president.

Dental, nursing programs earn accreditation



Citrus College's Registered Dental Assisting, Registered Nursing, Licensed Vocational Nursing, Certified Nursing Assistant and Home Health Aid programs have successfully completed their accreditation processes.

After months of self-evaluation and preparation, several Citrus College Health Sciences programs received votes of full confidence from state and national accrediting commissions this academic year.

Although the college's registered dental assisting program received their state accreditation renewal in August 2020, the pandemic delayed its national accreditation renewal by three years. After submitting a 95-page self-study and a 580-page document exhibiting proof that all accreditation standards have been met, a two-day on-site visit was conducted in the fall.

In March 2023, the program's faculty and staff received notice

that it had once again received national accreditation. Of the 89 state-accredited registered dental assisting programs in California, the Citrus College program is one of only 18 with dual accreditation.

"Having accrediting bodies monitoring what we are teaching, how we are teaching it and at what level our students are learning is a testament to the high standards we are held to," said Dawn Brewster, coordinator of the Citrus College Registered Dental Assisting program. "We take pride in receiving the highest

accreditation status – approval without reporting – because it is proof of the hard work the faculty, staff and students put in to be the best they can be."

Similarly, the Citrus College Registered Nursing program received accreditation renewal from the California Board of Registered Nursing and the Citrus College Licensed Vocational Nursing program received accreditation renewal from the California Board of Vocational Nursing during the 2022-2023 academic year.

This spring, accreditation renewal applications for the Citrus College Certified Nursing Assistant and Home Health Aid programs were submitted to the California Department of Public Health. They received news of their accreditation renewal in April.

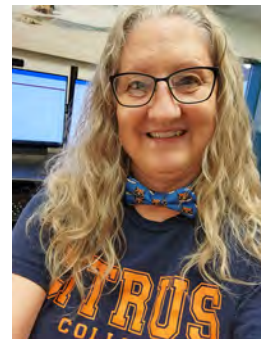
"Without accreditation renewal of these programs, we cannot offer courses," explains Noemi Barajas, interim director of health sciences at Citrus College. "Our renewals must always be approved and current to offer these programs."

Superintendent/President Schulz says he is grateful for the hard work invested into the accreditation process for each program.

"These excellent results were no doubt made possible by our outstanding faculty and staff," he said. "Their combined efforts have once again established Citrus College Health Sciences programs as being among the best in the region."



Campus community wears bowties to honor Superintendent/President Schulz



On April 28, several dozen members of the Citrus College campus community wore bowties to celebrate Superintendent/President Schulz, a fan of bowties, on the inaugural "Dr. Schulz Day."

The Associated Students of Citrus College (ASCC), in collaboration with the college's student affairs division, created the celebration as a way to honor Dr. Schulz for his student-centered leadership and commitment to student success and diversity, equity and inclusion.

Student Trustee Serina Mummert surprised Superintendent/President Schulz with the ASCC resolution during the April 11 Citrus Community College District Board of Trustees meeting.

Prior to the event, the student affairs division handed out limited-edition Hootie bowties to those planning to celebrate.

Calendar of events: June 2023

Select campus events are featured below, including date, time and location. For additional campus events, visit www.citruscollege.edu/events.

General

- June 16
Spring 2023 Semester Ends
- June 16 | 6 p.m.
Commencement | Citrus Stadium
- June 19
Juneteenth: Campus Closed
- June 26
Summer 2023 Session Begins

Board of Trustees

- June 20 | 4:15 p.m.
Board of Trustees Meeting | AD 109 and Zoom

Student Life and Leadership Development

- June 7 | 1 p.m.
Planned Parenthood LGBTQ+ 101 Presentation | Zoom

Superintendent/President's Office

- June 9 | 10 a.m.
Open Office Hour | AD 227 and Zoom

Visual and Performing Arts

- June 10 & 11 | 2 p.m.
Citrus TheatreWorks: Aesop's Fables | Little Theatre

For all visual and performing arts events, visit <https://tickets.haughpac.com/events>

Student excels as first Black Scholars Student Ambassador



Collier-Brown, center, is joined by Black Scholars program co-advisors, La Quirshia Fennell (left) and Dominic Jacquet (right).

As the first Black Scholars Student Ambassador at Citrus College, Jor'Denay Collier-Brown spends a lot of time helping her peers.

In her current role, Collier-Brown frequently checks in on students and updates them on school-wide events and Black Scholars activities. In addition, she serves as a mentor and organizes events and fundraisers.

"I listen to what Black students are saying they need, and I advocate for it until we have it," she said.

Launched in 2021, the Black Scholars program is geared toward promoting Black excellence through history, scholarship and community. Led by co-advisors La Quirshia Fennell and Dominic Jacquet, the program helps students thrive in the classroom and be prepared to transfer or enter the workforce.



Earlier this year, the Black Scholars program collected warm clothes and monetary donations for the Foothill Unity Center. Collier-Brown, right, helped with the clothing drive.

Collier-Brown credits the program with helping her grow professionally, academically and as a mentor.

"The more I advocate for and mentor members of the Black community, the more I fall in love with my community," Collier-Brown said.

In addition to serving as an ambassador, Collier-Brown is pursuing five associate degrees in early childhood education, child development, child and adolescent development, psychology, and sociology.

After graduating from Citrus College this month, Collier-Brown will transfer to California State Polytechnic University, Pomona, where she will major in early childhood studies.

"I have had a great experience at Citrus College," she said. "I felt the love and support every step of the way."

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