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Sponsors, donors and friends recently celebrated Citrus College's 110th anniversary, "The Magic of Citrus."

Over the years, innumerable theater productions, musical performances and dance numbers have graced the stage of the Citrus College Haugh Performing Arts Center. Now, a new chapter has been added to the venue's rich history.

On March 22, more than 150 friends, supporters and employees of the college gathered on the Haugh stage for "The Magic of Citrus," a gala celebrating the college's 110th anniversary.

This first celebration of the year was designed to benefit our students by raising funds for lifechanging scholarship opportunities, as well as supporting critical campus programs and enhancing the Citrus College experience for years to come.

The festivities included a delicious dinner, performances by award-winning magicians Dr. Dale Salwak, Jeffrey Thompson and Robert Ramirez, and musical numbers from performing arts students. Mark L. Walberg, current host of "Temptation Island" on Netflix, served as emcee.

"An anniversary is always momentous, and we were thrilled to welcome so many key community members to our campus for this very special occasion," said Dr. Greg Schulz, superintendent/president of Citrus College. "Their generous support of our college and this gala will enable us to provide scholarship assistance for our students, innovation grants to enrich educational experiences, and support for faculty and staff development."

The event opened with a welcome from Superintendent/President Schulz, followed by remarks from Dr. Cheryl Alexander, president of the Citrus Community College District Board of Trustees, and Carlos Ramos, president of the Citrus College Foundation Board of Directors.

In addition, a representative from Los Angeles County Supervisor Kathryn Barger's office presented the college with a scroll of celebration.

A live and a silent auction were also among the evening's highlights.

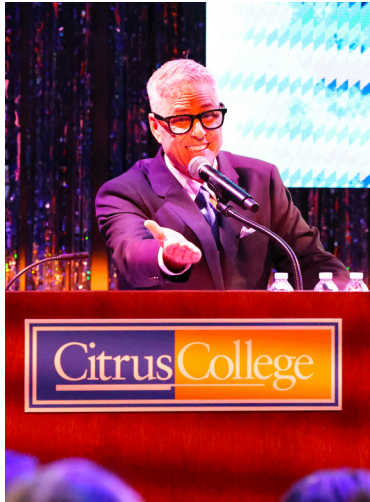
"Guests seemed to have a lot of fun with the live auction in particular," said Christina M. Garcia, director of the Citrus College Foundation. "Some of the items auctioned off included a Los Angeles Dodgers game package, tickets to the Magic Castle, a four-course meal at the Kellogg House and an evening at Rubel Castle."

Although event organizers are still calculating total funds raised, the preliminary reports are positive.

"In addition to our auctions and ticket sales, we had nearly 20 different corporate sponsors and funding partners," Garcia said. "Every sponsorship, ticket purchased and auction item sold is an investment in the future of Citrus College."

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*The college's 110th anniversary celebration isn't over! We are currently planning two **free** on-campus events this fall that will be open to everyone. More details coming soon!*



Student-athletes and coaches inspire at Women in Sports panel



Held in March, the Women in Sports panel featured more than a dozen participants from many of the women's sports teams.

In celebration of Women's History Month, Citrus College hosted a Women in Sports panel discussion on March 3 that featured more than a dozen student-athletes and coaches.

Moderated by Rosario Garcia, student life supervisor, the event featured 13 participants, including the following student-athletes: Emily Cherry (soccer); Julianna Gasca (soccer); Stevie Spencer (soccer); Deija Mitchell (basketball); Jolleen Olia (basketball); Tara Biscan (volleyball); Danielle Erlandson (volleyball);

Trinity Hulet (water polo, swimming); Ava Camarena (softball); Caitlin Kelley (softball); and Rylee Praytor (softball).

Jessica Brown, head coach of the softball team, and Jennifer Spalding, assistant athletic director, were also panelists.

For nearly 90 minutes, the student-athletes and coaches took turns answering questions from Garcia and the audience. In their responses, they talked about the most important figures in their life, the biggest challenges they had faced, what sports had taught them about resilience and how the women's sports landscape had evolved over time.

The women spoke candidly on a range of topics, from how only a few of them had ever played under a female coach to the difference in how men's and women's sports are covered in the media. For example, one student-athlete talked about how WNBA stars Caitlin Clark and Angel Reese are often pitted against each other in media coverage, even though there was no personal animus between the two players.

The panelists also shared advice to younger athletes, including the importance of time management, connecting with teammates, and communicating with instructors and counselors.

"It was very inspirational to hear the stories of our female student-athletes and coaches," Garcia said. "I'm glad we were able to spotlight their invaluable contributions to Citrus College athletics and celebrate the strength, resilience and determination they bring to sports."

Visual arts faculty member explores traditional pottery methods

Mike Hillman says pottery is an art form that has been around forever. "It is basically unchanged, and it probably won't ever change," the Citrus College visual arts instructor explains.

This timeless nature creates endless opportunities for creative exploration. In fact, Hillman took a sabbatical last fall to delve deeper into the art of traditional Maiolica pottery, which is tin-glazed earthenware. He shared his experiences, discoveries and plans to enhance the college's ceramics curriculum during a special forum on March 19.

As part of his sabbatical, Hillman conducted research, practiced in the studio and visited museums throughout Italy. His goal was to learn more about the techniques used to make the refined pottery, which was first introduced by the Assyrians and later created extensively during the Italian Renaissance. He then used this knowledge to develop cross-cultural and cross-disciplinary activities to expand the depth and breadth of techniques, styles and offerings in the college's visual arts program.



Mike Hillman produced several ceramic pieces during his fall 2024 sabbatical in Italy.

"Each ceramics class I teach will now practice making Maiolica, each Canvas course will now have a full module on Maiolica, and all painting and introduction to art classes will provide students with the opportunity to use Maiolica techniques," Hillman explained.

Next fall, Hillman will return to Italy to teach study abroad classes. He says he plans on incorporating a Maiolica section in the humanities course he will be teaching. In addition, Hillman's introduction to art class will work in the Florence art studio where he practiced during his sabbatical, his art history

class will include Maiolica crafts and his public art course will include a walking tour of Della Robbia sculptures in Florence.

"I am grateful to Citrus College for allowing faculty to have sabbaticals," he said. "It really is a fantastic opportunity to learn something that we maybe don't know too much about, but would like to share with our students."



Haugh entertains audiences with diverse content



The Citrus College Blue Note Swing Orchestra performed at the Haugh Performing Arts Center on March 21.

Nestled on the western end of campus, the Haugh Performing Arts Center most often comes to life at night after most students have gone home.

In addition to serving as the home for many Citrus College student performances, the Haugh has attracted several marquee performers in recent years, including LeAnn Rimes, Los Lobos and the U.S. Army Field Band.

So far, the 2024-2025 season has been off to a great start, with many more shows remaining on the schedule.

During the fall, the Haugh hosted the Righteous Brothers, who embarked on their Lovin' Feelin' Farewell Tour, as well as Jarabe Mexicano, Stella Cole and others. In between those shows, the venue hosted student performances, including "Carrie: The Musical," "Anime in Concert" and "Christmas Is..."

A busy winter season saw a handful of popular shows, including Jim Henson's Fraggle Rock, R.E.S.P.E.C.T.: A Celebration of the Music of Aretha Franklin, and Broadway's Rock of Ages Band. One major highlight came when Henry Winkler, who portrayed Fonzie on "Happy Days" and, more recently, Gene Cousineau in the HBO series "Barry," visited and shared humorous anecdotes and inspirational lessons from his life.

In March, the Haugh hosted the American Ballet Theatre Studio Company and the college's own Blue Note Swing Orchestra, who performed with students from Azusa Pacific University and Garey High School in Pomona. In the coming months, it will welcome performances from Big Bad Voodoo Daddy, Vicki Lawrence and the Citrus Singers, among others.

Beyond serving as a premier venue, the Haugh also helps provide students with real-world experience.

Working alongside the performing arts center's team, Citrus College students take part in all aspects of production, from the scene shop and backstage to marketing and front-of-house customer service. The Haugh employs an average of 60 student-workers annually.

Industry connections have also offered students additional experience. For example, the Haugh's team spent a week with the Jim Henson Company on the West Coast premiere and launch of "Fraggle Rock: Back to the Rock Live!", which toured 49 cities.

Through master classes or residencies, the season also holds opportunities for students to interact with artists that appear at the Haugh. Instrumental music students participated in a master class with renowned jazz trumpeter Benny Benack III, while the college's Vocal Jazz ensemble opened for Voctave, a touring 11-member a cappella group.

"On behalf of the campus community, I want to thank the Haugh leadership and staff for making our performing arts center one of the most vibrant and unique in the region," said Superintendent/President Schulz. "With such amazing and diverse programming, the Haugh truly does have something for everyone."

To purchase tickets or view a list of upcoming performances, visit www.haughpac.com.



College breaks record for most Scholar Ballers



Citrus College honored its newest Scholar Ballers class at a ceremony in February.

At Citrus College, student-athletes continue to prove that it is possible to play sports at a high level *and* excel in the classroom.

On Feb. 20, the college continued its tradition of celebrating student-athletes for maintaining a GPA of at least 3.0. This year, 162 individuals were honored, a new record for most Scholar Ballers in a single year.

The ceremony took place before a softball game against Golden West College.

Before being recognized, students and guests enjoyed a meal from Raising Cane's.

"On behalf of the entire campus community, I want to congratulate our Scholar Ballers for their commitment to academic excellence," said Superintendent/President Schulz. "This outstanding group of scholar-athletes is an inspiration to us all. With the success they have achieved, I am confident they will continue to shine as they continue their academic and athletic careers."

2025 Scholar Ballers

BASEBALL

Sebastian Dor
Kirk Felikian
David Fiallo
Aleksander Gavaghan
Damian Gonzalez
Nathan Hellein
Roman Huizar
Danyal Jenkins
Tsurai Karrer
Derek Leader
Matthew Martinez
Samuel Martinez
Samuel Morales
Tetsu Nakamura
Caleb Nguyen
Nathaniel Preciado
Michael Reyes
Eddie Rocha
Ethan Tapia
Luke Willison

FOOTBALL

Ethan Acosta-Elizalde
Dominic Avelar
Julian Borrayo
Nolan Byrd
Jacoah Chennault

Ridge Christlieb
Hunter Corbin
Jake Denerson
Ethen Erickson
Kyle Ferm
Dominic Guzman
Hakim Halliburton
Charles Herrera
Ruben Jimenez Lopez
Alex Kocharyan
Jorge Lopez-Posadas
Sean Persson
Jaydyn Price
Anthony Sanchez
Nicolas Saunders
Gagneet Sidhu
Kellen Smalls
Roen Spain
Ludwig Van Der Merwe
Jadakiss Vaokakala
Patrick Ward
Zarrius Watson
Thomas White

MEN'S AQUATICS

Brian De Lama
Devon Dow

Thomas Gibson
Milton Gutierrez
Adam Herald
Aiden Herald
Jake Linger
George Mikhail
Joseph Mikhail
Killian Pressley
Liam Ross

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Blake Ballard
Myles Blackman
Brady Cook
Marlon Haggard
Aaron Holley
Tyler Isaak
Malik Khouzam
Luis Marin
Amiri Meadows
JJ Mitchell
Phoenix Mosley
KJ Perry
Ryan Raad
Pejan Slater
Brandon Suber
Dylan Victorio
Jake Winkelman

MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

Alexis Aguilar
Eduardo Castillo
David Evangelista
Eduardo Frausto
Adrian Martinez-Marquez
Noah Rodriguez
Silas Salgado
Aaron Zamarron

MEN'S GOLF

Javier Alvarado
Matthew Carbajal
Andrew Gahshan
Carter Gauthier
Alex Morales
Damian Perez
Cameron Vollaro

MEN'S SOCCER

Xxavir Amezcua
Hector Arteaga
Richard Contreras
Alejandro Gomez
Anthony Martinez
Josiah Pierce

Ty Robnett
Adrian Rodriguez

SOFTBALL

Camila Abundis
Bailey Aguilar
Breanna Aguilar
Adriana Bonilla
Ava Camarena
Tatyanna Campos
Jaelynn Eaves
Madelyn Hajj
Emma Huizar
Caitlin Kelley
Eliana Lopez
Alivia Martinez
Rylee Praytor
Aleena Ramos
Serena Rodriguez

VOLLEYBALL

Summer Atkinson
Alexia Avalos
Barbara Betancourt-Avina
Tara Biscan
Abigail Compise
Danielle Erlandson

Amanda Garcia
Raegan Johnson
Isabel Luna
Savannah Mendoza
Karina Nunez
Kiera Vermillion
Georgia Walls
Lauren Wesley

WOMEN'S AQUATICS

Natalie Abril
Janness Banh
Xiana Cabral
Bianca Casas
Kori Cunningham
Sarah Jurado
Sienna Leon
Katelyn Wright
Hannah Wu

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Leilani Argueta
Elizabeth Camargo
Breanna Escobedo
Silvia Garcia
Samantha Martinez
Deija Mitchell

Kristin Morella
Jolleen Olia
Bianca Robles
Maileeh Suasti
Kaylana Viray

WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

Estelle Ebner
Serenia Rodriguez
Talia Saldana

WOMEN'S GOLF

Cora Averweg
Ava Johnson

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Emily Cherry
Julianna Gasca
Isabel Gonzalez
Madeline Hively
Andrea Meza
Mya Rubio
Megan Sewell
Stevie Spencer
Bridget Ward

Campus community joins forces to support students in need



More than 400 items were collected during the first-ever toiletry drive hosted by the basic needs program.

In its ongoing effort to remove barriers to student success, the Citrus College Basic Needs program recently collected deodorant, body wash, shampoo and other personal care items to help restock the campus food pantry.

The inaugural Hygiene for Hope toiletry drive took place from March 4-21. During this period, students, employees and visitors were encouraged to drop off toiletry items at the Campus Center.

"Every day, we see students who are often overlooked and are in need of basic hygiene, food and financial help," said Alexis Silva, basic needs coordinator. "The toiletries collected during the drive will support students who face challenges and need access to essential hygiene items."

As of March 21, the basic needs team had collected more than 400 items. One particularly notable contribution was a large number of toothbrushes and toothpaste tubes from the college's dental hygiene program.

"It has been wonderful to see the campus community come together to support this cause," Silva said.

Hygiene for Hope is one of several ways the basic needs team supports Citrus College students. The program also hosts a Scare Away Hunger food drive each fall, facilitates monthly visits from the mobile food pantry, promotes CalFresh assistance and more.

"We hope the toiletry drive's impact on the campus community helps raise awareness about the basic needs of individuals facing financial hardships or experiencing homelessness," Silva said. "Everyone deserves access to basic hygiene products, so being able to provide that to students and make an impact on their lives is a great feeling."

"We would like to thank everyone who donated," Silva added. "Your contributions have been greatly appreciated and have made a significant difference."

TRIO STEM keeps students on path to success



The Citrus College TRIO STEM team (pictured, L-R): Karina Quevedo, senior TRIO STEM facilitator; Monica Hernandez, grant project specialist; Dr. My Chau, director of grants; and Evelyn R. Uribe, part-time TRIO STEM facilitator.

Led by an incredible team of dedicated employees, TRIO STEM is one of the most robust programs at Citrus College for students pursuing a career in STEM and health sciences.

Based in the Center for Innovation Building, TRIO STEM is designed to assist students who are first-generation, low-income or registered with Disabled Student Programs and Services (DSPS). The goals of the program are to provide students with opportunities for academic development, help students navigate college requirements and motivate students to successfully complete their education.

Moreover, students in the program receive mentorship from TRIO STEM facilitators, as well as personalized STEM subject tutoring.

Karina Quevedo, senior TRIO STEM facilitator, is one of four Citrus College staff members involved in the program. In her role, she helps ensure that students

are following their educational plan and utilizing the resources and services available to them.

Quevedo also plays a role in organizing workshops for students, with topics ranging from financial aid to professional development.

"I enjoy seeing students who completely change their attitude toward higher education due to the support they receive in our program," Quevedo said. "I have had multiple students tell me that they were on the verge of giving up pursuing higher education until they joined TRIO STEM and started meeting with facilitators, mingling with other students and attending our tutoring sessions."

As of March 2025, nearly two dozen majors and programs are eligible to participate in TRIO STEM. Currently, the program supports almost 100 students.

To learn more about the program and apply, visit www.citruscollege.edu/stemtrio.

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