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COMMUNITY NEWS FOR THE RESIDENTS OF ORANGE

OLD TOWNE PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION FUNDS CHAPMAN STUDENT INTERN AT CITY OF ORANGE

Caroline Gardner, who will graduate with a degree in history from Chapman University this spring, is currently working as a historical preservation intern for the the City of Orange. The internship is funded by the Anne Siebert Scholarship, an honorarium provided by the Old Towne Preservation Association (OTPA) that supports interns who assist the city's community development department with various preservation projects.

Gardner is shadowing preservation planning staff who are doing reviews on historic district properties, including a project aimed at preserving and promoting the city's Eichler homes. Orange has more of the iconic residences than any community outside of San Francisco, which makes the city a hot destination for anyone interested in mid-century modern architecture.

"It obviously brings in a lot of tourism," says Gardner, whose interest in public history started early. "I grew up in Rhode Island, where history is integrated into your everyday life," she says, speaking of old buildings and even older families. "It's these tangible pieces of history that make understanding the past clear," she says. "The efforts to preserve these homes allows you to have a better sense of the roots of Orange."

Sandy Quinn, OTPA president, says the mission of the 35-year-old non-profit organization is to "preserve, protect and enhance the historic character and unique charm of Old Towne Orange." The scholarship is named for the late Anne Siebert, a tireless Old Towne community leader, who was a founder and president of the organization.



Caroline Gardner, left, meets with Anna Pehoushek, City of Orange Assistant Community Development Director, to discuss assignments in her city internship. The internship is funded by the Old Towne Preservation Association to work with the City preservation planning staff.

"She was instrumental in getting the State to designate Old Towne as a Residential Historic District, the largest in California," says Quinn. Old Towne has over 1,400 homes and business structures built during and before 1940, and the group wants to ensure that they are properly preserved.

Gardner plans to pursue a career in public history and has plans to apply for MA programs in the field after graduation.

CHIEF RANDY BURBA RETIRES FROM CHAPMAN PUBLIC SAFETY



Chief Randy Burba retired from Chapman University Office of Public Safety in March.

After 17 years at Chapman University, Chief of Public Safety Randy Burba retired on March 1. Burba first came to Chapman in August 2005, and has since become one of the most recognizable faces in the neighborhoods surrounding campus.

His contributions to the community are many. He expanded the services provided by creating a Fire & Life Safety function and an Emergency Management plan and operation, and he organized and oversaw the new shuttle service. He added student partnership programs, created a robust campus video security system, and he implemented the Panther Alert Notification System.

Randy's career includes leadership of several local and national organizations dedicated to public safety, including serving as chair of the board of directors for Crime Survivors, Inc., a national non-profit organization dedicated to supporting those impacted by violent crime.

Burba speaks with fondness about his time in Orange. "I have enjoyed how collegial the community is," he said. "People are helpful and everyone works together to solve issues. And even when there are issues, we still get along socially. It's a nice environment."

"Chief Burba has been instrumental in the development of Chapman's community relations efforts," said Alisa Driscoll, vice president of community relations at the university. "From his innate ability to build strong partnerships with our neighbors and city officials to his strong support of educational efforts and interventions for students living off campus, Randy's impact both on and off campus is substantial. I'm grateful to have had the opportunity to work closely with him."

With Burba's departure, Rick Gonzalez will step into the role of chief of public safety. Gonzalez has served as Chapman's deputy chief for the last four years and previously worked for Public Safety at University of Southern California (USC) and Otis College of Art & Design. He holds a doctoral degree in organizational change & leadership from USC. Gonzalez is a first-generation American and the first Latinx Chief of Public Safety at Chapman University.

"Community engagement is at the core of our department's mission," said Chief Gonzalez. "That includes the local community. I look forward to collaborating with our local partners and becoming involved with community organizations."

Did You Know?

Registration is open for Chapman's Summer Music Camps! Orange high school students entering 9th through 12th grades are encouraged to apply for this exciting opportunity to learn from college-level instructors. Each week-long camp offers small ensemble opportunities and a final performance. Overnight accommodations are available, but not required. The deadline to register is May 1. For more information:

- Choral Music Camp (June 20-24): Chapman.edu/choral-camp
- Instrumental Music Camp (June 13-17): Chapman.edu/instrumental-camp

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- Contact Chapman University's Office of Community Relations at **(714) 289-2097** or email neighbors@chapman.edu.
- To report a disturbance that needs urgent attention, please call City of Orange PD dispatch at **(714) 744-7444**.

YOU'RE INVITED!

Join us for these engaging events at Chapman.

YOU'RE INVITED! There are many terrific Chapman University in-person and virtual events, and neighbors are always welcome. Here are just a few. Find more at the University's online events calendar, [Chapman.edu/events](https://chapman.edu/events). Advance tickets for performing arts events may be purchased online at [Chapman.edu/tickets](https://chapman.edu/tickets).

Act Naturally: How Performance Techniques Taught Me to Be Myself

May 5, 11:30 a.m.

Beckman Hall 404 and Online

After forty years as an acting teacher, Professor Michael Nehring made a surprising realization: techniques created to help actors perform on stage can be surprisingly useful in responding to life's offstage challenges! Nehring will offer simple breathing exercises, fun performance techniques and more, that can help you be more relaxed and present in your daily life.

More info: [Chapman.edu/tglatf](https://chapman.edu/tglatf)

On the Lawn: Pacific Symphony on the Go

May 8, 3 p.m.

Aitken Arts Plaza

Enjoy an intimate afternoon of music performed by members of Pacific Symphony, along with the Chapman Wind Symphony. This performance is free to the public, but requires registration to attend.

More info: muscocenter.org

Florencia en el Amazonas by Daniel Catán

April 22 & 24, 7:30 p.m. (Friday)

2:00 p.m. (Sunday)

Musco Center for the Arts

Directed by Octávio Cardenas. Be transported through a sensual world of magical realism as passengers on an Amazon River steamboat experience a journey to transcendent love. Sung in Spanish with English supertitles. Performed by the College of Performing Arts Opera Chapman. General Admission: \$25.

Residents of the City of Orange are eligible to redeem two (2) complimentary tickets to any College of Performing Arts performance using the discount code **coparesident2022**. Valid for online purchases only at tickets.chapman.edu.

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PALMYRA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS FIND THE PANTHER SPIRIT

Every other Wednesday, the students of Palmyra Elementary School are encouraged to wear t-shirts from their favorite colleges or universities that they would like to attend one day. When Aly Simmons, a mother of a student, noticed that participation seemed a little low, she approached James Gerrard, Chapman's community relations manager, with the idea of providing some shirts for the students at Palmyra.

With the assistance of Dr. Stephen Glass, who is on the Palmyra PTA with Simmons, the university was able to provide a Chapman t-shirt to every 5th and 6th grader at Palmyra. Hopefully, this will provide inspiration for the students at Palmyra to attend college, and when they do, to attend Chapman University in their own backyard.

"On behalf of the Palmyra Elementary School community, we are thankful for your generosity," said Dr. Glass. "We hope the donation of these t-shirts will inspire a student to apply to Chapman University and potentially matriculate and graduate from this prestigious institution."

"This is why I love working in the community," said Gerrard. "Working with our neighbors and finding ways to help, that's what community engagement is all about. To see how appreciative the school, the students and the parents were when I dropped off these shirts, that put a big smile on my face."



On Friday, January 21st, Chapman Community Relations Manager James Gerrard delivered more than 100 Chapman University t-shirts to the 5th and 6th graders of Palmyra Elementary in Orange.

More inside!