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COMMUNITY NEWS FOR THE RESIDENTS OF ORANGE

ORANGE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT PARTNERS WITH CHAPMAN TEACHER CANDIDATES

Amy Sara Lim remembers the first time she stepped into an OUSD classroom. Lim, who graduated from Chapman with a BA in English and a minor in Secondary Education last spring and is now a fifth-year MA in Curriculum and Instruction (MACI) graduate student, was in the first cohort to pilot a new fieldwork model with the Orange Unified School District.

As part of the immersive experience, Chapman faculty and OUSD administrators narrated the teacher's instruction and activities, helping the teacher candidates better understand complicated but essential teaching concepts and strategies.

"It was an eye-opening trip because we had the chance to witness what was being talked about in the lectures in real life," said Lim.

The Chapman MACI students, who are part of the Attallah College of Educational Studies' accelerated teacher education program, earn bachelor's and master's degrees and qualify for credentials in both general and special education in five years. The new OUSD program includes guided observations led by an OUSD instructional coach during the students' undergraduate years, helping them identify high-quality education practices even before beginning their yearlong teaching residency.

Kristi Dorf, an OUSD instructional coach specializing in career readiness and inclusive practices, designed the OUSD Teacher Candidate Fieldwork Model with Chapman's MACI student in mind. She says the model was established to allow the MACI students to observe firsthand how the theories and concepts they are learning in their Chapman classes translate to a real-world classroom.

"I love this partnership we have established between Chapman and OUSD," said Dorf. "The fieldwork experiences allow the Chapman students to ask



Alina Bitter (MACI '21) is doing her student teaching at Canyon Rim Elementary in OUSD.

questions, dig deeper into their understanding, and connect to what they want their future classrooms to look like. We're exposing future teachers to current, best practices so they can support all students."

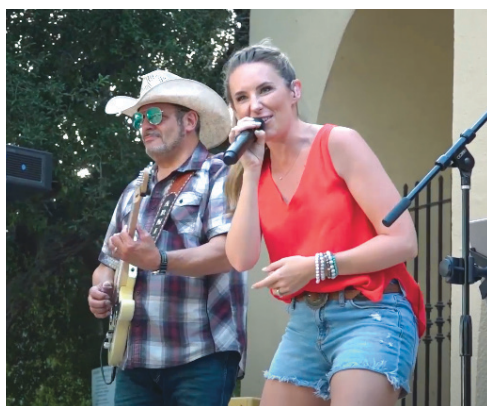
Kimberly Cameron, a senior MACI undergraduate student, is grateful for the opportunity to explore so many learning environments as part of the second MACI cohort to participate.

"I am grateful that even during such uncertain times, we can still observe teachers through recorded lectures and discussions," said Cameron. "I look forward to the next few years in the program, and it only makes me excited for what my future holds."

LOCAL GOVERNMENT STAYS "IN THE SUNSHINE" THANKS TO CHAPMAN STUDENTS

Have you ever attended a City Council meeting? If not, you can catch a replay on the City of Orange's government cable channel, thanks to the efforts of students in Chapman University's Dodge College of Film and Media Arts. Chapman has helped operate the city's PEG (Public, Educational and Government) services channels since 2011, when the city's contract with Time Warner expired.

"It's our little part of helping out," says Peter Weitzner, adjunct professor and station manager of Orange Channel 6. Weitzner has overseen the



Performers at the 2019 Orange Concerts in the Park, one of the many local events Chapman students have recorded for broadcast on the city's public access station.

partnership since the beginning, including the building of the channel's physical facility located in Marion Knott Studios. The partnership helps address an important problem for the city — how to keep local government "in the sunshine," as Weitzner puts it.

Student employees regularly record and broadcast City Council and Planning Commission meetings, as well as produce broadcasts of special events throughout the year, such as the annual State of the City address put on by the Orange Chamber of Commerce, the International Street Fair or the Third of July Celebration.

Along with providing a valuable service to the City, students involved in the program are able to better connect with their community. "Before I started working for the Chapman PEG channel I had no idea what our local city council really did for the city," says Sabrina Burkholder, who will graduate in 2021 with a degree in biology. "Sometimes as a Chapman student I tend to forget we live amongst families and individuals that aren't Chapman students, so it really is a great way to get involved with the community."

Michael Khuraibet, a first-year screenwriting student, agrees. "What I love about being the PEG Channel crew is that we really get to take ownership of each segment we produce.

Whenever there's a city meeting, we're the ones in the control room broadcasting it live. If there's a city event where people are gathering and having fun, we get to be there with them and talk about the highlights."

Did You Know?

Due to COVID-19, the review process for the amendment to Specific Plan 7 has been temporarily delayed. Please follow @ChapmanUCommunity on Facebook to keep up to date with developments.

Need to report a concern?

- 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

All university in-person events have been cancelled until further notice, but we are pleased to invite you to take part in these virtual events. Find more at the University's online events calendar, chapman.edu/events.

A Conversation with Donald Byrd – Citizen Artist

Thursday, December 10
7:00 p.m.

Artistic Director and Choreographer Donald Byrd will discuss arts activism and creating high-impact dance theatre work on Spectrum Dance Theatre – including the visceral and urgent contemporary composition, Part of @TheMusco Online's Ever A Dancer series.

Watch online: muscocenter.org

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Saturday, December 12
7:00 p.m.

Under the artistic guidance of director Oanh Nguyen, this student-created production explores and shares personal stories within the context of the current global spotlight on the Black Lives Matter and Black, indigenous, and people of color (BIPOC) movement.

More info: events.chapman.edu/81841

Breaking Barriers: Empowering Women through Sports

Thursday, February 4, 2021
11:30 a.m.

How can we empower all women through sport? How can we teach young girls that they can achieve both academically and athletically without sacrificing their personal interests? Coach Carol Jue, Chapman University's all-time winningest women's basketball coach, shares her insights about how to inspire young students to pursue their passions in sports.

More info: chapman.edu/tglatf



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CHAPMAN IMPLEMENTS CONTINUAL COVID-19 TESTING AND SCREENINGS

In October, Chapman began a phased return to in-person instruction while continuing to follow all guidelines from state and local health authorities. Although Orange County was recently moved to the Purple Tier by Gov. Newsom, Chapman continues to implement a robust health monitoring program includes COVID-19 monthly testing and daily screenings for anyone returning to campus, and continues to evolve and adapt to the changing circumstances of the pandemic.

While several isolated clusters of COVID-19 cases have appeared in campus housing, the administration responded swiftly with isolation for those affected, contact tracing and increased, continual testing.

“Our contact tracing has not found specific events at Chapman that are causing the spread of COVID-19,” said Harold Hewitt, Chapman University Executive Vice President and COO.

“Nor have we experienced an on-campus outbreak caused by an individual off-campus party.”

Signs have been posted throughout campus to remind students, faculty and staff to follow the CU Staying Healthy Guidelines, including wearing face coverings and practicing social distancing, even when they go out into the community.

The university remains committed to the health and welfare of our students, staff, faculty and neighbors, and we remain in close contact with the Orange County Health Care Agency. For up-to-date information about the university's efforts and plans for in-person instruction in the Interterm and Spring semesters, visit cusesafelyback.chapman.edu.

Chapman School of Pharmacy Professor & Chair of the Department of Pharmacy Practice, Jeff Goad, is a member of California's Department of Public Health (CDPH) COVID-19 Vaccine Drafting Guidelines Workgroup. Goad is collaborating to



CU Staying Healthy 

draft guidelines for the prioritization of initial supplies of COVID-19 vaccines on behalf of the COVID-19 Community Vaccine Advisory Committee. The vaccine is expected sometime in March or April. We are fortunate that his work is allowing Chapman to gain valuable behind-the-scenes insight into the progress and distribution planning for the upcoming vaccine.

More inside! 