

# neighbor to neighbor

COMMUNITY NEWS FOR THE RESIDENTS OF ORANGE

## FRIENDLY VISITS FROM OFFICERS AIM TO EDUCATE STUDENTS

Never underestimate the power of a neighborly visit from officers in uniform.

Sgt. Rob Thorsen of the Orange Police Department and Capt. John Kabala of Chapman Public Safety are part of a Chapman University community liaison program aimed at informing students living near campus about how to be good neighbors and the consequences of participating in loud parties.

The officers make weekly daytime visits to houses or apartments where students live, particularly to residences that have been the focus of recent or repeated complaints. Their efforts appear to be helping: Disturbance calls to OPD related to students decreased by 30 percent in the most recent six-month period ending May 31.

The officers make sure students know about the city ordinance that can lead to a misdemeanor citation for a “loud and unruly gathering” in Orange, as well as the University Code of Conduct.

“I talk to the students and tell them, “This is a misdemeanor,” Thorsen said. “I educate the students and provide guidance as to the impact their actions could have with prospective employers in the future.”

Kabala said “99.9 percent” of the students are “very responsive and very respectful.”

The liaison program, a joint effort of the University’s Office of Community Relations and Chapman Public Safety, helped Chapman earn a top 25 national recognition from the Safe Campus National Campus Safety Summit for increased safety and security of the campus community.

Jack Raubolt, Chapman’s vice president of community relations, notes that because of jurisdiction issues, residents who need to report an immediate disturbance should call the Orange Police Department at (714) 744-7444. The Office of Community Relations receives a report of student-related calls each week.



Sgt. Rob Thorsen of the Orange Police Department and Capt. John Kabala of Chapman Public Safety make visits to students in the neighborhood. (Photo/Livi Dom '20)

## NEIGHBORHOOD YOUTH PICK UP STEAM AT THE ORANGE LIBRARY

On a fall Saturday at the Orange Public Library, about 25 middle and high school youth learned some of the secrets of the monarch butterfly migration from Chapman University’s Jeremy Hsu, Ph.D., an assistant instructional professor of biological science.

“It was wonderful. The kids learned scientific critical thinking skills in a very unique way,” said Linda Cundiff, executive director of the Orange Public Library Foundation and the organizer of the science, technology, engineering, art and math program known as STEAM for Teens and Tweens, which includes multiple Chapman professors for the second year in a row.

Chapman’s Jerry LaRue, Ph.D., assistant professor of chemistry, will lead an exploration of physical chemistry titled “The Curious Behavior of Light” on Dec. 15, and Melissa Rowland-Goldsmith, Ph.D., associate instructional professor of biological sciences, will present an introduction to biochemistry with “DNA: It is in You!” on Jan. 19.

“I think it’s really been a great partnership where our faculty,

and in some cases our students, are going over there to show them that STEM, the sciences, are accessible to everyone and to get them to think a little more deeply about how things work in nature,” said Elaine Schwartz, Ph.D., an associate professor of chemistry who last year led a session that included liquid nitrogen ice cream.

“They’re very engaged and they love these activities,” she said.



### Did You Know?

Chapman University once again ranks among the top schools in the West on the U.S. News & World Report “Best Colleges” list: Chapman is No. 5 in the competitive category of Regional Universities West for the second year in a row. The University also is No. 3 on the lists for both Most Innovative Schools and Best Undergraduate Teaching. The West Region includes 94 universities from California, Oregon, Washington, Arizona and Texas.

#### 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**.

Students study the monarch butterfly during a session led by Chapman Professor Jeremy Hsu, Ph.D. (Photo/Orange Public Library Foundation)

# YOU'RE INVITED!

Join us for these engaging events at Chapman

There are many terrific Chapman University events, and neighbors are always welcome. Here are just a few. Find more at the University's online events calendar, [www.chapman.edu/events](http://www.chapman.edu/events). Advance tickets for performing arts events may be purchased online at [www.chapman.edu/tickets](http://www.chapman.edu/tickets).

## Holiday Lights

Nightly throughout holidays  
Attallah Piazza

Chapman decks out the piazza in front of Leatherby Libraries for the holiday season with illuminated trees and thousands of twinkling lights. A popular favorite is the striking light sculpture of Dee the Panther, named for the late Dee Henley, climbing the Beckman Hall tower. See the lights after dark now throughout the holiday season. Free.

## Holiday Wassail Concert

Saturday, Dec. 8, 8 p.m.  
Musco Center Main Stage

A beloved Chapman tradition continues with the 55th annual holiday concert, featuring seasonal favorites performed by the Chapman University Singers, University Choir and Women's Choir in concert with the Chapman Orchestra. Come join us for this joyful musical event. \$10-25.  
[www.chapman.edu/tickets](http://www.chapman.edu/tickets).

## Science on Tap

Monday, Jan. 14, 6 p.m.  
123 N. Cypress St.

Gather at Chapman Crafted Beer in Old Towne Orange for the latest in a series of Science on Tap discussions moderated by Andrew Lyon, Ph.D., dean of Chapman's Schmid College of Science and Technology. This session's topic: "Computers to Assist: Designing Technology that Improves Human Life" with LouAnne Boyd, Ph.D., Chapman instructor of mathematics and computer science. Free. (Beverages available for purchase.)



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## OUSD 'MASTER TEACHERS' HONORED FOR TRAINING CHAPMAN STUDENTS

A group of trained Master Teachers from 22 schools in the Orange Unified School District has received the Friends of Attallah College Award for their work mentoring future teachers from Chapman University.

"The dedication and efforts of OUSD for our students, staff, faculty and alumni have left a lasting impact, and we deeply appreciate the collaboration, leadership and hard work," said Margaret Grogan, Ph.D., dean of Chapman's Donna Ford Attallah College of Educational Studies.

Master Teachers work with teacher candidates in elementary, middle and high schools, guiding them and

co-teaching with them as they complete their training.

"Chapman stands out amongst our university collaborators as a true partner, seeking to understand the needs of our community and create a two-way dialogue on how to best prepare educators to maximize the potential of every student in our district," said Raeanne Little, OUSD induction coordinator.

"Chapman students bring an infectious optimism and energy to our campuses. We are so proud of the tireless efforts of our Master Teachers to set these new educators on a path to service and success."



*Photo/Orange Unified Superintendent Gunn Marie Hansen, right, joined Chapman and OUSD staff to accept the award.*

More inside!