

neighbor to neighbor

COMMUNITY NEWS FOR THE RESIDENTS OF ORANGE

STUDENTS MIGRATING TO NEW UNIVERSITY HOUSING

Just as 721 students were moving into the new Chapman Grand apartments in Anaheim in August, the wood framing for the new residence hall under construction at the corner of Palm Avenue and Cypress Street in Old Towne Orange began to rise from its foundation.

Next fall, about 400 students will call the new Villa Park Orchards residential village at that site home. The historic 1918 Villa Park Orchards Association Packinghouse next door is being adapted with a restored exterior, and two auxiliary sheds were saved and moved about 800 feet to accommodate the location of the new residence hall.

The projects represent Chapman’s dedicated efforts to place more students in University housing because of community concerns about student rentals in the City of Orange. Chapman also purchased the West Chapman Avenue complex now known as Panther Village in 2013. The Chapman Grand apartments in Anaheim’s Platinum Triangle were purchased and retrofitted by the University earlier this year. That complex has a capacity of 900 but is limited to 750 students in its first year.

Construction on the Villa Park Orchards residential village is about 25 percent complete. The building will have brick, metal and stucco façades that blend with the historic industrial character of the neighborhood and are reminiscent of Chapman’s nearby Crean Hall, the former Western Cordage Building built in 1923.

To view the Villa Park Orchards project construction live, including angles that can’t be seen from the street, neighbors can visit the Campus Planning section of the University’s website.



Artist’s rendering of the future residential village at the corner of West Palm Avenue and Cypress Street.

NEW STUDENTS FIND COMMON GROUND AT CYPRESS STREET SCHOOL

Inside the last standing formerly segregated “Mexican school” in Southern California, 21 new Chapman students learned about the past of the community they are joining from members of the Orange Barrio Historical Society.

The students who visited the renovated schoolhouse – now owned by the University – were part of the Common Ground track of Chapman’s Emerging Leaders early-orientation program for first-year students offered by the Office of Residence Life and First Year Experience. The group spent a day and a half on Aug. 19-20 visiting local sites and learning about area history such as *Mendez v. Westminster*, the landmark federal court decision that ended segregation in Orange County public schools. The students also met Orange Mayor Teresa

“Tita” Smith and visited Santa Ana, where they discussed gentrification and other issues. “It’s focused on educating students about Orange beyond what they might have thought about, the beaches

and Disneyland,” said Negeen Lotfi, program coordinator in Chapman’s Office of Student Engagement. “It’s about community relations and civic engagement.”



Did You Know?

About 450 Chapman students living off campus received copies of the new pamphlet, “The Panther’s Guide to Living Off Campus: Being a Good Neighbor in Your Community.” It includes tips on parking courteously, picking up trash and bringing in garbage bins promptly, developing relationships with neighbors and how to be considerate when hosting a gathering. The publication from Chapman’s Office of Community Relations also includes important local phone numbers and a guide to donating unwanted items and arranging for pets when moving out.

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**.

Area resident Paul Guzman, right, tells Natalie Standridge ’22 and other students about local barrio history. (Photo/Amanda Galemme ’20)

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. Advance tickets for performing arts events may be purchased online at www.chapman.edu/tickets.

Keck Center Open House

Thursday, October 11, 5-7 p.m.
420 N. Center St.

Come see the beautiful interior of Chapman's new Keck Center for Science and Engineering at the corner of Center Street and Walnut Avenue, adjacent to Wilson Field. A ribbon-cutting ceremony and dedication will be held at the Sodaro Archway at 5 p.m., followed by an open house and science displays until 7. Free.

Music with Trio Céleste

Tuesday, Oct. 16, 7 p.m.
Fish Interfaith Center

Hosted by the Rodgers Center for Holocaust Education, a concert by the dynamic chamber music ensemble Trio Céleste follows a conversation with poetry scholar Marjorie Perloff and art law attorney E. Randol Schoenberg moderated by Chapman University President Daniele Struppa. Free.

Workforce Readiness

Tuesday, Oct. 23, 4-6:30 p.m.
Beckman Hall 404

What can public high schools in Orange County do to prepare students for the 21st century workforce? Featured speaker Landon Taylor is vice chairman and CEO of Base 11, a nonprofit that works to help high-potential, low-resource students prepare for STEM careers. Four area high school principals will participate in the event hosted by the Attallah College of Educational Studies. Free.



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JOIN THE CHAPMAN FAMILY FOR HOMECOMING AND A SALUTE TO VETERANS

Neighbors are invited to join in the many Homecoming activities on campus Oct. 11-13, including a picnic and Salute to Hometown Heroes on Saturday, Oct. 13, at 11:30 a.m. on Memorial Lawn.

Stop by and write a note of thanks to a service member or first responder as part of the A Million Thanks project founded by Chapman alumna Shauna Fleming Parisi '11 while she was still a student at Orange Lutheran High School. Donations of gently used clothing and accessories for veterans will be accepted at the event to benefit Working Wardrobes.

Neighbors are invited to use the coupon code *orange* and register online to waive the \$10 registration fee for an array of Homecoming activities. (Some events and food items have an additional charge, but there is a free continental-style breakfast Saturday morning for those who have registered.)

To register and see a full schedule of events that includes opportunities to visit the new Keck Center for Science and Engineering or sample the wares at the Chili Cook-Off or visiting food trucks, go to the Chapman University website at Chapman.edu/homecoming.

A Salute to
HOMETOWN HEROES
SAT, OCT 13, 11:30 AM
MEMORIAL LAWN

Register at
chapman.edu/homecoming

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