

# neighbor to neighbor

COMMUNITY NEWS FOR THE RESIDENTS OF ORANGE

## SANTIAGO CHARTER MIDDLE SCHOOL CELEBRATES STRONG WRITING PARTNERSHIP WITH CHAPMAN

Seventh and eighth grade students at Santiago Charter Middle School (part of the Orange Unified School District) participated in a 10-week writing workshop alongside student mentors from Chapman University. In addition to cultivating their writing development through brainstorming, drafting and revising their written works, the Santiago students were encouraged to develop a genuine passion for writing.

Throughout the 10 weeks, the mentors and mentees formed personal relationships that enhanced the students' writing development and showcased positive collegiate role modeling. Several Santiago students commented on the benefits of working with their Chapman mentors.

From selecting their own topics to developing their creative writing, Santiago students experienced the freedom and joys of writing. Santiago participant Ava Castaneda affirmed the freedom she felt to pursue the topic of her choosing, saying, "There were no constraints about what you could write about."

Tom Malomo stated, "My favorite part about the Chapman Writing Project was getting to work with older, more experienced writers."

Another middle school participant, Lauren Thai, expressed her gratitude that her mentors showed her "how to write a letter to the editor for the first time."

The writing program provided a space for Santiago participants to develop their writing skills in an after-school setting while the Chapman students learned how to facilitate the writing process. Led by Dr. Amy Ardell, assistant



Participants in the Chapman Writing Project with Santiago Charter Middle School celebrated in a virtual publishing party in November 2021.

professor in Chapman's Attallah College of Educational Studies, the after-school programs offered hands-on practice of instruction for future teachers.

Santiago parent Christina Rodriguez commented on her son's newly developed love for writing. "This program ignited his passion for the creative-writing process and provided a space that is not always available during the school day," she said. "It was the first time that my son was writing for fun at home. That was a huge takeaway for me for the program."

## ORANGE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE INTERN CREATES THE LEO INITIATIVE TO HELP STUDENTS LEARN LIFE SKILLS

Joey Lin '23, a Chapman business administration major with an emphasis in marketing, discovered an array of opportunities for herself and other college students when she interned at the Orange Chamber of Commerce. For over a year now, she has held the position of media and marketing coordinator, a work-study placement through the university's community service program. During the recent Orange May Parade she even designed parade banners and merchandise.

"Seeing the designs I've worked on used in such a beautiful celebration was truly an honor," Lin states.

After a conversation with her supervisor Connie Chan (MLD '18), Lin realized that she lacked knowledge relating to certain life skills, such as filing for taxes or starting a 401k. She was



Joey Lin '23 (right) and Connie Chan (MLD '18) in the Orange Chamber of Commerce offices.

eager to create something that could help people master these valuable skills and help her learn from working at the Chamber. Thus, the Leaders & Entrepreneurs of Orange (LEO) Initiative was born with the help of James Gerrard from Chapman University and Christine Mantyla from South Coast College.

The LEO Initiative gives Chapman and other neighboring college students an opportunity to learn more skills for life after graduation. This past semester, Lin hosted three virtual workshops that focused on resume building and more. Students who attended all three workshops received a certificate of completion.

"In the future we want it to be a whole semester long, including more volunteer hours and mixers that include discussing topics such as diversity, equity, inclusion and more. We would also like to foster internships by pairing students with business leaders in the area", says Lin.

"To be able to work on such amazing projects has been a credit to my professional and personal development. I could not be more grateful to work at the Orange Chamber of Commerce," Lin says. In the future, she hopes to start a career in digital marketing that supports diversity and empowering women.

### Did You Know?

With summer in full swing, it's hard to believe that students will soon be returning to campus for the fall semester. Move-in for first-year students will take place on Tuesday, Aug. 23; all other students will move in Aug. 25-28. Classes begin Monday, August 29. All families and students will be advised to use university parking lots and structures.

On Tuesday, Aug. 23, we will host Opening Convocation to mark the beginning of the 2022-23 academic year. A short pyrotechnic display will be held at the conclusion of the ceremony at approximately 8 p.m. Please know that we will do everything possible to hold this event with minimal disruption to all.

#### Need to report a concern?

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- 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.

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).

### **Pacific Symphony's Symphony in the Cities**

Sunday, Aug. 7, 7 p.m.  
Musco Center for the Arts

This outdoor concert experience on the Bette and Wylie Aitken Arts Plaza is the perfect end-of-summer event for the whole family. Pacific Symphony brings a uniquely casual concert experience, sharing well-known music, sing-alongs and family-friendly activities for all to enjoy. This event is free to all, but registration is encouraged.

**More info:** [Muscocenter.org](https://Muscocenter.org)

### **2022 Summit on Disability and Inclusion**

Friday, Aug. 12, 9 a.m.  
Musco Center for the Arts

The Summit on Disability and Inclusion is Thompson Policy Institute's signature event that brings together current research and community partners to highlight best practices that will improve the lives of people with disabilities by supporting inclusivity for all. The 2022 Summit on Disability and Inclusion will center around the theme "Building Spaces for Belonging." This event is free to all, but registration is required.

**More info:** [Chapman.edu/tpi](https://Chapman.edu/tpi)

### **Complexions Contemporary Ballet**

Wednesday, Sept. 14, 7:30 p.m.  
Musco Center for the Arts

Founded by Dwight Rhoden (Chapman artistic professor of dance) and Desmond Richardson, "two of the greatest virtuosos ever to emerge from Ailey" (New York Times), Complexions combines technical precision, power, and passion to transcend tradition through an innovative mix of styles from ballet to hip-hop. One of the most recognized and respected performing arts brands in the world. Tickets start at \$35.

**More info:** [Muscocenter.org](https://Muscocenter.org)

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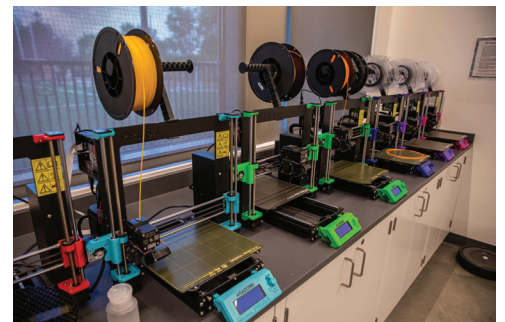
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## **CHAPMAN HILLS ELEMENTARY STEAM LAB RECEIVES DONATION OF 3D PRINTERS**

Students at Chapman Hills Elementary School will have the opportunity to work with one of today's most exciting new technologies, thanks to a donation of five 3D printers from Chapman University's Fowler School of Engineering. When administrators at Fowler heard about the elementary school's successful fundraiser to build a new STEAM lab on campus, they knew they had to help out.

"This is a great opportunity for us to help out the educators and students in our local community," says Andrew Lyon, dean of the engineering school. "When students have a chance to work hands-on with equipment like this, it gets them excited about the real, practical possibilities of engineering and science and encourages them to pursue careers in STEM when they get older."

The equipment, which has been thoroughly refurbished by the tech staff at the university, was delivered to Chapman Hills on June 9. In addition, faculty and staff from Fowler Engineering have volunteered their time to teach students how to use the 3D printers, once the new lab is complete and the equipment is installed.



*Staff members from Fowler School of Engineering delivered five 3D printers to Chapman Hills Elementary School earlier this summer.*

More inside!