

neighbor to neighbor

COMMUNITY NEWS FOR THE RESIDENTS OF ORANGE

RENOVATIONS BEGIN ON HISTORIC KILLEFER SCHOOL

This fall, renovations are underway at the Lydia D. Killefer School building, located on Olive Street north of Walnut Ave in the City of Orange.

Purchased by Chapman University in 2020, the building is set to become the new home of the university's renowned Institute for Quantum Studies and the state-of-the-art Advanced Physics Laboratory – a facility that focuses on nano-scale research using non-chemical-emitting equipment that poses no risk to the neighborhood.

Plans for the renovation, which were approved by the Planning Commission on July 17, will preserve the historic nature of the building, which played a pivotal role in the history of school desegregation in the U.S. and is a nationally registered landmark. The design retains the bones of the building but reshapes the interior to accommodate research spaces, offices, meeting rooms and community-accessible exhibits.

A new entryway from Olive will lead to the historic lobby, which is being updated for inclusivity and accessibility. The courtyard and outdoor spaces will be enhanced to create community and a semi-public community room will be built. The lobby features an exhibition niche that will pay homage to the history of the building, including the important role it played in school desegregation.

Integration at Killefer School, which is part of the historic Cypress Street Barrio district, occurred in 1944 – three years before the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals decision in Mendez, et al v. Westminster School District of Orange County that ended segregation in Orange County schools. The case became one of the precedents for the U.S. Supreme Court decision in Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka, which ended the legal right to segregation across the country in 1954.



The Killefer School on North Olive was the local elementary school from 1931 until 1989. Chapman's renovation will preserve the building's history while transforming it into the headquarters of the Institute for Quantum Studies.

The Killefer School represents a rare example of a Mexican school that was preserved after desegregation, and the building continued to serve as the local elementary school until 1989.

Construction is expected to be completed in late 2024. Chapman is complying with all local ordinances regarding construction hours, truck hauling and noise mitigation.

LOCAL STUDENTS GET HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE AT SUMMER ENGINEERING ACADEMY

Local middle and high school students got the opportunity to work in a professionally-equipped engineering lab this summer thanks to the staff of Chapman University's Fowler School of Engineering.

The students learned about 3D modeling and printing, assembling electronic components, and coding to complete projects that include a custom-engraved LED-powered light and an Arduino-controlled toy car. (Arduino is a type of inexpensive microcontroller board that can be customized for a variety of engineering projects.)



Chapman students assisted students from local middle and high schools, who learned how to build their own remote-controlled cars.

This is the second year in the program for Sophia Ungureanu, a homeschooled student with an interest in pursuing a career as a simulation and software engineer.

"It's fun to be here," she said, taking a break from soldering a circuit board for her Arduino car in the Design/Create/Innovate Lab. She is considering applying to Chapman in a few years. "It's an amazing school."

Chapman engineering students are assisting with the courses, teaching basic skills and guiding students through their projects step by step.

"It's amazing to see them pick things up so quickly," said Kalin Richardson '26, a software engineering major who was teaching soldering skills to the students during the session. She enjoys the challenge of learning how to mentor kids of different ages.

"This is a great facility that is available to all our undergraduate students," said Makerspace manager Miyuki Weldon, who organized the Summer Engineering Academy program as a way to show off the new engineering facilities to potential students from the City of Orange and beyond.

Did You Know?

The Hilbert Museum of California Art has made it easier than ever to view their world-class collection of art, wherever you are. Over 1,200 pieces of California scene painting, American illustration, animation art and more can now be viewed 24/7 as part of the eMuseum online platform. Collections are searchable by artist, medium, dates and keyword, and each artwork is accompanied by detailed information about the piece. To learn more, visit hilbertmuseum.org.

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.

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

U.S. Army Field Band

Sunday, October 15, 3 p.m.
Musco Center for the Arts

From Boston to Baghdad, Tampa to Toronto, The United States Army Field Band has spent six decades sharing their music throughout the nation and abroad, earning the title of "The Musical Ambassadors of the Army." As the premier touring musical representative for the United States Army, this internationally acclaimed organization, composed of some of the finest musical talent, is considered by music critics to be one of the most versatile and inspiring musical organizations in the world. Admission is free, but registration is required.

Fall Opera Scenes: FRIGHT NIGHT!

Friday and Saturday, October 20
and 21, 7:30 p.m. and Saturday,
October 21, 2 p.m.
Memorial Hall Chapman Auditorium

Opera Chapman presents a Halloween-themed evening of scenes from popular operas and musical theater in a semi-staged performance featuring our talented and ghoulish student vocalists. Marc Callahan directs; titles to be announced. General admission is \$20.

Mark Morris Dance Group: "The Look of Love"

Saturday, November 4, 7:30 p.m.
Musco Center for the Arts

The Marybelle Musco Contemporary Dance Series kicks off with a wistful and heartfelt homage to the chart-topping songs of the late Burt Bacharach and his longtime lyricist Hal David. You'll hear new arrangements of classic hits, performed live by the Mark Morris Dance Group's Music Ensemble, from "I Say a Little Prayer" and "Walk On By" to "Raindrops Keep Fallin' on My Head." Bacharach's marvelous music "calls out for dancing," says Morris. Tickets start at \$48.



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OUTREACH PROGRAM HELPS GOOD STUDENTS BECOME GOOD NEIGHBORS

Each year, as the fall semester begins at Chapman, returning students are welcomed to City of Orange neighborhoods by representatives from the university's Office of Community Relations. The goal, according to James Gerrard, community relations manager, is to educate students – many of whom are living on their own for the first time – about how to be a good neighbor.

"Our goal is to eliminate potential problems before they start," says Gerard. "Chapman students are eager to be good neighbors, but sometimes they just need to be taught what that means."

The multi-pronged outreach effort includes a "Good Neighbor" mailer sent to every student household in the communities surrounding Chapman, filled with helpful information about things such as parking, trash collection and guidelines for hosting gatherings. In addition, the Community Relations team canvassed 130 student houses in the community and shared

Good Neighbor materials that encourage student residents to be thoughtful and considerate, and, most of all, to get to know their neighbors.

Educating students about community expectations has the greatest impact, says Gerrard, who is overseeing the outreach for the third year in a row. Last year, complaint calls to the office dropped by almost 30%, an indicator of how effective the student outreach program has been.

Additional efforts have included meetings with all of Chapman's athletic teams as well as the Greek Life presidents; tabling during the fall involvement fair; and a social media campaign that features videos from Orange Mayor Dan Slater and Chief of Police Dan Adams.



Malena Gordon '26, a student worker in the Office of Community Relations, assisted with visiting 130 households when school started this fall to help students learn what it means to be a good neighbor.

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