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COMMUNITY NEWS FOR THE RESIDENTS OF ORANGE

COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH CULTURE CONNECTS CHAPMAN AND CHOC

From the effects of toxic stress during early childhood to developmental issues related to balance and gait. From infection risk in pediatric cancer patients to the mining of big data to reduce hospital readmissions.

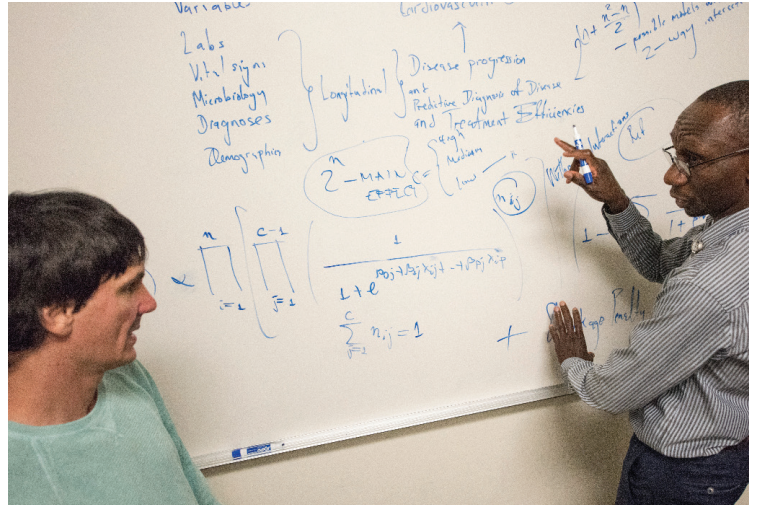
Across a range of research projects, the connections between Chapman University and Children’s Health of Orange County (CHOC) grow stronger every day. But beyond the lab bench and the bedside, there are more links in the chain of collaboration between Chapman and CHOC.

One way the connection changes lives is through the Thompson Autism Center at CHOC, where families, agencies and others learn to navigate the complexities of the education system. The center and Chapman’s Thompson Policy Institute on Disability assist families and schools through their partnership program: Families, Agencies and Schools Together (FAST).

Another manifestation of the bond is the Chapman-CHOC pathway to careers, as CHOC provides Chapman students with internship opportunities and, in turn, the hospital Thinks Chapman First when it has job openings. CHOC is among the top employers of Chapman graduates.

Louis Ehwerhemuepha (MS ’13, Ph.D. ’15) knows every step on the journey between Chapman and CHOC. After starting at the hospital as an intern, he is now a senior data scientist at CHOC, and he also returns to teach classes at Chapman. In addition, he continues to collaborate on research with Chapman faculty members, including his mentor, Cyril Rakovski, associate professor of statistics and computational science in the Schmid College of Science and Technology.

“Chapman gave me the tools to succeed, and Dr. Rakovski connected me to the providers at CHOC, where advances in care are built on collaboration across all roles,” says Ehwerhemuepha, one of the first graduates of Chapman’s Ph.D. program in computational and data sciences.



Louis Ehwerhemuepha (MS ’13, Ph.D. ’15), a senior data scientist at CHOC (right), continues to collaborate on research with Chapman faculty members, including his mentor, Cyril Rakovski, associate professor of statistics and computational science in the Schmid College of Science and Technology.

“The opportunity to improve the care of children is at the heart of everything we do,” he adds. “Whether in the lab, on the floor providing care or working with data, our job is to save lives.”

You can explore a handful of the projects that connect CHOC and Chapman in the new issue of Forward Magazine. Visit news.chapman.edu/forward.

CITY OF ORANGE RECOGNIZED AS A CHAPMAN TOP EMPLOYER

President Struppa welcomed representatives from 100 organizations to the 2023 State of the University address, honoring them for their status as “Top Employers” and thanking them for their continuing commitment to “Think Chapman First.”

Representing a diverse range of industries from across the country, Chapman’s Top Employers are honored each year for the strength of their partnerships with the university, through their consistent, active participation in recruiting



Mayor Dan Slater, Chapman University President Daniele Struppa, Monica Espinoza (City of Orange Director of Human Resources), and Cody Kleen (City of Orange Human Resources Manager).

efforts, as well as for hiring a notable percentage of their workforce from among Chapman graduates. Included among the organizations honored were international giants such as Experian, Netflix and Walmart, as well as local mainstays such as Edwards Lifesciences, Children’s Hospital of Orange County and the City of Orange.

Mayor Dan Slater was on hand to accept the honor on behalf of the City of Orange. “We’re excited when we can add talented Chapman graduates to our staff,” said Slater. “I look forward to a continued productive working relationship with Chapman University.”

A special reception for Top Employers was held following the State of the University address, where Jennifer Kim, assistant vice president of Career and Professional Development at Chapman, thanked those present once again.

“We’re honored to have a strong relationship with Chapman University and we pride ourselves in providing jobs to alumni who wish to develop their careers in the performing arts,” said Jennifer Backhaus, founder and artistic director of Backhausdance. The nonprofit, currently celebrating 20 years in the City of Orange, was also honored as a Top Employer for 2023, and

like other local organizations, has benefited from Chapman’s close ties with the community.

Did You Know?

Chapman will mark the end of the 2022-23 academic year May 19 through the 21. All families and students will be advised to use university parking lots and structures during Commencement ceremonies and move out. Please know that we will do everything possible to minimize disruptions to all.

On Friday, May 19, a short pyrotechnic display will be held at the conclusion of the University Commencement Ceremony between 9:00 p.m. and 9:15 p.m. As always, you are more than welcome to join us in the Aitken Arts Plaza for this celebration of our graduating seniors.

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

Cinderella

Friday, April 21, 7:30 p.m.,
Sunday, April 23, 2 p.m.
Musco Center for the Arts

Opera Chapman presents Jules Massenet's timeless opera as the story of a young woman who has, until now, only been allowed to shine from behind the scenes. Set in 1950s LA, Cinderella enlists the help of her glamorous fairy godmother to receive a true Hollywood makeover and attend the Pantages' Ball, filled with celebrities, opportunist stepsisters, and a real-life prince!

Bone Hill: A Staged Concert - Martha Redbone

Saturday, April 29, 7:30 p.m.
Musco Center for the Arts

Inspired by four generations of singer-songwriters in the hills of coal-mining Appalachia, Redbone uses traditional Cherokee chants, bluegrass, blues, country, gospel, jazz, rock and funk to illuminate the family's commitment to the land and an important part of American history that has remained untold. Spanning the lives and stories of four generations of women in a Cherokee family, Redbone travels back in time to her own childhood and beyond into the memories and tales of her ancestors.

Town & Gown Lunch at the Forum: Forensic Evidence in the Courtroom

Thursday, May 4, 11:30 a.m.
Beckman Hall 404 - George Bush Conference Center

From breathalyzer results to chemical analysis to DNA evidence, forensic evidence plays an important part in meeting the burden of proof in criminal cases. Mario Mainero, associate dean in the Fowler School of Law, will survey the different kinds of forensic evidence and the limitations that can spell the difference between conviction and dismissal of a prosecution.

Before attending any in-person event, please visit custayinghealthy.chapman.edu for up-to-date information about our COVID-19 status and event guidelines.



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VOLUNTEER FAIR CONNECTS LOCAL NON-PROFITS WITH STUDENTS

In February, Chapman's Office of Community Relations sponsored a Volunteer Fair in the Student Union. More than a dozen local organizations with opportunities for student volunteers participated, including Friendly Center and The Hub/YCO/Full Circle.

Service is an integral part of the student experience at Chapman. More than 75% of students at Chapman participate in volunteer and community engagement projects, contributing over 100,000 volunteer hours annually.

Attendees in the fair have worked in close collaboration with students through the Panther Experiential Philanthropy Project, an innovative program that connects students to community problems, need and local solutions and provides grants of up to \$2,000 to local nonprofits.



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