

neighbor to neighbor

COMMUNITY NEWS FOR THE RESIDENTS OF ORANGE

CAMPUS STATUS UPDATES FOR CHAPMAN NEIGHBORS

As the pandemic continues, Chapman University is following guidelines established by state and local health authorities. The well-being of our community continues to be a top priority. To help keep our neighbors informed, we have created a dedicated page for the community on the CU Safely Back website. Here, you will find detailed information and status updates that might have a direct impact on your neighborhood. Visit cusafelyback.chapman.edu/community-visitors.

Though we all look forward to returning to in-person instruction, campus remains closed to all visitors at this time. Only essential staff and faculty who have completed a thorough screening process including a COVID-19 test, are permitted on campus.

The campus closure has resulted in a temporary increase of students occupying off-campus housing in the neighborhood. Our office is working closely with the Dean of Students to communicate health and safety guidelines to students living off campus, as part of our overall Good Neighbor program. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to call or email us. We're here to help and we will work with you to find a positive resolution.

Follow [Facebook.com/ChapmanUCommunity](https://www.facebook.com/ChapmanUCommunity) for updates.



CU Staying Healthy 

FRIENDLY CENTER TUTORING GOES VIRTUAL FOR STUDENT HEALTH AND SAFETY

This fall, after-school tutoring at the Friendly Center is going to look a little different than usual. While tutors—work-study students from Chapman University—will still come into the center, their study sessions with local elementary school students will all take place over the computer. It's a solution that allows Friendly Center to keep providing a valuable service to the community while helping to keep everyone healthy in the midst of the pandemic.



Seven-year-old Jacqueline Papalotzi is all smiles as she shows her work to Melina Rios '16, who works as a tutor at The Friendly Center. (File photo.)

"Our families really rely on this program," says Arian Ghiacy, Director of Development for the Friendly Center. "Many of our parents can't help their kids with their homework, even just simple homework. That's why they like sending their kids here, so they can get that help. Parents want their kids to succeed and do better."

Program coordinators at the Friendly Center anticipate that the need for tutoring help might be even greater than usual this year, while school is remote. "From what I understand," says Arian, "time in their regular school classes is going to be limited and it's going to be a lot different. They may not have the opportunity to ask all those questions that they might normally ask."

In a small tutoring session, it's easier to ask direct questions and get immediate help than it is in a class of 30, especially when faced with technical issues.

Workstations at the center, each with a camera and computer for Zoom calls, have been set up according to safe physical distancing guidelines. The center plans to maintain the same 4-1 student-to-tutor ratio as their in-person tutoring sessions, ensuring that each student gets the time and attention they need. They expect to be able to offer tutoring to as many as 50 students from underserved families in the Orange Unified School District.

Alisa Driscoll, Interim Vice President of Community Relations, says, "Friendly Center is one of our longest-standing community partners. We're thrilled that the team at Friendly Center was able to quickly adapt so that our students can continue to offer vital tutoring services for families living in our community."

Did You Know?

The Panther Experiential Philanthropy Program (PEPP) has awarded over \$10,000 to local nonprofits in the three semesters since its inception. This fall, the Atallah College of Educational Studies is offering four more courses for students interested in learning about the work going on in the nonprofit sector, and to provide hands-on experience with the challenges and rewards of funding charitable work in their community.

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

All university in-person events have been cancelled until further notice, but we are pleased to invite you to take part in these free virtual events. Find more at the University's online events calendar, chapman.edu/events.

Town & Gown's Lunch at the Forum

Thursday, Oct. 1
11:30 a.m. PDT

Since 1994, Town & Gown has brought the fantastic speaker series, Lunch at the Forum, to its members and friends. Featuring Chapman University's outstanding faculty members and academic leaders speaking on their research, studies and experiences, Town & Gown is proud to present its 27th season, presented virtually and complimentary to all members of the community this year. For the full list of dates and speakers, visit chapman.edu/tglatf.

Engaging the World: Leading the Conversation on the Significance of Race Through December 2020

Wilkinson College's semester-long, multidisciplinary examination promotes thoughtful dialogue, mindful reflection, social tolerance, awareness and respect, and peace and kindness. Virtual offerings include lectures, film screenings, art exhibits and other events that are free and open to the public. For details, visit chapman.edu/wilkinson/about/events/engaging-world.aspx

OC Vote Center

Argyros Forum, Orange Campus
Oct 30–Nov. 2, 8 a.m.– 8 p.m.
Nov. 3, 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Chapman will host an Orange County Vote Center on campus during the 2020 election. The Vote Center will be a one-stop location where you can not only vote, but solve voter registration issues, register to vote, get a replacement ballot and get general assistance. Parking will be available to community members in the Lastinger Structure at 300 E. Walnut Ave. (beneath Wilson Field). Look for signs to direct you where to go. For more information on OC Vote Centers, visit the OC Registrar of Voters website at ocvote.com/voting.



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COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESSES DURING PANDEMIC

This is a tough time for local businesses, and we want to take a moment to recognize the Chamber of Commerce and the City of Orange for their work in coordinating the Plaza Paseo. The outdoor dining venue and shopping experience has been a boon to our community in these uncertain times, and as students arrive back in the neighborhood, we're encouraging them to explore (safely!) the open-air dining options and patronize local businesses.

"COVID-19 made the Chamber think outside the box on how we can continue to provide business services," says Irma Hernandez, executive director of the Orange Chamber of Commerce. "We have reinvented many of our services and programs for local businesses."

Chapman is proud to be a long-time partner and Chairman's Circle Member of the Orange Chamber of Commerce. We are also the presenting sponsor of the annual State of the City event, the Chamber's biggest annual fundraiser.



"This partnership is vital to ensuring the fiscal stability of the community," says Hernandez. "Chapman students and faculty are an important part of maintaining the economic viability of Old Towne Orange; their support of the downtown Paseo program is appreciated."

The vitality of our community depends on the success of our local businesses, so we're partnering

with the Chamber to offer a lunch-and-learn session for local business owners this fall. Please keep an eye on our Facebook page and the Chamber's website for updates.

More inside! 