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COMMUNITY NEWS FOR THE RESIDENTS OF ORANGE

Thanks to Community Groups, Chapman Students Discover Global Citizenship Begins at Home

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When students enter Chapman University, they quickly learn how central the University's mission of global citizenship really is. They hear of it often at student orientation, see it demonstrated in faculty research and academic programs, and experience it firsthand through study abroad and international community service. They also discover that global citizenship can begin at home.

In that spirit, our students embrace civic engagement in surrounding communities with enthusiasm. Twenty-four different student organizations engage in work around health, poverty, and political issues on local and global scales. Nearly 100 students receive their Federal Work Study award by tutoring at local community organizations. Each year, some 100,000 hours of service are completed through in-class and out-of-class experiences. Many students also spend their free time running non-profit organizations they created themselves.

Some of the opportunities that are coordinated to engage students in local communities include:

- Chapman Day of Service – Now in its seventh year, this event places students in daylong projects at Acacia Adult Day Services, the Orange County Heritage Museum, Working Wardrobes, Casa Teresa, Providence Speech and Hearing Center, Pretend City, the YMCA,



One of the many teams of Chapman students who pitched in at the recent Day of Service

the Center OC, and Orange Elderly Services.

- Community Cleanup Crew – Chapman students canvass the streets surrounding the University campus Thursday – Sunday to pick up and dispose of litter left behind by visitors and parties. Approximately 23,000 items of trash (a lot of which are cigarette butts), are picked up each year.
- Orange County Watershed Education Ambassador Program – In partnership with OC Public Works, students provide presentations to local schools and afterschool programs in support of the state's fifth-grade science education requirements.
- Wilkinson College's Orange High School Literacies Partnership and Iluminación Writing Program connect Chapman students with Orange High School students to provide authentic literacy opportunities and support the teens' preparation for college writing.
- Centro Comunitario de Educación Teen Mentoring Program – Supported by a \$120,000 grant from the Corporation for

National and Community Service, Chapman students mentor Santa Ana High School students, supporting their college- and career-readiness.

- Schmid College's Community Nutrition course engages students in weekly service at the Orange County Food Access Coalition, the Friendly Center, the Orange Senior Center, and Casa Teresa.

These are just a few examples. Whether it be through analyzing the root causes of public problems in a classroom or engaging deeply in direct service with community-based organizations, students' engagement with local communities is widespread.

Chapman University is always looking for new opportunities to partner with community groups and organizations. If you need volunteers or have ideas for new campus-community partnerships, please contact Justin Koppelman, assistant director for civic engagement initiatives, at jkoppel@chapman.edu.

Did You? ? Know?

Commencement Weekend is Friday, May 20, through Sunday, May 23. In preparation, a temporary field cover will be installed on Wilson Field, necessitating that work crews be on site through the prior weekend, May 14-15. This one-time field work is unrelated to the Science and Technology Center project.

Commencement events start Friday at 3 p.m. and continue through Sunday at 8 p.m. A fireworks display is planned for Friday at approximately 8:30 p.m. as part of Closing Convocation on Wilson Field.

Need to report a concern?

- Please contact Chapman University at 714-997-6763 or email neighbors@chapman.edu
- To report a disturbance that needs urgent attention, please call City of Orange PD dispatch at 714-744-7444.

Orange High School Students Get a Jump Start on College as Simon STEM Scholars

The five Orange High School students selected to be Chapman University's first Simon STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) Scholars have had a busy year. The high school juniors worked with top Chapman faculty from the fields of physics, chemistry, computational science and physics. They even assisted with hands-on projects and research.

There's been plenty of fun, too, including field trips. A fall retreat even included archery lessons!

"The coolest thing, so far, was being able to meet other scholars from other schools and see how similar we are," says Angel Diaz.

Beginning as juniors the students receive a computer and two years of academic support and college level research experience to help prepare them for college success. After high school graduation, they receive a full scholarship to Chapman. Students electing to attend elsewhere are eligible for a \$16,000 Simon Foundations



The first Simon Scholars include, from left, Michael Juarez, Nancy Gomez, Gage Kizzar, Atmary Martinez, and Angel Diaz.

Scholarship to assist with tuition as they pursue their STEM-focused studies at a university of their choice.

Support for the program comes from The Simon Foundations, Chapman University, and Western Dental Services. Watch for news of the second group of Simon Scholars, which will be announced soon.



Save the date for a fiesta!

Enjoy free activities and performances saluting the glorious music and culture of Mexico when Chapman World CAFÉ Presents *El Latido del Corazon Mexicano* on the Aitken Plaza at the Musco Center for the Arts on Sunday, May 29, from 1 to 5 p.m. A ticketed mariachi concert follows at 6 p.m., tickets \$20 to \$25, senior discounts available.

This first offering from Musco World CAFÉ honors Mexican culture, tradition and family, and encourages everyone to share in the beauty of Mexico's rich history, music and art. The evening concert stars two of the top mariachi ensembles in Southern California—Mariachi Los Camperos de Nati Cano and Mariachi Reyna de los Angeles. For tickets, visit muscocenter.org.



IT WAS THE CAT'S MEOW!

Orange residents and neighbors from throughout Orange County enjoyed a daylong cavalcade of fun on Saturday, April 2, when Chapman threw open the doors to the new Marybelle

and Sebastian P. Musco Center for the Arts. Dozens of community performing groups helped round out the day with music, performances, art displays and demonstrations. There will be plenty more opportunities to visit the center. Free public tours will start soon. We'll keep you posted! (Above, a young visitor shows off a Panther Pride mask that was one of the many free surprises given away during the Open House and Arts Festival.)



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YOU'RE INVITED!

Join us for engaging events this spring at Chapman

There are many free or low-cost events available at Chapman University, and neighbors are always welcome. Here are just a few of those events. 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.

Spring Dance Concert

Wednesday-Saturday, May 4-7, at 7:30 p.m.
Also at 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 7

Enjoy an evening of exciting new dance works in varied styles and themes by Chapman student choreographers. Waltmar Theatre. Tickets \$10-\$20, www.chapman.edu/tickets

42nd Annual Sholund Scholarship Concert

Saturday, May 14, at 4 p.m.

With more than 150 top student performers on stage, the Hall-Musco Conservatory of Music pulls out all the stops for this annual concert of The Chapman Orchestra and Chapman choirs. Featuring Yllary Cahahuaringa '17, soprano, winner of the 2016 Vocal Concerto Competition. Program also includes Ambroise Thomas' *Scène et Air D'Ophelie* from *Hamlet*, Mozart's cantata, K.469 and more. Musco Center for the Arts. Tickets \$10-\$20, www.chapman.edu/tickets.

Summer Choral Music Camp for High School Singers

June 20-24

The Hall-Musco Conservatory of Music hosts the Chapman University Summer Choral Music Camp for High School Singers from June 20-24. The regular tuition is \$395, but scholarships are available. Deadline to register is June 1. For scholarship information, please email music@chapman.edu.