

# neighbor to neighbor

COMMUNITY NEWS FOR THE RESIDENTS OF ORANGE

## LIAISON TEAM EFFORTS LEAD TO STEADY DECREASE IN DISTURBANCE CALLS

They may not wear capes or have superpowers, but a team representing Chapman University and the City of Orange are doing heroes' work to keep local neighborhoods peaceful.

"Since the start of fall semester to the time of publication, less than 10% of disturbance calls citywide were attributed to Chapman University, a number that has been steadily decreasing over the past few years," said Lt. Phil McMullin from the Orange Police Department (OPD).

The work done by the three-person community liaison team has a lot to do with this decrease. Members include Sgt. Jordan Uemura from OPD, Sgt. Adriana Pasino from Chapman Public Safety and Chapman's Community Relations manager James Gerrard. Their teamwork exemplifies the strong partnership between Chapman and OPD.

Statistics from OPD show the liaison team's efforts are having a positive impact. The team visits students living off campus who have received a written warning, a fine or a citation from OPD. The goal of the program is to facilitate common ground and mutual understanding between students and their neighbors.

They take an educational approach and talk to the students about being a good and considerate neighbor. The team answers questions about what can happen if OPD is continually called out to address concerns. They also discuss the support role the university's Public Safety department plays in this work, and what can happen if there is a violation of Chapman's student code of conduct.

Programs such as this are used by a number of colleges around the country. Students and neighbors both appreciate the time taken to answer questions and address town and gown issues. In most cases, the team does not have to make more than one visit to a house.

Additionally, if neighbors contact Community Relations with concerns, the liaison team might conduct visits to address these issues. For many



*Sgt. Jordan Uemura from OPD, Chapman Community Relations Manager James Gerrard and Sgt. Adriana Pasino from Chapman Public Safety work together on the community liaison team to help keep local neighborhoods peaceful.*

Chapman students, this is the first time living on their own and they may not know all the expectations of living in a neighborhood. So, for more minor considerations, such as trash cans or parking, students working for Chapman's Community Relations office will often follow up with a peer-to-peer visit to the residence.

The liaison team also meets with neighbors about student relations, expectations, and how Chapman and OPD address issues of student misconduct. Chapman is not permitted to respond to disturbances taking place off campus on private property. For issues requiring an immediate response, neighbors are encouraged to call OPD's non-emergency line at (714) 744-7444.

## 2023 VOLUNTEER FAIR FOSTERS CIVIC ENGAGEMENT FOR STUDENTS IN THE COMMUNITY

At Chapman University, community engagement is not just a buzzword; it's a way of life. The university's dedication to creating a culture of service and social responsibility is apparent from the students' first days on campus, starting with a Volunteer Fair held in September in the Attallah Piazza.



*Chapman students met representatives from more than 19 local non-profit organizations during this fall's Volunteer Fair in the Attallah Piazza.*

During this year's Volunteer Fair, organized by Chapman's Office of Community Relations, students took advantage of the opportunity to connect with dozens of local non-profit organizations. They spoke with representatives about their organizations and explored volunteer opportunities that resonated with their interests, values and career aspirations.

Organizations in attendance at the event included Assistance League, Project Access, Youth Centers of Orange, OC Food Bank, Orange Home Grown, CASA and more. The fair organizers hope that by connecting students with organizations that share their commitment to community service, they can ignite a sense of purpose and active involvement in local philanthropic initiatives.

"Volunteerism is a reciprocal act. Volunteers gain invaluable experiences, develop new skills, and form lasting connections within their communities," said James Gerrard, community relations manager.

### Did You Know?

In October, Chapman University held a Grand Opening celebration for a new Campus Center at the Rinker Health Science Campus in Irvine. Currently, the Irvine campus is home to the Chapman University School of Pharmacy and graduate programs in Crean College of Health and Behavioral Sciences, including training for physician assistants and physical therapists. Investment in graduate health science programs is one of the pillars of Chapman's strategic plan, including achieving a state-of-the-art Rinker campus in the next five years.

#### Need to report a concern?

- Contact Chapman University's Office of Community Relations at (714) 289-2097 or email [neighbors@chapman.edu](mailto: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](https://events.chapman.edu). Advance tickets for performing arts events may be purchased online at [tickets.chapman.edu](https://tickets.chapman.edu).

## 58th Annual Holiday Wassail Concert

Friday, December 8, and Saturday, December 9, 7:30 p.m.  
Musco Center for the Arts

The beloved Chapman tradition returns to Musco Center! Join us for a magnificent concert of holiday season favorites performed by the Chapman University Singers, University Choir and Treble Choir along with music performed by The Chapman Orchestra. General admission is \$25.

## 2024 Economic Forecast

Thursday, December 14, 3 p.m.  
Musco Center for the Arts

Join President Emeritus Dr. Jim Doti and his team of experts as they look at the latest economic trends heading into 2024. Chapman's experts have a long track record of accuracy, and the A. Gary Anderson Center for Economic Research has been a top predictor of real GDP, unemployment rates and housing starts for almost 20 years among Blue Chip survey participants. Attend virtually or in person.

**More information:**  
[economicforecast.chapman.edu](https://economicforecast.chapman.edu)

## Nochebuena: A Christmas Spectacular

Wednesday, December 20, and Thursday, December 21, 7:30 p.m.  
Musco Center for the Arts

Make this holiday extravaganza part of your family's annual tradition! Artistic directors Kareli Montoya (Ballet Folklórico de Los Angeles) and Jaime Cuéllar have created a vibrant holiday experience celebrating the traditions and customs of Christmas Eve in Mexico. Music and dance from across Mexico's diverse regions blend the traditions of Indigenous cultures, Spanish heritage, and diverse cultural influences in an exciting night of festive family fun. Tickets start at \$25.



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## BECKMAN FOUNDATION ENDOWS SCIENCE SCHOLARSHIP FOR LOCAL STUDENTS

Young aspiring scientists will have another way to support their education at Chapman University thanks to the Arnold and Mabel Beckman Foundation and its longest-serving board member.

On Oct. 3, the foundation announced a \$1 million endowment to create the Wescombe STEM Scholarship at Chapman's Schmid College of Science and Technology. The scholarship, which honors recently retired Beckman Foundation board member Gary Wescombe, was unveiled at the Keck Center for Science and Engineering.

"It's a nice recognition from a major national foundation – that they see us as a place to train top STEM scholars in Orange County," said Schmid College Dean Michael Ibba.

The four-year scholarship, which will be awarded starting in fall 2024, will support two students each year. Students must be from Orange County and majoring in a science field. These scholars receive both faculty and peer mentoring.

"The Wescombe STEM Scholarship will help us cultivate more homegrown talent in the sciences and send more Chapman graduates to Orange County's STEM industry," said Chapman President Daniele C. Struppa.



*Gary Wescombe with President Daniele Struppa, faculty, alumni and students at the announcement of the Wescombe STEM Scholarship at Schmid College Oct. 3.*

More inside!