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..... COMMUNITY NEWS FOR THE RESIDENTS OF ORANGE

CHAPMAN UNIVERSITY DONATES 20 ADVANCED 3D PRINTERS TO OUSD

Chapman University's Fowler School of Engineering has donated 20 advanced 3D printers to the Orange Unified School District (OUSD), helping equip local students with tools that can spark creativity, innovation, and career readiness.

The donation was loaded and prepared for delivery at Chapman's Keck Center for Science and Engineering by engineering students, faculty, staff, and Interim Dean Kendall Harris. The team delivered the printers to OUSD's central warehouse, where Superintendent of Schools Dr. Rachel Monárrez welcomed the Chapman group and expressed appreciation.

"This donation strengthens a pipeline from our local community to Chapman and ultimately to industry," Harris said. "We're helping prepare students for the workforce of tomorrow by giving them access to technology today."

The 3D printers will be distributed across 10 OUSD classrooms, supporting seven Career Technical Education (CTE) pathways and enhancing STEAM (Science, Technology,

Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics) curriculum throughout the district. Students will be able to create everything from prototypes to artistic projects, gaining skills that are increasingly valuable in modern industries.

Harris noted that the partnership with OUSD aligns closely with the mission of the Fowler School of Engineering. "We believe engineering is about solving problems that make a difference in people's lives," Harris said. "By placing these printers in local classrooms, we're not only providing equipment—we're empowering students to think like innovators and see themselves as future engineers, designers, and creators."

The gift reflects Chapman's commitment to fostering innovation beyond its own campus and supporting the broader Orange community. Faculty and students in the Fowler School of Engineering regularly partner with local schools and organizations to share expertise, provide mentorship, and inspire the next generation of problem solvers.



Superintendent of Schools Dr. Rachel Monárrez and Interim Fowler School of Engineering Dean Kendall Harris.

Dr. Monárrez said the 3D printers will help OUSD further its mission of preparing students for success in college, careers, and life. "We are grateful—this investment in our scholars will help spark creativity, support real-world problem-solving, and bring innovative learning to life in our classrooms," she said.

By placing cutting-edge tools in the hands of local students, Chapman University hopes to encourage curiosity, creativity, and confidence—qualities that will serve them well whether they pursue higher education, enter the workforce, or become entrepreneurs.

CHAPMAN UNIVERSITY CREATES NEW HUB FOR INNOVATION AT FORMER KILLEFER SCHOOL SITE



President Daniele C. Struppa addresses guests at the dedication of the Daniele C. Struppa Research Park.

Chapman University Creates New Hub for Innovation at Former Killefer School Site
Chapman University has officially opened the Daniele C. Struppa Research Park, marking a milestone in the university's role as a leader in quantum research and innovation. The project transformed the historic Lydia D. Killefer School into a state-of-the-art research facility. A neighborhood landmark, the Killefer School is remembered as one of the first schools in California to integrate students prior to the landmark Brown v. Board of Education decision. By repurposing the site, Chapman has preserved

its legacy while giving it renewed purpose for both education and the community. "We've built a place where students, faculty, and ideas converge to shape the future of science and society," said Chapman President Emeritus Daniele Struppa.

The Killefer School houses Chapman's Institute for Quantum Studies, where scientists are already producing groundbreaking research. At the same time, the revitalized school was designed with the neighborhood in mind. A historic lobby installation tells the story of the building's impact, while the courtyard and a dedicated meeting space are open for use by local groups and organizations.

Vice President of Campus Planning and Design Collette Creppell said preserving the school's heritage was central to the project, "The bones were good and the vision was strong, so we undertook the adaptive reuse of this national historic landmark."

The Struppa Research Park now serves as both a hub for innovation and a shared community resource, continuing the school's tradition of bringing people together while looking toward the future of discovery.

Did You Know

Matthew J. Parlow will be inaugurated as Chapman University's 14th president this October. To celebrate, members of the local community are invited to join Chapman faculty, staff and students for an All-Campus Community Picnic on Oct. 10 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the campus's Attallah Piazza. For details and to RSVP, visit:

[Chapman.edu/inauguration](https://chapman.edu/inauguration).

Need to be in touch?

- Contact Chapman University's office of Community Relations at **(714) 289-2097** or email **neighbors@chapman.edu** to engage and provide feedback.
- 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 events that neighbors are welcome to attend. 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.

Disney's Star Wars: A New Hope in Concert

Oct 24 at 7:30 p.m.
Musco Center for the Arts

Experience the epic adventure that launched a saga with Star Wars: A New Hope in Concert! Watch the beloved 1977 film on the big screen as a live symphony orchestra of professional and student musicians from The Chapman Orchestra perform John Williams’ legendary score in sync with the movie. Join Luke Skywalker on a daring mission to rescue Princess Leia and help the Rebel Alliance battle the Empire—it’s an unforgettable multimedia event for fans of all ages.

Tickets: muscocenter.org

Winterfest and Doy’s Holiday Tree Lighting

Nov 19 at 5 p.m.
Attallah Piazza, Chapman University

Kick off the holiday season with a free, family-friendly celebration open to the entire community. Enjoy an evening filled with festive musical performances, delicious holiday treats, a charming holiday market, and a special visit from Santa. The festivities culminate with the lighting of Doy’s Holiday Tree—in honor of Chapman University Trustee Doy Henley. This event is a Chapman tradition that brings everyone together in the spirit of the season.

www.chapman.edu/events/winterfest.aspx

Fall Exhibitions

Through Nov. 29
Hilbert Museum of California Art

Now Showing: Two acclaimed California art organizations, Pastel Society of the West Coast and Watercolor West, present side-by-side exhibitions. Plus, explore ongoing displays of Disney art, Pueblo pottery, Japanese prints, and highlights from the Permanent Collection. New open days: Wed-Sun, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Admission is free.

For information: hilbertmuseum.org



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SERVING UP A SWEET START TO THE SCHOOL YEAR

Chapman University’s Office of Community Relations welcomed Chapman students back to campus with something sweet at its first-ever “Get the Scoop” Ice Cream Social. Students enjoyed free ice cream while learning valuable tips for being good neighbors in Old Towne Orange.

Each attendee received *The Panther’s Guide to Living Off Campus*, a resource covering local amenities, quiet hours, parking guidelines, and ways to help keep the community safe, respectful, and connected.

Much like the nostalgic charm of childhood ice cream truck visits, the event blended fun with a focus on community-minded responsibility. It was an opportunity for students to meet neighbors, connect with friends, and begin the school year with a shared commitment to the place they call home.



Paws up! Chapman students being good neighbors and offering Pete the Panther their ice cream.

More inside!