PHYSICAL THERAPY STUDENT VOLUNTEERS WIN FIRST PLACE AWARD

“I never thought I’d be building a float for a parade,” says Jack Raubolt, Vice President of Community Relations at Chapman University. But not only did Raubolt oversee the building of a float to represent Chapman in the recent May Day Parade through Historic Old Towne Orange, but the float won a trophy as the Float Sweepstakes winner.

The parade, which took place on May 4th, is a City of Orange tradition that dates back to 1933, when it heralded the beginning of the Valencia Orange packing season. This year marks the return of the parade after a 28-year hiatus. “The parade is an event that the whole city looks forward to,” says Al Ricci, president of the Orange Chamber of Commerce, which organized the parade. “It was fantastic … a great day for the city.”

Raubolt, who also serves on the Executive Board of the Orange Chamber of Commerce, knew Chapman had to be involved in a big way. “Chapman cares about supporting the growth and development of the City of Orange,” he says, “And we care about the community we call home.” Chapman was also a Platinum Sponsor of the event.

To showcase the university’s involvement with the community, the float featured placards highlighting the various non-profits the university supports, including: Orange Chamber of Commerce, Old Towne Preservation Association, HomeAid Orange County, Orange Public Library Foundation, Orange Home Grown, OC GRIP, Friendly Center, Youth Centers of Orange, Community Foundation of Orange and Community Action Partnership of Orange County. The float was accompanied by representatives from some of the groups, along with Chapman students and alums, and Public Safety Lieutenant Lionel Luna.

With 2,038 total volunteer hours, Chapman’s Doctor of Physical Therapy program won first place in the 2018 CA Outreach Challenge. The challenge is an annual state-wide competition that runs from September through April, and encourages student Physical Therapists and Physical Therapist Assistants to volunteer in their local communities.

160 Chapman students participated, contributing their time to a wide variety of organizations throughout Orange County and Los Angeles, including Second Harvest Food Bank, Habitat for Humanity, Camp Fire Relief, Orange County Coastkeeper, the Special Olympics, the Ronald McDonald House in Orange, the Pasadena 5K Walk for Stroke Prevention and the MeoowzResQ organization.

Community service is an essential part of the DPT program, and after completing a total of 45 hours, students are asked to write papers that reflect upon their experience and present them to the faculty. The goal, according to Georgeanne Vlad, who oversees the Service Learning course, is “to get them out of the just-PT mode and to open their eyes to the whole patient and the whole community, and what needs — physical, spiritual, emotional — our clients and patients might have.”

“It’s very heartwarming,” says Vlad, “They end up talking to individuals barely making ends meet who have to put humility aside and ask for charity.”

2018 marks the third year Chapman DPT students have participated in the CA Outreach Challenge, and their second first place win.
You’re invited!

Join us for these engaging events at Chapman

There are many terrific Chapman University events, and neighbors are always welcome. Here are just a few. Find more at the University’s online events calendar, www.chapman.edu/events. Advance tickets for performing arts events may be purchased online at www.chapman.edu/tickets.

Pacific Symphony’s Symphony in the Cities
Saturday, Aug. 3, 7 p.m.
Aitken Arts Plaza
Music director Carl St. Clair leads the orchestra on the Aitken Arts Plaza — bring lawn chairs and a picnic and come enjoy a mix of classical, pop and patriotic tunes. Pre-show activities for kids include instrument-making, a drum circle, an interactive conducting tutorial with Maestro St. Clair and a meet-and-greet with musicians. Free.

The United States Air Force Commanders Jazz Ensemble
Wednesday, Aug. 14, 7:30 p.m.
Musco Center
Drawn from the Air Force’s Band of the Golden West, the United States Air Force’s official regional jazz ensemble, the Commanders, carries on the tradition of the legendary big bands, with styles including traditional and cool jazz, bop, swing, Broadway favorites and patriotic music. Free, reserved seating.

OC-Centric Performances
Thursday, Aug. 15, 5:30 p.m.; Friday, Aug. 16, 5:30 p.m.
Moulton Hall Studio Theater
In its 9th Season, the OC-centric Orange County’s New Play Festival stages four compelling works from Orange County playwrights — plays that tell stories you don’t typically see in local theatre, stories that need to be told. This year’s festival is devoted to one acts, and you can see all four of them at each performance. $23 general admission; $12 students. www.oc-centric.com


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