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COMMUNITY NEWS FOR THE RESIDENTS OF ORANGE

CHAPMAN STUDENT HELPS LAUNCH FIRST-EVER CITY OF ORANGE TREASURY INTERNSHIP

A new internship program in the City of Orange Treasurer’s Office is helping students gain hands-on experience in municipal finance while supporting the city’s efforts to expand transparency and community engagement. At the center of the program is Chapman University graduate Ethan Goldberg ’26, who recently completed the inaugural internship under City Treasurer Garrett Smith.

Smith created the internship after identifying both a staffing gap and an opportunity to reimagine the treasurer’s role in local government. Traditionally focused on compliance-based responsibilities, Smith sought to expand the office’s impact through public-facing initiatives such as community town halls, Instagram Live sessions, and educational outreach.

“I wanted to take this role to a different level and incorporate more public outreach to share information with the community,” Smith said. He also saw an opportunity to introduce students to municipal finance, an area of government that is often difficult to access. “What better way than to work with an amazing institution like Chapman University.”

Goldberg learned about the position at a Chapman career fair and was selected after an interview process that included an informal meeting with Smith. “What stood out was his drive and willingness to jump into something new,” Smith said. “You can teach skills, but you can’t teach character and work ethic.”

During his internship, Goldberg contributed to several key projects, including a comparative analysis of regional cities’ investment portfolios, budgets, and cash positions, as well as research into the Mills Act program and its financial impact. He also supported Chapman-related municipal analysis and helped examine the broader role of treasurers at the local and national levels.

Beyond technical work, Goldberg played a role in launching the city’s first Treasury Town Hall, designed to bring financial education directly to residents. The event, held at St. John’s Lutheran Church, received strong community engagement. “It was awesome to be part of the Town Hall,”



From left: Mandy Moncure, Chapman Community Relations; Alisa Driscoll, Chapman Community Relations; Garrett Smith, Orange City Treasurer; Ethan Goldberg ’26.

Goldberg said. “We were grateful for everyone who showed up, and the feedback afterward was extremely rewarding.”

Goldberg said the experience strengthened his understanding of public service. “This internship taught me persistence, teamwork, and the value of a great mentor.”

Smith plans to continue the program, with another Chapman intern expected in the next cycle, further strengthening ties between the City of Orange and Chapman University and expanding opportunities for students in Orange.

CELEBRATING STUDENT TALENT: CHAPMAN HOSTS OUSD VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS SHOWCASE

Earlier this spring, Chapman University hosted the annual OUSD Visual and Performing Arts Showcase, a celebration of student creativity and collaboration across the community. The event is a partnership between Chapman University, Orange Unified School District, and the Orange Unified Public Schools Foundation, bringing together students, families, and educators.

Held in Chapman’s Memorial Hall, the two-day showcase featured performances from elementary, middle, and high school students. Ensembles included honor bands, orchestras, and dance groups, highlighting both technical skill and artistic expression. For many students, the event provided a rare opportunity to perform on a professional stage beyond what is typically available within their schools. Community members filled the hall both days, underscoring strong local support for arts education.

In addition to performances, student artwork was displayed throughout the venue, showcasing creativity across the district. The visual exhibition



El Modena High School dancers showcase their talent at OUSD event.

complemented the stage performances and highlighted the breadth of talent in Orange Unified schools. The event created a shared space where performing and visual arts came together in a single celebration of student achievement. The display included a range of mediums such as painting, drawing, and photography, reflecting diverse student perspectives and techniques.

Chapman University provided Memorial Hall as an in-kind donation, reinforcing its commitment to supporting arts education in local schools and strengthening community partnerships. Across both days, performances reflected strong preparation, dedication, and enthusiasm, making the Showcase a meaningful celebration of the arts in Orange. It also strengthened ongoing collaboration between schools and Chapman University.

Need to Know

University Summer Sessions

- June 1 - August 22

Fall Semester Move-In

- August 18-21

Fall Convocation

- August 18

Want to Connect?

- Contact Chapman University's Office of Community Relations at (714) 289-2097 or email neighbors@chapman.edu to engage and provide feedback.

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.

Chapman Summer Camps and Programs

June - August
Chapman University

Looking for a way to explore your interests this summer? Chapman University offers a variety of summer camps and programs for high school students, providing the opportunity to experience college-level learning in a dynamic campus environment. Whether you're interested in engineering, dance, music, research, or other fields, there are programs designed to help you develop your skills, discover new passions, and prepare for future academic and career opportunities.

More information: [Chapman.edu/admission/undergraduate/visit/summer-camps](https://chapman.edu/admission/undergraduate/visit/summer-camps)

The Hilbert Celebrates 10 Years

Now through Feb. 2027
Hilbert Museum of California Art

Five new shows kick off the museum’s year-long celebration of its 10th anniversary.

Rock On, California! California’s Rock Poster Revolution, Jørgen Klubien at Disney and Pixar, Harbors and Horizons: Maritime Prints by Phil Dike, Stone and Scene, and Witness to a Vanishing West: Maynard Dixon and The Oregon Trail. Admission is free.

For more information: HilbertMuseum.org

Millard Sheets and the Home Savings Project Lecture

July 30, 6 p.m.
Hilbert Museum of California Art

Historian Adam Arenson presents a fascinating lecture on how the extraordinary partnership of financier Howard Ahmanson and artist Millard Sheets produced outstanding mid-century modern architecture and art for Home Savings and Loan. Special attention will be paid to the 40-foot Sheets glass mosaic on the façade of the Hilbert, rescued from a former Home Savings building in Santa Monica.

For information: HilbertMuseum.org



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CHAPMAN UNIVERSITY BRINGS SPIRIT AND PETE THE PANTHER TO ORANGE MAY PARADE CELEBRATION

Chapman University joined thousands of community members in celebrating this year’s Orange May Parade, part of the “Celebrate Orange” weekend honoring America’s 250th birthday under the theme, “Orange You Glad It’s America’s Birthday? Celebrating 250 Years.”

Hosted by the Orange Chamber of Commerce Foundation, the parade featured more than 70 entries, including elected officials, schools, marching bands, dancers, equestrians, and community groups. The long-running tradition dates back to 1933, originally part of the May Festival celebrating the Valencia orange harvest and remaining one of Orange’s signature civic events.

Chapman’s presence was highlighted by Pete the Panther alongside participating staff, alumni, and families who helped energize the crowd and showcase school spirit. The university also served as a sponsor of all



Paws up! Pete the Panther rides through the Orange May Parade, sharing Chapman spirit with the community.

three Celebrate Orange events—the Parade, Taste of Orange, and Rotary Car Show—benefiting local nonprofits.

Elizabeth Holloman, Orange May Parade Chair and Board Member of the Orange Chamber of Commerce Foundation, praised Chapman University for its continued partnership since 2019 and thanked Alisa Driscoll, Chapman’s Vice President of Community Relations for her leadership and lasting impact on the parade’s continued success.

More inside!