

neighbor to neighbor

COMMUNITY NEWS FOR THE RESIDENTS OF ORANGE

A BREAKFAST WITH COMMUNITY LEADERS WELCOMES PRESIDENT MATT PARLOW

Chapman University President Matt Parlow was officially welcomed as the University's 14th president during a special breakfast with community leaders at the Hilbert Museum of California Art. The event brought together elected officials, neighbors, local businesses, and nonprofit organizations to celebrate this new chapter in Chapman's history.

Standing before a courtyard filled with community partners, President Parlow opened his remarks with gratitude and a reaffirmed commitment to collaboration.

"We deeply value the relationship that Chapman has had, continues to have, and will have with this special city that we've called home for more than 70 years," Parlow said. "A strong Orange is a strong Chapman, and a strong Chapman is a strong Orange."

He also highlighted Chapman's presence throughout Orange County. "Our Rinker Health Science Campus (in Irvine) is a hub for groundbreaking medical research and innovation,"

he noted. "We are also proud to partner with the city of Anaheim, home to Chapman Grand and now Chapman Court, where so many of our students live."

Parlow emphasized the university's community engagement, citing partnerships with organizations such as the Friendly Center, The Hub, and the Orange Home Grown Farmers and Artisans Market, initiatives that reflect Chapman's deep local roots.

Several community leaders shared their support and optimism for the University's future under Parlow's leadership. Congressman Lou Correa praised Chapman's enduring impact, calling it "a great educational institution that keeps opportunity alive." He added, "Today, we are all here to welcome you and to sign the social contract that we will continue to help keep Chapman strong."

Orange Mayor Dan Slater reflected on Chapman's long-standing role in the city's history. "Chapman has been an anchor institution in Orange for more



From left: Congressman Lou Correa, President Matt Parlow, and Orange Mayor Dan Slater.

than 70 years," he said. "It's thrilling to watch it blossom into the revered institution it is today."

President Parlow concluded the morning with a message of thanks and a pledge to continue building strong partnerships that elevate both Chapman University and the communities it calls home.

A GHOULISHLY GOOD TIME: CHAPMAN BRINGS HALLOWEEN CHEER TO OLD TOWNE ORANGE

Chapman University brought the Halloween spirit to life as a proud Ghoulish Giver sponsor of the annual Treats in the Streets on Thursday, October 30, 2025, when Old Towne Orange Plaza transformed into a festive haven for families, friends, and little ghosts and goblins. From 4-7 p.m., more than 10,000 neighbors filled the streets to enjoy trick-or-treating with local merchants, a ghoulish stage, the brand-new Kids Zone, a surprise visit from the Ghostbusters, and a costume contest.

Chapman's Community Relations team, partnering with The Hilbert Museum, added plenty of Panther pride to the evening. Their Little Mermaid-inspired booth, complete with appearances by Ariel and Prince Eric, handed out more than 2,000 goodie bags packed with sweet treats, stickers, and a special insert highlighting the museum's new Education Program. The hands-on learning experience invites participants of all ages to join guided tours and creative workshops aligned with California curriculum standards, inspiring families to explore art, creativity, and education together.



Old Towne Tradition Brings "Treats in the Streets" Back to Orange

"Seeing all the smiling faces of the kids and families enjoying the festivities is a wonderful reminder of how meaningful these community traditions are," said Mandy Moncure, Chapman's Community Relations Manager. "I'm so grateful to be a part of it and can't wait for next year."

For Chapman, Treats in the Streets is more than a Halloween celebration; it's a chance to strengthen the long-standing bond with the City of Orange. Through events like this, the University continues its tradition of being an active and engaged neighbor, strengthening connections across the community.

Need to Know

Campus Schedule

Fall Semester Finals: December 8-13

Interim Session: January 5-31

Spring Semester Begins: February 2

Holiday Lights

Brighten your holiday spirit with a walk through campus and enjoy the beautiful festive lights, seasonal decorations, and cheerful atmosphere that make Chapman shine this time of year.

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.

Happy Holidays:
Selections from the Hilbert
Christmas Collection

Through January 11, 2026
Hilbert Museum of California Art

It’s a seasonal treat at the Hilbert Museum as holiday-themed paintings, illustrations, and movie/TV art grab the spotlight! Artists whose works are on view include Norman Rockwell, Ralph Hulett, Gladys Brown Edwards, Greg Hildebrandt, original art from Chuck Jones’ *How the Grinch Stole Christmas* and more. The museum is open Wednesday-Sunday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Admission is free.

Tickets: hilbertmuseum.org

Chapman University’s
Economic Forecast

Thursday, December 11, 3 p.m.
Musco Center for the Arts

Chapman University president emeritus Dr. Jim Doti will present his 44th annual economic forecast analyzing the national, state, and local economic trends. As part of the presentation, Dr. Doti and his team predict key indicators, such as growth, inflation, employment, and housing, for 2026. This forecast is considered by many to be the longest-running and one of the most accurate in the country. In-person tickets and virtual registrations are available.

For information:
economicforecast.chapman.edu

Campana Sobre Campana:
Christmas in Mexico

Sunday, December 14, 2 p.m. and 5 p.m.
Musco Center for the Arts

Mariachi Garibaldi and Ballet Folklórico del Río Grande invite you to celebrate the holiday season. Named for the beloved Andalusian Christmas Carol, this vibrant show weaves cherished Mexican traditions into a magical story of the season. Join us for an unforgettable program where every note and every dance step embody the rich cultural tapestry of Christmas in Mexico!

For information: muscocenter.org



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CHAPMAN GREEK LIFE CREATES
150 BLANKETS TO SUPPORT
LOCAL MARINES

Love Orange, the annual city-wide volunteer day, took place on October 11, with Chapman University’s Greek Life community joining hundreds of local volunteers to support service projects across the City of Orange. Participants crafted 150 no-sew fleece blankets for the 2/11 Marine Battalion stationed at Camp Pendleton.

More than 100 Chapman students came together at the “Create No-Sew Blankets for 2/11 Marine Battalion” event, cutting fabric, tying knots, and finishing each blanket with care. The service project was one of many across the city focused on giving back to the City of Orange and beyond, from beautification of local schools to serving meals to the unhoused.

This is the second year Greek Life has participated in the annual event. Their efforts reflect Chapman’s ongoing commitment to service, leadership, and strengthening connections between the University and the broader Orange community.



Chapman Greek Life students join community members to craft blankets for Marines.

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