



#### December 5, 2017



# History made as college raises over \$50k for student scholarships on #ClovisCrushGivingDay

The college's first-ever online #GivingTuesday campaign on November 28 was a huge success. Students, staff, faculty, administrators, and community members stepped up to the plate and together, \$52,352.00 was raised, which will go towards student scholarships. The college quickly reached its \$5000 goal and, in doing so, Foundation Board Member Gus Bonner matched that by giving \$5000. The Spano Family donated \$25,000. We are grateful for all who donated and know our students will greatly benefit from the additional scholarships as they work to pursue their educational goals.

# Clovis Community College selected as a Bellwether Finalist!

Clovis Community College was selected as a finalist for the prestigious Bellwether Award for its collaboration with Clovis Unified Schools District. The Bellwether Awards annually recognize outstanding and innovative programs and practices that are successfully leading community colleges into the future. Clovis is one of 10 finalists out of 400 nominees nationwide.

Clovis is being acknowledged for our curriculum alignment project with the Clovis West English Department which prepares high school seniors for college-level English through aligned and dual enrollment courses. Faculty from Clovis Community College and Clovis Unified School District worked together to align curriculum and core standards. As part of the program, college level English classes are offered during the senior year as dual enrollment classes. As a result of our partnership, the class of 2017, which graduated in June, had a preparation rate of non-AP students of 58% and an overall preparation rate of greater than 70% based the college English placement tests. Instead of 33% of the students being prepared for college and a staggering 67% unprepared, we reversed that entirely. College readiness for unprepared students showed remarkable growth from 33% prior to the alignment project, increasing to 67%. Based on this success, Clovis Unified School District is expanding this program to all five high schools

Clovis Community College is sending a team, including representatives from CCC, CUSD, and SCCCD to present as finalists at the 2018 Community College Futures Assembly Conference in Florida on January 29, 2018. The winner will be announced at the conference.

# Students encouraged to #FinishStrongCCC and attend study sessions to prepare for finals

Instructors led various study sessions across instructional disciplines to help students study and prepare for finals. Sessions were held November 29 through December 1 in the Open Computer Lab. Snacks, supplies, free scantrons and print cards were available to students. During the week of December 4, other resources will be available as part of the "PowerUp" week. Resources included extended hours for the tutorial center and library, and snack stations for students.

#### Communication students showcase skills at Negotiations Tournament

Clovis Community College held its seventh intramural negotiations speech tournament Friday, October 27. Forty-six (46) students from various communication classes took part in the activity in a battle to determine the best negotiator on campus. This event is a wonderful way for students to get experience using their communication skills outside of a classroom situation, and it is a terrific item for them to boast about on a resume. Students learn that flexibility is often the key to effective communication as they negotiate scenarios with different students throughout the tournament. Congratulations to the 1st place negotiator Jake Stornetta!



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# Grand opening celebration held for the Veterans Resource Center

The grand opening ribbon cutting ceremony was held Thursday, November 9, 2017.

Joining president Dr. Lori Bennett were administrators, faculty, staff, students, elected officials, community leaders, and representatives from various veterans organizations.

Currently, the college serves nearly 100 veteran students and the number is expected to grow in the coming years. We are confident our veteran students will find the center is a place where they will feel supported and appreciated. The center includes a study area, computers, free printing services, and various other resources.

In addition, Clovis Community College is excited about receiving recent approval from the California State Approving Agency for Veterans Education to certify GI Bill benefits, which means veteran students can easily access and utilize these benefits to pursue their educational goals at Clovis Community College. Assemblymember Jim Patterson presented the college with a framed certificate of recognition which is proudly displayed in the Veterans Resource Center. In addition, certificates of recognition were received from the City of Fresno, City of Clovis, County of Fresno, Assemblymember Dr. Joaquin Arambula, Senator Tom Berryhill, Congressman Devin Nunes, and Senator Dianne Feinstein.

## Clovis Crush Soccer – Women's Team Places 2nd in Conference

The women's soccer team finished with a 15-7-1 record, the 2nd place conference finish for second year in a row, and the highlight was the 1-1 tie with Fresno City. The team made it to the first playoff, but lost 0-2 to Santa Rosa in the first round. Sophomore Elisa Soderholm was voted CVC Conference Offensive MVP, and sophomore Katrina Thompson was voted CVC Conference Defensive MVP. Elisa Soderholm and Maricela Soto were selected to participate in the Sophomore Showcase during the State Championship Weekend. We are excited for our first sophomore class to transfer!

The men's soccer team finished the season with a record of 3-11-5. There were four players selected to the CVC All Conference Teams. Jose Barraza and James Hernandez made it to the Central Valley Conference 1st Team. Juan Gonzalez and JJ Cortez made it to the 2nd Team. In addition, James Hernandez was selected to the Sophomore Showcase All-Star game and will compete this on December 2 at the Final Four tournament hosted by American River College in Sacramento. Juan Gonzalez, James Hernandez, Osvaldo Torneo, Christian Cline, and Freddy Montero are currently being recruited by NAIA and Division 2 colleges to play soccer while they earn their 4-year degree.

### Communication Instructor Anna Martinez stars in "Annie"

Anna will be performing in the Children's Musical Theatreworks' production of Annie December 1-10 at the Fresno Memorial Auditorium. She will play Frances Perkins, the first female US presidential cabinet member, as well as other roles in the ensemble.



#### CCC Tutors "Crush" it at the 2nd annual Supplemental Instruction & Tutoring (SIT) Expo

On November 18, CCC tutors participated in the district's SIT Expo "Serving Students Equitably," at Fresno City College. CCC had 23 tutors and four coordinators attend the conference.

There were 20 tutor presentations and CCC's tutors led six presentations on various topics including how the staff strives to serve students equitably, and enhance the abilities of support staff.

#### **Upcoming Events**

December 4-8 Power Up Week

