



## INAUGURAL PRESIDENT'S BREAKFAST

CCC will hold its Inaugural President's Breakfast on Wednesday, September 19, from 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. at the Clovis Veterans Memorial District building. This event will be a great opportunity to share an update with community members and leaders, educational partners, and elected officials. Registration information coming soon.

## A "CRUSH" CONGRATULATIONS

Two CCC students, Yvonne Phan and Christian Xiong, have been accepted to the Doctor of Pharmacy Program at California Health Sciences University (CHSU). Both students met the requirements and signed the Reserved Seat Agreement established between CCC and CHSU. Both students will start the program at CHSU in the fall 2018.

1st place winner of the eighth intramural negotiations speech tournament is Quinn Nugent!

Over 40 students from various communication classes took part in the activity in a battle to determine the best negotiator on campus. Thank you to Communication Instructors Michaela Guadiana, Erin Heasley, and Anna Martinez for organizing the tournament. This event is a wonderful way for students to get experience using their communication skills outside of a classroom situation.

Chemistry Instructor Derek Dormedy taught a Chemistry Merit Badge class for Boy Scouts Troop 35 on March 17. The young men were excited to learn about chemistry and they all earned their badge.

Three student athletes from the inaugural soccer season earned and accepted athletic scholarships to play at 4-year universities. Juan Gonzalez will play for Fresno Pacific University NCAA D2. Elisa Soderholm will play for California Baptist University NCAA D1, and Maricela Soto will play for University of Antelope Valley NAIA.

The SCCCD 2017-2018 Employee Recognition Awards Reception was held on April 26 at CCC. The hard work and dedication of the Clovis Community College and District Operations staff were recognized at this annual event.

The 22nd Annual Kiwanis Torch of Excellence Banquet was held on Monday, April 30 at the Clovis Veterans Memorial District building. The event recognized athletes from RC, FCC, and CCC for outstanding academic performance.



## PRESIDENT'S COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Dr. Bennett recently met with CUSD Superintendent Dr. Eimear O'Farrell to discuss the Central Valley Promise. Dr. O'Farrell was excited to hear that CUSD students will be eligible for the promise starting in fall 2019. Recent media stories about the Central Valley Promise and CCC can be found at these links, KSEE Channel 24 [here](#) and The Clovis Roundup Community Newspaper [here](#).

Dr. Bennett and Dean Robbie Kunkel met with Chawanakee Unified School District administrators. Dr. Bennett continues to meet with CUSD high school principals to seek input on strengthening the college's partnerships.

Dr. Bennett hosted a meeting with California Health Sciences University President, Flo Dunn, and Fresno Pacific University President, Dr. Joseph Jones to discuss ways to expand partnerships and build focused pathways for CCC's students.

CCC representatives and Dr. Bennett also met with Bitwise CEO, Jake Soberal, and took a tour of their facilities. Bitwise is creating growth and job opportunities in our community, and the college looks forward to working more closely with them.

On April 4, Dr. Bennett was proud to represent the college by attending a dinner at Fresno State commemorating the 50th anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s passing.

Dr. Bennett met with Tara Lynn Gray, Executive Director, of the Fresno Metro Black Chamber of Commerce to discuss the Small Business Development Center at the Herndon Campus.

On April 19, Dr. Bennett served as a presenter, along with Dr. Goldsmith, at the 2018 Fresno Unified School District CTE Summit at Duncan Polytechnical High School. The outreach team showcased the college's CTE programs and distributed information to attendees. Students and parents were excited to learn about CCC's CTE programs, including the Mechatronics courses.

## ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

### ASG brings film screening to campus

Many students, faculty and community members attended the screening “1948 Creation & Catastrophe” on April 24. This documentary is about the Israeli – Palestinian conflict. There was also a Q&A with the co-director Ahlam Muhtaseb. Thank you to Reem Anani, Speaker Pro-Tempore of ASG, who worked with the ASG and advisors to bring this event to CCC.

### Joe King, CCC Alum, returns to campus on April 20 to talk about his career as an Aerospace Engineer

Joe King completed his educational studies at CCC in 2012, then transferred to UC Irvine, and now works as an Aerospace Engineer for Scaled Composites, Inc. in Mojave, California. The company is an aerospace firm that designs and builds prototype aircraft for government and industry. Mr. King discussed the transfer process for MSE majors, planning for various career options, and his role as an aerospace engineer.

### Students volunteer at the Clovis Rodeo

The “Crush” made an appearance along with student volunteers at the “Break the Barriers” Kids Rodeo on April 29. The children were excited to participate in the kids rodeo created just for them. The student volunteers worked to escort the children to and from the rodeo grounds and the “Crush” mascot was thrilled to demonstrate his dance moves.

## TEAM WORK

### Faculty and staff present at “On Course National Conference”

Sasha Fisher, Nate Saari, Teresa Ishigaki, Kelly Fowler, and Ann Brandon attended the 2018 On Course National Conference in Anaheim April 12-14th. The “Crush” team presented three different sessions during the conference. The creator of On Course, Skip Downing, participated in one of the sessions and was excited to see what Clovis has been doing to increase student engagement.

### Fresno Pacific University’s “Enrollment Express” event comes to CCC

On April 18, CCC students had the opportunity to attend a one-stop event to complete the entire admission process to Fresno Pacific University. Many transfer students attended the event in the CCC library, registered for the fall semester at FPU, and took advantage of the waived application fee. Students were admitted for the Degree Completion program and the Traditional Undergraduate program. The event was a huge success and the FPU staff were very appreciative for all the help and accommodations the CCC staff provided.

### “Send Silence Packing” award-winning national exhibit comes to CCC



Clovis Community College hosted “Send Silence Packing,” a national exhibit, on Tuesday, April 17 to raise awareness about suicide prevention and mental health resources. The powerful display featured empty backpacks representing students’ lives lost to suicide. A backpack was dedicated in honor of the late Audrey Heyne, a former Clovis Community College student who was lost to suicide in 2016. This event was sponsored by CCC Active Minds Club, Health & Psychological Services, Student Activities and the Office of Student Success and Equity. The college’s goal is to keep the dialogue open about mental health awareness and suicide prevention every day and continue to share the various mental health resources available to students.

## MAY EVENTS

- 5/2, Social Justice Series with Yosimar Reyes
- 5/3, Cinco de Mayo Extravaganza
- 5/4, Annual Speech Night
- 5/10, Student Art Show/Art Dept. Open House

### Commencement Activities



- 5/16 CalWORKs Recognition Ceremony
- 5/17 Leon S. Peters Honors Scholarship Ceremony
- 5/18 Commencement Ceremony

Dr. Alfonso Tucker is the commencement speaker. He is an acclaimed writer, speaker, and counselor.

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