



THE VALLEY COMMUNITY SBDC AT CCC PRESENTED WITH PROCLAMATIONS IN HONOR OF NATIONAL SBDC DAY

March 20 is national Small Business Development Center (SBDC) day. President Bennett and Rich Mostert, Director of the Valley Community SBDC, were honored to accept [proclamations](#) from the City of Fresno, City of Clovis, Assemblymember Jim Patterson, Senator Andreas Borgeas, and Congressman Devin Nunes.



HONORING CESAR E. CHAVEZ AND HIS LEGACY

On March 19 Paul Chavez spoke about his father, Cesar, in observance of the upcoming Cesar E. Chavez holiday. Cesar E. Chavez was one of the greatest leaders of the 20th century. His courage, dedication, and historic accomplishments gained national recognition for his work to organize the union that would become the United Farm Workers of America. Paul serves as the president of the Cesar Chavez Foundation which works to improve the lives of farm workers, Latinos, and other poor working families across the Southwest. Paul continues to spread Cesar’s message “¡Sí se puede!” (yes, you can!) by using non-violence to advocate for change.

CONGRATULATIONS TO WAWONA FROZEN FOODS



CCC’s nominee, Wawona Frozen Foods, earned the outstanding school/business partnership award at the Fresno Compact Business Education Shareholders’ luncheon on March 6. The college is grateful for the wonderful partnership with Mr. Bill Smittcamp and his team, and for their time and service in the development of the mechatronics/industrial automation and food safety programs.



“CRUSH” TOUR A SUCCESS FOR NEW TRUSTEES

On March 13 CCC welcomed SCCCD Trustees Annalisa Perea and Magdalena Gomez for a “Crush” tour of the Herndon Campus and the main campus. They toured the “Crush” pantry, Valley Community Small Business Development Center (SBDC), chemistry labs, Veterans Resource Center, Tutorial Center, Welcome Center, Mac lab, and enjoyed interacting with students, staff, and faculty.

NATIONAL TRIO DAY EVENT RAISES AWARENESS ABOUT COLLEGE OPPORTUNITIES

On February 23 nearly 1,000 TRIO high school and college students from various colleges in Central California came together at Fresno City College to learn about the importance of advocacy and the importance of a college education. Congressman Jim Costa and Senator Melissa Hurtado served as guest speakers. SCCCD colleges were proudly represented and this event was the biggest TRIO Day celebration in the Central Valley. A big “crush” thank you to Athena Gibbs, Monica Hennecke, and Brittany Zenz for their hard work on this project.

BRIDGEGOOD VISITS CCC TO HELP ART STUDENTS CREATE AN ONLINE PORTFOLIO

Bridggood is a nonprofit design studio that provides professional opportunities to local designers and artists. They help students create a professional online portfolio that can be used for job interviews and transfer applications. Bridggood also offers students opportunities to compete in campaigns for a chance to showcase their artwork on various media platforms. Bridggood’s free web application connects students to professional opportunities including open labs at Google and UX work sessions at Facebook, Salesforce, and Twitter.



CONGRATULATIONS TO CCC ADJUNCT INSTRUCTORS WHO RECENTLY EARNED DOCTORAL DEGREE

Tosha Aquino Giuffrida, adjunct professor in information systems since 2007, recently completed her doctoral degree in educational leadership and higher education as part of the first cohort of CODEL (Collaborative Online Doctorate in Educational Leadership), which is a joint program between Fresno State and CSU Channel Islands. Her research on aspirations of female middle managers in industry and their barriers to advancement will be presented at a national conference at the University of Patras in Greece this June.

Monica Hennecke, adjunct counselor and counseling instructor since 2007, completed her doctoral degree last December in organization development from the School of Professional Psychology at the University of Alliant. Monica spent 22 years in the human services field and focused her research on the transition to leadership: a developmental workshop designed for recently promoted human service managers.

HIGH-SCORING SOCCER MIDFIELDER SIGNS A NATIONAL LETTER OF INTENT WITH UC DAVIS



[Ariana Quintero](#) from the “Crush” women’s soccer team will continue her academic and athletic career with the UC Davis women’s soccer team and major in computer science.

CRUSH ATHLETICS

Congratulations Ariana!

COMM CONNECTION EVENT

On March 29 students attended the annual COMM Connection event and listened to seven guest speakers who earned a degree in mass communication and journalism or communication. This event aligns with CCC’s Guided Pathways plan by connecting communication majors to a transfer campus and promoting careers that require a communication degree. Stephanie Briones, Anna Martinez, Tiffany Sarkisian, and Nancy Vagim did a fabulous job organizing the event.

MATH DEPARTMENT EARNS POSTIVE RESULTS IN NATIONAL STUDY

The math department participated in a national study which was the phase 2 of the National Transitioning Learners to Calculus in Community Colleges (TLC3) Study. The college was selected last April because it excels in supporting underrepresented minority students in mathematics. The final report was just released and highlights the positive impact the math instructors have on students. Through observations and surveys, the study found that:

1. Students are engaged in the classroom.
2. Students are made aware and encouraged to utilize instructors’ office hours.
3. There is a strong alignment between faculty, administrators, and students about the high-quality support provided by the college through the tutorial center and study groups.



STUDENTS APPLY FOR JOBS AT MINI-JOB FAIR

Students had the opportunity to meet local employers at the mini-job fair on March 29. Many local employers are now hiring for the summer and students were prepared as they came dressed to impress with resumes in hand. Thank you to the Career Resource Center for reaching out to employers and helping students access local jobs.

“CRUSH” SWIMMERS REACH ALL-TIME HIGHEST TEAM STANDINGS AT CUESTA INVITATIONAL ON MARCH 8 AND 9

The women’s team scored 549.5 points and placed 3rd overall, only topped by the two co-hosting teams, Cuesta College (681.5 points) and Bakersfield College (600 points). The men’s team finished in 8th place with 245 points. Both teams significantly improved as they both placed 11th last year.

UPCOMING CCC EVENTS