



ABC 30 REPORTER SHAYLA GIRARDIN HIGHLIGHTS CCC

Watch this [wonderful news story](#) about CCC being named a “2020 Champion of Higher Education” for the third consecutive year by the [Campaign for College Opportunity](#) and how CCC graduate/student Julieanne Nguyen successfully utilized the ADT (Associate Degree for Transfer) program to transfer to UC Irvine.

CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY MONTH

The Black Student Union is organizing various events in February honoring Black History Month.

Check the [CCC website](#) for additional information and Zoom login details:

- Annual African American Read-In on Monday, February 1 at 4:00 p.m.
- HBCU (Historically Black Colleges & Universities) week starting February 1, with multiple virtual events, including an HBCU panel featuring HBCU alumni
- Virtual presentations by CCC Psychological Intern Dr. Victoria Williams and CCC History Instructor Dr. Patrick Fontes on Thursday, February 11 at 1:00 p.m. and Thursday, February 18 at 12:30 p.m.
- Virtual presentation by Dr. Chike Akua titled “What Does it Mean to be Black” on Wednesday, February 17 at 10:00 a.m.
- Virtual performance by African drum group Libota Mbonda on Thursday, February 25 at 10:00 a.m.

WELCOME BACK MR. LASANA HOTEPE



Mr. Hotep presented two seminars last fall and will return to offer three more seminars for administrators, faculty, and classified professionals. Mr. Hotep is an anti-racist and anti-sexist educator, strategic thought partner, and equity-advancing executive coach with a commitment to dismantling institutional inequities and creating transformative solutions for people and organizations. Mr. Hotep will present the

following seminars this fall and in the spring:

It's in the Syllabus: Developing an Equity-Minded Syllabus
What Do You Teach?: Transformative Teaching & Learning
Beyond the Basics: Becoming a Student-Ready Campus
 Mr. Hotep will also serve as the Diversity Day speaker on March 9 from 12:00 to 1:15 p.m.

SUCCESSFUL SPRING 2021 OPENING DAY FOCUSING ON STUDENT EQUITY AND ANTI-RACISM

On January 7, President Bennett shared updates, accomplishments, and goals for Spring 2021. CCC employees and students are excited to participate in various planning sessions relating to several initiatives that support student equity and success. This spring, we will develop several college plans, including a Strategic Plan, Enrollment Plan, and Professional Development Plan. The College will also develop our 2021-2022 Budget and complete our annual Program Planning and Resource Allocation processes. The College is also working on our accreditation mid-term report and approved an updated Technology Plan. Our third strategic planning retreat will be held on January 29 to review and update our college-wide strategic goals.

CCC will continue to maintain a focus on student equity and anti-racism by supporting the Board's anti-racist resolution and participating in several activities, including USC Equity Leadership Alliance, Lasana Hotep workshops, and Justice and Healing Circles. In addition, the college plans to conduct an equity audit and will continue to promote our [HBCU \(Historically Black Colleges & Universities\) transfer partnership program](#).

During an interactive panel session, Vice President Monica Chahal asked CCC employees who attended the USC Alliance Panels last semester to recap their experiences on their sessions titled:

- Fostering and Sustaining Inclusive Classrooms for Students of Color*
- Understanding and Addressing Implicit Bias*
- Understanding and Confronting Anti-Black Racism*
- Meaningfully Integrating Race Across the Curriculum*



CONGRATULATIONS CLASSIFIED SENATE

On December 9 the Classified Senate partnered with Chipotle for a fundraiser to benefit student scholarships. Lots of orders were placed online for pick up and just over \$400 was raised. Many enjoyed a delicious meal while helping students at the same time.

CCC TO ATTEND 3RD ANNUAL BUSINESS SALUTE TO REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. AND THINGS THAT MATTER AWARDS

A group of CCC employees will virtually attend this annual event sponsored by the Fresno Metro Black Chamber of Commerce and the Central California Hispanic Chamber of Commerce on January 29. A prestigious award will be bestowed to an outstanding businessperson who exemplifies leadership and knowledge.

SERVING STUDENTS WITH ADDITIONAL DEGREE OPTIONS

The Curriculum Committee is always hard at work reviewing curriculum for new degrees and certificates and their dedication is truly appreciated. Recently, degrees for Chemistry, Occupational Therapy Assistant, and Geology were approved by the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office. CCC offers 25 Associate Degree for Transfer (ADT) options. Thank you Curriculum Committee members Matt Alanis, Megan Bennett, Monica Chahal, Stephanie Coffman, Daniel Gutierrez, Jennifer Hanson, Tasha Hutchings, Margee Loya, Stacy McArron, Scott Phillips, Zainab Rana, Tracy Stuntz, and Jenna Tague.

VIRTUAL WELCOME AND HELP VIA ZOOM

CCC Associated Student Government (ASG), staff, and student ambassadors were available via Zoom during the first week of school to answer questions. The Tutorial Center hosted an open house via Zoom to highlight the various free services available throughout the semester.

VIRTUAL CRUSH DAYS HELPS STUDENTS TRANSITION TO COLLEGE

Various informational sessions were held during the first week of school to familiarize students with programs and services. Sessions included: Canvas/WebAdvisor overview, career services, how to apply for financial aid, Tutorial Center Q&A, and how to access health services.

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CCC EXCEEDS 4TH ANNUAL

#GIVINGTUESDAY GOAL ON DECEMBER 1

The online #GivingTuesday campaign was a huge success. Students, staff, faculty, administrators, and community members stepped up to the plate and, together, raised approximately \$36,600 that will go towards student scholarships, the Crush Food Pantry, and the Crush Athletic Facility. The college quickly reached its \$25,000 goal with the assistance of match-donations from Foundation Board President Gina Cuttone and Shawn Patty, and Gus and Greti Bonner. We are grateful for all who donated and know our students will greatly benefit from the donations. A virtual celebration was held via Zoom on December 8, and employees personally thanked Gus and Greti Bonner and Trustee Debbie Ikeda for their generous gifts. A total of 131 donors gave to the campaign, including five monthly donors and ten new scholarships were established.

Following are the funds raised for the six programs:

- Crush Food Pantry = \$1,030.00
- Crush Student Scholarship Fund = \$9,460.00
- Athletic Field = \$280.00
- Classified Senate Student Scholarship = \$245.00
- Academic Senate Student Scholarships = \$395.00
- Personal Scholarships = \$25,216.00

VIRTUAL APPLICATION WORKSHOPS FOR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

The Outreach team is busy reaching out to high school seniors to help them apply for the fall 2021 semester. Several [application workshops](#) were held in January hosted by our amazing Outreach Specialists David-Anthony Navarro and Isaac Reyna. The Welcome Center ambassadors did an amazing job producing various "how to" videos that are posted on [YouTube](#).

CONGRATULATIONS TO ENGLISH INSTRUCTOR VON TORRES

Von is the new director for LitHop for 2021. LitHop, founded by Lee Herrick in 2016, is an all-day literary festival held in Fresno during the fall that brings together several elements: a walkable event with multiple venues, writers of all ages from middle-school to old school, writers from Fresno's rich diversity and acclaimed award-winning authors, with one Fresno-based headliner in the evening. This year's festival is planning to be an in-person event if possible, or online. Von is a successful poet who attended Fresno City College and received his BA and MA in Creative Writing from San Francisco State University. He previously taught in the San Francisco Bay Area for Pin@y Educational Partnerships and currently serves on the Advisory Board for Philippine American Writers and Artists (PAWA), Inc. His poetry has been published in TAYO Literary Magazine and Verses Typhoon Yolanda: A Storm of Filipino Poets. Learn more at [his website](#). Visit the [LitHop website](#).