



CCC CELEBRATES PRIDE MONTH: DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION

June was lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer (LGBTQ+) Pride month. CCC proudly displayed the Pride flag for the month of June. [View](#) the Library LGBTQ+ Pride month virtual display.



CCC ART STUDENTS EARN RECOGNITION

Art Instructor Janice Ledgerwood has partnered with Bridgegood for the past three years to bring design and professional opportunities to her art students. Recently, CCC students submitted artwork for the Bridgegood "Inspire Oakland" Competition. Nearly 300 entries were received with 80 designs completed to specification. From those 80 designs, 22 were finalists, two of which were from CCC, Tanner Simpson and Yazmine Cornwell. Ms. Cornwell won an honorable mention, and her work will be featured on a 60-foot-wide digital LED billboard! This is the third consecutive year CCC art students have entered the competition, placed in the finals, and won an award.

STEM EXPLORATION ACADEMY (SEA) OFF TO SUCCESSFUL START

The Academy, made possible through a Title V PODER Grant (Providing Opportunities Designed to Educate and Recognize), started on June 14 and runs through July 9. The goal is to increase the number of degrees and certificates in STEM disciplines among Latinx and low-income students. The college is working with employers, local K-12 districts, and four-year universities to develop additional strategies to increase course success for Latinx students. The Academy is open to 10th graders within Clovis Unified School District. Activities include classes at InnovEd and the College Success INTDS 50 course. Thank you Stephanie Briones for serving as the director on this very important project.



CCC TEAM VOLUNTEERS AT BEAUTIFY FRESNO EVENT

On April 24, President Dr. Bennett, ASG VP Cole Hesterberg, students and employees volunteered at the Great American Cleanup, along with City of Fresno Mayor Jerry Dyer and hundreds of other volunteers for the Beautify Fresno event.

TECHNOLOGY LOAN PROGRAM HELPS STUDENTS

Summer school students have access to the college's technology loan program and can checkout laptops, calculators, and headphones. Students complete an online form and are given an appointment time to come to campus to pick up the items at a safe and efficient drive-thru curbside event.



CCC INTERFAITH CULTURAL CLUB PARTICIPATES AT INTERFAITH ALLIANCE EVENT

On May 29, Dr. Lori Bennett, Instructor/Advisor Joseph Pulido, and students attended an international webinar with community leaders from Clovis, Fresno, and Bradford, England to discuss how faith and secular values find common ground in building stronger communities for everyone. The keynote speaker was Naz Shah, a member of England's Parliament in the House of Commons. Attendees of various faiths were represented including Judaism, Islam, Christianity, Buddhism, Hinduism, Secular Humanism, Sikhism, and the LGBTQ+ community. This international webinar is part of an ongoing partnership of building communities across borders among CCC, the Interfaith Alliance of Central California, Bradford for Everyone, and Bradford University.

KINGS COUNTY ONE-STOP JOB TRAINING CENTER AND VALLEY COMMUNITY SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER (SBDC) JOIN FORCES TO BENEFIT SMALL BUSINESSES

The Valley Community SBDC opened a new office within the Kings County One-Stop Job Center to benefit businesses and residents of Kings County. The Kings County Job Training Office is the main source of technical and managerial assistance for small businesses, which includes providing support through workforce services. The Valley Community SBDC promotes growth, innovation, productivity, and revenue for small businesses. CCC hosts the Valley Community SBDC which has already been serving Kings County for several years. However, this new outreach office in Kings County will allow the Valley Community SBDC to better provide in-person training and one-on-one advising to small businesses in a professional setting. The Valley Community SBDC's goal is to help local companies rebuild, refocus, and reimagine their business as they emerge from the pandemic. Approximately 3,000 businesses in Kings County are small businesses which will greatly benefit from the new office.

VIRTUAL EXTREME REGISTRATION

Counselors and staff are ready to help students register for the fall semester. [Virtual Extreme Registration](#) (VER) is every Wednesday from June 23 to July 28 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. We are also promoting the regular counseling hours for students who cannot attend the VER. We are reaching out through digital and social media campaigns.



CCC EMPLOYEES CELEBRATE WITH END-OF-YEAR EVENT

On May 13, employees attended an end-of-the-year drive-thru celebration. Employees greeted fellow employees, received a Clovis t-shirt, and picked up service awards. Some employees even decorated their cars for the festive event. [View the photos.](#)

VICE PRESIDENT MARCO J. DE LA GARZA APPOINTED AS CSSO REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Marco J. De La Garza was recently appointed the Chief Student Services Officers Association (CSSO) Region 5 Representative. The CSSO works to ensure opportunities for success for every student and holds regular board meetings and annual conferences. The CSSO's focus is on student success programs and initiatives, student equity and achievement, guided pathways, and social justice. Congratulations Marco!



DRIVE-THRU CELEBRATION FOR TORCH OF EXCELLENCE HONOREES

The Kiwanis Clubs of Fresno, Educational Employees Credit Union, and the Torch of Excellence committee celebrated students at the Torch of Excellence Drive-Thru Celebration on May 19. Students were excited to pick up their awards and gifts. Athletic Director Pamm Zierfuss-Hubbard, coaches, and faculty were proud to participate and congratulate the honorees. This year marks the 25th year for this annual partnership with the Kiwanis Clubs of Fresno, which recognizes our amazing student athletes. [View the Torch of Excellence video, pictures, and program.](#)