



## CCC EARNS \$3 MILLION GRANT FROM THE “DEVELOPING HISPANIC SERVING INSTITUTIONS PROJECT” OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION. GRANT WILL IMPROVE SUCCESS FOR HISPANIC AND LOW-INCOME STUDENTS.

Amazing team effort! CCC recently earned a five-year grant totaling \$3 million. The funding will be used to:

- Increase outreach and enrollment efforts with local high school partners.
- Increase completion and retention of STEM students through targeted instruction and student support strategies.
- Provide additional professional development opportunities to permanently sustain the program after the conclusion of the five-year grant.

Thank you to Monica Chahal, Vice President of Instruction, and Gurdeep Hébert, Dean of Students for their effort and countless hours organizing and preparing this grant. In addition, thank you to the entire team of administrators and faculty who worked tirelessly on this project that will greatly benefit students.

## EQUITY LEADERSHIP ALLIANCE UPDATE

CCC joined the University of Southern California (USC) Race and Equity Center’s “California Community College Equity Leadership Alliance” and will participate in various trainings throughout the academic year. A team of five faculty and administrators participated in the September session “Fostering and Sustaining Inclusive Classrooms for Students of Color.” USC recently conducted a national student survey, and the results offered best practices guidelines on how to implement inclusivity in the classrooms. CCC looks forward to using this information to continue the equity conversation on campus. A different group of five administrators, faculty and classified professionals will participate in the next session. [View CCC’s Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion page.](#)

## VICE PRESIDENT MONICA CHAHAL SELECTED TO REPRESENT CENTRAL VALLEY ON “VISION FOR SUCCESS CIO DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION STEERING COMMITTEE”

Monica Chahal is one of seven CIOs chosen from across the state to serve as leads for the strategies identified in the California Community Colleges Chancellor’s Office – Vision for Success Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Task Force Report. She will serve on the CIO Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Steering Committee and will work with educational leaders from across the state on efforts to improve faculty and staff diversity in the CCC system. Congratulations Monica!

## DR. ROSA ALCAZAR EARNS NSF (NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION) GRANT

The Division of Undergraduate Education (DUE) from the National Science Foundation (NSF) has awarded a grant to Biology Instructor Dr. Rosa Alcazar (Co-PI) and her colleagues at the Carnegie Institution of Washington and Johns Hopkins University to conduct a study titled “Exploring the Impacts of Data Science Education through a Course-Based Undergraduate Research Experience and Short Lab Modules.” The study will take place over two years starting this December and will measure the effects of incorporating big-data research, cloud computing, and inter-institutional mentorship on student persistence in STEM. The funds will be invested in upgrading the currently offered bioinformatics lab modules in Biol-11A, developing the curriculum for our new course Biol-12, research in biology, and providing opportunities for our students to showcase and discuss their original research at an undergraduate research symposium.



## SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS CEREMONY VIDEO PREMIERED ON SEPTEMBER 10

Due to COVID-19, this year’s event was a virtual video that premiered on You Tube highlighting our hard-working scholarship recipients. It was amazing to view the interactive comments between donors and students in the You Tube chat section. The number of scholarships continues to rise each year, thanks to the generous donors of the “Clovis Crush Giving Day” fundraising event. A big CRUSH congratulations to all the students who earned scholarships. Thank you to our generous donors for making a difference and for helping our students reach their educational goals. Another BIG thank you to our Digital Media & Graphic Designer Jason Mendez for creating this heartfelt video. This year, 132 scholarships were awarded totaling \$82,708.00. [Watch the Scholarship Video.](#)



## JEFF BURDICK HONORED BY THE ACADEMIC SENATE

On August 25, the Academic Senate presented English Instructor Jeff Burdick with an Academic Senate Resolution in recognition of his outstanding service and leadership. We are very thankful for Mr. Burdick and his contributions, including serving as the first Academic Senate president for the college, initiating the first dual enrollment English courses with Clovis West High School, and advocating for the Central Valley on the California Community College Board of Governors.

## GEOLOGY INSTRUCTOR PARTICIPATES IN NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF GEOSCIENCE TEACHERS (NAGT) BLACKS IN GEOSCIENCE WEEK

Geology Instructor Michelle Selvans and her students participated in the NAGT #BlacksInGeoScience Week that was held virtually and with a social media campaign. Various webinars were held for students and faculty. Ms. Selvans asked her students to participate by answering “Why is it important to you to celebrate Black geoscientists?”

Allison said, “celebrating black geologists is important, so we can learn how to further diversify the scientific community.”

Kaylee said, “I find it important to celebrate Black geoscientists because we are able to see the representation of the Black community and inspire many more to take action in following their dreams to become a geoscientist.”

Ms. Selvans’ stated, “As a White woman teaching Geology/ Earth Science, I so appreciate the chance to hear from my Black colleagues around the country. It inspires me to rethink what inclusion might look like in our Geology Program.” Additional comments can be viewed on [CCC’s Twitter feed](#) @ClovisCCC.

## COLLEGE PROVIDES SUPPORT TO STUDENTS IMPACTED BY THE #CREEKFIRE

Unfortunately, we had several students who were impacted by the Creek Fire. Some lost their homes, and some had to be evacuated. The Outreach Team quickly began making phone calls to students to find out their immediate needs and helped them communicate with their instructors or counselors about class options. The Outreach Team collected over 75 emergency items for students, including food gift cards, gas gift cards, sanitizer, and face coverings. Students were also given information about the Crush Food Pantry, psychological services, and Wi-Fi options. The Crush Emergency Fund was created to support students during emergencies such as the Creek Fire. [Donations can be made online.](#)

## STRATEGIC PLANNING

In October, CCC will hold the first of several campus-wide retreats to review our previous strategic goals and action steps and to develop our goals for the next planning cycle. CCC’s current Strategic Goals are:

- ACCESS: Expand opportunities and remove access barriers
- TEACHING AND LEARNING: Promote excellence and opportunities
- SUPPORTING STUDENT SUCCESS: Provide comprehensive services while promoting equity
- COMMUNITY AND PARTNERSHIPS: Strengthen and develop external relationships
- RECOURSES AND FACILITIES: Expand and enhance the capacity of the college
- INSTITUTIONAL EFFECTIVENESS: Strive for excellence in planning, governance, and communication



## A VARIETY OF VIRTUAL EVENTS HELD FOR STUDENTS

Many events continue to be planned for the fall semester.

Recent events and activities included:

- [Patriot Day Video](#) (Students and employees had an opportunity to submit a video)
- Constitution Day Jeopardy
- [Mexican Independence Day](#) (History Instructor Patrick Fontes provided an overview)
- [UC Transfer Week](#)
- [Good Vibes Monthly Podcast](#) (Highlights the positive activities around the campus community)
- Tutorial Center Open Mic Night
- [Hispanic Heritage Month](#)
- [Psychological Services](#) for students

## SUCCESSFUL PRT (PEER REVIEW TEAM) VISIT ON SEPTEMBER 10

On September 10, a PRT Zoom session was held for college administrators, classified staff, and faculty. The PRT leaders shared a variety of best practices from other colleges, which will help CCC to further implement its goals, including Enrollment and Schedule Management, Data Analysis and Technology Applications, Professional Development, and Communication. The team was impressed with the progress the college made on each of our goals. Jill Sterns, team leader and president of Cuesta College said, “Certainly, you did not let the pandemic stand in the way of your institutional improvement and effectiveness work!”