



### AMAZON PAYS TUITION FOR EMPLOYEES TO ATTEND CLOVIS COMMUNITY COLLEGE



Amazon and CCC have partnered to help give Amazon employees the chance to further their education for free through Amazon’s \$1.2 billion Career Choice program. Clovis Community College is the only community college in the Central Valley selected for this partnership with Amazon. Nationally, Amazon is partnering with 140 colleges and universities. Amazon will cover 100 percent of education costs, including books and tuition. Employees are eligible to participate in the program after 90 days of employment.

Part-time employees can get half of their tuition covered and full-time employees get full tuition paid. Employees can also work toward trade certification, high school completion and English language proficiency. More than 6,500 employees in the Fresno facility can access the program. This wonderful partnership is the work of Ryan Hirata, Counselor, and Dianna Whaley, Career Center Coordinator, who teamed up to advocate for CCC to become an educational provider for Amazon. Details are being finalized with Amazon and the following departments will help implement this important program: Admissions and Records, Business Office, Career Resource Center, Counseling, and Outreach. Marvin Cifuentes is an Amazon employee and is now enrolled at CCC and excited to utilize this program. He is 32 and the father of kids ages 6, 10, and 14.

[ABC30 highlights Marvin’s participation in the program.](#)

### GOVERNANCE UPDATE

As part of our institutional review cycle, the college is reviewing standing committee operating agreements and updating our participatory governance handbook. The Governance Handbook is going through participatory review and will be finalized in May.

### 21 DAY EQUITY CHALLENGE UPDATE

The college joined SCCCD and the United Way of Fresno & Madera Counties for this important project. This experience deepened our commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion. Many participants are currently serving on hiring committees and found the sessions helpful and enlightening. CCC also hosted four weekly “Reflection Sessions” led by the creators of the 21 Day Equity Challenge, Dr. Eddie Moore Jr. and Dr. Marguerite Penick-Parks. Participants explored what they learned and experienced during the 21 Day Challenge and how they can apply it to work & life and stay committed to being anti-racist.



### D’LO WILL SPEAK AT CCC IN HONOR OF ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH

On April 6, D’Lo brings the fierce with the funny through his presentation and stand-up comedy about being a queer/trans artist and activist raised within an immigrant family and community, as well as his stories about being an artist schooled by hip-hop, feminists, and queer artist elders. [View the details](#) for this in-person event or watch the event virtually on the CCC’s [Facebook page](#).

### OUTREACH AND COUNSELING DEPARTMENT BUSY WITH REG-TO-GO (RTG)

It’s a busy time of year for our Outreach and Counseling departments who are visiting local feeder high schools to provide seniors with academic advising. The faculty and staff are happy to be meeting with students face-to-face. As of February 28th, RTG staff have assisted over 1200 students!

### A CCC STUDENT WINS THE “DREAM DAY” PRIZE

In collaboration with Fresno State, the district colleges sponsored “Dream Day” with Fresno State on February 4. It was a virtual event, offering guidance and support for undocumented students who will transfer to Fresno State this fall. Students learned about financial aid, residency information, student support services, and were also entered for a chance to win \$500 to utilize upon transfer. Our CCC student, who prefers to remain anonymous, won the \$500 and was very appreciative. The collaboration to conduct “Dream Day” with Fresno State has taken place since 2019, and will continue, to ensure the successful transition of students from the community college to the university.



## PRESIDENT DR. BENNETT SPEAKS AT THE FRESNO COUNTY WOMEN'S CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Dr. Lori Bennett served as the guest speaker at the Fresno County Women's Chamber of Commerce luncheon on March 22. She shared her personal and professional journey, which is very inspiring to all, especially women. Attendees appreciated hearing her heartfelt stories of how she turned her struggles into achievements. CCC hosts the luncheons every month at the Herndon Campus. The next luncheon is April 26 and registration details are on their website at [www.fcwcc.org](http://www.fcwcc.org)

## CRUSH FOOD PANTRY HELPING MORE STUDENTS WITH NEW SERVICES AT THE MAIN CAMPUS

The Crush Pantry now offers a "Crush Cupboard" located at the main campus in the Student Center in AC1-160. This is an extension of our pantry, and it provides access to grab-and-go food items for students. Also, The Crush Pantry now offers free "Snack Stations" throughout the campus for students to grab a quick snack before class. The snack stations are located at the following locations: Career and Resource Center, Counseling, Financial Aid, TRIO, Tutorial Center, Welcome Center, and the Veterans Resource Center.

## STUDENTS ENJOY VARIOUS EVENTS HOSTED BY THE TUTORIAL CENTER

Pi Day was a big hit held on March 14 where attendees had an opportunity to throw a "pie" on a tutor! The first official Stem Showcase was held on March 10. STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) students and faculty shared their research, projects, and passions in their field of study. An Open Mic Night was held on March 18 and the Integration Bee will be held on April 4.



## CRUSH ATHLETES EARN STATEWIDE RECOGNITION

Yani Trevino, Crush women's soccer student-athlete, earned the 2022 California Community College Association of Athletic Advisors/Counselors (3C4A) Female Student-Athlete Achievement Award. The 3C4A is a statewide affiliate organization of the California Community College Athletic Association (CCCCAA). This award recognizes a community college male and female student-athlete each year who has succeeded despite experiencing challenging circumstances.



Yani is a first-generation college student who, as an individual and together as a family, has encountered many challenges while growing up. She has also endured surgeries and difficult physical recovery each time related to a maxillofacial condition. Yani was a team leader on the women's soccer team, is the President of our Crush Student-Athlete Council, and also helps support student success through CCC's Title V PODER Grant initiatives as a STEM Peer Mentor.

Yani will be transferring to a UC in Fall 2023 to finish a bachelor's degree in biology. She then plans to complete medical school and become a medical doctor in the Central Valley. Yani will receive a \$500 scholarship award and will be recognized at the CCCAA Annual Convention on April 6 in Ontario, California.

Luke Torossian, Crush men's soccer student-athlete, was also nominated for the award and earned Honor Roll recognition.

Luke initially struggled with motivation during his first semester at CCC while instruction was fully online and athletic competition was put on hold due to COVID.

He has challenged himself to stay focused and established an academic goal and Student Education Plan. He has worked diligently to transfer to a four-year university this fall to major in business administration. Luke is also a member of our Crush Student-Athlete Council and the honest perspective he shares during our meetings has been valuable to steer our efforts to support student-athlete success.



## CCC KEEP STUDENTS ENGAGED WITH VARIOUS EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

**Stay Strong:** Mid-Term Motivation workshop on March 2.  
**STEM Teacher Academy** on March 4.

Guest speaker **Dr. Hakeem Olusey** "A Quantum Life: My Unlikely Journey from the Street to the Stars" on March 4.

**Talking Circle: Invasion of Ukraine** on March 4.

Guest speaker **Irma Olguin Jr.** "A Journey into Tech" on March 9.  
**Art Talk** with artists Penney Cagney & Rachael Zur on March 16.

**St. Patrick's Day Clubs Rush** on March 17.

**"A More Beautiful and Terrible History of the Civil Rights History"** on March 23.

**BIO-12 Science Talks with Dr. Jonathan P. Ling** from The Johns Hopkins School of Medicine on March 24.

Plus, various support groups from the Career Resources Center and the Health Services Department.