



CCC EARNS STATEWIDE AWARD

Clovis Community College recently earned statewide and national recognition for its outstanding student equity work and transfer rates. For the fourth consecutive year, the [Campaign for College Opportunity](#) named CCC a “2021 Champion of Higher Education” for its exemplary work in implementing the Associate Degree for Transfer (ADT). CCC is consistently one of the top performers in the state for the number of ADTs awarded, relative to campus enrollment (per 50 full-time equivalent students in 2019-20). In a new category this year, CCC was also named a “2021 Equity Champion of Higher Education” for its exemplary work in awarding Associate Degrees for Transfer (ADT) to Latinx students. [Watch the video](#) of President Dr. Bennett proudly accepting the award on behalf of CCC.

Also, the [Aspen Institute](#) just announced its list of 150 community colleges nationwide that are eligible to compete for the 2023 Aspen Prize. CCC was selected for this honor from 1,000 community colleges across the nation based on our strong student outcomes. Clovis joins a prestigious group of community colleges that demonstrate improved student outcomes in key areas including retention, completion, transfer, and equity.

BEAUTIFUL OFRENDAS HONOR LOVED ONES

An Ofrenda is a collection of objects placed on a display during the annual Día de los Muertos celebration. An ofrenda, which may be quite large and elaborate, is usually created for an individual person or persons who have passed away and is intended to welcome them to the altar setting. The lovely Ofrendas were displayed in the AC1 Lobby in November.



CCC EXCEEDS 5TH ANNUAL #GIVINGTUESDAY GOAL ON NOVEMBER 30

[The online #GivingTuesday campaign](#) was a huge success. Students, staff, faculty, administrators, and community members stepped up to the plate and, together, raised approximately \$27,554.00 that will go towards student scholarships and the Crush Food Pantry. The college quickly reached its \$25,000.00 goal with the assistance of match-donations from Foundation Board Members Gina Cuttone and Shawn Patty; Gus and Greti Bonner; and the Bonner Foundation. We are grateful for all who donated and know our students will greatly benefit from the donations.

SUPPORTING AFGHAN STUDENTS

As a member of the Presidents’ Alliance on Higher Education and Immigration, President Dr. Lori Bennett and Dean of Students Gurdeep Hébert participated in the California Community Colleges webinar on October 27 about how to serve and support Afghan students. The webinar covered various topics related to supporting Afghan students, including advocacy, outreach, and services for students. President Dr. Bennett met with Christine Barker from Fresno Interdenominational Refugee Ministries (FIRM) to discuss how CCC can help provide support for Afghan refugees who will be settling in the Central Valley. Thank you to Professor Joe Pulido for volunteering to be the CCC liaison with a local coalition that is welcoming incoming Afghan refugees to the area.



HOLIDAY FOOD GIVEAWAY A HUGE SUCCESS

On November 23rd students were excited to pick up a holiday chicken meal from the Crush Food Pantry. The first 50 students also received a \$50.00 Save Mart gift card. The college is thankful for its students and wanted to offer this special holiday meal to enjoy. Watch the [ABC30 news segment](#) and read the [Clovis Roundup newspaper article](#) about the event.

We know students appreciate and utilize the food pantries at the colleges and universities throughout the Central Valley. On November 16 the Inaugural Central Valley Higher Education Basic Needs Summit took place during Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week. This first summit focused on education and awareness for faculty and staff on the campuses throughout the Central Valley. More than 100 faculty, staff, and administrators from the CSU, UC, and community colleges attended the event. Participants heard from a student panel about their basic needs experience; learned effective communication strategies for supporting students on their campus, how to access CalFresh Food, and engaged in discussion around housing insecurity and marketing. The Central Valley Basic Needs Collaborative plans to host more of these valley-wide opportunities in the future to continue to bring forward the importance of basic needs resources to support our college students.

VIRTUAL RESOURCE FAIR HELD TO HONOR VETERANS

A resource fair was held on November 10 to share resources and information with our veterans. They also received a special Veterans Pack and a Save Mart gift card. Dr. Houston served as the guest speaker and shared his experiences as commander of various military units.

We truly appreciate our veterans as they are always going above and beyond to help. Recently, Billy Pryor, a Veterans Administration work study student, volunteered to share sample essays to help students learn how to showcase their veteran's experience if they apply for CCC scholarships. Billy graduated with his AA-T in Sociology and a CSU GE Breadth Certificate of Achievement in Spring 2021. Billy is now attending Fresno State. Billy is utilizing VA benefit Ch. 31 Veteran Readiness and Employment and is currently a VA work study student in the Veterans Resource Center.

CONGRATULATIONS CLOVIS VETERANS MEMORIAL DISTRICT (CVMD) CEO LORENZO RIOS

President Dr. Bennett was honored to attend a special community ceremony for Mr. Lorenzo Rios recognizing his investiture as the Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army for California. Mr. Rios is a major supporter of CCC. Congratulations!

CRUSH ATHLETICS: WOMEN'S SOCCER TEAM EARN POSTSEASON PLAY

The women's soccer team gave it their all and made it to Round 2 in the playoffs. They closed out another impressive season with a 14-5-2 overall record. The women finished second in the final Central Valley Conference standings at 10-1-1 and made their fourth consecutive postseason appearance this year.

The women's cross-country team earned its highest showing in program history, finishing in fourth place overall at the 2021 California Community College Athletic Association (CCCCAA) State Championships at Woodward Park on November 20. Also competing at the event, the Crush men finished in 17th place to wrap up the season.

Great news from the Central Valley Conference (CVC) as men and women earned postseason awards. [Read the CVC news release.](#)

Speaking of athletics, CCC was selected as the starting and ending point for the Two Cities Race on November 7. This was exciting news as the race brings in athletes from across the globe to participate. Read the [Fresno Bee article](#) highlighting various fun facts.

CCC PARTNERING WITH CITY OF FRESNO FAX SERVICES TO PROMOTE THE NEW #3 FAX BUS TO CCC STARTING IN JANUARY

