



### “CRUSH CLOTHING CLOSET” NOW OPEN TO HELP STUDENTS DRESS FOR SUCCESS



The [Crush Clothing Closet](#) held a ribbon cutting ceremony on September 12 to celebrate this amazing service now available to Clovis Community College students. Employees, elected officials, and community leaders gathered to celebrate the grand opening. The Crush Clothing

Closet is free to CCC students and they can access professional attire for job interviews and work. The Crush Clothing Closet is located at the Herndon Campus. Students can access the “Crush Clothing Closet” every Tuesday and Thursday from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and every Wednesday 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Thank you [ABC30](#) and the [Clovis Roundup newspaper](#) for the amazing media coverage. [View the photos on Flickr.](#)

### CCC EMPLOYEES PARTICIPATE IN THE SAFE ZONE TRAINING

We recently sent a team of faculty and classified professionals to the Safe Zone Training at FCC. This training will allow our attendees to serve as “Train the Trainers” so that we, as a college, can be intentional about creating a welcoming and safe environment for our LGBTQIA+ students, faculty, and classified professionals.



### PATRIOT DAY: COMMEMORATION OF 9/11



The Patriot Day event was held on September 11, the National Day of Service and Remembrance of those who lost their lives on September 11, 2001. Guest speakers were Criminology Instructor Dennis Montejano and President Armstrong. Their words were inspirational and heartfelt.

### OUTREACH AT COLLEGE NIGHT AND THE CENTRAL CALIFORNIA WOMEN’S CONFERENCE

It is wonderful to see our amazing Outreach Team and President Armstrong attending community events to share information about CCC’s programs and services. Outreach employees were excited to host a table at College Night on September 13 and the Central California Women’s Conference on September 26. They talked to potential students, parents, and community members about the various educational offerings at CCC. Many attendees expressed an interest in enrolling now for short-term classes starting in October.



### “WELCOME BLACK” EVENTS HOSTED AS PART OF THE AFRICAN AMERICAN SUCCESS INITIATIVE



On September 11, the African American Success Initiative (AASI) hosted its first event of the year,

“Welcome Black,” a reception for CCC students, their families, faculty, and staff. During “Welcome Black,” African American students met other students, learned how to access campus resources, and ways to actively participate on campus. The event created an uplifting environment, built connections, and engaged in motivational conversations. The

AASI aims to ensure all African American students can enhance their college experience and focus on strategies to help them navigate their progress towards completion. With a college-wide focus on improving student outcomes for African American and Latinx students, the AASI is committed to student success through relationships, community, and identity development. [View the photos on Flickr.](#)

### HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH CELEBRATED

Student Activities planned several events to focus and highlight Hispanic Heritage Month from September 18 through September 21. Several events were held that included:



1. A kick-off of Hispanic Heritage Week featuring guest speaker Joseph Rios.
2. Dia de Cultura with Mariachi, Baile Folklórico, Performance by Marimba Lucero.
3. McFarland film and discussion featuring guests the movie was based on.
4. Salt of the Earth film screening.
5. Noche de Baile with dancing lessons and a low rider car show.

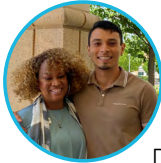


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Clovis Community College is proud to be a Hispanic-Serving Institution. Annually, CCC serves 6,465 Latinx students, representing 49% of our total student body. On September 12, President Armstrong joined the presidents of each college for the “SCCCD: HSI “Servingness” Matters webinar. She was excited to define HSI Servingness at CCC. Thank you to the District Title V Directors for organizing this amazing webinar, including our very own Title V Project Director Dr. Stephanie Briones.



## FOCUS FORWARD MAGAZINE FEATURES CCC'S FIRST HBCU TRANSFER STUDENT



CCC's first transfer student to graduate from a Historically Black College & University (HBCU), Daniel Avila, will be featured in the 2023 Focus Forward magazine that will be unveiled at the magazine launch party on October 18 at Roger Rocka's Dinner Theater. Daniel graduated from CCC in 2018 and transferred to

Texas Southern University and just graduated in May with a Bachelor of Science in Aviation Science Management with a Minor in Concentrated Professional Pilot Training. While at CCC, Daniel enrolled as a re-entry student and was in the Leon S. Peters Honors and TRIO programs. [Watch Daniel's story](#) about his journey from CCC to Texas Southern University.

## SUCCESSFUL SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS CEREMONY HELD ON SEPTEMBER 7



The annual Scholarship Awards Ceremony was celebrated on September 7. The event recognized our hard-working scholarship recipients. The number

of scholarships continues to rise each year, thanks to the generous donors of the "Clovis Crush Giving Day" fundraising event. In total, 196 scholarships were dispersed totaling \$120,700.00 [View the Scholarship Awards event photos.](#)

## ABC30 HIGHLIGHTS CCC'S UPCOMING SHORT-TERM CLASSES

Various short-term in-person and online classes are starting October 9. Counseling has been busy enrolling students the upcoming classes. Thank you to [ABC30](#) for highlighting our music classes starting soon. Music instructors Max Hembd and Tony Gennaro, along with music students, did a fabulous job on the media interview. them be successful in their new teaching roles.

## LEON S. PETERS HONORS (LSP) PARTNERS WITH UCLA'S TRANSFER ALLIANCE PROGRAM (TAP)

The UCLA Transfer Alliance Program allows CCC students to enhance their ability to transfer to UCLA at the junior level from participating California community colleges, which now includes CCC. Students are certified by the honors program counselor/coordinator after completing the honors program. Applicants are given priority consideration for admission to majors in the [College](#), as well as the Public Affairs and Education and Social Transformation majors at UCLA. We are pleased to have achieved this long-term goal of partnering with UCLA. The program will provide clear and guaranteed pathways to UCLA for our students. This is the first partnership of many more to come. A big thank you and congratulations to the LSP faculty and staff for their hard work in making this partnership happen, including American Sign Language Instructor & Omar Ruiz-Trejo.



## CRUSH ATHLETICS UPDATE

The fall season is off to a great start! The women's soccer team are [ranked number 11](#) in the United Soccer Coaches National poll. On September 12, a double-header was played and the men won against Foothill Collage 1-0 (overall 1-5-1) with our new Coach Yaw Danso leading the team. The women won against FCC 1-0 (overall 6-1). Prior to the game, the student athletes presented President Armstrong with a signed soccer ball. [View the photos on Flickr.](#)

The Cross Country teams had a great season opener on September 1 with the women placing 2nd among the ten teams that competed. [View the photos on Flickr.](#) Also, both the Men's and Women's Crush Cross Country teams placed #1 at the George Brooks Memorial XC Invitational in Martinez on September 22. Crush women were led by Julia Martinez and Rhiannon Walker, who earned 2nd and 3rd place and the team had 4 runners in the top 8. The Men's team had 5 runners in the top 17 and were led by Guillermo Lopez who placed 7th.

Visit [www.gocloviscrush.com](http://www.gocloviscrush.com) for updated schedules and to view the new redesigned website.

## "COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS" WITH PRESIDENT DR. KIM E. ARMSTRONG

President Armstrong was honored to participate at these events:

- 8/26** Delivered keynote address at the 2023 Family Community Church Women's Conference
- 8/26** Attended and spoke at the Fresno Chapter of The Links, Inc.
- 8/29** Hosted the President's Community Business and Industry Advisory Committee
- 8/30** Guest speaker at the Soroptimist International of Clovis meeting
- 8/31** The Children's Movement of Fresno "State of our Children" Breakfast
- 9/6** Keynote speaker at the Clovis Kiwanis meeting
- 9/8** City of Clovis Economic Development meeting with developers and Bill Smittcamp regarding the City of Clovis' Master Plan including building the residential and retail community across Willow Avenue
- 9/11** Spoke at CCC's Patriot Day ceremony
- 9/11** City of Clovis Council meeting
- 9/12** Speaker at the SCCCD Hispanic Serving Institute webinar
- 9/13** Fresno Area College Night
- 9/14** Kings & Southern Fresno County College Night
- 9/21-22** Attended a Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Accessibility in Action Institute/Training
- 9/24** Attended and spoke at the 22 Way HBCU meeting to prepare students from Clovis, Madera, Reedley and FCC to visit HBCUs on the Northeastern corridor of the country in October
- 9/27-29** Attended CAGP #5 (Guided Pathways) Conference

View CCC events on the [website calendar](#)