



A Message from Dr. Bennett

As we prepare for Thanksgiving, I'm thinking about all the things I'm thankful for: my supportive family, being part of the Clovis family, and working to make a difference in our community. Our Clovis colleagues are active in several community service projects, such as this Saturday's Habitat for Humanity build. I'm looking forward to joining a group of CCC faculty, staff, and students to help build a new home for a local Clovis family. Later in the month, on November 9, we will honor those who have so bravely served our country. That same day we'll celebrate our new Veterans Resource Center. I am proud to host this event, and hope you will join community leaders, Board members, and veterans at this celebration.

And while I reflect on all that I have to be grateful for, the victims of the recent hurricanes and wildfires remain in my thoughts as I know this holiday season will be a difficult one for many.

#GivingTuesday – Tuesday, November 28

On Tuesday, November 28, the Clovis Crush will have the opportunity to dramatically increase scholarship funds available to our Clovis students. We have set a goal to raise \$5,000 through a #GivingTuesday campaign. #GivingTuesday is a global initiative to encourage giving and volunteerism and we will be the first college in the district to participate.

We have an amazing Foundation Board Member, Gus Bonner, who, along with his wife Greti, has pledged to match our donations up to \$5,000. If we hit our goal, we will have an additional TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS to put toward scholarships for our deserving Clovis Community College students. The campaign will officially kick off on November 6 with the "big push" on November 28. You will begin seeing announcements and information come through email and social media.

You may be asking, "**WHAT CAN I DO?**" to help this important cause.

1. Give. Every donation counts, whether it is \$1.00 or \$100.00
2. Spread the word. Use the hashtags #ClovisCrushGivingDay, #UnSelfie, and #GivingTuesday to share the event. When you see one of the college's social media accounts posting about Giving Tuesday, share the post.
3. Encourage others to give. Invite friends, family, and community members to participate. Again, whether it be \$1 or \$100, every little bit helps.
4. Celebrate. Join us for in the AC-1 lobby on Tuesday, November 28 anytime between 2pm and 4pm for some refreshments and the opportunity to celebrate a job well done.

Please join me in participating in #GivingTuesday on Tuesday, November 28 as we come together to raise scholarship money for our students. Together, we create opportunities, one student at a time.

Action Plan Funding Requests

Thank you to everyone who has submitted an Action Plan Funding Request. The Vice President of Administrative Services Office received over 55. The requests will now go to the Department Chairs council to review for completeness, clarification, and recommendation for funding. In mid-November, they will be reviewed by the President's Council who will look at their alignment with the college planning goals and identify sources of funding. From there, they will be reviewed by College Council.

Accreditation Update

Many of us have been through multiple accreditation cycles (or it may just feel like one, continuous cycle) and are familiar with the process of writing to the standards set by ACCJC. This accreditation cycle however, a new component is required in our report. The Quality Focus Essay (QFE) will be included at the end of our Institutional Self-Evaluation Report (ISER). Colleges now choose projects to work on over the course of a few years. The QFE is a description of those projects and includes desired goals/outcomes, actions/steps to be implemented, the timeline, responsible parties, required resources, and the plan for assessment. As a college, we have identified two projects: strengthening the use of data in decision making, and building the infrastructure for our Distance Education program to ensure continued success. Completing these projects will directly impact the work we do to meet our mission and create opportunities for our students.

On November 7, the college will be presenting our ISER to the Board of Trustees. The ISER was reviewed and unanimously approved by all CCC constituency groups.

New to the accreditation process?

Take a few minutes to learn more with the ACCJC Online Training

Associated Student Government

The month of October has been very busy for ASG. With such a large group, everyone has been focused on bringing the new members up to speed and preparing for the upcoming Accreditation visit. We have also been busy reviewing bills and legislation that impact our students, including voting on legislative priorities that were sent to SSSCC. Additionally, ASG has been involved with various events, including Rocktoberfest, Diversity Day, Club Training for all club members, and Breast Cancer Awareness week. ASG also put up a student input booth which allowed students to make suggestions about the campus and the work we do. ASG held its own Strategic Retreat to review the group's Constitution and Bylaws, and we are planning another one to review the mission statement and strategic plan. Coming up, ASG will be hosting the Region V monthly meeting, a Halloween Mixer for clubs and students, as well as participating in the planning of Harvest Fest.

Academic Senate

The Academic Senate has nominated Bill Allen for the state Academic Senate Hayward award. Bill has been working for the District as a math Instructor since 1984. His leadership and dedication to his students is outstanding. He makes math easy and his students continually sing his praises. We will miss Bill's humor, dedication to his department, and to the college when he retires this December. Thank you, Bill!

Classified Senate

The Classified Senate made \$780 during our semi-annual taco fundraiser during CCC's Rocktoberfest. The group has reviewed the accreditation report in preparation for the visit in March. This year we sold a record 1,000 Boo Grams. We are also in the planning stages for our Classified Development Day on Friday, November 10, 2017

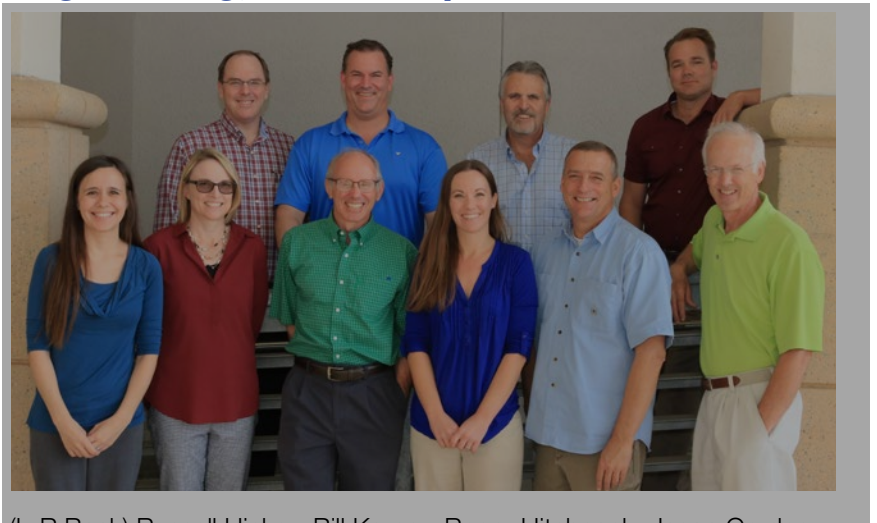
Veterans Resource Center

This semester, the college opened its Veterans Resource Center (VRC) in AC2-121. The center is staffed by two counselors and an office assistant trained specifically to help with the unique challenges faced by our veteran students. In the VRC, students can receive help with admissions, counseling, financial aid, and veterans paperwork. There is also study space and a computer work station available for use. This service is something the entire college should be proud to offer.

On November 9, we will host the official ribbon cutting for the Veterans Resource Center. This ceremony will allow us the opportunity to share the benefits of this resource with our service community. We will be joined by veterans from the community, Trustees, elected officials, and representatives from local veteran support agencies at this important event.

Featured Department – Math, Engineering, and Computer Science

Our Math, Engineering, and Computer Science department faculty bring a wide-variety of experiences to their classrooms; including work as engineers and high school instructors. Despite (or maybe because of) their different histories, they work well together as a cohesive unit. They have fun together while making sure that their students are well prepared for their futures, in both the work force and four year universities. They work closely with the sciences in order to coordinate schedules and facilitate timely completion of degrees for transfer. Their hard work has definitely paid off as math degrees make up the second highest proportion of degrees awarded at Clovis Community College compared to the other colleges in the state.



(L-R Back) Russell Hickey, Bill Kerney, Roger Hitchcock, Jason Gardner, (L-R Front) Courtnie Choate, Carole Sullivan, Chris Glaves, Jamie Shepherd, Jon Renwick, Bill Allen
Not pictured: Jim Ryan & Ravi Somayajulu

Diversity Day Recap



On Wednesday, October 11, Clovis Community College and the districtwide EEO Committee hosted Diversity Day. A presentation was given by Sukaina Hussain, a faith-based community organizer with a passion for building bridges across interfaith communities. Following the presentation, the Muslim Student Association, the Inter-faith Club and the Associated Student Government held a reception featuring international food, art, and music as well as a hijab experience.

These types of events are important for the college and district as we continuously look for ways to engage and support our diverse student population and surrounding communities.

We must thank our generous food services leaders, Ziad and Sara Abwini, and the local Muslim community for making donations in support of the day.

Event Calendar

November 9	Veterans Resource Center Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
November 10	No classes but campus open; Classified Professional Development Day
November 23-24	Holiday – Campus Closed
November 28	Giving Tuesday

Welcome New Employees

Diana Salas – Department Secretary, Health Services
(Jimmy) Dale Howard – Custodian
Abraham Anaya - Custodian

Support our Crush Soccer teams

The last home soccer game will be

November 10 at 3 p.m.

For the full schedule, visit www.gocloviscrush.com

