



A Message from Dr. Bennett

Thank you for another great semester! I'm so proud that CCC has been honored for the fifth year in a row as one of the top transfer communities in the state. In addition, we broke all our previous records for Giving Tuesday donations, thanks to our generous employees and our incredibly generous community members. We continued to implement our Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Access plans to help us reach our college mission and goals and the Board of Trustees approved our new Student Equity Plan. Finally, as always, we continue to put students first in all our planning and decision-making.

This is my last newsletter before I retire. I have been honored and humbled to be the President of Clovis Community College for the last 6 ½ years. I want to thank all of you for your support and for the amazing work you've done to continually increase student success. Each of you should be very proud. So, I'll say, one last time, thank you for your ongoing effort and please keep "Creating Opportunities...One Student at a Time!"

Successful President's Breakfast held on October 25

By Stephanie Babb



Over 300 guests attended the Clovis Community College President's Breakfast on October 25 at the Clovis Veterans Memorial District. President Dr. Bennett highlighted the college's new programs and support services for students. She also shared the great news about Clovis Community College earning the Campaign for College

Opportunity "Champion of Higher Education" award for FIVE consecutive years. It was wonderful to host this in-person event with many elected officials in attendance including City of Fresno Mayor Jerry Dyer and City of Clovis Mayor Jose Flores.

CCC Exceeds 6th Annual Giving Tuesday Goal on November 29

By Stephanie Babb

The #GivingTuesday campaign was a huge success! Our BIG announcement at the November 29 celebration was that CCC received a generous gift of \$200,000 from Jami Hamel De La Cerda and her sons, Isaiah, Samuel, and Elijah. Jami and her sons have a heart for giving and helping others. This special gift was made in honor of Ms. De La Cerda's mother, Carole May Morrison She is truly an amazing person with a special story. Thank you to all the students, staff, faculty, administrators, and community members who donated towards this year's total of **\$229,344**. The college quickly reached its \$25,000 goal with the assistance of match donations from Foundation Board Member Gina Cuttone and her husband Shawn Patty, and Honored Board Members Gus Bonner and Greti Bonner. We are grateful for all who donated, and we know our students will benefit for many years to come.



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President Bennett received a proclamation from City of Fresno Mayor Jerry Dyer and the City of Fresno Councilmembers on December 1, 2022. The proclamation recognized Dr. Bennett for her 30 years of service in higher education, outstanding accomplishments as President of Clovis Community College, and community and civic service.

CCC Students Attend UC Davis Pre-Health Conference

By Stephanie Briones and Rebekah Villalta

On October 15, 2022, 41 students and two Biology instructors attended the UC Davis Pre-Health Conference at UC Davis. Students had an engaging and interactive day learning about professional health careers and transfer opportunities from current professionals, students, and administration officers at the conference. Conference attendees also enjoyed networking at the Pre-Health Fair and participated in interactive workshops such as the “Nursing School Admission Panel,” “Stop the Bleed,” “Mock Clinical Case Studies in Occupational Therapy,” and “Tailoring Your Resume for Pre-Health Opportunities.”



“One of my favorite parts of the conference was getting to hear from people in the medical school admissions explain the whole process and being able to ask them questions and get immediate feedback,” said CCC student Gabriel Ribeiro. Kathryn Watrous learned about the pathways to achieve her career goal of becoming a nurse. “It was awesome, no one had broken down the nursing pathway before and explained all the opportunities,” she stated.

Surveys indicated that students felt more confident about belonging in a STEM Pathway, exploring a variety of health professions, and more knowledgeable about the admissions requirements for their desired Pre-Health degrees and programs.

A big thanks to Biology instructors Arla Hile and Rebekah Villalta for serving as faculty chaperones for the trip, and to Stephanie Briones with Title V for the sponsorship. We look forward to attending the conference again next year!

CCC Geology Students visit Kings Canyon National Park

By Dr. Michelle Selvans and Dr. David Tinker



Viewpoint the vans stopped at when climbing out of the canyon, at Junction View.

The Geology instructors led a student field trip to Kings Canyon National Park on November 5 to explore the park’s unique features. This was the program’s inaugural Co-curricular field trip and was a lot of fun. The group stopped for a view of the Central Valley as the vans climbed into the mountains east of Clovis and they had an opportunity to talk about what the landscape would have been like 100s of millions of years ago. One main stop was to see the big sequoia trees, including hiking around the General Grant Tree with patches of snow on the ground – and a few friendly snowball fights along the way.

Next, the group drove down into the deep, steep-sided, shadowy Kings Canyon, carved by the South Fork of the Kings River, to have a picnic lunch and admire the rocks and cliff faces. Students loved this dramatic site and were excited to see “so many cool rocks !” The students expressed that the site was both “peaceful” and “big and beautiful – I liked the water!” Students also shared that the food was good and the teachers are cool. The next Geology Program field trip will be on February 5 exploring Yosemite Valley!



THE CRUSH PANTRY

Crush Food Pantry hosted a Holiday Food Giveaway on November 22, 2022. The first 150 students received a \$50 Save Mart gift card. Students were excited to pick up a holiday meal kit to enjoy with their families.

Featured Department – Music Program

By The Music Department

Novelty, creative thinking, and building opportunities for students are at the heart of Clovis Community College's mission. Within the Music Department at CCC we strive to embody these pillars by offering specialized courses designed to deepen both the musical and artistic sensibilities of our students. The Music Department introduces students to multiple areas of study including classes in music theory, performing ensembles, commercial music, digital music-making, composition, music survey courses from varied musical traditions. Students experience music from various perspectives in an environment of support and inclusivity. We enrich the student experience by balancing theory with real-world opportunities. Our passionate and knowledgeable music faculty stays connected with current trends in the fields of music and media and embraces creativity, innovation, and excellence within our field. Students are given the opportunity to hone their artistry through collaborative performing ensembles, access to professional audio studios, and supportive faculty mentorship. Students can earn four unique Certificates of Achievement in Commercial Music or work toward an Associate Degree for Transfer in Music.



At Clovis Community College, we believe the creativity and expression we achieve through art and music are fundamental to our college's spirit. As an example, we showcase our students' achievements at our bi-annual Student Art Showcase, which features musical performances, original student works, and collaborative stop-motion pieces by student musicians and visual artists. Our music survey courses expand our students' understanding of music while simultaneously making material relevant to other academic fields of study.

The Music Department at CCC continues to provide students of the Central Valley with an unparalleled environment for music-making. Our state-of-the-art music facilities include a classroom set of digital pianos, drums, and percussion from around the world, and a digital music lab fully equipped with Mac Pro and iMac computers, professional studio-grade audio equipment as well as studio instruments and microphones that are viewed as the best in the business. Our music classes also work together toward cross-curricular projects which emulate the collaborative spirit required of a 21st-century musician. Excitingly, our programs are expanding with the new development of our applied technology building. This new facility will contain a state-of-the-art recording studio. With this new addition, we will further amplify and celebrate the musical talents of CCC students.





Clovis Community College held an Active Shooter Training on campus on October 28. Knowledge Saves Lives, Inc., provided an educational emergency preparedness training to over 60 faculty, staff, and administrators.

Valley Community SBDC, Hosted at Clovis Community College, Participates at Regional Conference

By Stephanie Babb

Valley Community Small Business Development Center (SBDC) Director Rich Mostert presented on a panel entitled, “The Renaissance of Economic Diversification in the Central Valley” at the 2022 Central Valley Immigrant Integration Collaborative (CVIC) Regional Conference on Immigrant Integration on November 15. Over 200 participants attended this annual event. The presentation focused on how Diversity, Equity and Inclusion is a win-win strategy for the economy and community. On November 16, Rich moderated a panel discussion on Agricultural Lending at the USDA Central Valley “Business of Farming” Symposium. The focus of the discussion was on the various lending programs available to farmers, ranchers and dairy owners from both government and private sources.



Clovis Crush Athletics 2022 Fall Season Review

By Stephanie Babb



Clovis Crush Athletics had another impressive athletics season. The Fall season was highlighted by an outstanding cross-country season that saw the Crush women capture Central Valley Conference and Northern California Regional team championships while also finishing in fourth place at the state championships. The men’s team took second place at the conference finals, fourth at the Northern California meet, and were 15th overall at the state championships. On the soccer field, both the Crush men’s and women’s soccer teams advanced to the postseason. The men defeated the North’s top-seed in Fresno City College on their way to the fourth round of the regional playoffs while the women advanced to the third round.



Welcome New Employees & Promotions

Kimra Garcia, TRiO Coordinator/Counselor
Renee Garcia, Deputy Title IX Coordinator
Dulce Guerrero, Outreach Specialist
Rebecca Kinlow, Director of Financial Aid (Promoted)
Ramon Nunez, Program Assistant – Career Technical
Tuyet Quach, TRiO Counselor
Alyssa Talbot, Financial Aid Analyst (Promoted)
Michael Vongsa, Job Developer

Important Dates

December 2022

December 09	End of the Semester Celebration
December 09	End of Fall Semester
December 12-30	Winter Break (No Classes)
December 13	SCCCD Board of Trustees Meeting
December 14 & 15	Classified Professional Development Event

January 2023

January 5	Opening Day
January 6	Flex Day
January 9	First Day of Instruction
January 16	Martin Luther King Jr. Day (Observed Holiday)

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