



## A Message from Dr. Bennett

Welcome to the Fall 2022 semester! It is great to have everyone back on campus. Please join me in welcoming all our new employees and students. As a college, our goal is to make sure that everyone who comes to Clovis Community College, on-ground or online, feels welcome and included. So, please take time to watch out for students who may need a little assistance. A welcoming smile in the hallway always makes a difference! Together, let's continue to *"Create Opportunities...One Student at a Time!"*

### Construction and New Facilities

By Lorrie Hopper

#### Applied Technology Building

Work started on the new Applied Technology Building in early April 2022. This 66,000 square foot building has a budget of 57.1 million dollars and is funded with Measure C dollars and state bond funds. Currently, excavation is taking place and we poured the foundation on August 10. The project is currently on schedule and it is anticipated that it will be completed during the fall 2023 semester.



#### Parking Expansion

Central Valley Asphalt was awarded the bid for the Clovis Community College Parking Expansion project at the June 14 Board of Trustees meeting. On July 25, work started on the new parking stalls near Chestnut and International. The project includes 566 concrete parking stalls. The use of concrete will eliminate the need for the periodic maintenance that is required for an asphalt surface. This project also includes a new entrance to the campus from Chestnut Avenue and enhancements to the corner of Willow and Behymer Avenues, which will include new curb and gutters along Behymer as well as new landscaping. We anticipate receiving approval soon from the City of Fresno to start work on the Chestnut entrance and Behymer beautification. This project is expected to be completed in early 2023.

### New IT Booking Tool

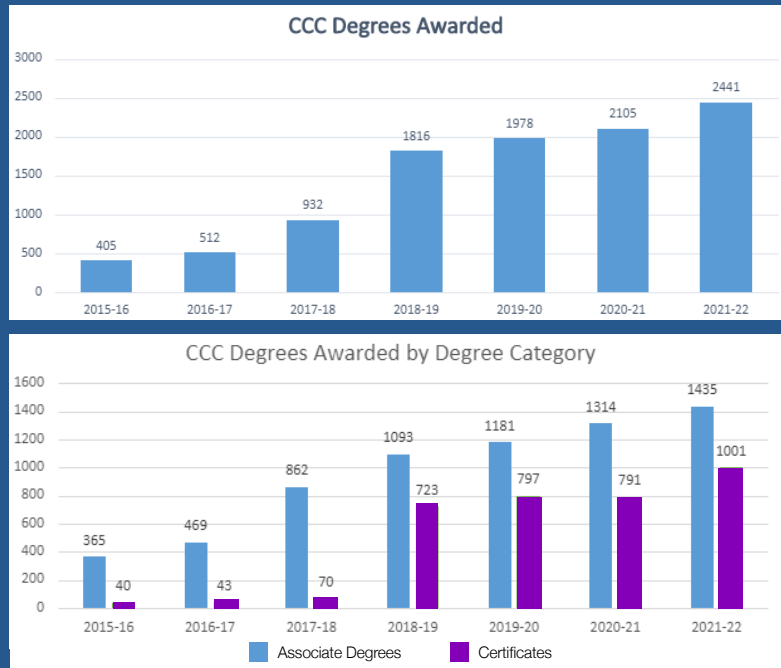
By Teng Her

The technology team is ready to serve faculty and staff as we settle in back on campus. The Technology Services team has created a new booking tool to help better handle requests in timely and efficient manner. Please book at least 24 hours in advance.

**Governance Handbook 2022-2024 now on our website!**

## Clovis Community College continues to award an increasing number of degrees to our students.

Each year, we continue to provide our students with the skills they will need to be successful as they move on to the workforce and four-year universities. In 2021-22, we awarded 1,440 degrees and 1001 certificates!



## Outreach on the Go!

By Emilee Slater

The Outreach Department recently launched their new Crush Cam series on the Welcome Center YouTube channel. With a goal of engaging new students and the community, the Crush Cam highlights exciting events, student and staff stories, and helpful information. In the first month since the launch of Crush Cam, there have been over 3.5K views. These short videos will also be shared on social media outlets such as Facebook and TikTok. More student, staff, and department spotlights are already in the works, make sure to subscribe to the Welcome Center YouTube channel or follow us on social media to be the first to know when new videos are posted!



In addition to our digital presence, Outreach staff are busy both on campus and in the community! In June and July, the department teamed up with Financial Aid, A&R, and Counseling to provide Extreme Registration to enroll students in Summer and Fall classes. Students also received assistance by joining our summer Virtual Help Sessions or stopping by the Welcome Center. Outreach staff also participated in several community events over the summer, including special workshops at our Amazon Career Choice partners and our new Coffee and College collaboration with local Starbucks. Our annual Crush Days new students welcome event was also a huge success!

## SAVE THE DATE!

Emergency Preparedness Training  
Retreat on October 28th  
and Giving Tuesday on November 29th!!

#GIVING  
TUESDAY™



## Summer at SEA 2022 Recap

By Stephanie Briones

For six weeks over the summer, an amazing group of 11th and 12th grade students from Clovis Unified School District participated in our “Summer at SEA (STEM Exploration Academy)” on campus.

The Summer at SEA program consisted of two elements:

1. **INTDS 50 (College Success)**- taught by Gabriella Ramirez. Peer Mentors Cynthia Rodriguez and Ryan Her also provided support for the students. This course helped prepare students to enter college with the tools for success. Conversations about time management, motivation, interdependence, and student support resources were shared throughout the week via lectures and group activities. Students were also able to earn three units of college credit for their successful completion of the course.
2. **STEM Exploration days**- An introduction to one specific STEM major on campus, giving an overview of the major, current course offerings and faculty, and a small lab component. Summer 2022 featured the following disciplines and faculty:
  - **Chemistry - Dr. Shawn Fleming-Jones**
  - **Computer Science - Dr. Lawton Nichols**
  - **Biology - Dr. Rosa Alcazar**
  - **Engineering - Christopher Glaves**
  - **Physics- Dr. Nadar Inan**
  - **Geology - Dr. Michele Selvans**

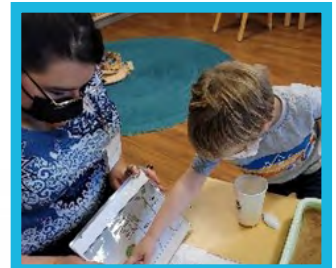


The closing ceremony was held on campus and students invited their families to celebrate their accomplishments. Spanish translation services were provided to ensure that all family members were able to enjoy and celebrate their student’s achievements.

## Featured Department – Child Development Center

By Monica Marquez

The Child Development Lab School had a successful return to campus with children and ECE students back in the classroom! ECE students were able to work alongside our CDC staff and with their instructors to connect their coursework with practical experience.



We were excited to have the opportunity to welcome our first cohort of OTA students during the Spring semester. OTA students came into the lab school to complete observation hours for their coursework.



Ms. Alisha, Ms. Jodi, and the children and families of Preschool 2 were busy investigating trains during the spring semester. The project began when the children used chairs to pretend they were on a train. Based on the children’s prior knowledge of trains further explorations about destinations, construction of a train, and the set-up of a train station transformed the preschool classroom. ECE practicum students were also able to help support this interest through the implementation of their lesson plans. As a culminating experience children, families, and staff took a trip on Amtrak. Everyone enjoyed the ride to Hanford for ice cream at Superior Dairy.

# Welcome New Managers



## **James Sewell, Athletics Director**

James Sewell brings 20 years of athletics administration, coaching, and fundraising experience to the College in his new role as Athletics Director for our Crush Athletics program. Mr. Sewell began his career in intercollegiate athletics at his alma mater as the head coach for the men's and women's track & field and cross-country programs at Adelphi University in Garden City, New York. During this time, he played an instrumental role in the addition of the women's track & field and cross-country programs, culminating in the Panthers' first-ever trip to the NCAA Championships in the fall of 2001.

## **Dr. Laura Hill, Dean, Instruction – Natural and Health Sciences**

Dr. Laura Hill is a Registered Nurse with 32 years of nursing experience. She earned a bachelor's and master's degree in Nursing at California State University, Bakersfield. Dr. Hill began her career in higher education at a California Community College in Bakersfield, California as a tenured professor. She transitioned to academic leadership positions serving as a program director and division chair overseeing nursing, allied health, and fire science/EMT. She has also held a dean position at Rogue Community College in Oregon.



## **Dr. Ruben Diaz, Dean, Instruction – Social Sciences**

Dr. Ruben Diaz comes to Clovis Community College after serving for 23 years in the K-12 education system. After finishing his Bachelor's in Public Relations, from San Jose State University, he started his first career in media, working for radio stations in San Jose and then theme parks with Paramount. However, the calling to education led him to complete his credentials and Master's in Education and thus began his career in education. Most recently, Dr. Diaz was the Chief Education Officer at Parlier Unified School District. He has also served in higher education as an adjunct instructor with a local university teaching in the school of education.



## **Dr. Derek Dormedy, Interim Dean, Instruction – Physical & Computational Sciences and Distance Education**

Dr. Derek Dormedy has taught as a full-time Chemistry Instructor at Clovis Community College, Madera Community College, and Fresno State for 22 years. He loves education and helping students understand the world around them from a scientific perspective. Dr. Dormedy completed his B.S. in Chemistry at Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, and Ph.D. at the University of Nebraska, Lincoln, and is a member of the Fresno County Sheriff's Search and Rescue Team.



## **Rebecca Kinlow, Interim Director of Financial Aid**

Ms. Rebecca Kinlow has 15 years of financial aid experience working at various college campuses throughout SCCCD and the Central Valley. She began her career at West Hills College and Lemoore Financial Aid front counter. Rebecca was promoted to a financial aid advising position at West Hills College, Coalinga while completing her bachelor's degree in Business Management with an emphasis in Organizational Leadership from Fresno Pacific University. In 2011, Rebecca began working at Fresno City College and in 2015, she made the transition to Clovis Community College shortly before the college became accredited and helped create the new Financial Aid Office.



# Welcome New Employees



**Sarah Baker**  
1-YR Temporary  
Chemistry Instructor



**Manuel Bucio**  
Early Childhood Education  
Associate



**Silas Cha**  
Political Science Instructor



**Crystina Ciula**  
Chemistry Instructor



**Akiya Ervin**  
1-YR Temporary Student  
Success Coordinator



**Sasha Fisher**  
Student Success  
Coordinator



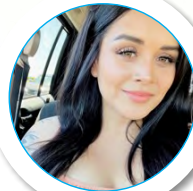
**Grace Freymiller**  
1-YR Temporary Biology  
Instructor



**Tony Gennaro**  
Music Instructor



**Michael Gomez**  
Psychology Instructor



**Miranda Gonzalez**  
Early Childhood Education  
Associate



**Gurinder Khaira**  
Engineering Instructor



**Cristal Machuca-  
Marquez**  
Communications Instructor



**Dennis  
Montejano**  
Criminology Instructor



**Luke Pretz**  
1-YR Temporary  
Economics Instructor



**Mona Rocha**  
History Instructor



**Adela Santana**  
Anthropology Instructor



**Eunji Seo**  
Accounting Instructor



**Jacqueline Smith**  
Counselor – DSP&S



**Katey Spach**  
Health Instructor



**Tabatha Stewart**  
Psychological Services  
Coordinator



**David Tinker**  
Geology Instructor



**Rebekah Villalta**  
Biology Instructor



**Malachi Whitford**  
Environmental Science  
Instructor



**Angelita Zaragoza**  
Counselor - EOPS

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## Congratulations

- Dr. Shawn Fleming-Jones received a doctorate in Education in Leadership and Learning with an Emphasis in Higher Education from Aspen University. Her dissertation, Correlation of a Single Predictor to Student Success and Retention in Undergraduate STEM Degrees, focused on the correlations between students receiving a C in an introductory STEM course and their overall success in STEM programs using a non-experimental correlation design. After defending her dissertation, she was informed that she was nominated for Dissertation of the Year.
- Dr. Nader Inan recently published his collaborative work between Clovis Community College, CSU Fresno, and UC Merced in Frontiers Journal. This type of collaboration opens pathways for students to begin their academic journey at CCC and then naturally segue to other institutions to continue pursuing their academic goals.

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## Important Dates

September 13	Town Hall
September 14	Lunch with Lori
September 16	Mexican Independence Day
September 20	Constitution Day

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## College-wide Town Hall Meetings and President's Friday Update Letter

During the Fall semester, the Town Halls will be held on various Tuesdays of the month from 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. via Zoom. Dates of Town Halls will be provided through the college email. President's Update Letter will be sent every other Friday.

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