CCC Honors cohort holds successful 14th Annual Oxford Debate on March 17: The topic debated this year was “Teacher Tenure—Problem or Protection?” All involved did a great job debating and it was apparent all of the students spent many hours preparing for the successful debate.

CCC celebrates International Children’s Book Day on April 4: Ms. JaNay Brown-Wood spoke about her experiences as an author, shared her inspirational story, and talked about her passion of teaching children. Attendees had an opportunity to purchase her books and get them signed after JaNay’s presentation. JaNay is the daughter of Interim Dean of Instruction Lee Brown.

CCC computer science students collaborate with UCSF Medical School to develop an App: The students wrote an App that calculates the probability that certain symptoms are related to a type of lung cancer. Their work was presented in a poster at the COCCI Study Group summit on April 8 and 9 in Fresno.

CCC 4th Annual Intramural Negotiations Speech Tournament held on April 8: 27 students from various Communication classes participated in a battle to determine the best negotiator on campus. This time, students negotiated mock scenarios in which a New York City rat had to negotiate with the NYC mayor on the number of rats allowed to stay in the city. In the final round, shock jock Stoward Hern had to negotiate with his station manager on his salary for the upcoming year. This event is such a wonderful way for students to get experience using their communication skills outside of a classroom situation, and it is a terrific item for them to boast about on a resume.

CCC American Government students organized District 6 Debate held on April 12: Attendees got to hear from all four candidates competing to serve as the next councilmember for the City of Fresno District 6. The candidates responded to questions prepared by the students, including their position on Measure C. Bill McEwen from the Fresno Bee served as a moderator along with the CCC students.

CCC Inaugural Spring Fling held at Herndon Campus on April 13: This was a great networking and informational event for students! Various resources were available including transfer universities and student organizations. Many attendees enjoyed delicious food from the food vendors that participated.

Representatives from the School of Nursing at CSU Fresno held informational meeting at CCC: On April 14, over 50 pre-nursing students attended and learned about the prerequisites for the Bachelors of Science in Nursing (BSN) program. They also got their questions answered to help them prepare for transferring to Fresno State in the future.

CCC hosts the DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) Health Care Insurance Enrollment event on April 15: The Insure America Project offered DACA and health insurance enrollment assistance to attendees on April 15. The event was widely publicized internally and externally and students and community members attended so they can receive health insurance beginning in June.
CCC DSPS students attend the inaugural CSU Fresno SSD orientation: On April 15, students from the CCC DSP&S program, along with faculty member Colleen Brannon, attended the inaugural CSU Fresno Serving Students with Disabilities orientation. It was a great networking event for all that attended.

CCC ASG Elections held on April 18: Students had the opportunity to vote for new student leaders during the ASG elections held April 18 through April 20. ASG makes important decisions regarding student life on campus. All students were encouraged to vote and have a say in what happens on campus.

CCC chemistry research project presented at CSU Fresno on April 20: Chemistry students proudly represented CCC at the CSU Fresno Central California Research Symposium. This is a very prestigious event and their abstract entitled, “Electronic Cigarette Solution and Vapor Analysis with GC-MS and LC-MS,” was proudly highlighted at the symposium.

CCC Child Development Center Lab School hosted Family Night on April 21:

The preschool children at the Child Development Lab School have been exploring stages and performances over the past six months. As part of their exploration they worked collaboratively to build their own stage on their playground using PVC pipes, fabric and paint. On April 21st, the CDC Lab School hosted a Family Night which included a performance by Break the Barriers tumbling team, the children selling pizzas to the families for dinner as part of recent investigations around restaurants and money, and an Open Mic Night with performances by both children and parents. The event was a huge success with over 100 people attending and enjoying a great night of celebrating the children’s work, enjoying terrific performances and time for families to visit.

Mark Bennett named Coach of the Year: CCC Head Coach Mark Bennett named 2016 Bay Valley Conference Men’s Coach of the Year at this year’s event held in Fairfield April 21 through 23. In addition, the inaugural swim and dive team brought home several wins at this competition.

CCC hosted ArtHop on April 21, to showcase Smithsonian Exhibition and artwork from Eliana Soto: “Bittersweet Harvest: The Bracero Program 1942 – 1964,” was on display along with Bracero paintings from local artist Eliana Soto. Over 50 attendees enjoyed music, art and networking on this wonderful event.

CCC Reading and English Instructor Ann Brandon presents at National Conference: Ann Brandon’s presentation entitled, “Are You A HIP Instructor? Using High Impact Practices to Foster A Learner Centered Classroom,” was a fun and interactive 75-minute presentation. It promoted active learning structures that could be used in any discipline. The session was the second most attended session, just behind Skip Downing’s session (the creator of On Course). It was an excellent conference and Megan Bennet also attended the conference.

2016 Walt Whitman poetry award winner speaks at CCC: Mai Der Vang, who is also an English instructor at CCC, performed a poetry reading on April 27. She also shared her story and the obstacles she overcame as a student, writer and instructor.

Upcoming May Events:

May 6: Inaugural Speech Night from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
May 12: Student Art Show from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
May 20: Inaugural CCC commencement at 6:30 p.m.