



Accreditation

On Wednesday, January 10, the Accreditation Team Chair and Team Assistant made their pre-visit to the college. They met with college leadership to discuss plans and logistics for the March 5 - 8 visit before taking a tour of the campus. They also met with College Council, the college's over-arching participatory governance body, and discussed the accreditation process with faculty, staff, administrators, and students.

History made as soccer player Katrina Thompson first "Crush" athlete to receive the Scholar All-American national award

Congratulations to Katrina Thompson for blazing the trail of excellence at the national level by being the first "Crush" student athlete to earn the Scholar All-American award. Katrina proudly accepted the award at the United Soccer Coaches Association conference in Philadelphia on January 20.

[Clovis Roundup newspaper link to story here](http://www.clovisroundup.com/cccs-katrina-thompson-named-scholar-american/)

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Clovis Crush student-athlete Katrina Thompson with coach Orlando Ramirez at the USCA Convention in Philadelphia.

Clovis Community College selected as a Bellwether Finalist!

Clovis Community College was selected as a finalist for the prestigious Bellwether Award for its collaboration with Clovis Unified Schools District. The Bellwether Awards annually recognize outstanding and innovative programs and practices that are successfully leading community colleges into the future. Clovis is one of 10 finalists out of 400 nominees nationwide. Clovis Community College sent a team, including representatives from CCC, CUSD, and SCCCD to present as finalists at the 2018 Community College Futures Assembly Conference in Florida on January 29, 2018.

The team presented on the successful "Curriculum Alignment Project" with the Clovis West English Department which prepares high school seniors for college-level English through aligned and dual enrollment courses. Faculty from Clovis Community College and Clovis Unified School District worked together to align curriculum and core standards. As part of the program, college level English classes are offered during the senior year as dual enrollment classes

Clovis Community College successfully increased the number of high school graduates eligible to take transfer-level English Composition & Reading from 33% to 95% at a minority/majority, low socio-economic base high school. In addition, 20% of these students already completed college credit while in high school. More than a dual-enrollment program, this project is transformational, built on rigorous standards for academics and college-readiness skills, and supported by a community of practice that encourages innovation and excellence. Participation and success by minority students was equal to that of non-minority students.

CCC's NEW Mechatronics / Industrial Automation courses start February 5

Instructor Matthew Graff has partnered with local businesses to develop the new curriculum. He has been busy with various media interviews promoting the new CTE courses that will prepare students for manufacturing jobs in a variety of industries. Look for the news coverage on ABC 30, The Business Journal, The Clovis Roundup, and Valley Public Radio. In addition, he set-up a demonstration in the AC1 Lobby with the Program Logic Controller (PLC) where interested students could learn more about the courses.



Crush Swim & Dive team ready to dive into new season (Only HOME swim and dive meet is Saturday, February 10, at Noon at Clovis North High School)

The team consists of 16 women and 15 men. Both numbers are the highest number of student-athletes ever!

The team is very proud of former team member, Tanner Davis. Last year's CVC Swimmer of the Year and CCCAA State Qualifier. Mr. Tanner just received an athletic scholarship to attend and compete at South Dakota State University. As far as we know, he is the school's first ever Division 1, athletic transfer! He will be trading his Crush swim cap for a Jackrabbits swim cap this semester.

Men's Conference Coach of the Year, Mark Bennett, will be relinquishing his duties as Head Coach of the Men's Swim and Dive team. He will still retain the position of Women's Head Coach. Replacing Coach Bennett will be CCC Swim and Dive Assistant Coach Jordan Morillo. Coach Morillo has been on board since the start of the Swim and Dive programs, was a team captain and letter winning swimmer at Fresno State, and also a current Master's of Science candidate at Fresno State. Also adding to the coaching staff is diving coach Sarah Strand. Coach Strand is also a former Bulldog and currently coaches Clovis Dive Club. Coach Strand holds a Master of Science from Fresno State. One more addition to the swim staff is recent Fresno State grad, Hannah Jarvis. Coach Jarvis was a 2 year letter winner with the Bulldogs as well as a Community College CCCAA All-American at Sierra College in the Sacramento Metro Area. Coach Jarvis has built her resume the last few years as an assistant coach with the Clovis Swim Club.

Career Resource Center now offering a variety of resources for current students and graduates

Efforts are underway to encourage students to utilize the great resources available in the college's Career Resource Center. Services include weekly career exploration workshops, employment searches, resume preparation, job interview preparation, and internship information. In addition, various transfer services are available including transfer information and contacts, and opportunities to meet with representatives from various 4-year universities.

Clovis Chamber of Commerce board member Lori Bennett attends the annual "Salute to Business" dinner

The annual "Salute to Business" dinner was held on January 25 at Classic Catering in Clovis. Elected officials, community and business leaders were in attendance for the annual event. As a board member, Dr. Bennett continues to work with fellow board members to advocate for business-friendly public policy that improves the quality of life in Clovis.

CCC attends annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., breakfast on January 13

The Clovis Police Department organized this annual breakfast, which was held at the beautiful Clovis Veterans Memorial building. It was a wonderful celebration of the many accomplishments of the late Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. City of Clovis Councilmember Vong Mouanoutoua served as the guest speaker.

CCC to host Valley Public Radio's 40th Anniversary Celebration with National Public Radio's White House Correspondent Tamara Keith on February 24

As part of the FM 89's 40th Anniversary Celebration, CCC will host this exciting event on Saturday, February 24. Tickets are \$40 per person and can be purchased at kvpr.org. Seating is limited so purchase your tickets early.

CCC welcomes two student success coaches

The Student Success Coaches have officially started this semester as a pilot strategy to promote student success and equity. Our coaches, Sasha Fisher and Nate Saari, have extensive experience in the field of student mentoring and leadership. They provide support, interventions and instruction to select student populations such as at-risk students, first year students, and disproportionately impacted student groups. They are working closely with faculty and staff to ensure these students acclimate to the college environment such as: integrating into the college culture, knowledge of academic and student support services, college classroom success models, and other strategies that will help them CRUSH their academic goals. These efforts focus on having continuous interactions between the student and coaches to facilitate student success.

CCC spring 2018 activities

Associated Student Government (ASG) and co-curricular clubs at CCC are actively organizing for the semester and getting ready for upcoming events. National speaker Tim Wise will be a guest speaker as part of the spring student lecture series. Mr. Wise is an anti-racism activist and writer.

There will be a number of activities throughout the spring semester including:

- January:** Club Rush at the main campus and Herndon campus
- February:** Activities for African American History Month
- March:** Kids Day, Women's History Month activities, Spring Extravaganza
- April:** Asian American History Month activities, Herndon Campus Spring Fling, ASG Elections, and the Oxford Debate
- May:** Cinco de Mayo celebration, Cross Out Stress Days, Commencement on May 18