



Crush soccer teams finish successful 2nd season: Katrina Thompson earns national award and four men's team members earn places on the CVC All Conference Teams

The Crush finished a banner second season with a total of eight different players receiving awards from the conference, region, and nation. The Central Valley Conference recognized eight different Clovis Crush players with awards. Second Team All-Conference recipients were all freshman and midfielders:

Savannah Dungan, Esmeralda Navarro, and Vanessa Torres.

First Team All-Conference went to one freshman, defender Marie Tejada, and two sophomores, forward Mariah Caitlin and midfielder Maricela Soto.

Sophomore forward Elisa Soderholm was voted CVC Offensive MVP, while sophomore defender Katrina Thompson was voted CVC Defensive MVP, the first major conference awards won by any Crush women's soccer players. Katrina Thompson was also recognized by the NorCal Region coaches as a First Team All-Region defender and by the United Soccer Coaches Association (USCA) as a First Team Scholar All American. She will accept the award at the USCA All America luncheon in Philadelphia, PA on January 20, 2018.

The 2017 Crush Men's Soccer Team Awards were:

Rookie of the Year: Austin Garton

Defender of the Year: Jose Barraza

Golden Boot (leading goal scorer): James Hernandez

Player of the Year: James Hernandez

Also, Juan Gonzalez signed a letter of intent for a full athletic scholarship to Fresno Pacific University. James Hernandez, Christian Cline, and JJ Cortez are all in talks with 4-year schools to continue their student-athlete careers. The men's soccer team finished the season with a record of 3-11-5. There were four players selected to the CVC All Conference Teams. Jose Barraza and James Hernandez made it to the Central Valley Conference 1st Team. Juan Gonzalez and JJ Cortez made it to the 2nd Team. In addition, James Hernandez was selected to be part of the Sophomore Showcase All-Star game and competed on December 2 at the Final Four tournament hosted by American River College in Sacramento.

Accreditation Update

The College is preparing for the Accreditation Site visit in March. With the Board of Trustees approval in December, the college successfully submitted the Institutional Self-Evaluation Report (ISER) to the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) in early January. The final document is available on the college website, under the Accreditation webpage. The chair of Clovis site-visit team, President Keith Curry, will conduct his pre-site visit at the college on January 10th, in preparation for the site visit March 5th - 8th.



CCC Engineering students earn 1st AND 2nd place at 21st Annual Central California Engineering Design Challenge (CCEDEC).

Students "Crushed" the competition! Fresno State hosts this competition every year for students in the Introduction to Engineering Classes (ENGR 10). Nearly 260 students competed from five schools (Clovis Community College, Fresno City College, Fresno State, Reedley College and West Hills College). The design challenge was to make a launching mechanism that would launch hacky sacks into buckets five, seven and nine feet from the starting line. The winning team was Clovis' "Broken Zipper." Team members are Ian Gonzales, Jose Rodriguez, Daryl Fabionar, Andrew Maytorena, and Quinn Nugent. The second place team, also from Clovis, included Franky Nicoletta, Marshal Spohn, and Martine Cano.



Extreme Registration on January 3 was a huge success

The one-stop shop event from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. allowed students to register and access a variety of resources all at one location. The CCC student ambassadors and staff worked one-on-one with the new students and prepared them for the first day of classes on January 8. Attendees enrolled in a variety of classes, including the new mechatronics/industrial automation classes.

Services available at the Extreme Registration event included:

- Course selection and schedule planning
- Placement testing
- Filing the FAFSA or Dream Act Application
- Express counseling
- Purchasing student ID card and parking permit

First week of the spring semester offers Welcome Booths at the main campus and Herndon campus

CCC Associated Student Government (ASG) and staff set up several booths to welcome students on January 8. Resources available at the booths included campus maps, pencils, water, and a mobile print station to print class schedules. The booths helped alleviate student stress and anxiety during the first week of the semester. In addition, fliers were distributed letting students know about the various programs and services available at the college.

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



Gay-Straight Alliance (GSA) club organizes project to help the homeless

In December, the CCC Gay-Straight Alliance student club collected donations of food, personal care items, and clothing for the homeless. The donations were delivered to Common Space in downtown Fresno for their KITS donation drive. Common Space is a non-profit organization with the following mission: "Through collaborative community-centered efforts, we create positive and sustainable change for California's Central Valley." The students were grateful to be a part of this drive and look forward to working with Common Space on future projects.



CCC partners with neighboring K-12 school districts for the December "On Course Training Workshop"

In December, more than 40 Clovis Community College faculty and staff participated at the three-day "On Course Training Workshop" held at the Herndon Campus. Faculty and staff from Clovis Unified School District, and Chawanakee Unified School District also attended the training event. The workshop included team building and emersion in active learning structures and strategies, continuing the college's culture of learner-centered teaching and student centeredness.

Opening Day Recap

The College held a full day of activities on opening day. Keynote speaker, Veronica Neal, led an interactive session on "Putting Values of Equity into Practice." Other highlights included an update on the state of the college, an introduction to guided pathways and the new innovations grant, and continued training to support the online accessibility goals.