



Accreditation Update

Accreditation workshops were held for faculty and staff in February and early March. In total, four workshops were offered at various days and times to accommodate all schedules. Attendees had the opportunity to learn about the Accreditation Site Team visit and ask questions.

Swim and Dive athletes “Crush” it at home swim meet

The Crush swim and dive team hosted the annual kick-off invitational. Five colleges participated in the meet, including the Crush women’s swim and dive team--the defending conference champions. In total, crush tallied 12 total wins, including school record efforts from newcomers Trish Lucas, Hannah Carbajal, Makayla Vuori, and Jaylan Neal. The next competition for the Crush swim and dive team will be held at De Anza college in Cupertino on March 2.



CCC and District staff participate in Veteran Suicide Prevention training

The training was presented by Mr. Jeremy Chapman, Enrollment and Eligibility Assistant/Chief of Staff for Connected Care, at the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Attendees included counselors and psychological services staff. The training provided various resources and services available to veterans who are experiencing a crisis. They learned how to identify suicide warning signs, how to access crisis resources, and how to connect veterans with confidential help 24/7.

Sociology instructor Robin Huigen serves as moderator for panel discussion on February 22

The presentation entitled, “Erasing History: A panel discussion on history, heritage, and the removal of confederate memorials, was well-attended by faculty, students, and community members. Panelists were Dr. Michael Eissing, History Instructor, Fresno City College; Dr. Ethan Kytle, Associate Professor of History, Fresno State; and Dr. Blain Roberts, Associate Professor of History, Fresno State.

African American History Month Celebrated with various activities:



Outreach Team participates at local conferences

Counselor Athena Gibbs and student ambassadors shared information with students at the Fresno County Office of Education “African American Student Leadership” Conference and the Fresno Unified School District Black College Expo. In addition, Athena participated and spoke at the Clovis Unified School District African American Student Leadership conference held at Clovis North High School. High school and middle school students were encouraged and excited to learn more about the various programs and services available at CCC.

National speaker Dr. Chike Akua presented “What Does it Mean to be Black?”

Dr. Chike Akua is one of the most sought after speakers at colleges, universities and educational conferences. He has been called “an educational revolutionary” and is recognized as a leading authority on culturally relevant educational materials and instructional approaches. He has lectured and given keynote addresses at a number of colleges, universities and educational conferences around the country.

Congratulations to political science instructor Lee Brown for being selected as a “Wall of Honor” recipient

Mr. Brown is the college’s first inductee to the State Center Community College District and African-American Historical & Cultural Museum “Wall of Honor.” Faculty, staff, students and community members celebrated his accomplishments at the “Wall of Honor” reception on February 26.



CCC debuts *Outstanding Outcomes* newsletter

The monthly newsletter will feature brief tidbits, FAQs, factoids, and best practices surrounding Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs) and Service Unit Outcomes (SUOs). In addition, it will highlight a “SLO/SUO Super Star” – a program or unit that is doing great work in outcomes assessment. For February, the outstanding Student-Success-Focused English program was featured. Thank you to Anna Martinez, Communication Instructor & SLO Coordinator, and Erica Johnson, Counselor and SUO Coordinator for organizing and writing this monthly newsletter.

CCC Biology instructor Dr. Jared Rutledge serves as keynote speaker at conference

Dr. Rutledge was selected to serve as the keynote speaker for the 2018 Health Services Association California Community College (HSACCC) Annual Conference “Pathways to Healing and Sustainability.” He spoke about vaccines and his presentation was well-received.

Communication Department holds successful event sharing the benefits of a Communication Degree

The annual “Meeting 4 Communication Majors” was recently held and this year marked history with the largest student turnout ever. This amazing event showcased an impactful panel of speakers including Faith Sidlow, Associate Professor in the Mass Communication & Journalism Department at Fresno State, Dr. Fraleigh, Chair of the Communication Department at Fresno State, and Wendi Holland, Accounts Manager for CORE Business Interiors. They shared their experiences in their work and educational journeys.

Communication Department well represented at regional conference

Communication instructors Tiffany Sarkisian and Stephanie Briones recently presented at the Regional Communication Conference in Santa Clara. She presented on OER’s (Open Educational Resources) and how the college is using them in the Communication Department for the hybrid classes and Persuasion classes. Tiffany also chaired a panel focused on the connection between communication and mindfulness and how both influence inclusion and kindness on the community college campus. In addition, many of the part-time Communication faculty including Michaela Guadiana, Erin Heasley, and Natalie Meany presented and served on panels.

Philosophy Club welcomes UC Merced founding faculty member to present “Can We Cure Diseases Through Video Games?”

Dr. Jeff Yoshimi, Associate Professor of Philosophy and Cognitive Science, at UC Merced served as the guest speaker at this event on February 23. He spoke about the possibility for non-scientists to help solve problems relating to cancer by playing specially designed games.

He described how complex societal problems like cancer can be addressed using a combination of citizen science, artificial intelligence, and user interface design.

Renowned speakers coming to CCC as part of the Social Justice series

Students, staff and faculty are looking forward to the speakers presenting at the college this spring.



Helen Zia

will speak on April 5 at 12:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. She is an award-winning journalist and scholar.



Tim Wise

will speak on April 12 at 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. He is one of the country’s leading anti-racist writers and educators.



Yosimar Reyes

will speak in May 1 at 11:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. He is a nationally acclaimed queer poet and speaker.

Upcoming Events:

3/13/18	Spring Extravaganza	10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
3/15/18	Movies for Mental Health awareness	9 a.m. & 3 p.m.
3/22/18	Oxford Debate	7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Career Exploration Workshops held every Tue. & Thurs.