Accreditation
Faculty and staff have been diligently working to finish the “Institutional Self-Evaluation Report” (ISER). The final draft will be presented to College Council on October 6, and then will be vetted through the constituent groups.

Faculty, staff, and administrators participate in “Accessibility Training” sessions
As our world becomes increasingly digital, ensuring our digital services are accessible to all students and the public is critical in fulfilling our mission statement, as well as complying with ADA regulations. Gaier Dietrich of the State Chancellor’s High Tech Center Training Unit taught the accessibility training sessions. Faculty, staff, and administrators learned about the upcoming updates to Section 508 as well as how to create accessible materials for students and employees.

Students share insight at the Fall Planning Retreat
The 2nd annual Fall Planning Retreat was held on September 15, and nearly 75 faculty, staff, students, and administrators in attendance. Four students served on a panel and shared insights about their positive experiences at Clovis Community College. Participants reviewed the Mission and Values and connected them to the college’s integrated planning and resource allocation models. In addition, attendees reviewed and discussed the Quality Focus Essay (QFE) that will be submitted to the ACCJC as a part of the college’s “Institutional Self-Evaluation Report.” The group started on Project 2 of the QFE, which focuses on using data in the college’s decision-making processes.

Program Review Process update
The College Council convened an Ad Hoc group to begin a thorough review of the Clovis Community College Program Review process. With the assistance of an outside consultant, the group is creating a Program Review process that is efficient, transparent, and effective. The group will continue their work throughout the semester, then submit a draft to the constituency groups.

ASG organized fundraiser to help Hurricane Harvey and Hurricane Irma victims
ASG staffed a table in the AC1-Lobby for three days and accepted monetary donations that were forwarded to the American Red Cross to help the hurricane victims.

Professor Jared Rutledge published in the journals of the American Psychiatric Association
Dr. Jared Rutledge served as a co-author on a research article entitled, “Syndromic Surveillance of Mental and Substance Use Disorders: A Validation Study Using Emergency Department Chief Complaints.” Dr. Rutledge worked on this team effort for a year and a half. Professor Rutledge teaches biology at the college.

Dr. Bennett attends press conference relating to the California Veteran Suicide Information Act
Dr. Bennett joined Central Valley veterans, along with Assemblymembers Jim Patterson and Joaquin Arambula, at a press conference to thank Governor Brown for signing AB 242. The event took place at the American Legion Post 509 on September 22. In addition, CCC set-up a table at the event to share information about the college and invite community members to attend the CCC Veterans Center ribbon cutting on November 9.

September is SEP month
At the beginning of September, the CCC Counseling Department kicked off their SEP Campaign. Emails and personal phone calls were made to students who did not have SEP’s completed. Counselors have been busy meeting with students to complete their Student Educational Plans. In addition, SEP Saturday was held on September 16. The Saturday session was well-attended, especially by students who work full-time and are unable to visit the counseling office during normal business hours.
Resources about DACA shared with students
Various DACA resources have been shared with students via email, social media, and fliers. The main goal is to share the $495 scholarship waiver available to students to pay for the EAD (Employment Authorization Document) renewal by the October 5 deadline. Students watched Radio Bilingue’s DACA Town Hall via a Live Stream in the Student Activities center on September 20. Dr. Bennett participated at a DACA press conference at Fresno State with Dr. Castro, on September 5, along with Dr. Parnell and Dr. Goldsmith and Dr. Caldwell.

CAFYES coordinators from SCCCD participate at statewide training
Coordinators from SCCCD’s CAFYES (Cooperating Agencies Foster Youth Educational Support) presented best practices at the California Community Colleges CAFYES Fall Training. Aaren Cobb (RC), Laura Gonzales (Clovis), Amanda Cardenas-Elerick (FCC), and Veronica Salmeron-Sosa (FCC) presented on the A2HE-Access to Higher Education events SCCCD hosts for foster youth each year in collaboration with the Dependency Court Judge, Probation, Fresno County Office of Education, Department of Social Services, Foster Family Associations, and our local K-12 districts.

Students recognized at the SCC Foundation Annual Scholarship Awards Ceremony
On September 22, the SCC Foundation held the annual Scholarship Awards Reception at Clovis Community College in the library. Scholarships were presented to 55 hard-working students. Each scholarship ranged in the amount from $250 to $1000, and the total amount of scholarships awarded were $37,500. Students had the opportunity to thank their donor in person after the event at the reception. In addition, each donor received a hand-written thank you note from their respective scholarship recipient. The scholarship recipients also had the opportunity to share a few words at the podium and so many of them talked about their challenges and struggles they had to overcome to start or return to college to pursue their educational goals. Many recipients were veterans, single parents, and re-entry students.

Constitution Day activities
Students participated at the annual Constitution Day celebration on September 18. Students played games, received free pocket constitutions, and the ASG held a voter registration drive.

Patriot Day honors those who lost their lives on September 11, 2001
Patriot Day was held on September 11, and SCCCD police chief Jose Flores served as the guest speaker. Chief Flores spoke about the significance of patriotism and service to the community.

The Outreach Team connects with thousands of students at College Night on September 13
Over 5,000 local high school students attended the annual College Night hosted by the Fresno County Office of Education. The CCC outreach team set-up their interactive booth and spoke with future students about the various educational programs and services available at CCC. In addition, The Outreach Team will participate at the annual Feria de Educacion event to be held at Fresno State on October 7, and the annual CTE (Career Technical Education) Expo on October 19, at the Fresno Convention Center.

Food, performances and fun at the Mexican Independence Day celebration on September 14
Food, games, and music was the focus of the Mexican Independence Day celebration on September 14. Thank you to the classified senate for selling the delicious pan dulce (Mexican sweet bread). Proceeds will go towards student scholarships. Entertainment performances included a mariachi band and the Charros (horse performers) from Caporales de Fresno.

“Active Learning Saturday” held on September 30
All full-time and adjunct faculty were invited to the “Active Learning Saturday” workshop. Topics included learner-centered structures and strategies in the classroom, brain preferences/brain dominance theory, and creating courses that promotes students’ personal responsibility, self-management, and self-awareness.

Upcoming Events
October 2 Transfer Day, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
October 10 Rocktoberfest, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
October 31 Harvest Fest, 10 a.m.
November 4 Staff/students volunteer at a “Build Day” for a Habitat for Humanity Clovis home
November 9 Ribbon Cutting for the Veterans Resource Ctr., 3 p.m.

Home Soccer Games at CCC:
Women
10/5 at 4 p.m., 10/10 at 2 p.m., 10/14 at 2 p.m., 10/20 at 2 p.m., 10/27 at 3 p.m., 11/10 at 3 p.m.
Men
10/6 at 4 p.m., 10/10 at 4 p.m., 10/17 at 4 p.m., 10/20 at 4 p.m., 10/24 at 3 p.m., 10/27 at 1 p.m., 10/31 at 3 p.m.
Dates subject to change, please check the website