PRESIDENT DR. LORI BENNETT ELECTED AS NORTHERN VP OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS OF THE CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES (CEOCCC)

Congratulations to President Dr. Lori Bennett! She is proud to represent all of the Northern California community colleges.

CCC HOLDS JUSTICE AND HEALING CIRCLE EVENTS FOR STUDENTS AND EMPLOYEES

In response to recent tragedies, the college wanted to provide a safe space for students and employees to share thoughts and feelings. Psychological Intern Dr. Victoria Williams and Black Student Union (BSU) Advisor and Instructor Von Torres organized the Zoom webinars. They have been well-attended and a great outlet to learn and listen. The goal is to provide a safe space on our campus to have these discussions, so we can make informed decisions that will create impactful, systemic changes to our institution and improve how we support our students and each other. President Dr. Bennett also emailed letters to students and employees expressing the college’s commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion. CCC is committed to fighting racism and embracing California Community College State Chancellor Eloy Ortiz Oakley’s “Call to Action” principles.

DRIVE-THRU CELEBRATION FOR TORCH OF EXCELLENCE HONOREES

The Kiwanis Clubs of Fresno, Educational Employees Credit Union, and the Torch of Excellence committee wanted to celebrate students at the Torch of Excellence Drive-Thru Celebration on June 3. Students were excited to pick up their awards and gifts. Athletic Director Pamm Zierfuss-Hubbard, coaches, and faculty were proud to participate and congratulate the honorees. Watch the video honoring the student athletes.

VIRTUAL EXTREME REGISTRATION

Counselors and staff are ready to help students register for the fall semester. Virtual Extreme Registration (VER) is every Wednesday from June 24 to August 5 from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. We are also promoting the regular counseling hours for students who cannot attend the VER. We are reaching out through digital and social media campaigns.

CCC JOINS EQUITY LEADERSHIP ALLIANCE

The University of Southern California (USC) Race and Equity Center invited all the community colleges to join them in their new California Community College Equity Leadership Alliance, and Clovis Community College joined immediately! As part of the group, we will participate in high-quality professional development activities facilitated by USC professors and other experts on a variety of topics related to race and equity. There will be a total of 12 training sessions held monthly, along with access to an online database of tools and techniques to support our work in this area. On June 15 a group of faculty, classified staff, and administrators attended the kick-off session via Zoom. The group agreed it was an excellent session, very motivating, and left with a variety of great takeaway activities to use at college discussions.

FACULTY PRESENT TO THE CENTRAL MOTHER LODGE REGIONAL CONSORTIUM

English Instructors Dr. Teresa Ishigaki and Jaclyn Rowley will host a Zoom webinar on June 30 about CCC’s successful English Alignment and Dual Enrollment Project. They will share how this partnership with Clovis Unified School District got started, the positive impact the program has on dual enrollment, and tangible practices for building connections with high school teachers to support students for college-level English courses. Their work has been a finalist in the prestigious Bellwether award in 2018.
VALLEY COMMUNITY SBDC AT CCC CONTINUES TO HELP BUSINESSES DURING COVID-19

SBDC Director Rich Mostert and his team have been busy providing free coaching on gaining access to the funding available through the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. Rich was recently notified that the Valley Community SBDC earned $350,000 of additional funding to provide COVID-19 related small business services. Businesses have access to webinars on government contracting, the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP), loan forgiveness, and reopening regulations.

TECHNOLOGY UTILIZED DURING PANDEMIC

President Dr. Lori Bennett was honored to record a video for the Clovis Veterans Memorial District (CVMD). Other elected officials and community leaders participated as well, and the videos will be posted via social media on the Fourth of July as part of a virtual celebration.

In addition, Dr. Bennett was excited to post a video congratulating California Health Sciences University on the opening of their new medical school. Lastly, Dr. Bennett serves as a board member for the Clovis Chamber of Commerce and recorded a video that was posted on their social media.

VIRTUAL STUDENT OUTREACH

President Dr. Lori Bennett and ASG President Elijah Banda hosted a town hall on May 27. It was well attended, and students asked a variety of questions about online classes and online resources. An ASG candidate forum was held on June 18 and students had an opportunity to virtually meet the candidates. Students voted by email June 22 through June 24.

CRUSH ALERT EMAIL KEEPS STUDENTS INFORMED

The Weekly Crush Alert contains news, events, and deadlines. It is emailed every Monday to all CCC students with up-to-date information. Data shows increased numbers in the emails “opened” each week. Various programs are highlighted, and recently, the Historically Black Colleges & Universities (HBCU) were shared with students.

CHSU & CCC PROMOTE PHARMACY PATHWAY PROGRAM

The California Health Sciences University (CHSU) and CCC partnership helps students accelerate their path to completing the CHSU prerequisites, applying to CHSU, and completing their PharmD degree: a student can become a pharmacist, serving as a vital health care provider for our community, in approximately five to six years. This month CCC and CHSU launched a campaign to inform all students in STEM and health majors about the pharmacy pathway program. The campaign includes mailed postcards and a social media component, reaching all students with a potential interest in this pathway.

TECHNOLOGY LOAN PROGRAM HELPS STUDENTS

Summer school students have access to the college’s technology loan program and can checkout laptops, calculators, and headphones. Students complete an online form and are given an appointment time to come to campus to pick up the items at a safe and efficient drive-thru curbside event.

UPDATE ON EMERGENCY RESPONSE FALL 2020 PLANNING SUB-GROUP

A sub-group continues to work on plans for a safe reopening this fall. Most classes will be held online with an exception of a few limited courses that require face-to-face interaction. The group meets regularly to discuss various health and safety measures including facial coverings, procedures to disinfect classrooms, installation of sanitizing stations, social distancing guidelines, plexiglass installation, and signage.