OPENING DAY SUCCESS AT CCC
Opening day was held on August 8 with an update on a variety of topics including a college update, Guided Pathways update, Title IX training, DSPS (Disabled Student Programs & Services) session, and a college wide communication discussion. Congratulations to Custodial Manager Sergio Salinas on earning the “Crush” spirit award. Every year on Opening Day, Dr. Bennett presents this award to a dedicated and hardworking employee. In addition, thanks to the advocacy of our trustees, elected officials, and community leaders, Clovis’ Proposition 51 funding was included in the Governor's 2019-2020 budget and plans are now underway to prepare for the architect interviews on September 13.

CCC SURPASSES FTES GOAL
The college exceeded its Fall 2019 FTES target, which is an increase of 7.2% from 2018. A “Crush” congratulations to faculty and staff for their hard work in counseling students over the summer and at Extreme Registration and their continued efforts to help our students reach their educational goals. Also, a milestone is celebrated as student headcount for the past academic year (2018-2019) increased to 12,438 students annually.

CCC STUDENT EARNS THE 2019-2020 DR. TOM CROW DISTINGUISHED STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP (OSHER)
Congratulations to Mayra Zamudio! Mayra is a computer science and electrical engineering major and plans to transfer to UC Berkeley and work as an electrical engineer. She is a true inspiration to us all, especially her daughter Desmie. Mayra works as a student aid in the CCC Public Information Office assisting with various website projects. Thank you to Nina Roby for taking the time to submit this outstanding nomination.

ELA GANDHI, GRANDDAUGHTER OF MAHATMA GANDHI, TO SPEAK AT CCC
It will be an honor to host peace activist Ms. Ela Gandhi on October 14 at 2:00 p.m. Please visit our website for the latest information.

RECENT CCC GRAD & STUDENT AMBASSADOR APPOINTED BY MAYOR LEE BRAND TO SERVE ON THE CITY OF FRESNO YOUTH COMMISSION
McKay Duran was sworn in on August 2 to serve on this prestigious committee, which meets monthly, to discuss issues that impact our youth such as employment and education.

THANK YOU TO LOCAL MEDIA FOR HIGHLIGHTING CCC
ABC 30 covered the Willow Avenue widening project and helped get the word out about planning for delays around Willow Avenue near campus. On August 13, reporter Michael Ikahihifo from KMPH 26 Great Day visited the campus. News coverage included mechatronics, partnership with Clovis Adult School, and the Tutorial Center. Even the “Crush” made an appearance! The Clovis Roundup newspaper also wrote a fabulous article about the Crush food pantry to share with students.
CCC ART STUDENT HIGHLIGHTED IN SEPTEMBER ISSUE OF ‘FOCUS FORWARD’ MAGAZINE

Arturo Sanchez, who graduated in May, will be highlighted in the September issue of the “Focus Forward” magazine. Arturo has an incredible story of overcoming an addiction to earning the Dean’s Medal of Distinction at commencement in May. There will be a launch event for this magazine issue on September 4 at Roger Rocka’s Theater. President Bennett, along with Arturo and his family, are looking forward to this wonderful celebration.

#LIVELIKEMOLLY WEEK ACTIVITIES PLANNED ON CAMPUS TO CELEBRATE THE LIFE OF THE LATE MOLLY GRIFFIN WITH VARIOUS ACTS OF KINDNESS STARTING ON AUGUST 26

On February 21, 2015, former CCC student Molly Griffin was tragically killed by a drunk driver at the young age of 23. Molly, who was a nurse, was an incredible young woman who had a passion for doing random acts of kindness. Molly was born on August 26th which is why CCC has selected the third week in August to spread kindness throughout the community. View the #LiveLikeMolly campus activities.

2ND PRESIDENT’S BREAKFAST
CCC will hold its 2nd President’s Breakfast on Tuesday, September 24 from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. at the Clovis Veterans Memorial District.

ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP CEREMONY ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13
The annual Scholarship Awards Ceremony is Friday, September 13, beginning at 6:00 p.m. at CCC in AC1-150. The number of scholarships continue to rise each year, thanks to the generous donors of the “Clovis Crush Giving Day” scholarship fundraiser held every November. In total, 114 scholarships will be presented totaling $71,500 for the 2019-2020 academic year.

CRUSH ATHLETICS
Our soccer teams have played a few scrimmage games and are ready to welcome the “Crush” crowd at the home games this fall. Cross country athletes have been busy on campus with warm up exercises and running at Woodward Park. The schedule is at GoClovisCrush.com

CCC STUDENT’S ARTWORK DISPLAYED ON BILLBOARD IN OAKLAND
Kelsey Perez has her artwork proudly displayed on a billboard in Oakland, California. She competed in the statewide “Design Challenge: Inspire Oakland 2019” contest. Last semester, Art Instructor Janice Ledgerwood collaborated with Bridgegood to host several workshops on campus to encourage student involvement and utilization of the various free services that Bridgegood offers students. Congratulations Kelsey!

WELCOME WEEK ACTIVITIES OFFER HELP, SMILES, AND DIRECTIONS
Staff and student ambassadors hosted various ‘welcome tables’ during the first week of the semester. Students were able to get a cup of ice water, print schedules, pick up a map, and have their questions answered. The tutorial center hosted an open house on August 12 and 13, and various instructors brought their classes for a tour. Also, President Bennett was delighted to welcome the new Central Valley Promise students at receptions held on August 9 and 16.

CCC ATTENDS CITY OF FRESNO FAX TITLE VI WORKSHOP
Trustee Debbie Ikeda, ASG President Elijah Banda and ASG VP Thong Dinh, along with other CCC administrators attended the August 21 City of Fresno FAX workshop at the Pinedale Senior Center. It was a great opportunity to thank the City of Fresno for the current van shuttle they provide for the River Park route to the main campus. The City also shared an update about a pilot project to start next June with a micro-transit rideshare vehicle offering services to users within the boundaries of Copper, Willow, Cedar, and Nees Avenues.