



CCC EXCEEDS 7TH ANNUAL #GIVINGTUESDAY GOAL ON NOVEMBER 28

Thank you to all the students, staff, faculty, administrators, and community members that donated towards this year's total of \$35,263.00. The college quickly reached its \$30,000.00 goal with the assistance of match-donations from Gina Cuttone and her husband Shawn Patty; Gus Bonner and Greti Bonner; U.S. Bank; and Adam Macy-Ayotte. We are grateful for all who donated to student scholarships, The Crush Food Pantry, and/or The Crush Clothing Closet. [View the Celebration Day photos.](#)



PRESIDENT ARMSTRONG PROUDLY ACCEPTS STATEWIDE AWARD FROM THE CAMPAIGN FOR COLLEGE OPPORTUNITY

On November 14, President Armstrong accepted the Champion of Higher Education award via Zoom. [Watch the video.](#) A big "Crush" congratulations to our students, faculty, staff, and administrators for their hard work and dedication in earning this prestigious award for the 6th consecutive year.

VETERANS WEEK EVENTS HONOR OUR STUDENT VETERANS

The Veterans Resource Center held various events to honor and recognize our student veterans during Veterans Week. Lawn signs with student veterans photos and quotes were displayed around campus. There was a Veterans Resource Fair on November 9 that included a complimentary lunch to veterans and a presentation of the Challenge Coins to 30-unit completion recipients. A "Remember the Troops" donation drive was held to benefit the Central Valley Blue Star Mom's annual event. [View the photos.](#)



NATIONAL STEM SPEAKER, DANNI WASHINGTON, SPEAKS AT CCC

On November 1, national STEM speaker Danni Washington shared her passion for science with students, faculty, and employees. She is the first African American woman to host her own science television series. She spoke about valuable insights in STEM and how students can get their career started in the field.

BEAUTIFUL ARTWORK AND AMAZING MUSIC SHOWCASED AT OPEN HOUSE

Attendees celebrated a student showcase of artwork and music on November 30. Students from art, photography, digital art, drumming, piano and music theory were excited to highlight their work for the semester.

FIRST-GENERATION COLLEGE CELEBRATION HELD ON NOVEMBER 8

Various CCC programs staffed tables to share information and raise awareness about the annual First-Generation Day. It was a great gathering to honor our first-generation students and recognize the achievements of the first-generation community.



CLOVIS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HOLDS CLOTHING DRIVE TO BENEFIT THE CRUSH CLOTHING CLOSET

On November 21, Clovis Chamber of Commerce CEO Greg Newman along with chamber representatives delivered various bags of professional clothing to donate to The Crush Clothing Closet. We truly appreciate the Chamber members for donating their gently used clothing which will greatly benefit our students for job interviews and work. [View the photos.](#)



SUCCESSFUL STEM CAREER FAIR HELD ON NOVEMBER 16

Students had the opportunity to learn about various job opportunities in the STEM field. Employers who participated included: CA Dept. of Water Resources, CA Dept. of Transportation, Consolidated Electrical Distributors (CED), City of Fresno, County of Madera, Dellavalle Laboratory, Howe Electric, Octaphama Plasma, PC Solutions, QK Engineering, San Joaquin Valley Air, XOBEE Networks, and the UC Cooperative Extension. Thank you to Michael Vongsa in the Career Resource Center for organizing this great event. [View the photos.](#)

STUDENTS "FINISH STRONG" WITH VARIOUS FUN AND DESTRESSING EVENTS FOR FINALS WEEK

We are very proud of our amazing students for successfully completing the fall semester. Various events were held during finals week to show our appreciation including a free pancake breakfast; puppies and donuts; yoga; burger bbq; and arts/crafts. Thank you to the staff and faculty who volunteered to help with these events.

BUSINESS INSTRUCTOR, EDGAR PARRILLA, ORGANIZES PANEL TO SUPPORT FORMERLY INCARCERATED STUDENTS ON NOVEMBER 15

The event was an opportunity to hear and learn from five panelists who discussed their experiences as a student who was formerly incarcerated and now serve as a peer mentor, program coordinator, and faculty. The dialogue was engaging on ways to support the formerly incarcerated (system-impacted) students. Thank you to SCCCD Trustee Destiny Rodriguez for attending. [View the photos.](#)



SPEECH AND DEBATE TRAVEL TO TOURNAMENT

The Speech and Debate Team traveled to their first tournament of the season at the Paul Winter's Memorial Invitational tournament at the University of Pacific in Stockton on November 4. This is a high-profile debate tournament with competitors from the University of Rice, Texas, Concordia University, and Berkeley. Our team competed in debate, interpretative performance, and platform speeches. It turned out to be a great showing, and our team captain, Ivan Garcia-Cervantes, broke to the final round with a winning record of four wins and zero losses. Ivan was awarded a Silver medal.

"4 THE VALLEY" VISITS CCC TO DISTRIBUTE FRESNO STATE FOOTBALL TICKETS TO TRIO, EOPS, AND CALWORKS STUDENTS

"4 The Valley" is new non-profit led by Dario Calderon. He donated 80 free Fresno State football tickets to the UNLV game on October 28. The organization asked students to participate in video interviews to showcase their educational experiences. [Watch CCC student Lily Drinnon share her incredible story.](#)

CRUSH ATHLETICS UPDATE

On November 21, Jami De La Cerda and clients from Diamond Learning Center were on campus for the unveiling of the "[Diamond Learning Center](#)" sign dedication to recognize their amazing support and financial contributions the Clovis Crush Athletics program. [View the photos.](#)

Women's Soccer

- 20-2-2 overall record
- 15-1 Central Valley Conference record, Central Valley Conference Champions (1st outright CVC Championship in school history)
- Ranked 9th Nationally in final National Poll
- Ranked 6th in the State in final State Poll
- Advanced to the 3rd round of the 3C2A Playoffs, losing to Folsom Lake in PKs
- CVC Co-Player of the Year – Valeria Quintero
- CVC Defender of the Year – Reigan Rose
- CVC Goalkeeper of the Year – Carly Tynan
- CVC Coach of the Year – Orlando Ramirez
- CVC First Team – Vicky Cuellar, Kendal Preston, Alyssa Ruelas, Paige Smith
- CVC Second Team – Emma Cypher, Natalie Galicia, Linda Jimenez, Autumn Moreno, Celeste Suarez
- 3C2A NorCal First Team – Valeria Quintero, Reigan Rose, Carly Tynan (no other school had more than one selection)
- 3C2A NorCal Coach of the Year – Orlando Ramirez

Men's Soccer

- First season under new Head Coach Yaw Danso
- 6-8-6 overall record
- 3-3-4 Central Valley Conference record, 4th place
- CVC First Team – Noel Garcia, Peter Vainauskas
- CVC Second Team – Diego DaRocha, Zach Rodriguez

Women's Cross Country

- 2023 Central Valley Conference Champions (fifth consecutive CVC Championship)
- 1st Place finish at 3C2A NorCal Regional Championship (second consecutive 3C2A NorCal Regional Championship)
- 3rd Place finish as 3C2A State Championships (highest finish in school history)
- Rhiannon Walker and Julia Martinez named First Team All-State
- Coach CJ named Coach of the Year

Men's Cross Country

- 2023 Central Valley Conference Champions (first CVC Championship in school history)
- 1st Place finish at 3C2A NorCal Regional Championship (first 3C2A NorCal Regional Championship in school history)
- 12th place finish as 3C2A State Championships

"COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS" WITH PRESIDENT DR. KIM E. ARMSTRONG

- 10/27** Participated on the President's Speaking Panel at the Leadership Class XXII on 10/27, along with Presidents Buckley and Pimentel.
- 11/1** Dinner with Danni Washington (STEM Speaker), following CCC's event.
- 11/4** Keynote Speaker at the Women's Conference Viewing Party.
- 11/4** Attended the CMAC 'N Cheese Event.
- 11/6** Joined Psychology Instructor, Dr. Cindy Walker and her students as they toured the Crush Food Pantry.
- 11/7** Attended the Men's Soccer Game pre-game ceremony recognizing our outgoing sophomores and a dedication ceremony for Jami De La Cerda and her staff at the Diamond Learning Center to dedicate the new DLC scoreboard sign.
- 11/8** President's LGBTQIA+ Advisory Meeting.
- 11/9** Heritage Society Gala Dinner.
- 11/10** Attended the women's soccer game pre-game ceremony recognizing our outgoing sophomores.
- 11/11** Veterans Day Dinner, her guest was student veteran and President of the Veterans Student Club Jordan Anderson.
- 11/13** Attended the 2023 Veterans Day Student Award Dinner, her guest was Natalie Minas.
- 11/14** President's African American Advisory Meeting.
- 11/15** Attended the SCCC Board Meeting and gave a tour of the Clothing Closet.
- 11/16** Attended New CEO Training CCLC in Palm Springs.
- 11/17** Keynote speaker at the East Fresno Kiwanis Meeting.
- 11/17** Attended the Fresno Center Giving Thanks Gala.
- 11/18** Service Academy Committee for Congressman Kevin McCarthy.
- 11/19** Attended/sponsored The Fresno Center annual Giving Thanks Banquet.
- 11/21** Participated as the 'Celebrity Golfer' for Anna Martinez's Communication Class.
- 11/23** Served Thanksgiving meals at the Fresno Rescue Mission.
- 11/28** President's Hispanic/Latinx Advisory Meeting.
- 11/29** Integrated 2035 CCC and Gensler Meeting.
- 11/30** President's Business Industry/Community Advisory Meeting.

**Men's and Women's Soccer Games on
Oct 27, 11/7, 11/10, 11/25 (play off)**

View CCC events on the [website calendar](#)

Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!