



### OPENING DAY SUCCESS

On January 7, President Bennett shared updates, accomplishments, and goals for Spring 2022. Informative and equity-minded presentations included “Center for Organizational Responsibility and Advancement (CORA),” which helps employees take a deeper dive into equity work; “Re-examining/ Self Reflecting on Our Teaching: The Peralta Equity Rubric,” which helps create an environment where diverse students are welcome regardless of whether our course delivery is online or face to face; and “Back to Basics,” where examples of interactive, engaging, and equity-minded ideas and activities were shared to create an inclusive, supportive environment for students.



Congratulations to Political Science Instructor Lee Brown and English Instructor Ann Brandon on being awarded the “TnT” award! This award was created by the Academic Senate to honor and recognize the contributions of faculty members, above and beyond their duties, in the manner demonstrated by faculty members Teresa Ishigaki and Tracy Stuntz before and during the COVID-19 pandemic.

### CITY OF FRESNO FAX BUS ROUTE #3 NOW OFFERS SERVICE TO CCC



A press conference was held on January 4 to announce the exciting news that the City of Fresno FAX bus route will now service Clovis Community College. There are many to give a BIG “Crush” thank you to including ASG students, staff, faculty, administrators, FAX staff, Trustee Debbie Ikeda, English Instructor Von Torres, City of Fresno Mayor Jerry Dyer, Councilman Garry Bredefeld, Assistant City Manager Gregory Barfield, and Gurdeep Hébert. All students in the Fresno and Clovis area will now have public transportation to the college. [Watch the ABC30 news story.](#)

### CCC EARNS “CHAMPION OF HIGHER EDUCATION” FOR FOURTH CONSECUTIVE YEAR

Once again, CCC has earned statewide recognition for its outstanding student equity work and transfer rates. For the fourth consecutive year, the Campaign for College Opportunity named CCC a “2021 Champion of Higher Education” for its exemplary work in implementing the Associate Degree for Transfer (ADT). CCC is consistently one of the top performers in the state for the number of ADTs awarded, relative to campus enrollment (per 50 full-time equivalent students in 2019- 20). In a new category this year, CCC was also named a “2021 Equity Champion of Higher Education” for its exemplary work in awarding Associate Degrees for Transfer (ADT) to Latinx students.



### CCC ACKNOWLEDGED BY THE ASPEN INSTITUTE

The Aspen Institute announced its list of 150 community colleges nationwide that are eligible to compete for the 2023 Aspen Prize. CCC was selected for this honor from 1,000 community colleges across the nation based on our strong student outcomes. CCC is proud to join this prestigious group of community colleges that demonstrate improved student outcomes in key areas including retention, completion, transfer, and equity. We have submitted our application to compete and now will wait to hear the announcement regarding finalists.

### CCC STUDENT AWARDED PRESTIGIOUS GILMAN SCHOLARSHIP



Congratulations to Jolina Obligation on earning a “Benjamin A. Gilman Study Abroad” scholarship! We are all very proud of Jolina who has a heart for serving others and plans to transfer to UCLA as a nursing major. The scholarship application process is very competitive and Jolina is very deserving of this \$4500.00 award to study abroad this summer in Greece.



## WELCOME BLACK EVENT BRINGS STUDENTS TOGETHER

The “Welcome Black” event was held on January 13 as part of the African American Success Initiative which is a targeted strategy to improve the outcomes and ensure all African American students succeed while attending college. Students were excited to attend, and additional events will be held this semester.



## HOLIDAY FOOD GIVEAWAY EXTRA SPECIAL WITH ADDITIONAL DONATION FROM ASSEMBLYMAN JIM PATTERSON

On December 21, the Crush Food Pantry held its holiday meal giveaway at the Herndon Campus. Students received a pre-assorted meal along with a \$50.00 Save Mart gift card. Assemblyman Jim Patterson donated \$1000.00 which allowed us to serve even more students. [View](#) the wonderful pictures of the event. Watch the great media coverage we received from [ABC30](#) and [KSEE24](#).

In addition to the regular Crush Food Pantry, a “Farmers Market” will be held monthly at the main campus for students to pick up free fruits and vegetables.

## CCC PARTICIPATES IN NEW FRESNO DRIVE INITIATIVE

CCC is participating in the Fresno DRIVE Initiative’s Fresno-Merced Region’s Future of Food (F3) Innovation Proposal to the U.S. Department of Commerce. Our region’s application is one of only three to receive the state’s endorsement. The U.S. Department of Commerce’s Build Back Better Regional Challenge (BBBRC) is designed to assist communities nationwide in their efforts to accelerate economic recovery from the coronavirus pandemic and scale local economies to be more resilient to future economic shocks. Regions selected will be eligible for grants up to \$100 million. The Region’s F3 proposal includes project development work by 40 regional and community partners from the Central Valley, SCCC, West Hills, and Merced community college districts.

## 5TH ANNUAL #GIVINGTUESDAY EXCEEDS GOAL

Giving Tuesday was a tremendous success! Students, staff, faculty, administrators, and community members raised approximately \$28,400.00 that will go towards student scholarships and the Crush Food Pantry. CCC’s goal was to raise \$25,000.00, and we quickly reached it with the generous match-donations from Foundation Board Members Gina Cuttone and Shawn Patty; Gus and Greti Bonner; and the Bonner Foundation. Thank you, everyone, for giving this year! Your contributions help our students reach their educational goals.

## CLOVIS CRUSH ATHLETICS UPDATE

Clovis Athletics fared well during the Fall 2021 competition season. Women’s soccer finished the season with an overall 14-5-2 record moving into regional playoffs. After winning the Round 1 game vs. West Valley, they lost to Folsom Lake College in round 2. The team continues to receive accolades with post-season awards to Karyme Hernandez (Forward of the Year) and Angie Pertrakis (Goalkeeper of the Year). Men’s soccer finished the season with an overall record of 7-10-4. Six student-athletes received all-conference accolades: Ryan Rosas (Defender of the Year), Tyler Ferguson, Saul Castillo, and Ryan Rosas (first team all-conference). The men’s cross-country program finished in 17th place at State to wrap up the season. Cross country women finished the season with their highest showing in program history finishing in fourth place overall at the CCCAA State Championships. The Crush athletes are ready for the spring season with swim and dive and track. Check out the schedules at [www.gocloviscrush.com](http://www.gocloviscrush.com)

## WELCOME TO THE SPRING SEMESTER

Student Ambassadors smiled with their eyes and were excited to greet and help students at various Welcome Week tables. A Zoom option was also available for students taking online classes. The new student welcome event “Crush Days” was held on January 7 and 8. Students learned about various campus programs and resources to help them be successful in college. Also, in-person tours were held, and new students had the opportunity to meet faculty and staff.

## “A SHELTERING IN PLACE” ART SHOW COMES TO CCC

The exhibition showcases stories of our students on how COVID-19 impacted their lives as art students.

Through art, students highlighted how they worked through the pandemic. Students shared their thoughts through multiple art forms including poetry, digital, paintings, drawings, sculptures, prints and assemblage collages. The art show will be displayed through January 31 in the AC1 Lobby. [View the photos.](#)

