GOVERNANCE UPDATE

A college-wide Accreditation Training was held on April 22. The college is preparing to write our next Institutional Self-Evaluation Report (ISER). This training provided an opportunity for everyone to share their insights and learn about their role in this important process.

APPLIED TECHNOLOGY BUILDING GROUNDBREAKING SET FOR MAY 2

The groundbreaking for the new Applied Technology Building is Monday, May 2 from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. This project is funded by “Measure C” with matching funds from the state bond program (CA Prop 51). In 2016, Measure C passed with overwhelming support bringing new and modernized buildings to all State Center Community College District colleges and centers. Seals Construction will build the facility and Darden Architects designed the building. Various CTE (Career Technology Education) programs will be housed in the state-of-the-art building including mechatronics, occupational therapy assistant, digital and commercial music, and many more. There will also be mathematics and science classes classrooms in the new facility. 

RSVP by April 27.

CCC EARNS STATEWIDE RECOGNITION FROM THE CAMPAIGN FOR COLLEGE OPPORTUNITY

Clovis Community College is a “2022 Champion for Excelling in Equitable Course Placement in Campuswide English Enrollment, Latinx English Enrollment, and Black English Enrollment.” We successfully supported:

* 100% of students
* 100% of Latinx students and
* 100% of Black students to enroll directly into transfer level English coursework.

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANT (OTA) PROGRAM EARNS MAXIMUM TERM FOR ACCREDITATION STATUS

The OTA program was just granted Accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) of the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA). The OTA program is the only occupational therapy professional preparation program in the Central Valley. Students can earn an associate degree in OTA in only 16 months. The program received the maximum term of accreditation which is seven years. This is an exceptional outcome for a new program. ACOTE was impressed with the program and the support by the College and District. Congratulations and a big thank you to Program Director Erin Dolin, Academic Fieldwork Coordinator Helena Reed, VP Monica Chahal, OTA program faculty, students, and adjunct faculty for their hard work and dedication to the OTA program!

CCC EARNS NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION GRANT

The National Science Foundation (NSF) is funding Arizona State and Clovis Community College’s grant titled “Using Communities of Practice to Transform STEM education for Latinx Students at Two-Year Hispanic Serving Institutions.” This grant represents a $2.2 million investment and support of faculty as we implement practices focused on improving the success of Latinx students. As a co-investigator with Arizona State University, we will participate as a mentor institution to other community colleges across the nation.
COACH CJ ALBERTSON SUCCESSFULLY COMPETES AT THE BOSTON MARATHON
Cross Country/Track Coach CJ Albertson placed 13th at the Boston Marathon on April 18 at a time of 02:10:23. He finished third amongst American men. Coach CJ is an amazing athlete and inspirational role model for students and the community.

DISTRICT INSTRUCTIONAL DESIGNERS PRESENT AT CONFERENCE
Instructional Designers Dr. Tracy Stunt, Erin Heasley (Reedley College), and Michelle Priest (Madera Community College) presented “Transitioning Back to Campus: Using the LMS for In-Person Courses” at the eLearning Consortium of Colorado Virtual Conference on April 14.

VALLEY COMMUNITY SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER (SBDC) AT CCC EARN EXCELLENT FISCAL AUDIT REPORT
The review audit team said they are doing an excellent job complying with the financial objectives and were very impressed with the efficiencies of the program. A big congratulations to SBDC Director Rich Mostert and his team. It is very unique to earn an excellent fiscal audit and we are very proud of the Valley Community SBDC for this outstanding news. According to Mostert, “In my many years of working with the SBDC program, both here at Clovis Community College and with the previous host, this is the first time our fiscal audit resulted in zero conditions or findings. We are so grateful for the support we receive from Clovis Community College and, particularly in this case, the expertise and hard work of VP Lorrie Hopper and Senior Budget Analyst Penny Cristan.”

SPRING MINI-JOB FAIR A HUGE SUCCESS
Students were excited to attend the job fair on April 6 and had the opportunity to connect with various employers who were hiring for full-time, part-time and seasonal jobs. View the photos and watch the ABC30 news segment.

COMMUNICATION PROGRAM HOLDS IN-PERSON NEGOTIATIONS TOURNAMENT ON APRIL 1
This event is such a wonderful way for students to get experience using their communication skills outside of a classroom situation. They learn that flexibility is often the key to effective communication as they negotiate scenarios with different students throughout the tournament. Congratulations to the first-place winner—Rudina Hoxha!

CCC’S ENGINEERING STUDENTS COMPETED IN THE CENTRAL CALIFORNIA ENGINEERING DESIGN CHALLENGE
On April 2, CCC engineering design teams from Professor Dejan Pavic’s (Clovis adjunct) two ENGR 10 sections competed in the Central California Engineering Design Challenge at Fresno State. There were eight CCC teams, one Madera Community College team, and eight Fresno State teams that competed. CCC teams took first place, third place, and won the “Best Engineering Design Award.” Congratulations to our innovative students and the Engineering department!

DR. ROSA ALCAZAR INVITED TO SPEAK TO THE NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH
Dr. Alcazar will speak at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) on June 10 about her work in diversifying the genomic data science research community and how the NIH can better support us in our diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts. Read more on her work that she helped co-lead over the past year.

TUTORIAL CENTER HELD THE FIRST-EVER INTEGRATION BEE
Students assessed their math skills and participated in the Integration Bee on April 4. Students entered as individuals and pairs. The Integration Bee is an annual integral calculus competition pioneered in 1981 by Andy Bernoff, an applied mathematics student at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). Congratulations to “Team Psi” winners Mallory Manzo and Fidratul Muntaha