



A message from Dr. Bennett

As I celebrate my first anniversary with Clovis Community College, I can honestly say I am still honored and delighted to be part of this amazing college community. As I reflect on our many accomplishments over the last year, I am also very proud of our work to “create opportunities...one student at a time!” The 2016-17 academic year continued to be a year of many firsts. So, join me in remembering several of our key accomplishments.

The Crush Top Ten 2016-17

- Welcomed 35 new faculty, staff, and administrators to the college
- Celebrated the successful Measure C Bond election, which will support our facilities expansion
- Held our first college-wide fall planning retreat – so successful, we held another in the spring
- Completed our first Educational Master Plan and our new Strategic Plan
- Continued our strong growth, both FTES and student enrollment – CCC is now serving over 10,000 students per year – that makes us a “medium-sized” college in the California Community College system
- Awarded almost 500 degrees and certificates, up approximately 20% versus the prior year
- Won the college's first regional athletic championship; congratulations to the Women's Swim and Dive Team
- Implemented Canvas course management system to support our online course offerings
- Disbursed over \$5 million in federal and state financial aid grants in our first year approved to do so as an independent college
- Received several grants and new funding sources, including:
 - Title V Grant - \$2.625 million
 - Basic Skills and Transformation Grant - \$1.5 million
 - District Central Valley Promise Grant - \$1.5 million
 - Institutional Effectiveness Partner Initiative - \$200,000
 - District Strong Workforce allocation - \$2.9 million



At our Spring 2017 festivities, we introduced our new mascot – “Crush”

We welcomed numerous guests who toured and spoke with us



- Fresno State's community conversation with their president, Dr. Joe Castro
- Fresno Mayor Lee Brand toured the campus
- CCCCO Vice-Chancellor Dr. Pam Walker visited the college and met with various groups
- Hosted a delegation from Autonomous University of Baja California, Mexico
- Kim Pabilon, Dr. Harris, and Dr. Wood presented on a variety of student equity topics
- Several dynamic speakers as part of the on-going Social Justice Speakers Series

Whew, and that's just a snapshot of all the great accomplishments last year.

I'm looking forward to the new academic year, and I expect it to be just as busy and exciting as last year. To help improve campus communication, I will be publishing a monthly newsletter – similar to this one, but with additional categories of information. So, stay tuned and “stay informed” as we work to bring you up-to-date information about the college, your colleagues, and our many activities to support our growth, student success, and the college mission.

Thank you for reading this! Feel free to email me with advice or comments.

Several faculty received awards, including:

- **Bill Allen** won the Channel 24 “Educator of the Week Award” and was nominated for the Hayward Award. Hyperlink for Educator of the Week Award: <http://www.yourcentralvalley.com/news/educator-of-the-week-bill-allen/639253466>
- **Ann Brandon** won the “On Course Ambassador of the Year” award at the national Oncourse conference. She then encouraged a large group of faculty, staff, and administrators to attend a training in May.
- The state Academic Senate passed a resolution of commendation thanking **Jeff Burdick** for his service on the Equity and Diversity Action Committee, the Common Assessment Initiative, and on the Board of Governors.



Students at our 2016 Scholarship Award Ceremony where we awarded more than 50 student scholarships



Vanessa Suarez, ASG president participated in our 2nd graduation ceremony.



2017-2018 ASG Officers

Featured Department – Building Services

Clovis Community College is consistently commended for its well-kept facilities and our Building Services department plays a key role in maintaining the clean and welcoming environment. They have spent the summer deep cleaning every hallway and classroom, moving furniture and waxing floors in order to ensure everything is pristine when the 2017-2018 school year begins.



*Left photo: Top row: Miguel Sanchez, Dan Pattillo; Middle row: Sandra Aguilera, Steven Estes, Jose Campos, Ignacio "Nacho" Samaniego; Front row: Sergio Salinas
Right photo: Tom McSwain & Tony Romero*

Manager Sergio Salinas refers to them as the "A-team" and says, "I don't think there's anything

my [group] wouldn't do," when asked how the department supports students. Several in the crew pointed out that they are often the first people students identify as employees because of their uniforms. They frequently guide students who cannot find a classroom, and have even been called upon to assist with car maintenance. When asked what they are most proud of regarding their department, they all agreed that it was their ability to keep up the facilities despite being understaffed. They say the key to their teamwork is open communication with each other and with the other departments on campus.

Please join me in personally thanking each and every one of the Building Services team for their dedication to our college and for their continuous hard work to ensure our buildings are pristine.

Calendar of Events

July 11th	Board of Trustees Meeting at 4:30 p.m. at the District Office
July 28th	End of summer sessions
August 1st	Board of Trustees Meeting at 4:30 p.m. at Clovis Community College, Room AC1 150
August 10th	Fall 2017 Opening Day
August 11th	Faculty Flex Day
August 14th	Fall 2017 Semester Begins

Have a highlight to add? Please contact:

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