



## A Message from Dr. Bennett

I can't believe it's almost graduation time again! I don't know where the year went. I do know that everyone has truly given their all for our students and the college. We've accomplished so much over the last year, and the community is incredibly supportive of the college. Everywhere I go, people make a point of telling me that Clovis Community College is wonderful and a great school. They often have a son or daughter attending or planning to attend. Or, they've heard good things about us from their friends and relatives.

This community support is a direct result of your dedication to excellence and your sincere effort to listen to our students and help them feel like they belong on our campus. It is also a direct outcome of your willingness to embrace creativity and innovation in pursuit of increased student success. Our college is fast becoming known for our flexibility and willingness to work with our educational and community partners, whether it is with outreach efforts, developing dual enrollment pathways, or working with the business community. We are being commended for our effort to provide bus service to our campus, for our successful English alignment project, and for our amazing transfer and completion rates – just to name a few.

So, it is with a very humble heart that I thank you for your service and will continue to support your amazing work. Have great summer!

### Student Success news!!!



Inaugural Commencement 5/20/16

**405 Awarded**

2nd Commencement 5/19/17

**478 Awarded**

3rd Commencement 5/18/18

**779 Awarded**

### Thank you to some of our great community partners

I want to give a huge shout out to the Clovis Round-Up, the Clovis Chamber of Commerce, and the Clovis Veteran's Memorial District for their continued support and helping to share our message with the community.

### Accreditation Update

The accreditation site visit team completed their report and the president reviewed it for error of facts. The commission will review it at their June meeting and we should hear from them later that month. We will send out a college wide email and post the ACCJC final report to our website. Thank you again to EVERYONE for your hard work and support over the years to make sure our college is strong, growing, and continuously improving to meet the needs of our students and community.

### Online Education Initiative Consortium

Exciting news!! Clovis Community College has been selected to participate in the California Community College Online Education Initiative's Consortium of colleges! Clovis issues a self-assessment, which showed that we have the technical infrastructure and faculty support necessary to support an effective online program. What this means for us: This will give us access to tools open only to Consortium colleges. What this means for our students: We will offer online classes in the state-wide course exchange and increase the number of online courses we offer.

## President's Community Involvement

- Dean Robbie Kunkel and I met with Daniel Ching, principal of Minarets High School and Rhonda Corippo, principal of Chawanakee Academy Charter School to discuss partnership opportunities.
- Vice Chancellor Julianna Mosier and I met with Tara Lynn Gray, President of the Fresno Black Chamber to discuss partnerships and support for our new Small Business Development Center.
- President Carole Goldsmith and I presented at the Fresno Unified School District CTE Summit held at Duncan Polytechnical High School. It was a great opportunity to showcase several of Clovis' innovative new programs.
- Along with Chancellor Paul Parnell, and the other presidents, I participated in the annual Kiwanis Student-Athlete Torch of Excellence Award Ceremony. Our student, Katrina Thompson, gave a keynote speech and the Kiwanis' presented each college with a \$1,000 check to support athletics.
- With assistance from Stephanie Babb, I presented an update on Clovis Community College to the Clovis Rotary. Terry Kershaw gave the introduction and I had an opportunity to thank him for his years of service to the college. (Note: he's enjoying himself, traveling the world!)
- Dean James Ortez, ASG President Bryndis Arnarsdottir, Student Trustee Damon Rapada, and I participated in our first Clovis Rodeo Parade. It was a lot of fun. We look forward to participating again next year!

## On Course National Conference



**(L-R):** Sasha Fisher, Nate Saari, Teresa Ishigaki, Kelly Fowler, Skip Downing, Ann Brandon

This is Clovis Community College's fifth year attending and presenting at the On Course National Conference. This year Kelly Fowler, Teresa Ishigaki, Nate Saari, Sasha Fisher, and Ann Brandon attended. Teresa and Ann presented a session on "Infusing On Course Principles into an Integrated Reading and Writing Course" which focused on building the soft skills of students to promote successful behaviors. Kelly and Ann presented on "Taking the Plunge into On Course" which focused on Clovis Community College's process of incorporating On Course principles, active learning strategies, and professional development opportunities campus-wide. We had the honor of Skip Downing, the creator of On Course, attending the session and remark that he was impressed

with Clovis Community College's efforts. Ann was asked to present her "Are You a HIP Instructor?" presentation for the third time which focused on active learning and learner-centered strategies that can be used in any class to improve student engagement and learning. Sasha, one of CCC's Success Coaches remarked, "Attending the On Course National Conference taught me how to get students empowered and engaged at the same time. I love the different strategies that were modeled and the different ways to implement the strategies inside and outside of the classroom. The workshops were practical and transformative! I would encourage others to attend if you have any form of contact with students." One of the stand out sessions was the keynote speaker, Elizabeth Barkley, professor and author of several books on best practices and strategies to engage students, who spoke about the way educators need to reframe the way they think about both lecturing and active learning in order to have classrooms that promote learning. Student Success Coach Nate Saari commented "The conference [was] the environment I have been looking for in my 15 years of educational experiences."

## Classified Senate Update

Classified Senate made \$578.00 from our taco sales at the Cinco de Mayo Extravaganza celebration. We will have a schedule of events for Classified Employee Week on May 21st-25th coming out very soon. Thank you again to all the volunteers that helped out at all of our events and made them so successful!



## Academic Senate Update

Jeff Burdick will be teaching an introductory session on Guided Pathways at Evergreen College on May 12th for an ASCCC Regional meeting that is targeted at colleges from northern California. And a contingent of faculty and administrative staff will be attending a session in Bakersfield this Friday, May 4th at Bakersfield City College to examine the ramifications on our students of AB705 implementation. There is also a District workgroup proposed for this as well.

We are still collecting funds to sponsor lunch for our hard working Classified Staff, so make sure you get your contribution to either Liz, Emilie or Leslie.

## Associated Student Government Update

The Associated Student Government had their annual elections, with Damon Rapada elected Student Body President for the 2018-19 academic year. We approved an ASG Mission Statement (see attached), and are working on completing a strategic plan to create an institutional memory. We are preparing for Power Up Week, and those people who are not graduating will be assisting at Commencement. We will continue to meet over summer to work on completing our Constitution and Bylaws.

### ASG Mission Statement: ONE COMMUNITY – ONE BODY – ENDLESS OPPORTUNITIES

The Associated Student Government is the voice of every student at Clovis Community College. We are dedicated to ensuring the success and wellbeing of our fellow students by serving as a resource and by fostering an environment centered on inclusion, engagement, integrity, and generosity. We are committed to meeting the needs of all students through advocacy and shared governance at the local and state level.

## Featured Department: Admissions & Records



**(L-R):** Annie Graham, Karen Ainsworth, Reynani Hawkins, Janet Daniels, Linda Garcia, Nanci Sumaya

The Admissions and Records department at Clovis Community College is a one-stop shop that supports students from the time they submit their applications through the time they graduate. They assist students with residency determination, registration, petition processing, and completion evaluations. They also take payments, sell parking permits, and act as the campus switchboard. Because the main campus line rings to Admissions & Records, the entire staff has a basic knowledge of the functions of all college departments. They work closely with financial aid and counseling as well as faculty. The department takes a “high touch” approach to customer service and has become a

leader in the district with the evaluations process. For this year, they have conferred 321 degrees for summer and fall 2017 and are processing 634 applications for spring 2018.

## Event Calendar



May 14-18  
May 18  
May 21-25  
May 28

Finals Week All Week  
Commencement 6:00 pm  
Classified Employee Week All Week  
Memorial Day – Campus Closed