



## A Message from Dr. Bennett

Congratulations on getting to the finish line of our busy fall semester. I'm looking forward to seeing you at the annual holiday luncheon, or on campus as we attend our end of the year activities. Thank you again for your dedication to our students and the college as we continue to transition into a mid-sized college – serving approximately 12,000 students this year.

### Guided Pathways Planning

I enjoyed spending two days at the CCLC workshop to support District-wide efforts to implement Guided Pathways. Thank you to Liz Romero, Kirtley King, Alex Adams, and James Ortez for attending this workshop and providing their leadership as we continue to learn more about Guided Pathways and continue to develop our own college-wide plans. We will take a deeper look at this topic during our Opening Day session.

### Clovis Community College Honored for Student Success

Tasha Hutchings, Cynthia Elliott, James Ortez, and I were proud to represent Clovis Community College at the Champions of Higher Education Celebration for Excellence in Transfer. This special event was held in Los Angeles and organized by Campaign for College Opportunity to honor the top 12 California community colleges and four CSU's for student achievement related to ADT completion. Clovis CC is #1 out of 114 community colleges in the state for the percent of ADTs earned compared to all degrees awarded. Clovis CC is also #2 in the state based on number of ADTs awarded relative to total student enrollment.

### Giving Tuesday Recap



Thank you to all who participated in our annual Giving Tuesday event. We successfully met our goal of raising \$25,000 for student scholarships. A special thank you to State Center Community College Foundation Board members Gus Bonner and Gina Cuttone for their generous gifts of \$5,000 each. All of the funds will provide scholarships to deserving students.

## CCSSE

During the Spring 2019 semester, we will be participating in the Community College Survey of Student Engagement (CCSSE), a national student survey focused on teaching, learning, and retention in community colleges. This project is run by the Center for Community College Student Engagement of the Program in Higher Education Leadership at The University of Texas at Austin. Classes will be randomly selected and the surveys will be administered in late March and early April. Instructors whose classes are sampled will receive specific information from our designated campus-level survey coordinator, Michelle Johnson.

## International Faculty Exchange



Communication Professor Stephanie Briones hosted an exchange instructor from the Netherlands, Anne Sunnen, for two weeks in October. She visited several classes on campus, helped facilitate the annual Communication Negotiations tournament, and watched the Crush Women's Soccer Team beat FCC. She also gave a presentation to the college with over 85 students and faculty in attendance. Outside of school functions, Stephanie and Anne played tourists throughout California in places like San Francisco.

## Successful post-season for "crush" athletics

The women's soccer team earned the #3 seed for the California Community College Athletic Association (CCCAA) NorCal Regional playoffs which is the highest seed in program history. On November 17 the ladies triumphed in the first round of playoffs against Taft College. On November 21 the ladies battled through the second round game against Hartnell College, with two overtime periods and just fell short in penalty kicks. The final score was 1 to 1 with Hartnell College winning in penalty kicks. Thank you to Coach Orlando Ramirez and his staff for serving as role models and leading our ladies to excel on and off the field. Other accolades include Coach Orlando Ramirez being named coach of the year and Ariana Quintero being named player of the year by the Central Valley Conference.

The men's and women's inaugural cross country teams conquered the regular season earning them a place to compete in the State Championships at Woodward Park on November 17 with the women finishing 16th and men finishing 13th.

## Clovis Community College Accomplishments!

Congratulations to our CCC Child Development Lab School for maintaining their accreditation through the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) accreditation! This recognition is a testament to the diligent work made on behalf of the children and their parents.

## Clovis Community College Campus Connect Club (C6)

The Clovis Community College Campus Connect Club (C6) met for the first time in November. They began brainstorming ideas and events to help maintain the college's close-knit culture as we continue to grow. Look for information on events and gatherings in the near future.



**Spring 2019  
Opening Day  
January 10**

## SCCCD welcomes two newly elected trustees

Trustee-elect Magdalena Gomez (Area 4 Reedley) and Trustee-elect Annalisa Perea (Area 5 Central Fresno) will be sworn in at the December 11 Board of Trustees meeting.

## Associated Student Government Update

The month of November began with the appointment of our new ASG President, Hannah Miller. This transition opened up a vacancy in the Student Representative to the Board of Trustees position, which, is to be filled after a special election on December 4th and 5th. Senator Zach Estes and student Jonathan Gramajo are running for the position. On November 26th we began holding a Toys for Tots drive located in the ASG office, AC-1 164. This will be available until the end of the semester, December 14th. November 28th marked ASG's last official meeting and next semester they will be held weekly on Wednesdays from 3:00 - 5:00 pm in AC-1 281. Our members are continuing to prepare for finals and we all look forward to the new semester!

## Classified Senate Update

Clovis Classified Senate had an awesome semester and an incredible calendar for 2018. Our fundraising efforts allowed us to give out two (2) \$100 grocery gift cards in November and two (2) \$100 grocery gift cards in December to students selected at random in the CalWORKs, EOPs, Federal work study programs and Veterans. We are looking for anyone who would like to run for office in Classified Senate here at Clovis as the terms for President, VP, Secretary & Treasure will be open seats. We had one of our final event sub-committee planning meetings this year planning for next semester's fundraising events and looking/hoping to send 3 maybe 4 classified members to Classified Leadership Institute in June of 2019 (CLI).

Happy Holidays!

## Calendar of Events

December 10-14	Finals Week	All Day	Everywhere
December 11	Board of Trustees Meeting	4:30 p.m.	District Office
December 14	Holiday Luncheon	12:00 p.m.	AC1-285, 281
December 17-24	Winter Break	All Day	No Class, Campus Open
December 25 – January 1	Winter Break	All Day	No Class, Campus Closed
January 2-9	Winter Break	All Day	No Class, Campus Open
January 10	Spring 19 Opening Day	8:00 a.m.	AC1 Lobby
January 11	Spring 19 Flex Day	All Day	Everywhere
January 14	Spring 2019 Semester Starts		
January 21	Dr. Martin Luther King Jr Holiday	All Day	No Class, Campus Closed

