A Message from Dr. Bennett

It's great to see the hallways filled with students and all the student activities kicking into gear. I appreciate the dedication of our associated student government members, student ambassadors, and student club leaders as they work to help connect and engage students in all our campus activities. Their efforts play an important role in student retention and student success.

I also enjoyed seeing such a full auditorium for our Opening Day events. Thank you to everyone who organized or presented during the Opening Day and Flex Day sessions. These are important opportunities to share information and provide professional development support.

Looking forward to an amazing year!

Small Business Development Center – Successful Grand Opening event!

Although Director Rich Mostert has been hard at work since last December, the grand opening of the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) located at our Herndon Campus was just hosted on July 25. The SBDC offers access to business development resources and consulting to students and the community. Mr. Mostert has done an excellent job of building partnerships with local leaders and entrepreneurs. These relationships provide opportunities to our students and showcase the college’s collaborative work ethic. To date, the SBDC has facilitated over $7.1 million in capital infusion for clients, supported the creation/retention of 721 jobs, and conducted/co-sponsored workshops for over 1,500 attendees.

Thank you to Trustee Ikeda and Trustee Gomez for attending and thanks to the Clovis Chamber of Commerce for hosting. Several other dignitaries attended as well including Clovis Councilmember Vong Mouanoutoua and Assemblyman Jim Patterson.

Budget Update

By: Lorrie Hopper

There have been some changes to the Student Success allocation component of the Student Centered Funding Formula for 2019-20. These changes should even out the allocations for districts as long as their enrollments remain stable.

70% Base Allocation (FTES)
20% Supplemental Allocation (Pell, California Promise Grant-former BOG waiver)
10% Student Success Allocation (Associate Degree Transfers, Degrees, and Certificates)
  • Counts only to the highest award (no more stacking) and student must be enrolled in the district in the year the award was granted.
  • Transfer student must complete 12 or more units in the year prior to transfer
  • Student Success Allocation based on three year average of each of the measures in the allocation

Clovis Community College received one time equipment funding and additional lottery funding for 2019-20. The total amount of funding is just under $450,000. If you have an equipment or supply need, please contact your dean or manager to put in a request. Requests are due on September 6, 2019.
The Flag at Half Staff

By Stephanie Babb

The flag flown at half-staff is a representation of loss in this country. Flag code states, “by order of the president the flag shall be flown at half-staff upon the death of a principal figure of the United States Government, or the Governor of the state territory as well to mark respect to their memory.” When the president gives this order, flags everywhere, from schools, to public or private buildings, are to lower their flag to half-staff until otherwise notified. We do this out of respect for the honoree’s service as well as to give thanks. We owe the respect to our living, our dead and our flag.

Save the Date!

Ela Gandhi, Granddaughter of Mahatma Gandhi, to speak at CCC. It will be an honor to host peace activist Ms. Ela Gandhi on October 14 at 2:00 p.m. Please visit our website for the latest information.

Community College Survey of Student Engagement (CCSSE)

By: Alex Adams

In the spring of 2019, the Office of Institutional Research administered the CCSSE in 32 randomly selected sections. Students responded to questions about student engagement, college culture, student supports, academic counseling, matriculation, and a variety of other topics. This is the fourth time the college has participated in this survey. In addition to providing valuable information about our students and their experience at the college, the survey is validated and benchmarked, which provides the ability to compare with other cohorts of colleges. We will be discussing and analyzing the results of this survey over the course of the academic year.

Before digging too deeply into the results, we want to celebrate the exceptional experience that our students are receiving. The survey asks two general student satisfaction questions. For both, we find that our students are overwhelmingly satisfied with their experience at the college. Furthermore, CCC outperforms the comparison cohort for both questions.

Technology Update

By: John Forbes

Email Migration to Office 365:

Starting in September, all Clovis Community College staff will have their email boxes migrated to Office 365, which will increase the quotas on our email accounts to 100 GB. This migration will happen in about four batches. If your account is scheduled to be migrated, you will receive an email the week before. On the weekend that your email is moved, you may lose connection (but not messages) to your mailbox on Sunday afternoon. The first group is scheduled to be migrated September 6-9.

Your email address account will not change. However, we may need to reconfigure Outlook on your personal mobile devices and assist with loading your email archives. Our district office is providing extra technical support onsite each Monday and Tuesday following each email migration. The extra tech support personnel are student workers from across our district, including several of our own.

SharePoint and the Crush HUB:

Our Crush Hub is up and operational. Please visit and familiarize yourself with how to access agendas, meeting notes, and documents from across our college’s governance structure. For our initial roll-out, we are working to have either Emilie Gerety, Nina Roby, or John Forbes at each committee meeting to answer questions and verify access for all committee members.
Check out the Clovis Community College Hub for meeting agendas & minutes (you may need to log in).

**CCC Accomplishments**

By: Stephanie Babb

Congratulations to Mayra Zamudio! Mayra is a computer science and electrical engineering major and plans to transfer to UC Berkeley and work as an electrical engineer. She is a true inspiration to us all, especially her daughter Desmie. Mayra works as a student aid in the CCC Public Information Office assisting with various website projects. Thank you to Nina Roby for taking the time to submit this outstanding nomination.

**Spotlight On: The Tutorial Center**

By: Stacy Ross

To kick off the fall semester, our Tutorial Center hosted an Open House. The goal was to let students, and everyone on campus, experience the TC as a relaxed environment that they should feel comfortable utilizing. It is often difficult for students to come in the first time, so the Open House was an opportunity to welcome them with music, decorations, snacks, games & puzzles, and of course, the friendly tutors. Tutoring started that Wednesday and hours can be found online.

**Academic Senate Update**

The Academic Senate is excited to start the work of the senate this year with many new faculty. Our meetings are the second and fourth Tuesday from 4:00-5:30. Come join us if you can.

**Associated Student Update**

This month we were able to start the year off crushing it. We had a successful Welcome week thank you to our gracious volunteers in ASG as well as our awesome student ambassadors. We were able to assist new and returning student either find their classes or answer simple questions that they might have had. We were also able to help with our annual Molly Day and Week spreading simple acts of kindness where we could. We had a great turn out for the Guest speaker, Emily Krieghoff, who was able to share about Molly’s life and what an amazing person she truly was. We also had a great turnout to the Blood Drive Tuesday, which was rewarded with some local goodies from the Central Valley Blood Bank. Followed by Letters to Vets which brought student together in writing letters to those that gave so much. On Thursday ASG Funded an event, Coffee and Kindness, which put a smile on students faces while they passed by on their way to class. Then we finished up the week with the Reading Heart Book Drive, which recieved many donations thanks to our amazing students and staff that wanted to give to a great cause. This August was a great start for the school as a whole and we are looking forward to what the year has to bring.

**Classified Senate Update**

Classified Senate has voted to sponsor an additional $500 student scholarship each year, which will be awarded at the Scholarship Ceremony later this month. A special thank you to administration, faculty and our fellow classified professionals for your continued support of our fundraising efforts throughout the year. More information on our Rocktoberfest Tacos and Boo Grams sales will be available soon. Classified Senate meetings are now hosted on Zoom, allowing participants to join from their desk if they are unable to attend the meeting in person. Kimberley Duong has been appointed to the board of the state level Classified Senate, 4CS, as the Central 2 Area Representative. Congrats to Kim!
New Employees

Omar Ruiz-Trejo  
American Sign Language Instructor

Michelle Selvans  
Geology Instructor

Shilpa Ranganthan  
Sociology Instructor

Jenna Tague  
Mathematics Instructor

Amy Peterson  
Mathematics Instructor

Nader Inan  
Physics Instructor

George Patrick Fontes  
History Instructor

Spencer Irish  
Psychology Instructor

Cody Hoover  
English Instructor

Heather Boynton  
Child Development Instructor

Erin Dolin  
Occupational Therapy Assistant Instructor

Elizabeth Rutledge  
Counselor, DSPS

Alicia Diaz Wrest  
Librarian

Christian Cordero  
Custodian

Calendar of Events

September 10  
Men’s Soccer Home Game at 4:00 p.m.

September 11  
Patriot Day

September 13  
Scholarship Ceremony

September 14  
Last Day to Change Class to Pass/No-Pass

September 16  
National Hispanic Heritage Month Begins

September 17  
Mexican Independence Day

September 18  
Constitution Day

September 24  
Women’s Soccer Home Game at 4:00 p.m.

September 27  
President’s Breakfast

IEPI Team First Visit

Soccer Home Games: Men at 2:00 p.m./Women’s at 4:00 p.m.

October 1  
Board of Trustees Meeting at 4:30 p.m. at Madera CCC

October 2  
Transfer Day

October 9  
Rocktoberfest 2019

October 11  
Last Day to Drop Full-Term Class with “W”

October 29  
Harvest Fast

October 31  
Dia de los Muertos

November

November 18  
IEPI Team Second Visit

November 20  
Native American Heritage Month Speaker

Lunches with Lori

September 10  
12:00-1:00 p.m. AC2-276

October 15  
12:00-1:00 p.m. Herndon, Room 301

November 13  
12:00-1:00 p.m. AC2-276

Lori’s Open Office Hours 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

September 25

October 29

November 19

Town Hall Meetings

November 5  
Facilities

February 5  
TBD

May 6  
Budget

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