A Message from Dr. Bennett

One of the amazing things about the Central Valley is how well the educational institutions and community organizations work together to improve college readiness, student success, and career readiness. Our Central Valley Higher Education Consortium (CVHEC), consists of the presidents and chancellors from all the community colleges and universities (UC's, CSU's, and non-profits) in our region. Approximately 25 college leaders gather on a regular basis to discuss state policy and initiatives that affect our region. We are using our collective voice to provide input regarding initiatives that affect our students. The group is currently exploring/supporting a region-wide data-sharing project that would allow K-12, community colleges, and universities to share common student data. I'm excited about the prospect of using this type of data to help us align our pathways, analyze barriers to success, and target specific student support efforts.

Annual Planning Retreat

The Annual Planning Retreat was held on Oct 5th. Approximately 80 faculty, staff, students, and administrators attended the event. Topics included a great presentation for Guided Pathways and a brainstorming session regarding college-wide communication. Thank you to all the faculty, staff, and administrators who planned and presented at the retreat.

Giving Tuesday

I am so excited for our second annual Giving Tuesday event on November 27! Last year, we set a goal to raise $5,000 and crushed through it - raising over $80,000. The results were dramatically clear at the 2018 Scholarship Awards Ceremony where we recognized 103 recipients, almost twice as many as the prior year. This year our goal is to raise $25,000 and I know we can do it! Please join us for a celebration with cookies and cocoa at 1:30 p.m. in the AC1 Lobby. Two dedicated SCCC Foundation Board members will match our donations up to $10,000 and they will present their checks at the celebration. Thank you for your continued support.

#GIVINGTUESDAY™

#ClovisCrushGivingDay | Tuesday, November 27th, 2018

Clovis Community College/SCCCD Accomplishments!

Website Honored
SCCCD was recognized at the Annual Cascade User Conference in Atlanta for having created the "Best New Website." Hannon Hill's CEO, Kat Liendgens, who presented the award, commented on the efforts of the district webmasters, including our own Nina Roby, to ensure well-designed sites with usability and accessibility in mind. I would like to personally thank Nina for being such a fierce advocate of website accessibility. The work she does ensures that each of our students have access to important resources. Due to the teamwork of all the webmasters, the SCCCD websites have maintained a consistency of design and are user-friendly across all platforms.

Trustee Nishinaka Named Best Trustee in Pacific Region
The Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT) has named State Center Community College Trustee Ronald H. Nishinaka the recipient of the Trustee Leadership Award for the Pacific Region. Trustee Nishinaka will accept the award at the annual ACCT Leadership Congress October 26, 2018 in New York. Trustee Nishinaka will attend the ACCT Awards Gala as a finalist for the national award. Thank you to Trustee Nishinaka for his many years of service and support for our college and district.

Guided Pathways Update

California Community Colleges Guided Pathways is a multi-year state program designed to provide all California Community Colleges with the opportunity to better structure student connection, entry, progress, and completion of certificates, degrees and other student goals, for the purpose of significantly improving student outcomes.

Through our College Council, Clovis Community College formed a Guided Pathways ad hoc committee currently led by Dr. James Ortez, Liz Romero, and Kirtley King. The ad hoc committee, comprised of faculty, staff, administrators and students, developed our college Guided Pathways Plan and is providing updates to all constituency groups. They will continue to strategize and oversee implementation of the plan as we develop a more long-term governance structure for this important work.

The **CRUSH** Guided Pathways plan seeks to:
Clarify the Path
Redesign the Path
Understand the Path
Stay on the Path
High Expectations

Starting last September, a smaller group of faculty and staff representing Clovis Community College participated at the "Leading from the Middle" conferences.   A total of three 2 ½ day workshops were held at California State Polytechnic University, Pomona. The workshops helped the ad hoc committee create brainstorming activities for our campus planning retreats and other Guided Pathway meetings. In addition, the committee is now working to identify and align campus programs that will contribute to the success of the Clovis Community College "CRUSH" Guided Pathways plan.

Currently, the Counseling Department is working to implement Guided Pathways concepts by developing a Case Management Plan which designates a counselor to each discipline, who will regularly attend faculty and ASG meetings, and streamline the Registration-To-Go (RTG) process.

In addition, technology tools like the Starfish Early Alert, are being configured and piloted with a select group of Clovis Community College students and instructors. The Starfish Early Alert system has many benefits including instructor alerts, counselor follow-up, and kudos for students. These tools help enhance the implementation of Guided Pathways across the college in support of student success.

President's Open Office Hours

Wednesday, November 7
7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. in AC1-260

Wednesday, December 12
4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in AC1-260

District Technology Update – Office 365

In August, during Opening Day presentations, we announced that our core technology infrastructure will be upgraded this year. So far, critical improvements have been made to our core network of servers. While most of the improvements have been behind the scenes, we are well positioned to migrate soon to the Microsoft Office 365 suite of applications and to move our email mailboxes to the Microsoft cloud.

Email Upgrade: The email upgrade that will virtually eliminate our mailbox quota limits is being tested and will be implemented in spring.

Microsoft Office 365 Update: Approximately sixty pilot users across our district now have access to Office 365. They are using their access to login on multiple devices and to work out any issues that arise. We have already confirmed that the Office 365 suite will provide high availability to our OneDrive files (the replacement for our "P:" drives). The pilot users are also testing the functionality of sharing and co-authoring documents. Once we've completed some additional testing and configurations, access is targeted to be opened up for all staff this semester. We are very excited to see how these tools will be used to improve efficiency and communication college-wide.

In summary, we will have Office 365 access soon (likely November/December) and can anticipate our email upgrade in Spring 2019. If you want to learn more about Microsoft Office 365 in general, please visit Microsoft Office Training. Our college Technology Advisory Group will be scheduling a series of on-site training on Office 365 as soon as we receive the green light to move forward.

Please contact Dean John Forbes with questions on this project.

Board Policies & Administrative Regulations

In response to District Recommendation 1 from the ACCJC External Evaluation report, the district is working diligently to review our Administrative Regulations (AR) and Board Policies (BP). Several have gone to the district Communications Council which includes representatives from each college constituency as well as our own College Council and constituency groups. Below is a list of ARs and BPs reviewed this year. If you'd like to review the ARs and BPs in detail, they are posted on our College Council Blackboard site as well as the District's Board Docs site.

AR 3200 – Accreditation
AR 3250 – Institutional Planning
AR 3410 & BP 3410 – Nondiscrimination
AR 3420 & BP 3420 – Prohibition of Harassment
AR 3540 & BP 3540 – Sexual & Other Assaults on Campus
AR 3550 & BP 3550 – Drug Free Environment
                & Drug Prevention Program
AR 3560 & BP 3560 – Alcoholic Beverages
AR 4020 – Program & Curriculum Development
AR 4235 – Credit by Examination
AR 7022 & BP 7022 – Consensual Relationships

AR 7110 & BP 7110 – Delegation of Authority
AR 7123 & BP 3160 – Definition of Incompatible Activities
AR 7230 & BP 7230 – Classified Employees
AR 7240 & BP 7240 – Confidential Employees
AR 7370 & BP 7370 – Political Activity
AR 7371 – Personal Use of Public Resources
AR 7700 & BP 7700 – Whistleblower Protection
BP 3550 – Drug & Alcohol Random Testing
BP 7100 – Commitment to Diversity
BP 7510 – Domestic Partners

District Recommendation 1: In order to improve effectiveness, the team recommends that the District expedite and follow its comprehensive timeline to ensure regular review of all Board Policies and Administrative Regulations. (I.B.7, I.C.7, II.A.4, II.A.5, III.A.11, IV.C.7)

Please welcome our new employee!

Kelley Benzler
Administrative Aide

Featured Department: Financial Aid Office

Names (L-R back row): Rebecca Kinlow, Cheryl Lock, Robert Gentry, Barbara Wilson, (front row) Alyssa Talbot, Natalie Minas. Not pictured Matt Levine

Representatives in the Financial Aid Office at CCC work hard to serve all students and ensure they are aware of all types of financial resources available to help them complete their educational goals. The department disburses federal, state, and scholarship funds. Staff and student aides happily respond to various phone calls and visits from current and prospective students. The most common questions students ask are about the status of a financial aid request, when funds will be disbursed, and the financial award amount.

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) application is available every October 1 for the upcoming academic year and staff would like students to know how important it is to complete. In addition, students are encouraged to apply for the various scholarships offered at CCC. The scholarship application period is now open and applications are due March 2, 2019. Many students are surprised they qualify for financial aid. The Financial Aid Office offers various workshops to help students complete the FAFSA and California Dream Act Application. The California Dream Act allows undocumented and nonresident students (U.S. Citizens and eligible non-citizens) who qualify for a nonresident exemption under Assembly Bill 540 (AB 540) to receive certain types of financial aid. In addition, the California Dream Act allows eligible students to pay in-state tuition at any public college in California.

Thank you to the Financial Aid Department for playing an active role in removing barriers to student success!

Academic Senate Update

The Academic Senate is working on its yearly goals. The suggestions from the Senate Executive Committee are:
1. Create a scholarship subcommittee to Academic Senate to explore fundraising for student scholarships. 2. Look into the possibility of creating a bookstore committee with ASG. 3. Support and contribute to college-wide Communication Plan. We are also working on the various committees on the college campus and continuing our work on Guided Pathways.

Associated Student Government Update

During the month of October, ASG has been continuing recruitment for new members and training members on the processes and duties of their roles. For the campus, we put together events such as Rocktoberfest, Fall Fest, Harvest Fest, DACA Week, and club training for all club members on campus. We also prepared for the General Assembly of the Student Senate for California Community Colleges by hosting a town hall on campus for our students to learn about and give input on legislation that was then voted on at the conference.

Classified Senate Update

The past month for Classified Senate has been super productive! On October 10th, Classified Senate once again held our taco sale during Rocktoberfest. We sold out for the event, and made just over $500. Just a few weeks later we held our annual Boo Gram sale which is a way to show appreciation for your fellow employees and raised just over $500. Proceeds from these fund raisers go toward student scholarships. Lastly, Classified Senate participated in a 1-day On Course session designed for front line staff. This was organized by Ann Brandon, the coordinator of the faculty On Course training. Training sessions were held over November 1-2 at the Herndon Campus.

Cross Country Women's placed first in CVC Championship, Men Placed 2nd

Event Calendar

November 12	Veterans Day Observed	All Day	No Class, Campus Closed
November 13	Board of Trustees Meeting	4:30 p.m.	District Office
November 22-23	Thanksgiving Holiday	All Day	No Class, Campus Closed
November 27	Giving Tuesday Celebration	1:30 p.m.	AC1 Lobby
December 10-14	Finals Week	All Day	Everywhere
December 11	Board of Trustees Meeting	4:30 p.m.	District Office
December 14	Holiday Luncheon	11:00 a.m.	TBD
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 Opening Day	8:00 a.m.	AC1 Lobby
January 11	Flex Day	All Day	Everywhere
January 14	Spring 2019 Semester Starts		