



Report to the Board of Trustees, SCCCD

September 2, 2025

#### WELCOME RECEPTION HELD FOR NEW (LSP) LEON S. PETERS HONORS PROGRAM STUDENTS



The Leon S. Peters Honors Program Welcome Reception was on August 5, and we had 40 students attend. Congratulations to English Instructor Von Torres as he will serve as new LSP Honors Program Coordinator for the next two years. Eleven students qualified for the UCLA Transfer Alliance Program (TAP) program and will be transferring in the Fall 2025 term. Seventeen students qualified for the UC Irvine's Honors to Honors Campuswide Honors Collegium (CHC). Ethnic Studies 35H has been added to the curriculum and will be taught during the Spring 2026 term. There is a total of 177 students in the LSP Honors Program.

## ENGINEERING RENAISSANCE CLUB COMPETES AT THE MATE ROVE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP IN JUNE

The Club had a busy summer! After summer began, it was all hands-on deck in order to prepare for the MATE ROV World Championship in Alpena, Michigan in June. They gained valuable experience with expectations to grow in the future. They are sending a #Crush thank you to Nancy and Alpena Resorts, who made their experiences in this year's competition as smooth and reassuring as possible.

#### **MESA ORIENTATION HELD ON AUGUST 5**

Over 50 students attended the MESA orientation on August 5 where President Armstrong provided a "welcome." Students enjoyed a delicious lunch and met the MESA team: Dr. John Loera, MESA Coordinator; Gurpreet Gurm, MESA Program Assistant; and Brandon Hubert, MESA Counselor.





#### **OPENING DAY & CONVOCATION SUCCESS**

Opening Day was August 6, and everyone was excited to start the new semester. We continue to work together, in Clovis Crush style, to stay flexible, and to find innovative ways to support each other and our students.

- Preliminary headcount for the Fall semester is 10,006 and annually the college serves over 17,000 students.
- President Armstrong introduced new employees and shared the "State of the College." Other topics highlighted included updates from: Academic Senate, Classified Senate, Budget Update, Athletics Overview, Achieving the Dream, and Open Educational Resources/Zero Textbook Costs.
- Thank you Chancellor Dr. Goldsmith for providing encouraging words and a District update.
- Everyone enjoyed the keynote and breakout session on Artificial Intelligence/On Course.

Congratulations to the entire college at Clovis Community College on receiving the "Crush Spirit Award" from President Armstrong. <u>View the photos.</u> Convocation was held on August 7 with office preparation and division meetings.

#### **WOOF WOOF! HERE COME THE "CRUSH PUPPIES"**

The dogs are roaming at CCC! There are two robotic dogs on campus, also known as the "Crush Puppies." Students in STEM classes, such as Automation, Robotics, Mechatronics (ARM), Computer Science/Information Systems, and Engineering will have the opportunity to combine cutting-edge engineering with practical problem-solving with these robotic dogs.



#### WELCOME WEEK EVENTS OFFERED HELP AND SMILES

President Armstrong, classified professionals, administrators, and student ambassadors hosted various welcome tables during the first week of the semester. Students picked up bottled water, copies of their schedules, and asked questions. View the photos.



Watch the Welcome Video to students from President Armstrong.



# THANK YOU TO THE CITY OF FRESNO FAX DEPARTMENT FOR INSTALLING SHELTER BENCH AT BUS STOP ON INTERNATIONAL AVENUE

A big thank you to the FAX Department for installing a bench shelter at the bus stop on International Avenue next to the college. Now students have a bench to sit on while waiting for the bus.





#### **CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE AMAZING INSTRUCTORS**

Biology instructor **Lauren Schiebelhut** was recently quoted in a science article about the discovery of a marine pathogen. It is related to her research, and she was contacted as an expert on the topic. Read the article entitled, "Mysterious killer of sea stars finally identified."

Physics instructor **Dr. Nader (Nathan) Inan** co-authored a publication entitled, <u>"At the Edge of Uncertainty: Decoding the Cosmological</u> Constant Value with the Bose–Einstein Distribution."

Computer Science instructor **William Kerney** was recently elected President of the <u>ACM2Y</u>, which is the international computer science society's committee for instructors at the community college level. ACM2Y promotes computer science education at two-year colleges, host events and workshops for community college instructors, and provides an online community for instructors to discuss computer science education amongst themselves.

## CENTRAL VALLEY SBDC (SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER) HOSTS THE ANNUAL INDUSTRIOUS WOMEN'S SUMMIT AT CCC ON AUG 22

In partnership with the Better Business Bureau Pacific Southwest, Central and Inland Empire, the conference featured an inspiring keynote presentation, expert panels, and workshops where women business owners and employees gathered to discuss and



share leadership skills, best practices, and knowledge about operating a business. President Armstrong provided a welcome.

#### JOIN US FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS CEREMONY ON SEPTEMBER 5

The annual Scholarship Awards Ceremony is on Friday, September 5 at 6:00 p.m. at the Regency Event Center located at 1600 Willow Avenue in Clovis. We are looking forward to recognizing our amazing scholarship recipients at this event. The number of scholarships continues to rise each year, thanks to the generous donors of the "Clovis Crush Giving Day" fundraising event. In total, there are 185 scholarships to 147 students, totaling \$121,875.00.

#### HISPANIC HERITAGE CELEBRATION WITH NATIONAL SPEAKER DOLORES HUERTA SET FOR SEPTEMBER 8



For National Hispanic Heritage Month, we're celebrating with performances from the CCC

Music Department and Folklorico Club, and a Q&A hosted by the Latino Faculty and Staff Association. Special guest speaker will be Dolores Huerta. She is a prominent labor leader and civil rights activist who co-founded the United Farm Workers (UFW) with Cesar Chavez. She dedicated her life to improving the lives of farmworkers and advocating for social justice, particularly for women, immigrants, and the working poor. Huerta's activism began in the 1950s, and she has been instrumental in securing better working conditions, fair wages, and legal protections for farm workers. The event is Monday, September 8 from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. in AC1-150. It is **free and open to the public.** 

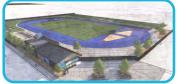
## WELCOME BLACK EVENT TO BE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 17

The Black/African American Student Engagement Program (BAASE) will host the kick-off reception for the Fall 2025 semester with an exciting and vibrant community event designed to connect, celebrate, and empower BAASE students.

### GROUNDBREAKING SET FOR OCTOBER 8 FOR THE NEW SPORTS COMPLEX

Work has begun on the ISE Diamond L.I.F.E. Sports Complex (Isaiah, Samuel, and Elijah, Learning Is for Everyone). The naming opportunity stems from a \$500,000 gift to the Athletics Program from Jami De La Cerda/Diamond Learning Center in October of 2024. The Groundbreaking for the Complex will be held on **Wednesday, October 8 from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.** at Clovis Community College.







#### **CRUSH ATHLETICS UPDATE**

- First home cross country meet 9/6 at 8:00 a.m. at Woodward Park.
- First home **men's soccer** match **8/29** at 4:00 p.m. v. Canada College.
- First home women's soccer match
   8/26 at 4:00 p.m. v. West Valley College.
- First volleyball match EVER 8/27 at 1:00 p.m. at Cerro Coso College.
- First home volleyball match 9/5 at 6:00 p.m. v. Cerro Coso College (Valley Athletics)

Bookmark <u>www.gocloviscrush.com</u> to stay updated on #GoCrush athletics.

View CCC events: Website Calendar
View event photos: Canto Photo Gallery