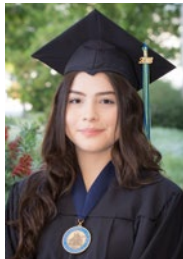




## COMMENCEMENT

The 3rd Annual Commencement was held on Friday, May 18 at CrossCity Church with nearly 300 students participating in the ceremony. This year, a record number of 1082 Associate Degrees and Certificates of Achievement were awarded.



### **Edna Rodriguez selected as the 2018 President's Award recipient:**

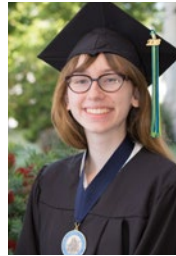
Edna Rodriguez was born in Fresno but moved to Mexico when she was very young. Her parents divorced when she was five and Edna moved back to the United States with her mother. Edna's mother is her greatest inspiration. Edna learned English as a second language and struggled with reading and writing throughout school. Still, Edna persevered. Edna is a first-generation Latina college student. Edna says her instructors were warm, funny, caring, and dedicated to their students. They inspired her to succeed. Edna's instructors say that she has grown from a quiet, unsure student to one who is strong-willed, solid, and a team player with a growing curiosity in academia who brings new Latina insights to course concepts. Edna earned an associate degree for transfer in communication studies and will transfer to Fresno State and major in communication.

### **Dean's Medal of Distinction Graduates:**



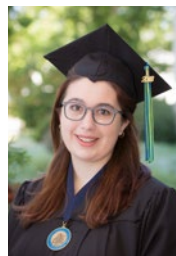
### **Anthony Aquino, Student Support Services:**

Anthony Aquino is the oldest of three children and the first in his family to ever attend college. Anthony took on an authoritative role at the young age of six after his father was incarcerated and he had to help his mother care for his younger siblings. Growing up, Anthony focused on school and playing baseball until he was old enough to start working. Anthony and his younger siblings were placed back in their father's care during high school. His father would drive him from Clovis all the way to Selma so Anthony could finish high school where he started. Anthony graduated with a 3.2 GPA and earned an associate degree for transfer in mathematics. In the fall, Anthony will either attend Cal Poly or Fresno State to continue his studies and become a civil engineer. Anthony is a true role model for his family, coworkers, and the community.



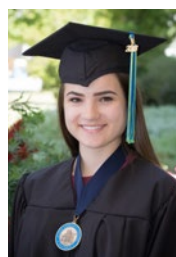
### **Marie Barr-Ramsey; Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics:**

Marie Barr-Ramsey has earned associate degrees for transfer in physics and in mathematics, and an associate degree in computer science, all while maintaining a 4.0 GPA. This fall she will attend the University of California, Berkeley as a joint-major in electrical engineering and computer science. Marie credits the science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) faculty for shaping her interests in STEM and a future career in engineering. In addition to course work, Marie has worked in the tutorial center and has served as an embedded tutor. Marie is a great example of how hard work and a positive attitude payoff in the end.



### **Julianna Sonkoly, Humanities, Social Sciences, and Athletics:**

Julianna Sonkoly is a first-generation college student, and a Leon S. Peters Honors student. Her 4.0 GPA has earned her a scholarship to the University of California, Santa Cruz where she will major in linguistics. Julianna has made an impact on Clovis Community College students by serving as a tutor in both the communication lab and the tutorial center. Her tutoring work led her to be a presenter at the Northern California Writing Centers Association (NCWCA) Writing Conference in Santa Clara where she spoke of the collaborative benefit of linking the communication lab with the tutorial center. Julianna earned an associate degree in communication studies, and thanks her professors Martinez and Ross for their guidance and support and encouragement while a student at Clovis Community College.



### **Alexa Perricone; Career Technical Education:**

Alexa Perricone is a native of Fresno and attended Clovis North High School. Now that Alexa has earned her associate degree, she is heading to her first transfer university choice—University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA). She is an economics major and plans to become a certified public accountant. Alexa participated in a school field trip to UCLA when she was in 6th grade, which made a lasting impression. It was then she set a goal to study hard to bring her dream to attend UCLA to fruition. Alexa earned an associate degree in business administration and economics. Alexa also volunteers with various community organizations in the Clovis area.



## ASSOCIATED STUDENT GOVERNMENT (ASG) OFFICERS ANNOUNCED

Congratulations to the new 2018-2019 ASG officers! They are listed below along with their major.

**President:** Damon Rapada, Healthcare Administration

**Vice President:** Dulce Garcia, Communication

**Student Trustee:** Hannah Miller, Business Administration

### Inter-Club Council

**President/Senator:** Adrienne Datiles, Biology

**Senators** include Nicole Convers, Elizabeth Crank, Dannya Enriquez, Elise Gonzalez, Clarissa Maloney, Armin Momen, and Oladapo Sangokoya.

## FACULTY & STAFF TEAM WORK UPDATES

The Testing Center is not just about placement testing. Teira Wilson and her team do an outstanding job and provide various services to help students succeed. The following tests were performed over the spring semester: 554 placement tests, 107 Disabled Student Programs & Services (DSP&S) tests, and 211 make-up tests.

The English and Reading Department hosted a three-day conference on campus May 22 through 24, for CCC adjunct English faculty to address AB 705 and the complexities of teaching the integrating reading and writing in the re-developed English courses.

Three chemistry students from Professor Derek Dormedy's class presented at the Central California Research Symposium at Fresno State on April 25. They presented on "Analysis of Surface and Ground Water Samples for Pharmaceuticals." Jameson Krauthammer, Jaskiran Ghuman, and Emily Sauls were excited to present at this prestigious conference.

CCC's math department was invited to participate in a national study. The math department will be included in Phase 2 of the National Transitioning Learners to Calculus in Community Colleges (TLC3) Study. The college was selected to participate because it excels in supporting underrepresented minority students in mathematics.

The college is preparing to implement the Guided Pathways program. Faculty and staff meetings have taken place to discuss the vision for year one and beyond. Efficient communication with students will be key for successful results. A proactive, streamlined, and engaged plan is being developed to provide additional pathways to employment, and improve graduation and transfer rates.

## CCC CHOSEN FOR OEI

CCC has been selected to participate in the California Community Colleges Online Education Initiative (OEI) Equity Cohort. This will positively impact the college's students as they will have access to a much wider array of online courses. CCC will also be able to showcase the high-quality online courses and instructors.

## SUCCESSFUL SWIM & DIVE SEASON



The Clovis Community College Swim and Dive Team competed in the California Community Colleges Athletic Association (CCCCAA) Championships May 3 through 5 at DeAnza College in Cupertino. The women finished in a school record 17th placed in the state, while the men equaled last year's placing with a 24th placed ranking. All four of the women's relays scored, with the women's 400 medley relay finishing in the highest spot, as Olivia Teliha, Hannah Carbajal, Trish Lucas, and Nicole Bruno combined to take the 11th place. Trish Lucas led the way individually with two finishes in finals, taking 5th in the 200 butterfly and 6th in the 400 individual medley. Jaylan Neal finished 6th in the men's 1m dive and 13th in the 3m. Also scoring in the top 16 were Kristina Copeland (women's 1650 freestyle), Jade Standing (women's 3m), and Jensen Wagenleitner (men's 1m). Lucas and Neal's finishes earned them CCCCCAA All American Status for their high places in each of their events. Lucas is finishing her 2nd year of eligibility and looking forward to representing the Fresno State Bulldog's Swim Team in the fall, while Neal is finishing his first year and looks to return to All American status next year for the Crush.