



## TEAM CCC CELEBRATES MILESTONES ON OPENING DAY AND PREPARES FOR 2018-2019 YEAR

President Bennett welcomed back faculty with an inspiring college update. CCC is now proudly serving nearly 12,000 students, participating in the State Online Education Initiative, and earned seven years accreditation reaffirmation. SCCCD Police Chief Jose Flores provided an emergency preparedness and situational awareness training. English Professor Jeff Burdick was presented with the annual President's "Crush" spirit award for his outstanding commitment and service to CCC by proudly representing the college at the state level on appointed educational boards. Faculty members were eager to attend workshops on student success initiatives, including a Guided Pathways interactive session led by Dean James Ortez.



## THE NEW "WELCOME CENTER" UNVEILED

The outreach and student success division is continually looking for ways to assist students and remove barriers to their success. Their latest project is the opening of a "Welcome Center" located next to the lobby in AC1. This repurposed conference room is centrally located, highly visible and permanently open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. It is staffed by student ambassadors and student success coaches Sasha Fisher and Nate Saari and offers various services including adding or dropping classes, college resources, and application assistance.



## THE "CRUSH" FOOD PANTRY NOW OPEN

Faculty, staff and students worked hard over the summer to ensure the food pantry would be ready for the fall semester. The food pantry is available to all CCC students at the main campus and the Herndon campus. This project was made possible with the support and help of the Central California Food Bank. Students have visited the food pantry and are very appreciative of this new program.

## ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP CEREMONY ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

The annual Scholarship Awards Ceremony will be held on Friday, September 7 beginning at 6:00 p.m. at CCC in AC1-150. Nearly 100 scholarships will be awarded to students totaling approximately \$62,000. Following the success of the first annual "Clovis Crush Giving Day" in November 2017, many more scholarships will be awarded this year.

## FRIENDLY FACES OFFER HELP TO NEW AND RETURNING STUDENTS DURING "WELCOME WEEK"

Student ambassadors and ASG members spent the first week of the semester hosting "Welcome Week" tables throughout campus. New students could easily access campus information including maps, shuttle schedules, and food options including hours for the "Crush" Café and the food trucks schedule. In addition, the annual Club Rush event provided students an opportunity to learn about CCC's clubs and organizations, ways to get involved, and make new friends.

## SUICIDE PREVENTION RESOURCES OFFERED ON NEW "CRUSH" STUDENT ID CARD

The Suicide Prevention Lifeline 800 number and texting number is now printed on the back of the student ID card. These lifeline numbers are free to access and available 24 hours per day and seven days per week.



## **FRESNO AND CLOVIS PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION FREE TO CCC STUDENTS**

Students have been boarding the new shuttle van with service to and from River Park to Clovis Community College. The service is free to students with a student ID card. Thank you to the City of Fresno transportation department for providing this shuttle to CCC at no charge. The student ID card also allows students to ride the City of Fresno FAX bus and Clovis Roundup Transit bus for free.

## **CONGRATULATIONS TRUSTEE DEBORAH IKEDA**

A “Crush” congratulations to SCCC Trustee Deborah Ikeda! She was recognized for her outstanding community service and contributions at the National Women’s Political Caucus of Fresno 2018 Women’s Equality Day dinner on August 16. President Bennett was thrilled to attend this event to congratulate CCC’s first president.

## **PRESIDENT BENNETT PROVIDES COLLEGE UPDATE TO THE FRESNO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

On August 21, President Bennett provided a college update to the Fresno County Board of Supervisors. Key points covered included CCC’s rapid student growth, new CTE programs, and community partnerships.

## **“ON COURSE” WORKSHOPS CONTINUE TO SUPPORT STUDENT SUCCESS**

Over the past several years, CCC has truly embraced the “On Course” principles as a means of supporting student success. Over 100 faculty, staff, students, and administrators have participated. CCC will host two “On Course” workshops in September. The first, “Staying On Course in a Diverse World,” directly supports the college’s goal of closing achievement gaps. Participants will have the opportunity to increase their own awareness about concepts related to cultural and learning diversity through discussion and interaction, as well as to identify the conditions and strategies necessary to create relevant and engaging lessons that enable diverse students to learn well together. The second, “On Course for Online Instructors,” is yet another step CCC is taking to ensure the college’s distance education classes maintain success rates equal to those of face-to-face classes.

Thank you to faculty member Ann Brandon for her leadership on this important project.

## **CONGRATULATIONS TO DANIEL GUTIERREZ AND LINDA GARCIA**

Spanish instructor Daniel Gutierrez and A/R evaluator Linda Garcia participated in the inaugural cohort of the Central Valley Latino Leadership Academy which took place over the summer. SCCC is a proud sponsor of the program, which helped participants analyze and elevate their personal and collective leadership potential with the ultimate goal of serving on local, county or state boards and commissions. A special ceremony was held on August 13 to recognize all of the graduates.

## **CRUSH ATHLETICS**

The men’s and women’s soccer teams are ready for the 3rd season. Staff, faculty, students, and families are ready to cheer on the team at upcoming home games. The inaugural cross country team has been running up and down the hills at Woodward Park preparing for their first meet in September. All athletic schedules are available on [gocloviscrush.com](http://gocloviscrush.com).

## **#LIVELIKEMOLLY WEEK CELEBRATES THE LIFE OF THE LATE MOLLY GRIFFIN WITH VARIOUS ACTS OF KINDNESS**

On February 21, 2015, former Clovis Community College student Molly Griffin was tragically killed by a drunk driver at the young age of 23. Molly, who was a nurse, was an incredible young woman who had a passion for doing random acts of kindness. Molly was born on August 26th which is why CCC has selected the third week in August to spread kindness throughout the community. #LiveLikeMolly campus activities included a book donation drive, blood drive, a presentation with Molly’s mother—Doris Griffin, CycleBar exercise ride, and volunteer opportunities with Habitat for Humanity of Fresno.

## **CTE MECHATRONICS LAB NOW COMPLETE AT THE HERNDON CAMPUS**

The new mechatronics industrial automation lab houses the latest state-of-the-art equipment at the Herndon campus. Students are learning the skills to work as a technician maintaining electrical, mechanical, computer and control systems. Industrial automation jobs pay well and are in high demand in the Central Valley. Instructor Matthew Graff continues to work with local manufacturers on job placement and program content for this new CTE program.

## **UPCOMING CCC EVENTS**