



## INAUGURAL PRESIDENT'S BREAKFAST A CRUSHING SUCCESS!



Elected officials, business owners, community leaders, staff, students, and faculty attended the Inaugural President's Breakfast at the Clovis Veterans Memorial District on September 19. Dignitaries in attendance included City of Fresno Mayor, Lee Brand; City of Clovis Mayor, Bob Whalen; Fresno State President, Dr. Joseph Castro; and Fresno Pacific University President, Dr. Joseph Jones. President Bennett highlighted the growing, rich diversity of students enrolling at CCC over a 6-year period and an almost 100% increase of degrees and certificates awarded from 2017 to 2018. She celebrated CCC's number one ranking in educational goal completion rates for the Central Valley region, and their recognition as Champions of Higher Education for their exemplary work in awarding associated degrees for transfer.

ASG President Damon Rapada shared a wonderful story about his positive experiences at CCC, while Communications Instructor Anna Martinez delivered an inspiring "Once upon a time...", sharing real-life stories of how faculty and staff go above and beyond to help students succeed at CCC.

[Read All About The Inaugural President's Breakfast](#)



Later that day, Dr. Bennett attended the State of Fresno County luncheon, including a VIP reception with Chairman Sal Quintero, organized by the Fresno Chamber of Commerce.



## CITY OF FRESNO FIRE CHIEF SERVES AS PATRIOT DAY SPEAKER

Staff, faculty, and students were proud to observe Patriot Day, the National Day of Service and Remembrance, honoring the lives lost in the September 11, 2001 attacks with their attendance at a special wreath-laying ceremony where the City of Fresno Fire Chief, Kerri Donis, served as the guest speaker.

## MEXICAN INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATIONS

This festive celebration on campus included dancers and delicious food. Caporales De Fresno brought their charros (horses) for a special performance for all to enjoy. Later that day, Dr. Bennett attended the community celebration at People's Church, organized by the Office of the Mexican Consulate David Preciado.



### CCC OUTREACH

The outreach team was excited to share information with future Crush students at the annual College Night event on September 12, organized by the Fresno County Superintendent of Schools; and the Central California Women's Conference on September 25.

### "CHALK IT OUT" FOR MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS

This annual event was held September 12 and provided students, staff and faculty an opportunity to "chalk" positive messages of hope to help anyone who may be struggling with mental health issues. The event was organized by the Health Services department and the Active Minds Club.

### TRANSFER DAY

Over 50 colleges, universities, and organizations will be in attendance at the Transfer Day event Monday, October 1. Transfer Day provides students an opportunity to network and research transfer opportunities and programs. There will be workshops in the afternoon including the Historically Black Colleges and Universities Transfer Pathways, and a pre-nursing forum where students can learn about the Central Valley nursing programs.

### COMPUTER SCIENCE STUDENTS SERVE AS PEER REVIEWERS FOR SIG CSE CONFERENCE

Students in the Computer Science 26 class participated in the peer review process by volunteering, outside of class time, to read papers for the upcoming SigCSE (Special Interest Group Computer Science Education) conference. Instructor Bill Kearney has worked with the conference for the past three semesters and says students enjoy the opportunity to review papers related to the computer science industry.

### THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT OPERATOR CERTIFICATE PROGRAM DELIVERS JOBS!

It is exciting to see students offered jobs immediately after completing their certificates from the Career Technical Education program. Two students were recently hired by companies in the Central Valley, providing them excellent career opportunities: Derrick Nguyen was hired by the Selma-Kingsburg-Fowler Wastewater plant and Agustin Gomez began working for Ruiz Foods, Inc. in July.

### CCC TO HOST THE ANNUAL SCCC HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELOR CONFERENCE

The annual SCCC High School Counselor Conference will be held on Tuesday, October 2 at the Clovis campus. This is a district-wide event that gives high school counselors throughout the Central Valley an opportunity to learn more about each of the SCCC campuses and centers. Various workshops will be offered, including a special pre-conference session for counselors that are new to the SCCC's Reg-To-Go program.

### "CAN-INNOVATE" COMES TO CCC

CCC is one of five community colleges out of the state selected to participate as a hub for the "Can-Innovate" virtual conference, which is part of the Online Education Initiative. The conference will be held October 26. CCC was selected due to the hard work of Teresa Ishigaki and Tracy Stuntz. The "Can-Innovate" virtual conference engages faculty, staff, and administrators in a day-long learning exchange about supporting student success with Canvas, the California Community Colleges' common course management system. Sessions are free and open to the general public.

### CRUSH ATHLETICS

The Crush Athletic Teams are off to a great start this season. The men's soccer team has won two games and tied one, scoring four goals in total. The women's soccer team won five games and tied two, scoring 24 goals overall. The cross-country team participated in its first state meet on September 8 at Woodward Park. Upcoming meets include regionals in Bakersfield on September 21 and Monterey on September 28. All athletic schedules are available on [gocloviscrush.com](http://gocloviscrush.com).

### UPCOMING CCC EVENTS

