



SPRING 2019 OPENING DAY SUCCESSFUL AND PRODUCTIVE



On January 10 President Bennett shared student success stories, accomplishments and 2019 goals. Faculty and staff also heard updates about student services, technology services, career technical education, and accreditation. Reading Instructor Ann Brandon led an interactive discussion on the “On Course” values and their implementation throughout CCC. CCC student Jacqueline Sanders shared her story of success and thanked faculty and staff for creating a welcoming environment. Outreach team members Sasha Fisher, Isaac Reyna, and Nate Saari provided an update on the new Welcome Center. Student ambassadors cheerfully answered over 4,000 calls last semester.

Dr. James Ortez, Liz Romero, and Tasha Hutchings provided an update on Guided Pathways. The new Guided Pathways committee will promote a college-wide understanding of the program and make recommendations on college-wide guided pathways planning. The two new Guided Pathways co-coordinators are Cynthia Elliott and Kirtley King.

THE CCC “CRUSH” GUIDED PATHWAYS PLAN SEEKS TO:

- Clarify the Path
- Reach the Path
- Understand the Path
- Stay on the Path
- Have High Expectations



In the afternoon, attendees were excited to hear the positive news from Dr. Parnell on the nearly 30 new positions allocated to CCC.



PRESIDENT BENNETT HONORED TO SERVE AS KEYNOTE SPEAKER AT THE REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. OPENING GARLANDING CEREMONY ON JANUARY 18 AT COURTHOUSE PARK IN DOWNTOWN FRESNO

The theme for this year’s event was “Fulfilling the Dream with Informed Action.” Attendees included elected officials, community leaders, and students from King Elementary School in Fresno. President Bennett spoke about CCC’s mission of “Creating Opportunities, One Student at a Time,” and how that aligns with Dr. King’s vision of fairness and equity for all students. View the video of her speech on the college’s Facebook page.

In addition, CCC was represented at the annual City of Clovis Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. community breakfast hosted by the City of Clovis Police Department.



CRUSH SWIM & DIVE TEAM READY TO DIVE INTO 4TH SEASON

With 12 student athletes on the men's team and 13 student athletes on the women's team we look forward to a successful season. A former Crush swimmer, Patricia "Trish" Lucas, made a splash in the Division I scene this year, earning a spot on the Fresno State Bulldogs roster and becoming one of their most stable influences in the 400 individual medley and 200 butterfly. Trish earned California Community College Athletic Association (CCCCAA) All-America status in both events last year with the Crush, and was also named the Bay Valley Conference Women's Swimmer of the Year!

This year, we are proud to return six women's state qualifiers and two men's qualifiers. Our returning male diver, Jaylan Neal, finished 6th at the CCCCCAA State Championship in the 1m springboard diving event and looks to return to his CCCCCAA All-American list. Our other male CCCCCAA state returnee, Dante Ramos, finished 6th at the State Championship in 2017. After a red-shirt year, he is poised to come back to the podium at the CCCCCAA championships in the distance freestyle events. After our women swept all five relays at the BVC Championships last year and qualified for state in every relay, six of our women are returning to repeat the trend. We also added three first year female student athletes who have best times that exceed our team records in many events. Freshmen, Dani Denton (Reedley HS), Helen Harris (Clovis North HS), and Samantha Rockey (Yosemite HS) all look to lead our lady Crush swim team to the next level.

We are also looking forward to partnering with Fresno City College to host the two day "Ram-Crush Invitational" at Clovis North High School on Friday and Saturday, February 22-23, which will bring teams from as far away as Southern California (Pasadena City) and the Bay Area (Diablo Valley). We hope that this will become a premier event for CCCCCAA schools to come together in the Central Valley to compete at our excellent venue.

View the schedule [here](#), which includes two home swim meets. Keep up with the news and results for the season at gocloviscrush.com.

FIRST WEEK OF THE SPRING SEMESTER OFFERS WELCOME BOOTHS AT THE MAIN CAMPUS AND HERNDON CAMPUS

CCC Associated Student Government (ASG), staff, and student ambassadors set up several booths to welcome students during the first week of classes. Resources available at the booths included campus maps, pencils, hot chocolate, and a mobile print station to print class schedules. The booths were designed to help alleviate student stress and anxiety during the first week of the semester. In addition, fliers were distributed letting students know about the various programs and services available at the college. This semester, the student ambassadors will produce a short video that will be posted on CCC's social media every Monday. The video will offer helpful information about CCC programs and resources.

PRESIDENT BENNETT SHARES 2018 HIGHLIGHTS AND 2019 GOALS WITH THE CLOVIS ROUNDUP COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER

View the video story [here](#) on the Clovis Roundup Community Newspaper Facebook page

GOVERNANCE HANDBOOK UPDATE

A college council ad hoc group will review the Governance Handbook this spring and make a recommendation to college council on additional revisions. In January and February, all councils, committees and advisory groups will review their operating agreements for updates and revisions. The Governance Handbook will be completed by the end of April.

EXTREME REGISTRATION ON JANUARY 4 AND 5 DRAWS NEW CCC STUDENTS

The one-stop shop event helped students register and access a variety of resources all at one location. The CCC student ambassadors and staff worked one-on-one with the new students and prepared them for the first day of classes on January 14. Attendees enrolled in a variety of classes, including many career tech education classes.

CCC SPRING 2019 ACTIVITIES

Associated Student Government (ASG) and co-curricular clubs at CCC are actively organizing for the semester and getting ready for upcoming events. National speaker Dr. Chike Akua will serve as a guest speaker on February 25 for African American history month.

UPCOMING CCC EVENTS