



## 2ND PRESIDENT'S BREAKFAST A CRUSHING SUCCESS

Elected officials, business owners, community leaders, staff, students, and faculty attended the 2nd annual President's Breakfast at the Clovis Veterans Memorial District on September 24. President Bennett had lots of [good news](#) to share. Across all 115 California Community Colleges, Clovis Community College ranked:

- #1 for the number of transfer students to UCs and CSUs (per 1,000 students)
- #1 in Associate Degrees for Transfer earned (compared to similarly sized community colleges)
- #1 in Associate Degrees earned with the fewest units accumulated by students

We are extremely proud to provide the academic excellence that supports such high levels of student achievement. In addition, CCC earned the ["2019 Champion for Higher Education"](#) recognition from the Campaign for College Opportunity for the second year in a row! [Media coverage and photos of the 2nd annual President's Breakfast](#)

## CCC GRAD, ARTURO SANCHEZ, FEATURED IN CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES NEWSLETTER

Arturo Sanchez was highlighted in the [September "Faces of our Community" newsletter](#). It showcases students or alums who have unique backgrounds, interesting stories, and outstanding academic achievement.



## TWO CCC FACULTY GRADUATE FROM THE CENTRAL VALLEY LATINO LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

Communication Instructor Stephanie Briones and Dean of Instruction Dr. James Orteza graduated from this prestigious program on October 9. Ms. Briones was excited to participate since CCC is a Hispanic-serving institution and she wants to continue to be an active leader for the Latino students. She plans to help recruit more Latino students to the Leon S. Peters Honors program and start a Latino student association. Dr. Orteza participated to re-engage and explore his "why" in all that he has accomplished over the years. He is passionate about sharing his stories with others on similar paths and enjoys the engagement and collaboration with fellow leaders.



## CCC HONORED TO HOST MS. ELA GANDHI

On October 14, nearly 300 students, staff, and community members gathered in the Forum Hall to listen to [Ms. Ela Gandhi](#). Ms. Gandhi, a peace activist and granddaughter of Mahatma Gandhi, spoke about power, peace, and transformation in the 21st century.



### CCC PARTICIPATES IN UNDOCUMENTED STUDENT ACTION WEEK

Undocumented Student Action Week, October 14-18, is a system-wide campaign to advocate and provide support resources for our undocumented student population. The CCC Counseling department partnered with student activities and financial aid to offer activities during the Student Action Week. Webinars were offered on Tuesday and Thursday and a student “meet and greet” took place on Wednesday. CCC students, staff and faculty signed posters in support of undocumented students.



### BIOLOGY INSTRUCTOR, DR. ROSA ALCAZAR, DEVELOPS PRESTIGIOUS PARTNERSHIP AND SERVES AS A SPEAKER AT THE FORD FELLOW CONFERENCE

The partnership with Carnegie Institution and Johns Hopkins University (JHU) provides student access to scientific data. The partnership with C-MOOR (the Carnegie Massive Open Online Research platform developed by Carnegie and JHU) provides biology students access to real data, analytical tools, and an opportunity to develop a research project proposal. The goal is to lower the barrier between data science careers and first-generation college students by increasing familiarity with the scientific process and the methods used by scientists for data interpretation. In addition, on October 4 Dr. Alcazar served as a speaker at the 2019 Conference of Ford Fellows in Puerto Rico. Dr. Alcazar received the prestigious Ford Postdoctoral Fellowship award in 2013, and now works to support, guide, and encourage the new cohort of Ford Foundation Fellows.

### TRANSFER DAY

Over 50 colleges, universities, and organizations participated at the Transfer Day event October 2. Transfer Day provides students an opportunity to network and research transfer opportunities. Workshops included the Historically Black Colleges and Universities transfer pathways and the pre-health transfer programs.

### 3RD ANNUAL #CLOVISCrushGIVING DAY IS DECEMBER 3



The 3rd annual one-day online fundraising campaign will be held on Tuesday, December 3, as part of #GivingTuesday. All funds will be used solely for scholarships, the “Crush” food pantry, and the soccer field & track. This year’s fundraising goal is \$25,000. Participation details coming soon.

### CCC “CRUSH” OUTREACH

The outreach team was excited to share information with future Crush students at the annual Career Tech Expo, on October 16, organized by the Fresno County Superintendent of Schools. They also hosted an informational booth at the Feria de Educación event on October 5 at Fresno State.

### NATIONAL “TRUTH INITIATIVE” TOUR STOPS AT CCC ON SEPTEMBER 25

CCC received a grant from the [Truth Initiative](#) to hire two student workers to provide various outreach to students, faculty, and staff about the dangers of tobacco use. Throughout this year, the students drafted a policy for a smoke-free campus and introduced the idea to students and staff in a way that does not cause smokers to feel judged or targeted. In fact, many smokers participated in recent meetings. CCC is slated to become a smoke-free campus in June of 2020. Learn more and watch the [ABC 30 news coverage](#) of the event.

### CRUSH ATHLETICS

We are very proud of our student athletes for working hard in the classroom and on the field. The men’s soccer team is 10-3-3 and women’s is 4-6-2. At the recent cross-country invitational, women placed 3rd and men placed 4th. Full schedule and results at [GoClovisCrush.com](#)

### ROCKIN’ GOOD TIME AT ROCKTOBERFEST ON OCTOBER 9

The annual Rocktoberfest celebration featured an ability awareness fair, job fair, food trucks, and live music. Hundreds of students visited the various booths for information and resources.

### UPCOMING CCC EVENTS