



## COLLEGE PLANNING

The Enrollment Management Plan 2021-2024 is being reviewed by the constituent groups. The Enrollment Management Plan is a three-year college operational plan that supports the District Strategic Plan, College Educational Master Plan, and College Strategic Plan. The Strategic Plan Community Town Hall was held on March 10. Attendees included community members from the business, government, education, and health sectors. Special guests included City of Clovis Mayor Drew Bessinger and SCCC Trustee Debbie Ikeda. We received valuable feedback to help us further grow our community partnerships.

## COMMENCEMENT UPDATE

Clovis Community College has been working through different scenarios for commencement options to ensure the safety of everyone involved. On April 27, if Fresno County is in the red tier, an in-person, socially distanced event will take place on campus outside on the soccer field. The event will span over several days and students will have an appointment time to walk across the stage and take photos with family members. If Fresno County is in the purple tier on April 27 (or returns to purple before the ceremony date), a virtual ceremony will take place instead. In either case, all 2020 and 2021 graduates are invited to participate.

## PRESIDENT BENNETT MEETS WITH CITY OF FRESNO MAYOR JERRY DYER

President Dr. Bennett, SCCC Trustee Debbie Ikeda, and Executive Director of Public and Legislative Relations Lucy Ruiz met with Mayor Jerry Dyer on March 11. Mayor Dyer shared his goals and Dr. Bennett highlighted programs that support his goals, including the various CTE and associate degree programs that help improve the economic vitality of the region.

## CCC'S COMMITMENT TO DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION

Clovis Community College stands in solidarity with those fighting for equality and racial justice and in doing so, we affirm our commitment to identifying, addressing, and eliminating all forms of racism and ethnic biases. Letters from President Dr. Bennett and resources are posted on the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion [website](#).

Also, [join us as Dr. Anthony Ocampos speaks on "The Latinos of Asia: How Filipino Americans Break the Rules of Race"](#) on Thursday, April 8, in honor of Asian American/Pacific Islander Heritage Month.

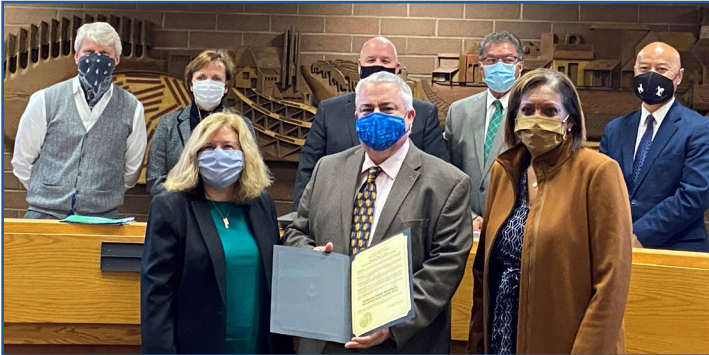
## STEM EXPLORATION ACADEMY (SEA) UPDATE FROM STEPHANIE BRIONES, PROJECT DIRECTOR FOR TITLE V PODER GRANT

The Title V PODER Grant (Providing Opportunities Designed to Educate and Recognize) will increase the number of degrees and certificates in STEM disciplines amongst Latinx and low-income students. CCC is proud to be a Hispanic Serving Institution, and this grant will allow additional outreach to Latinx students. The college is working with employers, local K-12 districts, and four-year universities to develop additional strategies to increase course success for Latinx students. The STEM Exploration Academy (SEA) is open to Latinx 10th graders within Clovis Unified School District and starts June 14 through July 9. STEM activities include classes at InnovEd and the College Success INTDS 50 course. Thank you Stephanie Briones for your leadership on this very important project. She is a recent graduate of the [Central Valley Latino Leadership Academy \(CVLLA\)](#) and spoke to [ABC 30](#) about how her experience in the program inspired her to lead the Title V PODER grant. SCCC is a proud sponsor of the CVLLA.



## APRIL IS OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANT (OTA) MONTH

The OTA program students have successfully completed their first course covering kinesiology and applied biomechanics as related to movement in human occupations. The students learned about movement through a hands-on project of building muscles and placing them on skeletons. A mini grant from the State Center Community College Foundation was used to purchase the skeleton models. The students are working on the pediatrics course and will start their first fieldwork experiences in April (following social distancing protocols.)



### MARCH IS NATIONAL SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER (SBDC) MONTH

CCC is proud to host the [Valley Community SBDC](#).

Congratulations to Rich Mostert and his team as they continue to serve students, entrepreneurs, and small business owners looking for help to start, grow, expand, or strengthen their businesses. Proclamations were presented to Rich Mostert from the City of Clovis, City of Fresno, County of Tulare, Assemblyman Jim Patterson, and Senator Andreas Borgeas. Also, on March 25, Rich presented at the "Transform Fresno" annual summit. Rich served on a panel promoting services available to entrepreneurs and start-up businesses. This wonderful opportunity was a result of Rich's active role with the Fresno4Biz partnership. The Valley Community SBDC helps small businesses access federal funds and learn about government contracting, the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP), loan forgiveness, and reopening guidelines. [This video](#) highlights Valley Community's SBDC 2020 accomplishments.

### DR. ALEX ADAMS SELECTED TO SERVE ON THE CENTRAL VALLEY HIGHER EDUCATION CONSORTIUM (CVHEC) TASKFORCE ON EQUITY, RACE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

Dr. Alex Adams, Director of Institutional Research, Evaluation and Planning, joins the new taskforce along with members representing 29 other colleges in a nine-county region. The taskforce will assess and recommend actions for its member institutions. Recommendations will be presented at the CVHEC summit this fall. Congratulations Dr. Adams!

### CELEBRATING WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

Students and employees were excited to participate in events for Women's History Month.

On March 23, the ASG hosted Poetry Night. Attendees read their favorite poems and shared stories about influential women in their lives. On March 25, the Tutorial Center's service project collected various items for victims of domestic violence for the Marjaree Mason Center. On March 26, Dolores Huerta spoke in honor of Cesar Chavez Day. She spoke about immigration, women's rights, and LGBTQ equality.

### COUNSELING TEAM ALWAYS SUCCESSFULLY SERVES OUR STUDENTS

Our counselors are busy making phone calls to students who qualify for their degree but have not yet applied it. One counselor reached out to an older student and when she heard the good news, she was in tears on the phone and expressed her appreciation for the personal phone call.

### FOUR CCC STUDENTS EARN A "LIVE YOUR DREAM" SCHOLARSHIP FROM THE SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF CLOVIS

On February 18, President Dr. Bennett was honored to participate in the virtual celebration awards event. Four dedicated students earned \$1,000.00 each. One of the four recipients, Ms. Manami Futija, also earned the first place for the regional Soroptimist International scholarship program and received an additional \$5,000.00. Manami came to the United States from Japan and soon found herself on her own with a young son. She is working hard and going to school to make a better life for her son. Read more in the [Clovis Roundup newspaper article](#).

### CRUSH ATHLETES NOMINATED FOR CCCAA SCHOLAR ATHLETES

Chloe Telian and Christopher Watkins were both selected as CCC's nominees for the CCCAA Female and Male Scholar-Athlete. They were chosen for their positive character and strong leadership demonstrated while being a CCC student-athlete, as well as their high academic-achievement and commitment to service in our community and beyond.

Chloe competed in two seasons for our Women's Swim & Dive team, contributing to our Bay Valley Conference Championship title in 2019 for Women's Swim & Dive. She has earned multiple Dean's List recognitions and will complete her second associate degree this semester. Ms. Telian will transfer to a 4-year university to pursue a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing.



Christopher competed in two seasons for our Men's Cross-Country team. He completed the Fire Academy at Fresno City College and has spent the past six months performing the critical work of combatting the forest fires across California. Christopher will continue his work in the forest fire industry and transfer to a 4-year university to earn a bachelor's degree in Business Administration. Christopher was

selected as CVC's Male Scholar Athlete of the Year and will be receiving Scholar Athlete of the Year – Honor Roll recognition by the CCCAA at their virtual conference in late March.