



### CCC BREAKS GROUND FOR THE NEW APPLIED TECH BUILDING

On May 2, we held our groundbreaking event for the new building. It was a huge success with over 75 attendees including:

- Chancellor Dr. Carole Goldsmith
- Retired Chancellor Dr. Bill Stewart
- SCCCD Trustees Debbie Ikeda, Magdalena Gomez, Nasreen Johnson, Bobby Kahn, and Danielle Parra
- City of Clovis Councilmember Vong Mouanoutoua
- Jim Yovino, Fresno County Superintendent of Schools
- Dr. Eimear O'Brien, Clovis Unified School District Superintendent
- Shannon Major, Office of Senator Andreas Borgeas
- Adriana Soto Alvarez, Office of Senator Melissa Hurtado
- Dan Moreno, Office of Assemblymember Jim Patterson
- Clovis Community College faculty, staff, and students.

A big THANK YOU to Stephanie Babb for planning the groundbreaking, and to our student ambassadors, custodians, IT staff, administrative support staff, and the district PIO team for making this a successful event.

### CARLOS ALEXANDER BRITO EARNS THE 2022 PRESIDENT'S MEDAL OF DISTINCTION



The President's Medal is given to a student who has demonstrated leadership at the college, given back to the college or community, and still maintained high academic achievement during their time at Clovis Community College.

Carlos is a student of integrity, respect, and patience and it is clearly exhibited through

his work as a Student Ambassador at Clovis Community College. Carlos has excelled in the college's Student Ambassador program by helping plan and execute many college-outreach activities and retention strategies. He was able to use his creativity to assist the Outreach department in developing ideas and plans that help foster overall student success. His organization and personable qualities make him an incredible asset to the Student Ambassador program.



### CCC HOLDS AMAZING IN-PERSON COMMENCEMENT ON MAY 20. PROUD OF OUR "CRUSH" GRADUATES!

Nearly 400 graduates participated in the 7th Annual Commencement Ceremony on May 20 at Clovis Community College. It was a memorable event for everyone. About 1,278 students are eligible for degree/certificate conferral which are being processed by Admissions and Records. In many cases, graduating students earn more than one degree so CCC will award approximately 3,215 degrees and certificates for the 2021-22 academic year. [View](#) the photos from the May 20 commencement along with other program ceremonies including Leon S. Peters, Occupational Therapy Assistant, Athletics, Early Childhood Development, and TRIO/EOPS/CalWORKS.

Thank you to our dedicated student services for work with the degree/certificate process and with commencement.

#### **Students included in this group are:**

- 66 Summa Cum Laude (4.0 GPA)
- 356 Magna Cum Laude (3.50-3.99 GPA)
- 422 Cum Laude (3.00-3.49 GPA)
- 49 Leon S. Peters Honors Program
- 15 Veteran Students



## CCC CONTINUES TO BE #1 IN THE STATE FOR TRANSFER



Clovis continues to shine in our efforts to help our students continue to achieve their higher education goals! According to the latest Student Success Metrics data from the California Community College Chancellor's Office, Clovis Community College is:

- #1 in California for students' rate of transfer to a 4-year institution
- #1 in California for students' rate of transfer to a CSU or UC
- #1 in California for Latinx students' rate of transfer to a 4-year institution
- #1 in California for First Generation students' rate of transfer to a 4-year institution
- #2 in California for Perkins Economically Disadvantaged students' rate of transfer to a 4-year institution.

All the above metrics are for students who transferred from the 2019-20 graduating class. Thanks to the Clovis research team, who work tirelessly to provide helpful and accurate data to our college: Ryan Feyk-Miney, Michelle Johnson, Kaye Reynolds, and Summer Al Hamdani.

## DEAN'S MEDAL OF DISTINCTION

The Dean's Medal of Distinction is given to one graduating student from each division who has distinguished themselves by their perseverance, the quality of their work, and their positive impact on the campus.

### Heidi Layne Ecker, Humanities, Social Sciences, and Athletics



Staff Sergeant Heidi Ecker was an airman in the US Air Force. Heidi served 15 years, did tours in Iraq and Afghanistan, and is a combat veteran. Heidi is an integral part of our Veteran's Center, helping veterans register for courses and directing them to the services they may need. She also serves as a peer mentor for other veteran students and earned a 3.8 GPA.

### Tomas Arturo Garcia-Gallardo, Student Services



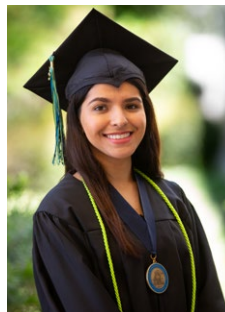
Tomas Garcia was born in Tijuana, Mexico, and moved to California at the age of two. He spent his early years in South Central, Los Angeles before settling in the Central Valley. As a first-generation college student, Tomas has worked as a field hand, a barista, and more recently as a server. He is graduating from CCC with 4 degrees.

### George Mo, Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM)



A Clovis East graduate, George began his Clovis Community College career fully online during COVID. He credits his professors with being instrumental in creating community while everything was remote. As our college re-opened, George became involved with the tutorial center where he quickly became a favored tutor for STEM students.

### Estefania Ponce, Student Services



Estefania, like many graduating seniors in 2020 had different thoughts about what it would be like going to college as an incoming freshman. However, the infamous COVID 19 had different plans. Working fully online was very difficult. Four years prior to this, Estefania's father passed away and she was still working through that loss.

### Jessica Cristina Wright, Career Technical Education



Earning an AA in Social Science and an associate degree for transfer in Business. With an overall 3.55 GPA, Jessica is a model of inspiration, perseverance, and tenacity. At the end of 2018, Jessica moved to Fresno to flee a domestic violence situation. She experienced several challenges including single parenting, homelessness, and unemployment.

[Read the full bios for the honorees.](#)