



HONORED TO HOLD PRIDE FLAG RAISING CEREMONY ON JUNE 9

CCC hosted a Pride Flag Raising Ceremony and all were welcome to attend. CCC is committed to diversity, equity, and inclusion and is proud to celebrate Pride Month and display



the Pride Flag. On behalf of Dr. Bennett, faculty, and staff, VP Marco De La Garza welcomed everyone; Isaac Reyna, Outreach Specialist, shared the history of Pride Month and the

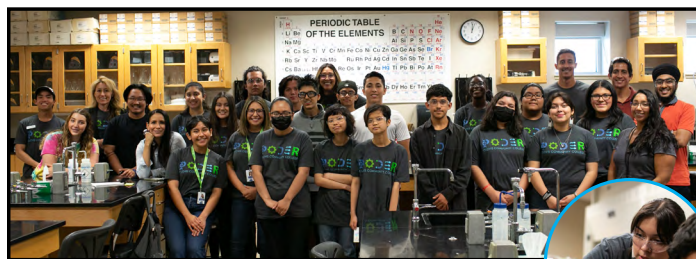
significance of the Pride flag; and we heard from members of the Gay-Straight Alliance Club, including Morgan, a student and advocate, who shared her personal transgender journey. [KSEE24 interviewed](#) Geology Instructor and Co-Chair of the Gay-Straight Alliance Club, Michelle Selvans, on this special day. The college welcomes and supports LGBTQ+ employees, students and community and offers various Safe Space Ally trainings throughout the year. The goal of these training is to increase participants' awareness in making the college campus a safe, welcoming environment for students and employees who are LGBTQ+. The [Library Summer Newsletter](#) features books for the Pride Month.

BIOLOGY INSTRUCTOR, DR. ROSA ALCAZAR, PRESENTS AT NATIONAL SEMINAR

On June 10, Dr. Alcazar presented "Creating a Just Genomic Data Science Community by Providing Resources at Community Colleges." The event was hosted by The National Institutes of Health (NIH) Office of Data Science Strategy. Many attendees participated in the Zoom seminar and enjoyed hearing about Genomic data science, which has become foundational to modern biology research.

READY, SET, ENROLL FOR THE FALL SEMESTER

Marketing plans are underway to promote the [Virtual Extreme Registration](#) on Wednesdays in July, In-Person Extreme Registration on July 29/30, and general registration for the [fall semester](#). Counselors are excited to meet with students and share the various programs and resources available to help them achieve their educational goals.



VARIOUS MEDIA COVERAGE TO HIGHLIGHT THE STEM SUMMER EXPLORATION ACADEMY

The STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) Summer Exploration Academy (SEA) kicked off on June 13 with incoming high school juniors and seniors from Clovis Unified School District. This wonderful 5-week program is free to students and is through the Title V grant to help Latinx and low-income students succeed in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM). A variety of media outlets reported on this exciting initiative:

- * [Clovis Community College Educates Through Summer at SEA \(Clovis Roundup\)](#)
- * [Clovis Community College offers free STEM courses to Clovis high school students \(ABC30\)](#)
- * [KSEE24 News Video](#)
- * [CBS Morning Show interview with Gabrielle Ramirez](#)
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K-16 COLLABORATIVE GRANT STRENGTHENS PARTNERSHIP

The K-16 Collaborative awarded CCC an opportunity to strengthen our intersegmental partnerships and to implement innovative educational strategies to increase student interest in pursuing higher education and STEM teaching. CCC's grant team had three overarching goals:

1. Clear the path to college and career
2. Inspire students to love STEM
3. Motivate students to see that teaching STEM is a rewarding and needed profession

With these three driving forces, a variety of educational experiences were developed and implemented including the Future STEM Teacher Academy, Teach for Central Valley Regional Collaborative and conference, curriculum development, the development of education/STEM student learning communities, and more. Thank you to Dr. Megan Bennett for leading this wonderful project.



1ST ANNUAL CLOVIS COMMUNITY COLLEGE RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM

On Friday, May 6, a community of scientists, researchers, instructors, and proud parents came together at the [1st Annual CCC Research Symposium](#) which was held in-person at CCC. Over 80 attendees participated in an hour-long poster session where student researchers stood in front of their posters and presented their work. These 24 research projects, representing both individual and group work, were largely conducted as part of Course-based Undergraduate Research Experiences (CUREs) and were mentored by faculty from Biology (Dr. Coffman and Dr. Alcazar), Environmental Sciences (Dr. Whitford), and Chemistry (Dr. Fleming and Dr. Cao).



VALLEY COMMUNITY SBDC, HOSTED AT CCC, TO HOLD FREE MOBILE FOOD ACADEMY TRAINING

The Valley Community SBDC is offering a free training on July 19 to help vendors operate a mobile food business legally and effectively. Topics include the regulations, inspections, financing, marketing, trailer requirements, and much more. [Interested vendors can learn more and register with Eventbrite.](#)

“CRUSH” ATHLETICS HOSTS SUCCESSFUL SUMMER YOUTH SOCCER CAMP

Women's Soccer Coach Orlando Ramirez and the “Crush” student athletes shared their expertise with kids at the [Summer Youth Soccer Camp](#) June 13 through 16. Kids learned basic and advanced soccer moves from the pros.



TWO CCC ART STUDENTS PLACE IN TOP 20 FINALS FOR STATEWIDE COMPETITION

The “Inspire Oakland” design competition sponsored by [Bridgegood](#) helped CCC students showcase their creative art! Bridgegood is a non-profit design studio that provides opportunities for under-served college communities. Their mission is to provide access, professional opportunities and tech literacy to under-resourced students and job seekers of color with the goal of developing empathetic design leaders who make a global difference. Students create designs intended to inspire Bay Area residents and the art community with their vision of inclusiveness and spirit of creativity. This year, Bridgegood received entries from 98 California community college students. Of those, 20 were advanced to the finals which included two CCC students:

Jessalyn Serafin

(Art 37 Photoshop) melded her love of books and child-like wonderment with the cultural diversity of Oakland through her creation of a pop-up book for children. As one of the top six students, her work will be displayed on a billboard, bus bench ad, an LED billboard, and social media ads.



Carissa Warnecke (Art 37 Photoshop) was inspired by Oakland's folklorico scene as well as

her family's involvement in local theatre. Her composition is energetic and depicts a mother and daughter dancing joyfully.

This is the fourth year CCC has participated in the Inspire Oakland Design Competition. It is also the fourth year our students made it to the finals and the third year that one of our students placed in the top six.

Congratulations Jessalyn and Carissa and a big thank you to Art Instructor Janice Ledgerwood for continuing this amazing partnership with Bridgegood.



“CRUSH CAM” HIGHLIGHTS STUDENTS AND ACTIVITIES

The new “Crush Cam” highlights students and activities on campus. The “Crush Cam” team is led by Student Communications Specialist Pa Thao and CCC Student Ambassador Bradley Kennedy. Students can watch the “Crush Cam” on the [CCC Welcome Center YouTube page](#) or on CCC's Tik Tok @ClovisCrush. Students can learn about campus events, hear inspirational student stories, and learn about campus resources. Look for new stories this Fall.