



## NATIONAL HISPANIC-SERVING INSTITUTIONS WEEK IS RECOGNIZED BY THE WHITE HOUSE

On September 9, the White House issued a proclamation that designated September 12-18, 2022, as National Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSI) Week. Clovis Community College is proud to be a Hispanic-Serving Institution. In 2021-2022, CCC served 6,175 Latinx students, representing 48% of our total student body. On September 13, Communication Instructor and Project Director for the Title V/PODER (Providing Opportunities Designed to Educate & Recognize) Stephanie Briones served on the SCCCD Title V panel to share an update about the [PODER initiatives and programs](#).



## “WELCOME BLACK” EVENTS HOSTED AS PART OF THE AFRICAN AMERICAN SUCCESS INITIATIVE

On September 13, the African American Success Initiative (AASI) hosted its first in-person event of the year, “Welcome Black,” a reception for CCC students, their families, faculty, staff, and other members of the community. This event featured the Award-Winning Author, Educator, and Inspirational speaker Dr. Chike Akua who spoke on Honoring Our Ancestral Obligations. During “Welcome Black,” African American students met other students, learned how to access campus resources, and ways to actively participate on campus. The event created an uplifting environment, built connections, and engaged in motivational conversations. The AASI aims to ensure all African American students are able to enhance their college experience and focus on strategies to help them navigate their progress towards completion. With a college-wide focus on improving student outcomes for African American and Latinx students, the AASI is committed to student success through relationships, community, and identity development.

## CCC'S EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION PROGRAM HOSTS DISTRICTWIDE MEETING

The Early Childhood Education (ECE) program hosted a district-wide meeting with the Child Development Departments of Fresno



City College, Madera Community College, and Reedley College. The goal was to create pathways for Fresno County's Elementary School Teachers to complete the new 24 units in ECE/CHDEV requirement to work in both Universal Pre-Kindergarten and Transitional Kindergarten classrooms.

## OUTREACH PARTICIPATES AT COLLEGE NIGHT AND THE CENTRAL CALIFORNIA WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

It is wonderful to see our amazing Outreach Team attending in-person community events to share information about CCC's programs and services. Outreach employees were excited to host a table at College Night on September 14 and the Central California Women's Conference on September 20. They talked to potential students, parents, and community members about the various educational offerings at CCC. Many attendees expressed an interest in enrolling now for short-term classes starting in October.



## FINANCIAL AID UPDATE

CCC's amazing Financial Aid representatives have been busy assisting students with their FAFSA (Free Application for Student Aid) applications to be sure they are receiving all forms of financial aid. The number of students eligible for the Pell Grant is up 40% from this time last year with 1,586 students receiving \$2,376,069 in financial aid funds.



## CENTRAL VALLEY FOOD TECH INNOVATION RECEIVES \$65.1M FEDERAL GRANT FUND

On September 2, the White House announced that the Central Valley's "F3 The Future of Food Initiative" was awarded \$65.1 million from the U.S. Economic Development Administration's (EDA) Build Back Better Regional Challenge. The EDA received 529 applications from regions in all 50 states and five territories. This grant will benefit the entire Central Valley. The community colleges throughout the region will provide training and new technology for our students and workers in the agriculture and engineering industries. A huge thanks to all our faculty, staff, and administrators who helped write our portion of this grant. For more details, see the Business Journal article, [\\$65.1 Million Fed Grant to Fuel Central Valley Food Tech Innovation](#).



## SUCCESSFUL SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS CEREMONY HELD ON SEPTEMBER 2

The annual Scholarship Awards Ceremony was celebrated on September 2. The event recognized our hard-working scholarship recipients. The number of scholarships continues to rise each year, thanks to the generous donors of the "Clovis Crush Giving Day" fundraising event. In total, 170 scholarships were dispersed totaling \$109,850. [View the Scholarship Awards event photos](#).

## CLOVIS WOMEN FINISH FIRST, CRUSH MEN 10TH AT SEASON-OPENING FRESNO INVITATIONAL



Competing at its home course at Woodward Park, Clovis' five scoring runners finished among the competition's top-11 to total an amazing score of 39 points and easily capture the women's team championship. Sophomore Evelyn

Zambrano paced the Crush, finishing the 3.1-mile course with a time of 19:56.1 to finish in fifth place overall. She was followed by sophomore Walker Douglas in seventh place (20:10.3), freshman Julia Martinez in ninth place (20:18.9), sophomore Jennifer Recinos in 11th (20:35.2), and freshman Gabriella Avila in 12th place (20:46.9). Read the full story on the Crush Athletics website.

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## BIOLOGY INSTRUCTOR DR. ROSA ALCAZAR TO SPEAK AT INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

On November 9, Dr. Alcazar will join a renowned group of scientists at the "[Biological Data Science](#)" conference at the Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory. The meeting will highlight the infrastructure, software, and algorithms needed to analyze large data sets in biological research. Dr. Alcazar will serve as a discussion leader along with colleagues from Johns Hopkins University, Harvard University, University College London, and New York Genome Center. Congratulations Dr. Alcazar on this prestigious invitation!

## CCC EXCITED TO HOST VARIOUS CAMPUS EVENTS



**Mexican Independence Day**

**Patriot Day**



**Constitution Day**

**STEM Showcase**



**Art Shows**

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