



VARIOUS EVENTS WERE HELD IN FEBRUARY TO HONOR AND CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Thank you to the faculty and staff who planned these educational and entertaining events for all to participate including a trip to Allensworth State Historic Park/ California's first African American town; [5th Annual African American Read-In](#); [African Drumming Circle](#), and the [Black Professional Career Panel](#). In addition, President Dr. Kim Armstrong and team attended Black History Community events including the African American Historical



& Cultural Museum of the San Joaquin Valley annual Trailblazers awards banquet, the Black History Month: The Impact at Fresno Chaffee Zoo, and the City of Fresno Council Meeting where Councilmember Nelson Esparza presented a proclamation for African American History Month: Black Resistance a Journey to Equality.

SPEAKER KEVIN MCCARTHY INVITES PRESIDENT DR. KIM ARMSTRONG TO COMMUNITY ROUNDTABLE

On February 14, President Dr. Armstrong was among a select group of attendees to a community roundtable hosted by Speaker of the House Kevin McCarthy at the Clovis Veterans Memorial District. Dr. Armstrong had the opportunity to provide input on higher educational issues and to hear about issues of importance, locally, regionally, and nationally.



CCC EARNs TWO PLACEMENTS ON THE "BEST ACCREDITED COLLEGES" 2023 RANKINGS



Best Accredited Colleges creates their guides and school rankings with student education in mind and considered hundreds of institutions across the country and ranked Clovis Community College using data around financial aid awards, the quality of education, faculty, campus resources, and more. Congratulations to the faculty, staff, administrators, and students on earning two amazing rankings from the Best Accredited Colleges:

[#21 on our list Best Associate Degrees in Psychology](#)

[#27 on our list Best Associate Degrees in Sociology](#)

CCC HOSTS THE SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF CLOVIS ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS EVENT

The Soroptimist International of Clovis recently celebrated their "Live Your Dream" Educational & Training Awards for Women where 35 local women were honored with cash awards (totaling \$38,000) to assist with their educational goals. Dr. Armstrong was asked to speak to the awardees. The event was held on February 9 at the Herndon Campus of Clovis Community College. Of the awardees, 23 women attend CCC, seven women attend Reedley College, three women attend Fresno City College, and three additional women from Clovis who attend other regional education programs. CCC student Amanda Abbott is a distinguished honoree in having received the highest award of \$2500. Amanda will now be a candidate for a regional award of an additional \$5000. [View the photos.](#)





CCC PARTNERS WITH UNITED WAY TO OFFER FREE TAX PREPARATION

CCC has partnered with United Way of Fresno & Madera Counties to offer [Free Tax Preparation](#) for those who earn \$60,000 or less. The VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) project is open every Saturday starting February 11 through April 15 (CLOSED February 18 and April 8). The VITA office is located at Clovis Community College 10309 North Willow Avenue, Fresno 93730, and room AC2-185. Free parking in the student/unmarked stalls.

CCC HOSTS DISTRICT WIDE TUTOR EXPO WITH NATIONAL SPEAKER

CCC is excited to host the annual State Center Community College Tutor Expo on March 4. We are expecting over 400 tutors from all SCCCDC campuses. The CCC Tutorial Center will debut its Virtual Reality Tutoring with a company called Oculus. National speaker Dr. Barbara Oakley, Educator, Writer, Engineer, will serve as the guest speaker for the Tutor Expo. Dr. Oakley's current work focuses on neuroscience and learning and she is an author of multiple books including *Uncommon Sense Teaching: Practical Insights in Brain Science to Help Students Learn*, *Mindshift: Break Through Obstacles to Learning and Discover Your Hidden Potential*, and *A Mind for Numbers: How to Excel at Math and Science*. She has been a keynote speaker at several conferences including the On Course National Conference and she co-created the most popular open online course in the world through Coursera entitled "Learning How to Learn" for adults and for youth.

BUSINESS INDUSTRY AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PATHWAY HOST MEET & GREET

Accounting Instructor Eunji Seo led the effort to host the first in-person Meet and Greet event on February 2. Students met with professors, counselors and peers in Business and Information Technology. Students visited with representatives from Financial Aid, The Tutorial Center, Career Development Center, and Transfer Counselors from Fresno State and Fresno Pacific University. [View the photos.](#)



CONGRATULATIONS TO CCC PSYCHOLOGY INSTRUCTOR DR. MICHAEL GOMEZ

Dr. Gomez recently published an article "How to construct liquid-crystal spectacles to control vision of real-world objects and environments." [Read the article.](#)

ACTIVE LEARNING SATURDAY SESSIONS ARE BACK AND ALL FACULTY INVITED

Ann Brandon, English/Reading Instructor & Professional Development Coordinator, has planned three Active Learning Sessions on March 11, April 15, and May 6. Topics include:

- How we are navigating the post-pandemic teaching era with topics like inclusive teaching, interactive and engaging strategies.
- Building community in the classroom.

CCC CLUBS HOLD EVENTS FOR ALL

In honor of Hijab Day of February 22, the CCC Muslim Student Association club held a panel discussion and Q&A event, and attendees were able to try-on a hijab.

Also on February 22, the Catholic Student Association hosted an Ash Wednesday Mass on campus. President Dr. Armstrong was excited to participate at both events and interact with students and community members.

CRUSH ATHLETICS UPDATE

Angelina Petrakis earned the 2023 CCCAA (California Community College Athletic Association)

Scholar-Athlete Honor Roll recognition! Congratulations to Angelina—she is a former women's Crush soccer team member and currently serves as the women's soccer team assistant coach. Ms. Petrakis will receive this prestigious award on March 29 at the CCCAA Convention in Sacramento.



Spring season is underway. Track & field had their first meet on February 18 at Fresno Pacific University. Freshman Julia Martinez won the women's 800m in a field of primarily four-year competition. Swim & dive is also in-season with their first meet scheduled for March 17.

View the [Crush Athletics website](#) for additional details.

[View the CCC Calendar](#) for upcoming events!