



### 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; 6th Annual African American Read-In; "Reimagining Eden Art Exhibit with CCC Art Instructor Audia Dixon; HBCU Transfer Guarantee Presentation; Black History Month Opening Ceremony; AASI Scholarship Workshop (collaboration with Financial Aid); Cocoa and Culture (painting and cocoa with Audia Dixon); CCC to HBCU Transfer Presentation; Give Yourself Care with massages from Self Massage; Sweet Potato Pie Contest; and Movie Night. In addition, President Dr. Kim Armstrong and team attended the African American Historical & Cultural Museum of the San Joaquin Valley annual Trailblazers awards banquet. CCC Classified Senate President Caryss Johnson Franklin attended the Black History Month celebration/reception hosted by City of Fresno Councilmember Nelson Esparza.



### CCC SPEECH AND DEBATE TEAM WINS BIG AT PSCFA "JIM WYMAN" CHAMPIONSHIP

The Speech and Debate Team took home several awards at the Pacific Southwest Collegiate Forensics Association (PSCFA) "Jim Wyman" Spring Championship Tournament on February 23-25. The team earned the second-place award plaque. President and Founder of the club, Mikaela Silva, placed third in Extemporaneous Speaking and Vice President Audrey Turner earned Gold in International Public Debate (IPDA) and placed 5th overall as a speaker.



### INSTRUCTORS UTILIZE THE STARFISH EARLY ALERT SYSTEM TO SUPPORT STUDENT SUCCESS

The Early Alert Program promotes student success by improving communication between students, instructors, and student support programs. Instructors initiate referrals and/or kudos, which play a critical role in student success by notifying counselors to connect with students having academic difficulties to inform them about support services to help them be successful with their educational goals. In Fall of 2023, a total of 3,422 items were raised which includes 2,114 kudos, 1,254 flags and 54 referrals. Congratulations to Criminology Instructor Dennis Montejano and the English discipline who were our most active instructor/discipline for Fall of 2023.

### "CRUSH" CLOTHING CLOSET HOSTED FASHION SHOW TO HIGHLIGHT APPROPRIATE CLOTHING TO WEAR TO JOB INTERVIEWS AND WORK SETTINGS

On February 29, the Career Resource Center held a Fashion Show where student models showcased clothing and accessories that are appropriate for interviews and



everyday work attire. These outfits come directly from donations to our Crush Clothing Closet, the "Crush-tique." The Fashion Show informed students about:

- What to wear and what not to wear for success in their career path
- How to transform clothes from casual to professional
- How to save money and take home FREE professional clothing

Thank you to ABC30 for covering this fantastic event.  
[View the photos on Flickr.](#)

### CCC HOSTS BOARD OF DIRECTORS STUDY SESSION FOR THE CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES STUDENT SENATORS

On February 9, students representing community colleges throughout the state participated in a Board of Directors Study Session at CCC as members of the Student Senate for California Community Colleges. SCCC was represented by Gerardo Reyes, student representative to the State Center Board of Trustees. Thanks to all for their service!



### CONGRATULATIONS TO ASL INSTRUCTOR DR. OMAR RUIZ FOR SERVING AS A GUEST SPEAKER AT FRESNO STATE'S SILENT GARDEN LECTURE SERIES

On February 24, Dr. Ruiz served as a guest speaker at this prestigious event. The "[Silent Garden](#)" lecture focuses on families of deaf Latino children. Dr. Ruiz shared his personal story, about losing his hearing at age five. Dr. Ruiz has an amazing story and we are all very proud of his outstanding accomplishments.





## CCC HOSTS THE SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF CLOVIS (SIC) ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS EVENT WITH 20 STUDENTS EARNING SCHOLARSHIPS

On February 28, the SIC hosted their annual scholarship event where President Armstrong attended and gave a warm welcome. Scholarships of \$1,000.00 were awarded to 22 amazing CCC students and Lily Drinnin-Lucio, also a CCC student, earned the first-place grant in the amount of \$2000.00.



## FINANCIAL AID HOSTED FAFSA & CADAA WORKSHOP ON MARCH 2

The [Financial Aid Office](#) held an in-person Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and the California Dream Act Application (CADAA) Workshop, designed to assist students and their families in navigating the financial aid application for the upcoming academic year.



### Key Highlights of the Workshop included:

- **Multilingual Assistance:** Understanding the diverse needs of our community, we are pleased to offer assistance in multiple languages, including Spanish, Hindi, and Punjabi.
- **Important Changes to the FSA ID:** In line with new regulations, it is now required for most parents to obtain an FSA ID to complete the FAFSA. Additionally, students are no longer able to fill in information on behalf of their parents. Parents who do not have a Social Security Number may also be required to create an FSA ID. Our staff will provide step-by-step assistance in setting up an FSA ID for all attendees.
- **Timely Completion:** Due to delays in the processing timeline, it is imperative that applications are filled out correctly the first time. Incorrect submissions could lead to delays, as corrections take additional time to process.
- **Drop-In Assistance:** Whether you have specific questions or need comprehensive guidance, our staff is available throughout the event to provide support. Feel free to stop by at any time during the workshop hours.

## CCC HOSTS OUR FIRST "STOP THE BLEED" TRAINING ON FEBRUARY 22

Stop the Bleed encourages bystanders to become trained, equipped, and empowered to help in a bleeding emergency before professional help arrives. Attendees learned about direct pressure, tourniquets, and hemostatic gauze. The class is a mixture of lecture and hands on skills. It was a great attendance with classified professionals, faculty, and administrators.

## "CRUSH" ATHLETICS UPDATE

Swim & Dive opened the season under new head coach Shawn Jones, Ed. on February 9th at the COS Invitational where they won 8 events. Coach Jones also recently completed her coaching staff with the additions of assistant coach John Devere and dive coach and 2004 US Olympian Rachelle Kunkel. Head cross country / track & field coach CJ Albertson placed 5th at the US Olympic Marathon Trials in Orlando, FL in a time of 2:10:07 on February 3rd.

## "COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS" WITH PRESIDENT DR. KIM E. ARMSTRONG

- 1/28-1/29 CCLC Legislative Conference 2024
- 2/1 CCC Black History Month Opening Day Ceremony – Gave a Welcome
- 2/3 African American Historical & Cultural Museum Local Trailblazer Ceremony – Introduced and honored the Founder
- 2/5 City of Clovis Council Meeting
- 2/6 African American Student Leadership Conference – Speaking Panelist
- 2/8 The Aging Network Fashion Show – Keynote Speaker



- 2/9 Fresno-Madera K-16 Collaborative ESC Retreat
- 2/9 Student Senate for California Community Colleges Board of Directors - Study Session
- 2/10 Colonel Allensworth State Historic Park – Campus Field Trip
- 2/14 Soroptimist of Clovis Meeting
- 2/15 Reg-to-Go Event at Clovis East High School
- 2/15 CAPP Spring Convening at Clovis East High School
- 2/19-22 Achieving the Dream 2024 Conference
- 2/27 Fresno/Clovis Prayer Breakfast
- 2/27 African American Wall of Honor Ceremony – Speaker
- 2/28 Soroptimist Live Your Dream Award - Speaker
- 2/29 CCC Crush Clothing Closet Fashion Show – Sampled Employer participant
- 3/1 CTE Crush Community Advisory Event – Gave a Welcome

View CCC events on the [website calendar](#)

