



### CCC EXCEEDS 8TH ANNUAL #GIVINGTUESDAY GOAL ON DECEMBER 3

Thank you to all the students, staff, faculty, administrators, and community members that donated towards this year's total of \$33,022.00. The college reached its \$30,000.00 goal with the assistance of match-donations from Gus Bonner and Greti Bonner; U.S. Bank; and Bruce & Madeline Droz. We are grateful for all who donated to support student scholarships, and the Associated Student Government (ASG). It's not too late to donate, [you can donate online now](#).



### CLOVIS COMMUNITY COLLEGE HAS BEEN NAMED A 2024 CHAMPION FOR EXCELLENCE IN PLACEMENT IN BLACK ENGLISH SUCCESS FROM THE CAMPAIGN FOR COLLEGE OPPORTUNITY

The Black English Success award recognizes colleges with the highest percentage of Black students completing transfer-level English within one year of enrollment, with a particular emphasis on closing racial equity gaps. This remarkable accomplishment requires a success rate of about 70% and reflects the hard work and dedication of our faculty and classified professionals in fostering student achievement and equitable access. Thank you, all, for your efforts and congratulations on making a difference for our students!



### VETERANS WEEK EVENTS HONOR OUR STUDENT VETERANS

The Veterans Resource Center held various events to honor and recognize our student veterans in November. Lawn signs with student veteran photos and quotes were displayed around campus. A veteran student panel was held on November 5 with veteran students highlighting their time in the service and where they are now in their academic journeys. [The Veterans Resource Fair](#) was held on November 6 that included a presentation of the Challenge Coins to 30-unit completion recipients. A "Remember the Troops" donation drive was held to benefit the Central Valley Blue Star Mom's annual event.



### THE MALE SUCCESS INITIATIVE (MSI) SECOND ANNUAL MIXER AND SPEED MENTORING EVENT WAS HELD ON NOVEMBER 14

At CCC, we are committed to cultivating an inclusive environment that supports our male students in their journey toward academic and professional achievement. Our goal is to continue to create opportunities that lead to fulfilling careers and success. This MSI event offered a unique platform for networking, mentorship, and growth, bringing together students, community career professionals, and internal career support mentors. By sharing their journeys, experiences, and insights, they will help inspire the next generation to pursue their goals with confidence and resilience.



### FIRST-GENERATION COLLEGE CELEBRATION HELD ON NOVEMBER 13

Various CCC programs staffed tables to share information and raise awareness about the annual [First-Generation Day](#). It was a great gathering to honor our first-generation students and recognize the achievements of the first-generation community.



### CCC PARTICIPATES IN THE ANNUAL "STORIES OF HOPE" EVENT HOSTED BY FOCUS FORWARD IN FRESNO

The Stories of Hope Magazine features real-life stories of people in our community who have overcome adversity and are now leading their best lives. CCC graduate Maria Tellez was featured in this year's magazine. We are very proud of Maria's success with her studies, career and family. A banquet was held at Roger Rocka's



on October 30 to recognize all of the honorees. CCC had a table and attendees were Interim President Dr. Monica Chahal, Maria and her family, and other CCC employees. [Read her story now](#) (pages 34-35).

### CONGRATULATIONS TO THE STATE CENTER COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT CLASSIFIED PROFESSIONAL CLASS XXIII

The Classified Professionals State Center Community College District held the Leadership State Center Academy Class XXIII Graduation on November 15th at the District Office. There were 17 graduates including Clovis Community College Classified Professionals, Erin Vang and Pa Thao. Congratulations, Erin and Pa! We are proud of them, as well as Bonnie Boonthavongkham and Katrina Sheets who were the Senior Coordinators of the class.





## COMMUNICATION DEPARTMENT HOLDS NEGOTIATIONS TOURNAMENT ON OCTOBER 17

CCC recently held its Negotiations Tournament to determine the best negotiator on campus. Cody Milne earned 1st place and a \$25 gift card to McDonald's. Special kudos go to Communication Instructors Stephanie Briones, Cristal Machuca Marquez, and Anna Martinez for helping facilitate the tournament. This event is such a wonderful way for students to get experience using their communication skills outside of a classroom situation, and it is a terrific item for them to boast about on a resume. Students learn that flexibility is often the key to effective communication as they negotiate scenarios with different students throughout the tournament.

## BUSINESS INDUSTRIAL AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (BIIT) PATHWAY HELD WORKSHOP FOR STUDENTS INTERESTED IN STARTING A BUSINESS

On October 10, Richard Mostert, Director of the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) hosted at CCC, spoke to a group of students about starting a business. He discussed the journey of starting a business, market research, and funding. Rich also highlighted the SBDC which offers various resources for new and existing businesses.

## FREE MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID CERTIFICATION CLASS HELD FOR EMPLOYEES AND STUDENTS ON NOVEMBER 15 AND 16

FACT: you are more likely to encounter someone in an emotional or mental health crisis than someone suffering from a heart attack.

Mental Health First Aid is a national certification training course that teaches participants how to recognize the signs and symptoms of mental health challenges, how to listen nonjudgmentally, how to give reassurance to those who are suffering, and, if needed, how to help refer individuals to appropriate professional support and services. The skills learned are applicable to both crisis and non-crisis mental health situations. Thank you to all of the attendees for taking time to participate in this very important training.



## BEAUTIFUL ARTWORK AND AMAZING MUSIC SHOWCASED AT OPEN HOUSE ON DECEMBER 5

Attendees celebrated a student showcase of artwork and music for employees and the community. Students from art, photography, digital art, drumming, piano and music theory were excited to highlight their work for the semester. [See the photos.](#)

## STUDENTS "FINISH STRONG" WITH VARIOUS FUN AND DESTRESSING EVENTS FOR FINALS WEEK

We are very proud of our amazing students for successfully completing the fall semester. [Various events](#) were held during finals week to show our appreciation including a free breakfast, puppies and pastries, burger bbq, and arts/crafts. Thank you to the staff and faculty who volunteered to help with these events.

## CRUSH ATHLETICS UPDATE

### CVC All-Conference

- **Women's Soccer CVC All-Conference:** Madison Martinez, Linda Jimenez, Zoe Rios, Kinsey McIntosh, and Serenity Torres.
- **Men's Soccer CVC All-Conference:** David Valencia, Zach Rodriguez, Dominic Ortega, and Cristian Garcia. Sebastian Aguilar was the CVC Goalkeeper of the Year. Marcus Samaniego was the **CVC Freshman of the Year**
- Both cross country teams won **CVC Championships**, 6th in a row for the women and 2nd for the men.
- Rhiannon Walker was the individual women's champion.

### 3C2A NorCal Regional Championships

- Rhiannon Walker, Magy Marcelo, Lisbeth Mendez, and GV Tamondong were **All-Conference** for the women and Ivan Barranco, Joaquin McGee, Izak Samorano, and Edwin Quiroz-Cisneros were **All-Conference** for the men.
- Women's cross country won their third consecutive **3C2A NorCal Regional Championship**. They are just the third school ever to win three in a row and have become the 4th winningest program in NorCal regional history (in just their 6th season).
- Rhiannon was the **individual regional champion** by over 40 seconds.
- Rhiannon, Magy, GV, and Ivan were all named to the **All-Region team**.

### State Championship

- Rhiannon is our first **State Champion** in cross country. She was also the State Champion in the 3000m Steeplechase last track season.
- She was recognized as **First Team All-American and First Team All-State** for her efforts.
- Rhiannon was also the individual champion at the 3C2A NorCal Regional Championships, CVC Championships, and she went undefeated the entire season.
- **Teamwise, the women placed second at the State Meet**, a one place improvement from last year's third place finish and also won their **third consecutive NorCal Regional Championship** (only the third program ever to win three in a row) and their **sixth consecutive CVC Championship**.
- Magy Marcelo was **Second Team All-State** in cross country.



## "COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS" WITH INTERIM PRESIDENT DR. MONICA CHAHAL

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| <b>October 29</b>  | Dr. Folmer, CUSD Superintendent   |
| <b>October 30</b>  | The Source LGBT+ Center   |
| <b>October 30</b>  | Forward Focus Stories of Hope Magazine Launch Event                                     |
| <b>November 15</b> | SCCSD Leadership Class XXIII Graduation   |
| <b>November 15</b> | The Fresno Center 28th Annual Giving Thanks Banquet, participated in their Fashion Show |
| <b>November 18</b> | San Joaquin Valley Manufacturing Alliance   |
| <b>November 18</b> | City of Clovis Council Meeting  |
| <b>November 19</b> | RC McClarty Center Ribbon Cutting Event   |
| <b>December 2</b>  | City of Clovis Council Meeting  |

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