



OPENING DAY SUCCESS ON JANUARY 9

The College welcomed Dr. Laurie Dodge, Vice President of Quality Assurance and Accreditation with the Competency-Based Education Network (C-BEN), to campus for extended discussions about CBE. She left impressed by the staff and faculty's high levels of engagement and willingness to explore innovative models in higher education. Her day was spent in a collegewide General Session, departmental breakout sessions, focused breakout, and a Department Chairs' Council meeting.



CLOVIS COMMUNITY COLLEGE RECOGNITION



The **"TNT" award** is an Academic Senate and faculty driven accolade that aims to illuminate, appreciate, and honor outstanding individuals whose meaningful work, above, beyond, behind, and between the scenes, is often overlooked, unheralded, and interstitial areas, makes a very real difference in all our lives at our college. **This year's honoree is Chemistry Instructor and Swim & Dive Coach Dr. Shawn Jones.**



This is the first year the **"GEM" award** was awarded. It is bestowed on a Classified Professional who goes above and beyond to serve our campus community and meet the mission, vision, and values of CCC, thereby making an invaluable impact on the workplace. In addition, the award recognizes a Classified Professional making a positive impact, showcasing outstanding commitment, initiative, and performance in their roles. **This year's honoree is Executive Assistant to the President Bonnie Boonthavongkham.**



Congratulations to Senior Program Specialist and Classified Senate President Caryl Johnson Franklin for being recognized by the Black Educator Excellence (BEE) Awards Planning Committee as one of the top three nominees for the Classified Professional of the Year in the 2025 Black Educator Excellence (BEE) Awards.



CCC SUPPORTS OUR "DREAMER" STUDENTS

We recognize that some staff and students may be experiencing concern or anxiety right now. Via emailed communication to students, staff, and faculty, CCC affirmed our commitment to the well-being and education of all our students, including our undocumented students, our students of the LGBTQ+ community, and any staff and students feeling vulnerable at this time. Interim President Dr. Chahal thanks all who have continued to provide our current and prospective students with factual information to support and reassure our most vulnerable populations. We will abide by the commitment to support undocumented students as outlined in "SCCCD Resolution 2024.62 Support of Undocumented Students."



[View the resources](#) available to our Dreamer students. Also, for the first issue of the ASG Spring newsletter, "Crush Culture," resources were included that support our Dreamer students. Words of encouragement were included to be sure the Dreamer students know they are welcomed and supported. On February 13, Dr. Chahal and staff representing key services will host a Student Town Hall "Navigating Change Together," to provide information and answer questions from students. In addition, another Town Hall will be held for staff, faculty, and administration.

CCC CELEBRATES BLACK HISTORY MONTH WITH ENGAGING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES



The Opening Ceremony for Black History Month was held on February 3 featuring Brandon "Griot B" Brown Founder and CEO of School Yard Rap and a Black Owned Vendor Fair.

[Join us at the upcoming Black History Month activities](#) as we honor the legacy, achievements, and contributions of Black Americans in a vibrant and welcoming community event.

CCC CELEBRATES THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

National speaker Denea Joseph presented on "The Intersection of Immigration and Civil Rights," on January 16. Denea is also a Black DACA recipient and National Immigrant Rights Activist. Also, CCC hosted a table at the annual Community Breakfast organized by the City of Clovis Police Department on January 18.





THE CENTER FOR TEACHING AND LEARNING (CTL) OPENS AT CCC HERNDON CAMPUS

The Center for Teaching and Learning (CTL) is a dedicated space for faculty development, innovation, and collaboration. Aligned with the college's mission of "Creating Opportunities – One Student at a Time," the CTL supports educators by offering training, resources, and personalized guidance to elevate teaching practices and foster student success.



Faculty can visit the CTL to:

- Attend workshops and training sessions on instructional technologies and evidence-based teaching strategies.
- Find and create learning materials in multiple formats to support effective and inclusive teaching.
- Get help creating accessible course content and adopting Universal Design for Learning principles.
- Work on course design using the OEI Rubric and backward design principles to create high-quality online experiences.

The CTL Team:

Ann Brandon, teaching and learning coach
Diana Chandara, DEI coordinator
Dr. Stephanie Coffman, OER liaison
Dr. Jenna Irish, DE coordinator
Dr. Tracy Stuntz, instructional designer

WELCOME TO THE SPRING SEMESTER

Student Ambassadors offered smiles and helped students at various Welcome Week tables throughout campus January 13 through 16.

The new student welcome event "Crush Days" was held on January 10. Students learned about various campus programs and resources to help them be successful in college.



[The Black & African American Student Engagement Program \(BAASE\)](#) held the annual "Welcome Black" on January 22. The event is designed to connect, celebrate, and empower BAASE students.

Club Rush was held on January 28 and 29 in the Lobby of the new Applied Technology Building. Students had an opportunity to make new friends, join a club, and learn about campus resources.

SPRING EXTREME REGISTRATION EVENTS A BIG SUCCESS

Thank you to everyone who made the January 7 and 8 Extreme Registration a success (custodial, counselors, ambassadors, student workers).

On January 7, there were 140 students served and on January 8, there were 159 students served. Students expressed their excitement to register and glad we continue to offer online classes and evening classes.

VALLEY COMMUNITY SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER (SBDC) HOSTED AT CCC EXCEEDED 2023/2024 SERVICE GOALS

The center serves students, entrepreneurs, and small business owners throughout Fresno, Madera, Tulare, and Kings counties with a variety of services including no-cost business advising, technical assistance, and workshops. In the 2023/2024 program year, the SBDC (ending 6/30/24) served over 950 entrepreneurs and small businesses; supported 5,910 jobs; helped start 84 new businesses; and facilitated over \$17 million in capital infusion for clients. Valley Community SBDC has earned various recognitions including being [rated the #1 SBDC in the Central California SBDC Network](#), an accredited member of America's SBDC.



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CAREER RESOURCE CENTER OFFERS SPRING CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENTS

CCC wants to be sure students are prepared for the workforce. The Career Resource Center just announced their [Spring events and workshops](#) to help prepare students for interviews, meet professionals in various industries, and talk to companies that are hiring. In addition, students have access to the ["Crush" Clothing Closet](#) to help students confidently and successfully enter the workforce.



CRUSH ATHLETICS UPDATE

The Swim & Dive had their first meet on January 30. Also, we are sending four student-athletes to represent Athletics at the California Student-Athlete Community College Leadership Conference in Sacramento on March 27. [View the "Crush" athletics website](#) for the latest news and events.



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