



## PRESIDENT'S COMMUNITY ADVISORY GROUPS SHARE IDEAS AND PERSPECTIVES

There are five community advisory groups and Interim President Dr. Monica Chahal recently met with all of the groups. Members provide valuable insights and advice about how to better serve our students, faculty, classified professionals, and the community.

Dr. Chahal also shared an update on the new Strategic Plan the college is developing and going through the constituent process. The attendees also enjoyed the tour of the new Applied Technology Building/AC3.

### The groups met on the following dates:

Asian American Advisory Group, March 13th

LGBTQIA+ Advisory Group, March 11th

African American Advisory Group, March 25th

Hispanic/Latinx Advisory Group, March 24th

Business Industry/Community, March 20th

## FACULTY CELEBRATES OPEN EDUCATION WEEK

Open Education Week (OEW) is a global event that raises awareness of free and open sharing in education and the benefits they bring to instructors and students.

CCC has been awarded funds to work on five Zero Textbook Costs (ZTC) degrees (Communication Studies, Early Childhood Education, Wildlife and Plant Technician CA, Business Administration and Chemistry) from California's [ZTC Degree Program Grants](#). Faculty will be working to adopt or develop OERs for classes in these pathways over the next year and a half, to be implemented in Fall 2026. [Read](#) about the 2025 Faculty Spotlight for OEW. Thank you to Biology Instructor Dr. Stephanie Coffman for her hard work on this amazing project.

## WE'RE EXCITED TO SHARE THAT THE LATINO FACULTY AND STAFF ASSOCIATION (LFSA) IS NOW AN OFFICIAL AFFINITY GROUP AT CCC

LFSA was created to build community, celebrate culture, and advocate for equity and support for our Latino/a/x students, staff, and faculty. All are invited to participate, whether you identify as Latino/a/x or are an ally who wants to support our mission. The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, March 27th at 2:00 PM, where the group will begin planning CCC's very first Latino Commencement — a celebration we hope will uplift and honor the accomplishments of our students and their families. Thank you to Business Administration Instructor Dr. Edgar U. Parrilla and Student Activities Directory Maricarmen Figueroa for their time and hard work in making this association happen.

## CAREER RESOURCE CENTER HELPS STUDENTS FIND JOBS

The Career Resource Center is organizing the annual Spring Job Fair on April 9. Various companies will host tables to share information on their respective hiring and application process. [View the list of companies participating on April 9.](#)

## CTE CRUSH COMMUNITY ADVISORY EVENT HELD ON MARCH 7

The CTE Crush Community Advisory event took place in the newly opened Applied Technology (AC3) building, bringing together educators, industry professionals, and community members to discuss the future of Career and Technical Education (CTE). Each individual CTE discipline hosted its own specialized meeting, allowing for in-depth discussions and valuable feedback on the programs and initiatives. Following the meetings, attendees gathered in our beautiful AC3 lobby for a lively networking event, providing a great opportunity for collaboration and the exchange of ideas. Attendees also had the opportunity to support the Crush CTE Scholarship which aims to offer financial support to students pursuing a CTE discipline. CTE programs often involve extra expenses, such as uniforms, tools/instruments, travel costs for fieldwork, and certification fees, which are typically not required in other fields of study. The event showcased the commitment to advancing CTE and fostering stronger connections between education and industry. A sincere thank you to Erin Kent, Instructional Administrative Assistant, and Dr. Laura Hill, Dean of Instruction-Natural & Health Sciences, for their efforts in planning and organizing such an amazing event.



## MARCH GUEST SPEAKERS ARE ENGAGING AND MOTIVATIONAL

Women's history month was celebrated with guest speaker [Bianca Mabute-Louie](#) on March 11. She hosted a Zoom Book Talk on "Unassimilable: An Asian Diasporic Manifesto for the 21st Century."



On March 12, a [Women's Resource and Vendor Fair](#) featuring women-owned businesses, community resources, live entertainment, and a fashion show.

On March 25, SCCCD and CCC hosted Dr. Xavier Buck speaking about the "Black Panther Party: A textbook case of biased history." Xavier Buck, Ph.D., is the founder of the [Black Panther Party Museum](#) in Oakland, California, established through his visionary leadership as Executive Director of the [Dr. Huey P. Newton Foundation](#).

## CCC STUDENT SELECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PRESTIGIOUS HONORS SYMPOSIUM

Congratulations to Zach Ghosop on his acceptance to participate in the Fifth Annual Central Valley Honors Symposium. The selection committee was impressed with Zach's submission and is looking forward to having him showcase his Poster at the annual Honors Symposium on April 12 at Reedley College.



## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE SPEECH & DEBATE TEAM FOR TAKING 3RD PLACE OVERALL IN LIMITED SWEEPSTAKES AT STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS ON MARCH 15

Club President Devin Redding took silver in impromptu and bronze in Dramatic Interpretation. Former teammate Mikaela Silva surprised the team with a visit at the tournament. Congratulations!



## FRESNO STATE PHYSICS OUTREACH TEAM VISITS CCC ON MARCH 5



The Physics Outreach is a team of Fresno State's future teachers learning to teach science. They bring a van with an array of curious objects and go to schools or community events to present scientific concepts through fun, hands-on activities. Physics Instructor Dr. Nader "Nathan"

Inan coordinated the event. Students were excited to participate and learn more about the program, transfer opportunities, and science projects.

## THE CRUSH PANTRY HOLDS VARIOUS EVENT CELEBRATING CALFRESH OUTREACH WEEK

CalFresh Outreach Week was February 24 through 28 and various tabling events were held to share information to CCC students. Activities included free nutritious parfait or oatmeal, how to grow a healthy garden, quick and healthy breakfast options, healthy beverage options, and a CalFresh workshop to apply for the program.



## OUTREACH TEAM AND COUNSELORS ENCOURAGE CCC STUDENTS AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL MEN OF COLOR SUMMIT

CCC is excited to help coordinate the annual District wide Men of Color Summit on March 21 at Fresno City College. Thank you to Student Success Coach Nate Saari for helping organize this important event.

## LGBTQ+ EDUCATION PANEL HELD ON MARCH 14

The goal of the panel was for attendees to feel more knowledgeable about the experiences and lives of various LGBTQ+ individuals. Thank you to the Gender Sexuality Alliance (GSA) Club for organizing this wonderful event.

## TUTORIAL CENTER HOSTS FUN ACTIVITIES TO CELEBRATE PI DAY

Students and employees gathered on March 14 at 1:59 p.m. to celebrate the irrational number pi and won prizes by launching paint-filled balloons at the Tutor-made Pi Day Board!



## APRIL IS SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH

**Guest Speaker & Resource Fair:** ASG & Title IX will host an informational fair with resources around sexual assault. Monday, April 7 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. outside in front of the bookstore.

**Guest Speaker, Mirna Garcia with RAINN,** Rape Abuse & Incest National Network. Garcia is a survivor of the "Tower Rapist" who terrorized the Tower District in the early 90's. Monday, April 7 at 2:00 p.m. in AC1-150.

**Rape Counseling Services** will provide information on sexual assault, drug facilitated sexual assault, statistics in colleges and nationally, trauma related to sexual assault on Wednesday, April 9 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in AC1-293

**"Take Back the Night"** in collaboration with Fresno City College. Take Back the Night is a non-profit to end sexual violence in all forms. Take Back the Night is committed to ending sexual violence for all people of all sexual and gender identities, races, ethnicities, nationalities, religious beliefs, ages, abilities, and statuses. Tuesday, April 29 from 4:00 to 6:30 p.m. at FCC/Veteran's Peace Memorial.

## CRUSH ATHLETICS UPDATE

There are 70 student-athletes qualify for annual Kiwanis Torch of Excellence Awards Banquet (3.2 GPA or above). There were 42 students that qualified in 2022 and 53 in 2023, so we have continued to improve exponentially. #GoCrush!



Marcus Jauregui from XC and Track was named to the 3C2A Scholar Athlete Honor Roll. He was one of only 18 student-athletes throughout the entire state to receive this honor (over 24,000 total student-athletes) and this is the 5th year in a row that CCC has had a student-athlete earn this recognition.

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

<b>February 18</b>	City of Clovis Council Meeting
<b>February 27</b>	President's Commission on Teacher Education
<b>March 7</b>	California Health Sciences University "Ignite the Future Scholarship Gala
<b>March 10</b>	City of Clovis Council Meeting
<b>March 11</b>	Fresno County Women Chamber of Commerce Business Awards
<b>March 14</b>	Focus Forward Board Meeting
<b>March 17</b>	City of Clovis Council Meeting
<b>March 18</b>	State Chancellor's Black and African American Advisory Town Hall – Part of the Presidents Panel
<b>March 19</b>	VC SBDC Luncheon – Gave a welcome

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