



CCC HOLDS 10TH ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT ON MAY 23. VARIOUS PROGRAM CELEBRATIONS HELD IN MAY. PROUD OF OUR “CRUSH” GRADUATES!

Over 400 graduates participated in the 10th Annual Commencement Ceremony on May 23rd at Clovis Community College. [Alexis Silva](#) served as the “Class of 2025” Student Speaker. [View the photos](#) from the Commencement Ceremony and various program celebrations. Watch the Commencement Ceremony on [CCC's YouTube Channel](#). [Thank you ABC30 for covering commencement morning](#) “live” from the stage with our amazing students.



HAIDEN DEL FIERRO EARNS THE 2025 PRESIDENT'S MEDAL OF DISTINCTION

Haiden's leadership, academic excellence, dedication, commitment to peers, and his passion to pursue higher education has earned him the honor of being selected as this year's recipient of the President's Medal of Distinction. Haiden is graduating with multiple degrees in Biology, Physical Sciences, Social Sciences, Life Sciences, and Liberal Arts. These degrees are not only a testament to his academic achievements, but his deep passion for animals and plants, which was inspired by his childhood hero, Steve Irwin.

DEAN'S MEDAL OF DISTINCTION HONOREES

Gabrielle Ruiz-Yeager - Natural & Health Sciences

Gabrielle Ruiz-Yeager is a first-generation Latina student graduating with degrees in Psychology and Administration of Justice from Clovis Community College, where she has maintained an impressive 3.8 GPA. Deeply committed to equity, representation, and community building, Gabrielle founded the college's first Latin American Student Organization, creating a space where students could celebrate their culture, share their stories, and build solidarity.



Robert Voss - Physical & Computational Sciences and Distance Education

Robert started at Clovis Community College in the Spring semester of 2022 after struggling with online courses during the pandemic at Fresno State. He will now be returning back to Fresno State with a total of seven Associate in Science degrees: Computer Science, Mathematics, Physics, Computer Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Civil Engineering, and Mechanical/Aerospace Engineering. Upon returning to Fresno State, Robert will be continuing his Computer Science education, wanting to pursue a career in underwater robotics.



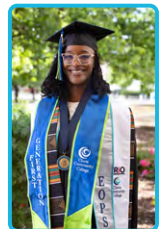
Omar Antonio - Humanities & Athletics

Omar Antonio embodies resilience and determination in the face of adversity. Initially accepted to UC Merced, he chose to attend Clovis Community College instead, where he felt a stronger sense of belonging. However, this decision came with emotional and logistical challenges, most notably, navigating a three-hour daily commute by bus without access to a car. While the choice was right for him, it intensified existing hardships, including limited financial resources and housing instability.



Janice Howard - Social Sciences

Janice is a devoted mother, former caregiver, and a passionate student with a deep commitment to service and advocacy. She was raised in a single-parent household on the West Side of Fresno, where she learned early on the importance of resilience, adaptability, and strength in the face of adversity. Growing up, she faced significant life challenges, including housing instability, mental health struggles, and family hardships. These experiences shaped her into the determined, compassionate person she is today.



Angel Campa - Student Success, Equity, Tutorial Center & Outreach

From a young age, Angel Campa understood the power of his environment and began cultivating a destiny that wasn't defined by his circumstances. After being moved from an underfunded elementary school to one with greater resources and care, Angel experienced something transformative: teachers who not only supported his academic growth but also cared deeply about his well-being. That change ignited a passion which was a desire to pursue a life rooted in purpose, service, and meaningful impact.



Ky'eshia Williams - Student Services - Counseling, Admissions & Records, Health Services

Ky'eshia Williams is graduating with an Associate of Science in Business Admin 2.0 ADT, an Associate of Arts in Social Science, and a CSU GE Certificate of Achievement. While at Clovis, Ky'eshia has been part of EOP&S, TRiO, and BAASE. Ky'eshia plans to transfer to Fresno State University in Fall 2025 to pursue a degree in Business with a focus on forensic accounting.



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STEM (SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, MATHEMATICS) STUDENTS SHINE AT THE 4TH ANNUAL RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM ON MAY 16



STEM students were excited to display their research projects at the 4th Annual STEM Research Symposium. Guest speakers included Dr. Leah Guthrie, UC Berkeley, Bioengineering Department and Dr. Frederick Tan, Johns Hopkins University, Department of Biology. This

is a [premier research opportunity](#) for CCC students as this level of research is normally offered at the junior and senior levels or at the graduate levels at the universities. [View the photos](#) and [the media story form ABC 30](#).

DR. GURPREET BHOGAL, DIRECTOR OF EOPS/ CARE, NEXTUP & CALWORKS, SELECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN TWO PRESTIGIOUS SYSTEMWIDE INITIATIVES

Dr. Bhogal was recently selected to serve as a coach in the 2025–27 [Vision-Aligned Reporting \(VAR\) Academy](#), a new CCCC program reporting approach designed to transform data collection and strengthen equitable student outcomes systemwide. She will participate in upcoming in-person convenings along with other participants to work on ensuring our institutions have the data they need to understand their impact, make adjustments, and continually strive to support student success. Also, Dr. Bhogal was selected to serve as an expert for the Fall 2025 Institutional Effectiveness Partnership Initiative (IEPI) Partnership Resource Team (PRT) cycle. These IEPI teams provide colleges and districts with technical assistance, professional development, and resource tools to make progress toward California Community Colleges' [Vision 2030](#). We are proud of Dr. Bhogal's work and confident that she will represent us well!

VALLEY COMMUNITY SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER (SBDC) NAMED "SBDC OF THE YEAR"



On May 13, a celebration was held for the Valley Community SBDC being named the "2025 SBDC of the Year" by the SBA (Small District Administration) District Office. Congratulations to Executive Director Richard Mostert and his fabulous team. CCC is honored to host the SBDC at CCC. [View the photos](#).

ASIAN PACIFIC ISLANDER DESI AMERICAN (APIDA) MONTH CELEBRATED

"The Story of Us Exhibit" is displayed in the Library through May 30. It is an exhibit displaying the rich collection of APIDA heritage highlighting and educating our beautiful stories and cultures.



SPRING EXTRAVAGANZA FUN WITH CARNIVAL GAMES, MUSIC, FOOD, ICE BUCKET CHALLENGE

Everyone celebrated at the end-of-the-year Spring Extravaganza on May 7. Interim President Dr. Monica Chahal along with Ivan Cervantes (ASG President), Max Hembd (Academic Senate President), and Allysa Talbot (Classified Senate representative) participated in the Ice Bucket Challenge. [View the photos](#).

STUDENTS FINISH THE SEMESTER STRONG WITH VARIOUS CAMPUS ACTIVITIES

Thank you to staff, classified professionals and administrators who volunteered to cook and prepare breakfast and dinner on May 20. Activities included: Study Kits and Self-Care on May 19 and an Ice Cream Social on May 21.

INAUGURAL INDUCTION CEREMONY HELD FOR PHI THETA KAPPA HONOR SOCIETY ON APRIL 25

This event proudly marks the inaugural induction of 56 Phi Theta Kappa members into the Beta Psi Psi Chapter at CCC. Many thanks to Dr. David Cao for his efforts in launching this critical initiative on behalf of our students. [View the photos](#).



CCC HOSTED THE ACADEMIC SENATE FOR CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES (ASCCC) MEETING FOR THE AB1705 REGIONAL CONVENINGS ON MAY 1

The AB 1705 Regional Convening focused on improving STEM math completion pathways and AB 1705 implementation.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR OUTSTANDING SERVICE

Congratulations retirees! On May 14, a reception was held for our retirees: Shannon Brownell, Dr. Ann Fallon, Naomi Forey, Dr. Arla Hile, Margee Loya, Cathy Ostos, and Dr. Diane Schoenburg. We truly appreciate your contribution to the overall success of the campus and our students.



FRESNO ASSOCIATION OF MEXICAN AMERICAN EDUCATORS (AMAE) HONORS CCC FACULTY MEMBER DR. PATRICK FONTES

The “El Día del Maestro” banquet was held on May 9 and honors and supports the many individuals who accept the challenge of educating today’s youth. In 1985, the California legislature declared May 11th as California’s Day of the Teacher. Dr. Fontes, along with five other local educators, were celebrated and recognized at the event.

CCC LEON S. PETERS HONORS STUDENT, ADRIANNA PADERNA, WRITES AMAZING ARTICLE ABOUT A LOCAL ATTORNEY MAKING A PHENOMENAL IMPACT

The interview was an assignment for an essay in an Honors English 1a course in Fall 2024. Her instructor, Melanie Sanwo, recommended that Adrienne submit it for publication. A trimmed down version of her essay, “[Legally Strawberry Blonde](#),” was published in the Fresno County Bar Association Bulletin

FIRST-EVER “KIDS CLOTHING SWAP PARTY” FOR CCC PARENTS & CAREGIVERS HELD

On May 2, the free, family-friendly event was designed to support parenting students, faculty, and staff by offering a welcoming space to exchange gently used and clean children’s clothing (ages newborn to 13), connect with others, and enjoy a meal. The event was held by the Basic Needs Center in partnership with the Child Development Center.

THE PODER (PROVIDING OPPORTUNITIES DESIGNED TO EDUCATION AND RECOGNIZE) TO HOST THE ANNUAL SUMMER STEM EXPLORATION ACADEMY

This free program is open to 11th and 12th students from Clovis Unified School District. This course is designed for first-year college students and provides an exploration of cognitive, psychological, social, and physical factors influencing success in college, the world of work, and in life.



CONGRATULATIONS TO PHYSICS INSTRUCTOR DR. NADER (NATHAN) INAN ON NEW PUBLICATION

Dr. Inan co-authored the publication with Dr. Ahmed Farag Ali entitled “[At the Edge of Uncertainty: Decoding the Cosmological Constant Value with the Bose–Einstein Distribution](#).”



CRUSH ATHLETICS UPDATE

Swim & Dive - Ethan Rij, Scarlettte Martinez, & Emma Prince were all named All-American.

Track & Field - Women’s team won first ever Central Valley Conference Championship and placed 2nd at the 3C2A NorCal Regional Championship. Rhiannon Walker won individual 3C2A State Championships in the 10,000 meter and the steeplechase. Rhiannon and Genevieve Tamondong were both named All-American.

Student-athletes and coaches visited the new Diamond Learning Center campus on May 16th for a meet & greet / autograph signing.

Seventy student-athletes received the Torch of Excellence for a 3.2 GPA or above (we had 43 in 2023 and 52 in 2024). The 29th Annual Kiwanis Torch of Excellence was held on April 30 at the Clovis Veterans Memorial District. [View the photos](#).

“COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS” WITH INTERIM PRESIDENT DR. MONICA CHAHAL

April 25	CCC Phi Theta Kappa Chartering Induction (Welcome)
April 26	Attended Fresno City College Asian Fest
May 7	Crush Athletics Awards Banquet (Welcome)
May 8-9	CVHEC Board Meeting and Summit 2025
May 13	Small Business Development Center Award (Speaker)
May 15	CCC Early Childhood Education Celebration (Welcome)
May 19	F3 Leadership
May 20	Serve breakfast & lunch to students
May 20	EOPS/TRiO/CalWorks Celebration
May 21	Black & African American Student Engagement Celebration (Welcome)
May 21	Occupational Therapy Assistant Pinning Ceremony (Closing Remarks)

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