

### **President's Newsletter**

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## A Message from Dr. Bennett

Welcome to the spring 2019 semester. Student Services kicked off the semester with a successful Extreme Registration event on Jan 4-5 and an informative Crush Day welcome program for new students. As the college continues to grow, we welcomed 1,885 new students in the fall and 706 new students this spring. So, be sure to say hello and welcome to as many students as possible as the semester gets under way --- and offer to help if you see someone who looks a bit lost or might need some assistance. Our students see us modeling inclusive behavior and they join in to support each other. Students who attend our college continue to tell us that they feel and appreciate the welcoming, inclusive environment on our campus. Go Crush!

# **Exciting News**

Clovis Community College will be hiring several new faculty, staff, and administrators during the spring semester. Faculty will start in August. Classified professionals and managers will start throughout the spring and summer.

#### **Spring 2018 Opening Day**

Thank you to everyone for making our Spring 2018 Opening Day a productive one! We kicked off the day with updates on the college and various departments. After that, **Ann Brandon** led an interactive discussion on On Course values and how they have been implemented throughout the college. **Sasha Fisher, Isaac Reyna**, and **Nate Saari** provided an update on Welcome Center accomplishments. Our student ambassadors answered over 4,000 calls in the Fall 2018 semester! To round out the first session, we heard from current student Jacqueline Sanders who shared her story of success at Clovis Community College. She thanked the room for creating such a welcoming environment.

After a quick break, **James Ortez**, **Liz Romero**, and **Tasha Hutchings** provided an update on Guided Pathways. After lunch, **Dr. Parnell** welcomed the group back. He was excited to discuss the nearly 30 positions Clovis will be hiring this spring and is hopeful that the new governor will release state bond money for Clovis' CTE building project. For the last group session, **Kirtley King** and **Liz Romero** led an interactive workshop to discuss the potential structure of CCC pathways.

Clarify the Path
Reach the Path
Understand the Path
Stay on the Path
High Expectations for
Teaching & Learning

**Guided Pathways** – Speaking of Guided Pathways, this semester will see the introduction of our new Guided Pathways Committee that is charged with promoting college-wide understanding of Guided Pathways and making recommendations on college-wide planning related to guided pathways activities. We have two new Guided Pathways co-coordinators: **Cynthia Elliot** and **Kirtley King**.

**BSSOT** – As of the end of December 2018, our Basic Skills Grant, BSSOT, has officially ended. The grant was responsible for funding multiple campus projects throughout its tenure. Both the Tutorial Center and Assessment Center received new furniture and flooring. Numerous professional development opportunities were hosted including Active Learning Saturdays and a variety of On Course workshops. In total, we had 131 employees participate in On Course I Workshops, 30 participate in On Course II, and 20 participate in the front line workshops. There were also workshops hosted on diversity, online instruction, and student leadership. I want to say a huge THANK YOU to **Ann Brandon** for her incredible dedication to this project. Creating the most opportunities for our students was always at the forefront of her mind. From your entire Crush family, thank you Ann.

#### Governance Handbook

A College Council ad hoc group will review the Governance Handbook this spring and make a recommendation to College Council reguarding any additional revisions. During January or February meetings, all councils, committees, and advisory groups should review their Operating Agreements to assess whether they are working well or need adjustments. Recommendations for changes should be sent by the chairs to Emilie Gerety and will be forwarded to the ad hoc group. We plan to have the Governance Handbook update completed by the end of April.

#### Celebrating Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

On January 18, I had the honor of speaking at the Opening Garlanding Ceremony celebrating Dr. Martin Luther King Jr in Downtown Fresno. This year's theme was "Fulfilling the Dream with Informed Action." It was a wonderful event where I spoke about our mission of creating opportunities, one student at a time and how it aligns with Dr. King's vision of fairness and equity for all students.

#### Featured Department: Career Technical Education & Library



Back row (L-R): Sallie Turpen, Brent Nabors, Brooke Ramos, Matt Alanis, Cynthia MacDonald, James Vea, Liz Romero. Seated: Garry Elliott, Matthew Grafi Not pictured: Jose Castaneda, Vikki Piper

The Career Technical Education and Library Department at Clovis Community College offers a wide-variety of programs designed to help students become career-ready. Accounting, Business, Child Development, Criminology, Economics, Information Systems, Mechatronics, and Occupational Therapy are all disciplines taught within the CTE department. Together they have worked hard to develop certificates for students and are spearheading the effort to build noncredit classes. They work hard to create clear pathways with multiple options to fit the needs of students.

#### **Library Fun Facts**

**Student Support** 

Providing a welcoming, learner-centered environment

Students Using STUDY ROOMS 2.382

**Critical Thinking** 

Connecting students with tools for research success

Questions

377,713 73,357 Database Articles Searches Downloaded



Instruction

49,318

Student visits

Increasing information literacy skills and the scholarly conversation

35 Sessions





**Books & Media Checkouts** 



#### **Interim Vice President of Instruction**

Please join me in welcoming Dr. Kimberlee Messina, our Interim Vice President of Instruction for the spring semester. She has a comprehensive instructional background and has worked closely with student services. She will work with the Deans to oversee enrollment management, curriculum development, and a variety of college initiatives.



Dr. Kimberlee Messina Interim Vice President of Instruction

#### **Director, Small Business Development Center**

Mr. Rich Mostert has been selected as the Director of the Small **Business Development Center** (SBDC). Previously, Mr. Mostert has served as Director of the Central Valley Technical Resource Assistance Center as well as Director of the Fresno State Small Business Development Center.



**Rich Mostert** Director Valley Community SBDC

#### Calendar of Events

January 21 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr Holiday No Class, Campus Closed

January 25 Last Day to Drop a full-term class for a Full-Refund

February 1 Last day to add/drop (without a "W") a full-term class in person

February 3 Last day to add/drop (without a "W") a full-term class online

February 15 President's Holiday No Class, Campus Closed

February 18 President's Holiday No Class, Campus Closed

#### Clovis Community College Campus Connect Club (C6)



CCC Campus Connect Club (C6) held its first official event to kick off the holiday season. On Wednesday, December 5th 15 faculty and staff enjoyed paint night at Pinot's Palette. Creativity and fun were flowing as we painted and sipped while painting our Santas. Make sure you join us next time. If you have an idea and want to organize it, please feel free to contact Ann B. and Emilie to get the word out.

### Sprucing Up

Please join me in thanking Sergio Salinas and his amazing crew for all the hard work they did over the winter break to keep our facilities in tip-top shape, including striping and waxing the floors and shampooing carpets.



#### **President's Open Office Hours** February 2019

Thursday, February 7, 8:00-9:00 a.m. Wednesday, February 20, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

#### **Lunch with Lori – Spring 2019**

Tuesday, February 7, AC2-276 at 11:30 Wednesday, March 13, AC2-276 at 12:00 Tuesday, May 7, HC 302 at 12:30

