



A Message from Dr. Bennett

Fall is here! I love our seasons; but bouncing from 90 to 60 degrees and back again really feels like a weather rollercoaster! However, I can't wait to watch the tree leaves change color across our campus. It's amazing to see how much our trees have grown since CCC received accreditation. Could that be symbolism for how much our entire college has grown over the last few years?

I was so proud to share so many of our accomplishments at the state of the college President's Breakfast last week. I'm especially proud that Clovis Community College has been named a 2019 Champion of Higher Education for the second year in a row! (See below for details.) I can't thank everyone enough for your efforts to build strong programs, support our students, and focus on student success. Let's take time to celebrate, then get back to the work we'll need to do to earn that award again next year!!!

President's Breakfast Recap

By Emilie Gerety

On Tuesday, September 24, we hosted the 2nd Annual President's Breakfast. This event allows us to connect with our local educational, business, and community partners as well as raise much needed funds for student scholarships. Dr. Bennett took the opportunity to share the amazing things happening at Clovis Community College and thank everyone for their advocacy in Sacramento for the release of Proposition 51 funds. In addition, ASG President Elijah Banda spoke to the crowd about his path to CCC and the success he has had here. Monica Chahal introduced herself to the crowd as the new Vice President of Instruction and Professor Jared Rutledge talked about our incredible STEM division. A huge thank you to everyone who made the event possible.



#1 In California...

Number of transfer students to UC's & CSU's*

Associate Degrees for Transfers earned**

Associate Degrees earned with fewest units accumulated

*Per 1,000 students

**Compared to similarly sized California Community Colleges



Ela Gandhi October 14

Ela Gandhi, Granddaughter of Mahatma Gandhi, to speak at CCC. It will be an honor to host peace activist Ms. Ela Gandhi on October 14 at 2:00 p.m. Please visit our website for the latest information.



Applied Technology Building (AC3)

When the district developed the state bond proposal several years ago, the College helped develop the building plan that was submitted in hopes of approval. As you know, we just received that approval through Prop 51 funding. Below is a list of the rooms/spaces that were included in the state bond project. We must follow the state plan that was approved, so these are the spaces we will be including in the new building. We have some flexibility about what goes into each room, but they must stay closely aligned with the original plan. Also, this building is Phase 1 of our bond-funded projects. We have another building already in line at the state for Phase 2. I'll share more about that one in a future newsletter.

Below are the details for our new building, called "Applied Technology Building" in the state bond documents. The **BOLD** names are the rooms included in the state bond. We have started brainstorming programs that could fit in each room. This is not a final list, just a good first draft of ideas. If you think another program could fit with one of these clusters, please let Lorrie Hopper or your Facilities Committee rep know.

Applied Technology Building Plan Overview

1. **General Assignment** – Large Lecture Hall, approximately twice the size of AC1 150 (possibilities: large lecture hall, multipurpose room, small stage at one end for Performing Arts/presentations/events, other?)
2. **Health Occupations** (Occupational Therapy Assistant, Rehabilitation Aide, other healthcare programs...)
3. **Water and Wastewater Technology** (Water Treatment Management, Environmental Science, Geology, Chemistry, other?)
4. **Environmental Technology** (Computer lab, Computer Science, Digital Music?, Digital Technology?, other?)
5. **Food Processing and Related Technologies** (Food Safety, Microbiology, Nutrition, other?)
6. **Electro-mechanical Technology** (Mechatronics, Engineering, other?)
7. **General Studies** (Open Computer Lab, Other?)
8. **Learning Center** (about 1/3 the size of the current library, Tutoring Center?, Other?)
9. **Media Services** (Classroom with Distance Education visual Equipment, meeting room)
10. **Office space** (approx. 25-30 offices)
11. **Conference Room**
12. **Workroom/copy center**
13. **Lounge**
14. **MIS service room**

Those of you who helped build AC1 and AC2 know that the next couple years will be exciting and busy! We will keep everyone updated throughout the process.

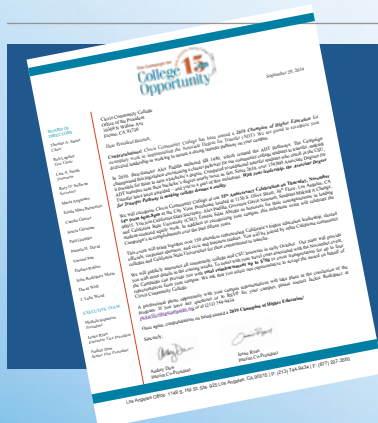


Budget Update – Field Trip & Activities

By Lorrie Hopper

We are piloting a new process for faculty led field trips and activities this fiscal year. Previously, field trips were funded two different ways: completing an Action Plan Funding Request or requesting funds through your dean. There really was no process for faculty to request a student activity such as Speech Night. This year we wanted to have a process to make requesting funds easier and more consistent. We allocated \$15,000 for faculty led field trips/activities which was an increase of almost \$4,000 from the prior fiscal year.

We developed a form for field trips/activities and sent it out to all Clovis Community College faculty, staff and administrators. We received requests in the amount of \$25,180 and funded \$11,580. One large dollar amount request was not eligible for funding and another field trip request was canceled due to the event being moved out of state. We will send out another email in the next couple of weeks asking for additional requests since there is \$3,420 we can still allocate.



Clovis Community College has been named a 2019 Champion of Higher Education for exemplary work in implementing the Associate Degree for Transfer (ADT). We have been recognized for our dedicated leadership in working to ensure a strong transfer pathway.

District Strategic Planning

By: Alex Adams

The District Strategic Planning Council (DSPC) is currently developing a new 2020-2023 Strategic Plan to replace the 2017-2020 plan that will expire in June. The current plan includes four overarching goals: Excellence in Education, Institutional Effectiveness, Leader in Higher Education, Alignment with State's Vision for Success.

Over the past three years, the district developed annual strategic objectives (e.g., promote college going culture, promote a dynamic environment to attract, develop, and retain a diverse faculty and staff, etc.), which were selected to achieve the overarching goals.

On September 20th, approximately 75 student, faculty, classified, administrative, and community representatives from each of the three colleges and Madera Community College Center met at the Herndon Campus to identify new themes through the lens of equity using environmental scan data and Student Success Metrics data.

The DSPC will use the information from the workshop to develop a draft plan, which will be presented to constituency groups in October and November for feedback. Once all feedback is received, DSPC will finalize the plan and forward their recommendation to the Chancellor. It will then go out for review and approval by constituent groups with the goal of sending for a first read at the March 2020 Board of Trustees meeting.

Timeline	
Spring 2019-September 2019	DSPC Plan and Prepare Draft Strategic Plan
October 2019 – November 2019	Present Draft Plan for Constituency Group Feedback and Finalize Plan
December 2019 – February 2020	Constituency Group Review/Approval
March 2020 - April 2020	Board of Trustees Review and Approval

Accreditation Next Steps

By Jennifer Simonson

Accreditation efforts continue to be ongoing at CCC. For the past year, the College is working on its Quality Focus Essay (QFE) action projects: #1 – Strengthening the Use of Data in Decision Making and #2 – Building the Infrastructure for Distance Education Program to Ensure Continued Success. These two projects arose as a priority for the College during the completion of the last Institutional Self-Evaluation Report, and the results of the projects are part of the upcoming Midterm Report to ACCJC, the College's accreditor.

The Institutional Research Department leads the efforts for QFE Action Project #1. Those efforts have included increasing data availability (such as the UP Plan Dashboard and the third and fourth annual Institutional Effectiveness Reports), data training with various departments and the Deans Council, data presentations on Opening Day and at committee meetings, and continued professional development for the Institutional Research team. There will be continued training and support for departments and committees as the College creates a culture of data-based decision making, and the accreditation team will capture evidence of these decisions.

The Distance Education Coordinator and Instructional Designer have led the efforts for QFE Action #2. As part of building infrastructure for DE at Clovis, the College implemented Quest for Success, a program that identifies and supports student readiness for online learning. In addition, the College offers its own DE Certification Course, and salary units for completing the course became available in Spring 2018. Forty-one faculty have completed the certification course. In Fall 2018, the College established the Distance Education Advisory as an oversight group for DE program efforts. The Distance Education Advisory made one of its first goals the revision of the Distance Education Handbook, which is currently going through constituency review. Finally, this action project also addresses the quality of existing courses through a course review process and professional development for faculty in the DE Flex Series and accessibility trainings, both of which are ongoing activities.

Check out the [Clovis Community College Hub](#) for meeting agendas & minutes (you may need to log in).

CCC Marketing Plan Overview

By Stephanie Babb

CCC's marketing plan consists of a robust strategy that generates measurable results when it comes to student enrollment. For example, enrollment has increased 32% from 2015 to 2019. Advertising includes TV, radio, ethnic media to include Hmong radio and Spanish TV, digital, social media, and prints ads. Community outreach is another aspect of the plan since it is important CCC be visible in the community at various luncheons and banquets. College attendees include the president, administrators, faculty, community leaders, and elected officials. These events offer opportunities to network, promote the college, and reiterate CCC's role in the community.

Also, the college sponsors multicultural events organized by the African American Museum, Fresno Area Hispanic Foundation, Central California Asian Pacific Women, and Clovis Unified School District—just to name a few. CCC's current message is promoting the first-rate quality programs; CCC as the college of choice for academic achievement, innovation, and student achievement; and the FREE college program. You can view various video advertisements on the CCC's You Tube page, and view print ads in the Clovis Roundup and Clovis Unified School District newspapers.

College Night

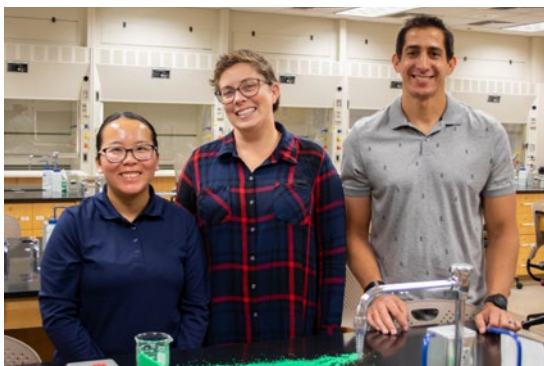
By David Navarro

The 2019 Fresno Area College Night sponsored by the Fresno County Superintendent of Schools was held at Fresno Convention Center on Wednesday, September 11, 2019. Approximately 5,000 individuals attended. Clovis had a booth with seven tables highlighting the programs and services offered. Represented that evening were History, Psychology, Sociology, Mechatronics, Engineering, Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Counseling, Outreach, and Administration. Clovis also participated in the opening event called the Hour of Power where students learn about the various workshops and college fair. Clovis also co-presented in the Community College session and hosted two parent sessions on the role of parent/provider in the higher education search and the importance of emotional support throughout the search, preparation and attending an institution of higher education.

Featured Department – Science



Left photo (L to R): Nader Inan, Ann Fallon, Gizelle Hurtado, Shawn Fleming, Michelle Selvans, Anthony Abbott. Not pictured: Rosa Alcazar, Jordan Anderson, Derek Dormedy, Arla Hile, Robin Nearn, Jared Rutledge, Brian Sham, Bret Wood.
Middle photo: Houa Xiong, Emily Wilson, Tyler Johns



Student Natlia Robles at the Great Sierra River Cleanup

The Science Department here at Clovis Community College is working diligently to meet student demand at our growing college. They have hired several new faculty to help tackle this challenge. New Biology and Environmental Science instructor, Dr. Gizelle Hurtado is developing curriculum and lab requirements to support the Environmental Science program. Dr. Michelle Selvans, our new Geology instructor, is developing new courses and a Geology transfer degree all while expanding course offerings and revamping geology labs. Dr. Nader Inan, is newly tenure track this year and is working alongside other Physics instructors to increase course offerings. In addition, Clovis is one of the first community colleges to submit the Chemistry UC Pathway for approval.

In addition to all the work happening in science classrooms, the department actively collaborates with other departments across the college and supports student activities. Geology is working alongside the Elementary Teaching Program to support students who take Earth Science as part of that program. Biology is working with our sister colleges on the Bridges to Baccalaureate initiative with plans to pilot a research module, a joint project with John Hopkins University. Pre Health students will have the opportunity to go on field trips to both the Fresno County morgue and the Pre Health Conference at UC Davis. The Pre Health Club is active and will be participating in Rocktoberfest while Geology students assisted in the Great Sierra River Cleanup in September.

Student Clubs & Organizations

By Patrick Stumpf

Clovis Community College offers a wide array of clubs and student organizations. These organizations range from our Associated Student Government (which represents the student's voice on campus), to clubs that promote social justice and cross-cultural understanding. The wide range of clubs at Clovis Community College offer an immense benefit to the students that join them. They gain experience working with their peers, working with staff and faculty, planning and holding events, writing meeting minutes and agendas, advocating for their fellow students, etc. Likewise, studies show that students who are involved in student organizations earn better grades and have a better college experience. Clubs and Student Organizations are an important part of Clovis Community College. Faculty: if you are interested in advising a club, please contact Patrick Stumpf at patrick.stumpf@cloviscollege.edu.

Academic Senate Update

Academic Senate has been working on approving several Administrative Regulations (ARs). We have also been having discussions on Professional Development and our new eLumen system. We will be working on a fundraiser in the future for our academic senate scholarship in partnership with Classified Senate. Be on the lookout for upcoming details.

Associated Student Update

This month ASG put on Club Rush and invited all clubs to come out and participate. We also celebrated Constitution Day and had a booth with some games and pocket sized Constitutions to give out to students. Members also helped at the President's Breakfast which had an amazing turnout and also had the chance to participate in the event itself. Our group is still growing and we can't wait to meet new people.

Classified Senate Update

Classified Senate will hold our annual Taco Booth at Roctoberfest on October 9th. Please stop by and purchase our delicious tacos and tortas! This month, we will also be selling Boo Grams, small bags of candy delivered on Halloween. More information on Boo Grams will go out soon. Proceeds from all fundraisers support the Classified Senate student scholarships.

New Employees



Jacquelyn Rubalcaba
DSPS Director



Rebecca Kinlow
Financial Aid
Analyst
(Promotion)



Tari Simpson
Senior Library
Technician
(Promotion)

Calendar of Events

October

October 1	Board of Trustees Meeting at 4:30pm at Madera CCC
October 2	Transfer Day
October 9	Rocktoberfest 2019
October 11	Last Day to Drop Full-Term Class with "W"
October 29	Harvest Fest
October 31	Dia de los Muertos

November

November 18	IEPI Team Second Visit
November 20	Native American Heritage Month Speaker

Lunches with Lori

October 15	12:00-1:00 p.m. Herndon, Room 301
November 13	12:00-1:00 p.m. AC2-276

Lori's Open Office Hours 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

October 29
November 19

Town Hall Meetings

November 5	Facilities
February 5	TBD
May 6	Budget

**Giving
Tuesday**
December 3, 2019

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