

## **President's Newsletter**

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# A Message from Dr. Bennett

Welcome back everyone! I hope you had a restful break because we have a lot of exciting plans for the spring semester! Just a few of the things that will be keeping us busy as we continue our focus on student success: more new employee hiring; preparing a proposal for another Title V grant; expanding our emergency preparedness training; continue planning of our new Applied Science building; start planning our next new building; implementing our Institutional Effectiveness Plan which includes funding for a variety of projects and professional development opportunities; and conducting a formal college review of our mission statement! These are a few of our major projects. So, watch your emails, check-in with your committee reps, and save the afternoon of January 31st. We'll keep the college updated as we work through each project! Happy New Year!

## **College and District Accomplishments**

**Thirteen** graduates from Clovis Community College are enrolled at California Health Sciences University (CHSU) College of Pharmacy program. Thank you to **Tasha Hutchings** for her dedication to our Priority Application Agreement with CHSU.

Congratulations to **Phua Yang** for completing the SCCCD Classified Leadership Program. The mission of the program is to maximize the potential of classified leaders through collaboration, learning, vision, advocacy, and action. The course provides participants an insight into the operations of the difference division areas within the district, building leadership skills, and developing clearly identifiable career goals.

## **Giving Tuesday Results**

#### By Stephanie Babb

The online #GivingTuesday campaign was a huge success. Students, staff, faculty, administrators, and community members stepped up to the plate and, together, raised approximately \$35,000 that will go toward student scholarships, the "Crush" food pantry, and the soccer field/track. The college quickly reached its \$25,000.00 goal with the much-appreciated assistance of Foundation Board President Gina Cuttone and Board Member Gus Bonner who made a match-donation of \$5000.00 each. We are grateful for all who donated and know our students will greatly benefit. Students also played a major role: the ASG and students hosted donation tables prior to the event and collected nearly \$600.00. In addition, the Gay-Straight Alliance Club collected several boxes of non-perishable food to donate to the "Crush" food pantry. Media coverage helped bring in additional community contributions.

## **Emergency Preparedness**

#### By Lorrie Hopper

Clovis Community College is working on emergency preparedness in the spring. We are contracting with West Coast Consulting Group to develop an Emergency Operations Plan and train staff. We have identified an Emergency Response Team and floor monitors. These individuals will be trained by WCCG to respond to environmental emergencies, demonstrations, bombs, floods and other situations. We are also working with another organization called Knowledge Saves Lives to provide Active Shooter Training for faculty, staff and administrators. Training will be held on March 13 from 1:00 to 5:00 pm. An email will go out in February with information on how to sign up for the active shooter training.

## **College Planning Retreat**

Please plan to attend the 4th annual college-wide retreat on January 31, 2020 from 12:00-4:00pm at the Clovis Veterans Memorial District. The retreat provides a college-wide opportunity for you to enhance your knowledge and provide input on our college planning and assessment activities. To support institutional improvement, in 2016, Clovis Community College implemented a six-year planning and assessment cycle. A summary document, reviewed by College Council, highlights which plans and projects are scheduled for review each year.

This spring, we will review the College Mission, Vision, and Values statements; review our Integrated Planning Model, and analyze student access and completion data to inform our enrollment management planning and to determine how effectively we are accomplishing our mission. As part of our annual assessment process, College Council has validated the current Mission Statement for the last five years. It is now time to more thoroughly discuss and review the Mission, Vision, and Values statements to ensure it aligns with current state-level goals. This is how we keep the college healthy and vibrant. If we believe our Mission statement is still valid, we do not need to change it. However, if there is something missing or outdated, this is our opportunity to adjust our focus. As outlined in our Integrated Planning Model, our college Mission drives our planning and assessment work. This process of college-wide, collaborative review and discussion supports accreditation standard 1.A.

## **Technology Update**

#### By John Forbes

Now that our email upgrade is completed (no more quotas!), we turn our attention to several other projects impacting our college. This semester our Crush Technology Services Department will be busy keeping our classrooms running, updating laptop carts, and refreshing staff computers. In addition, we have several projects directly impacting students and faculty: improved classroom audio-visual systems, improved wireless access in our highest need areas, and upgraded servers for our open computer lab. Our staff will also work on upgrades behind the scenes that will improve overall reliability and speed of our network.

To keep our busy campus running smooth, please practice good technology skills. Don't unplug the instructor workstations in classrooms and let our staff know if something isn't working <u>technology cloviscollege.edu</u> or call 325-5294.

### **Facility Update**

#### By Lorrie Hopper

Clovis Community College faculty, staff and administration began working with Darden Architects in November on the design of our new 66,000 square foot Career Technical Education Building. Meetings have been held with the architects and representatives from disciplines that will be moving to the new building. This building will house the Occupational Therapy Assistant program, Mechatronics, Food Safety, and Waste Water programs as well as several labs. Included in the building is an open space for students to study as well as many offices for faculty, staff and administrators. Plans are due to the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office in March. Meetings with the architects will continue in January and February.

#### **AIM Information**

#### By Jacquelyn Rubalcaba

District-wide Disabled Student Program & Services (DSP&S) is introducing AIM- an online academic adjustment and auxiliary aide system. AIM will allow students, faculty, and counselors to conveniently access DSP&S services online. Students can now apply for DSP&S and request academic accommodations via the AIM Student portal. Faculty can now login to the AIM Faculty portal to view students' academic accommodations requests. Faculty can also receive AIM generated emails regarding student academic accommodations. Please join DSP&S in welcoming AIM in their soft roll-out for the spring 2020 semester. If you have any questions, please contact the DSP&S Office at 559-325-5230.

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

## **Featured Department: English & Reading**



Back row (L-R): Cynthia Elliott, Teresa Ishigaki, Ann Brandon, Galin Dent, Erik Fritz. Middle row (L-R): Melanie Sanwo, Jeff Burdick, Cody Hoover. Front row (L-R): Von Torres, Jennifer Simonson

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The English department at Clovis Community College sees virtually every student on campus at least twice. Students are addressed individually and offered one on one time with their instructors to better the quality of their education. Faculty help students develop better reading, writing, and critical thinking skills that allow for students to be college ready. Aside from the mandatory English classes, faculty teach immersive literature and creative writing classes for English major students. The reading material for all English classes comes from all over the world and is very inclusive of every student in the classroom. Assigned readings hold a lot relevance to the students' backgrounds and lives. Faculty arrange for extra help to be available to students through the tutorial center, library and counselling. The English Department holds very high standards for their faculty and their students. Instructors encourage and

aid their students to rise up to their high standards. English faculty hold major mixers, national poetry month events and lively discussions for their students. They also sponsor weekly Brown Bag meetings where instructors gather and discuss ways to improve teaching methods and the faculty is very involved with the college as a whole.

## **New Employees & Promotions**



**Pamm** Zierfuss-Hubbard Athletic Director



Alvssa Talbot Financial Aid Specialist



**Crystyn Lynch** Financial Aid Assistant



**Roseanne Susoeff Executive Assistant** 



**Desiree Encinas Budget Specialist** (Promotion)

#### Calendar of Events

#### January

January 20 Holiday, Campus Closed January 22 Facilities Town Hall

January 31 College-wide Planning Retreat

#### **February**

February 4 Board of Trustees Meeting, District Office

February 14 Holiday, Campus Closed February 17 Holiday, Campus Closed

#### **Lunches with Lori**

February 11 AC2-276 March 10 HC 301 AC2-276 April 15



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