



A Message from Dr. Bennett

We are quickly approaching the end of a busy and challenging year. I am looking forward to offering a significant number of classes on-ground in the Fall. I am also excited for our commencement ceremony! It may look a little different from prior years, but I'm glad we can host an outdoor event for our students and their families. Students who graduated either last year or this year may participate. We've learned so many new things this year. I hope we can keep the good ideas and continue to use them even as we return to campus. Thank you again for your dedication and tireless work to educate and support students this year.

Over 15,000 students!

Even though we were fully online this year, Clovis Community College continued to grow in total student enrollment! During this academic year, we served over 15,000 students!! Thank you for your dedication and support. Now is the time to analyze our data and make sure our student completion rates mirror our student population demographics, and if not, work to understand why and make changes to support student success.

April is Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Awareness Month.

Every person within the California Community College's system has a crucial role to play in creating a more diverse, equitable, and inclusive workforce...If we commit fully to putting diversity, equity, and inclusion at the heart of our work from this point onward, California Community Colleges can take a giant leap toward being a system that truly works for all our students.

Excerpt from the CCCCCO DEI announcement, "Reflecting to Serve: What We Gain in our DEI Journey."

Commencement

The Commencement Committee is preparing for commencement. The committee has been working through different scenarios for commencement options to ensure the safety of everyone involved. On April 27, if Fresno County is in the red tier, an in-person, socially distant event will take place outdoors on campus. The event will span over several days and students will have an appointment time to walk across the stage and take photos with a limited number of family members. If Fresno County is in the purple tier on April 27, we will move to a virtual ceremony. In either case, all 2020 and 2021 graduates are invited to participate. Students should check the Commencement website for more information on how to participate.



**Join us to
celebrate
Commencement**

DSPS

By Jacquelyn Rubalcaba



DSP&S recently welcomed Heather Golden as their new Program Assistant. Heather joins us from FCC where she has previous experience working in the Veterans Center, IT department,

DSP&S Office, and campus Bookstore. She currently assists both DSP&S and CalWORKs at Clovis Community College and has been a great addition to the Student Services team. DSP&S is further expanding their team and is in the process of hiring a full-time Alternate Media Specialist (AMS). The AMS position will support students and faculty with technological accommodations. In today's online environment most accommodations require technology, making this position a vital part of DSP&S services. DSP&S began providing Priority Registration support on March 24th. Counselors continue to assist students with registering for summer and fall 2021 courses. Counselors are also assisting high school students with transition to CCC DSP&S department through our Transition to College services. Lastly, our Fall 2020 MIS reported 457 unduplicated students served by DSP&S. This figure falls in close proximity of students served by DSP&S Fall 2019, indicating that DSP&S students have maintained support throughout our online transition.

Featured Department – Counseling

By Erica Johnson

CCC's Counseling Department includes a team of both full and part-time counselors who are committed to Creating Opportunities One Student at a Time. The counselors provide comprehensive and equitable support services to assist students toward a successful college experience. They help promote student development and success by coordinating quality services and programs that are focused on students' needs.

The programs & services, offered through the Counseling Department, are designed to provide each student with individualized help in assessing personal interests and abilities, along with resolving personal issues and adjusting to college life.

One goal of Counseling is to facilitate the process by which students choose the appropriate courses and programs of study to earn a degree or certificate, transfer to a four-year university, and/or complete a vocational program. Counselors assist students in the development of a student educational plan (SEP); including the selection of required courses, critical dates and deadlines, and overall strategies to develop and achieve their educational goals.

It has always been evident at Clovis that the Counseling department is an active participant in the college and promotes working collaboratively with others. Communication is a critical component in maintaining strong working relationships. Recently, with the transition to our virtual campus, the Counselors and A&R staff worked closely to set up a streamlined system for all policies and procedures utilizing TEAMS and SharePoint. Also, the Counselors are working closely with the Instructional faculty in creating Guided Pathways including maps for all programs at CCC.

The CCC Counseling Department includes a team of non-instructional faculty that are truly committed to supporting students and the overall goals of the college's mission and vision. The team works together to provide our students with quality support. We are very proud of the fact that our team makes decisions based on what is in the best interest of the student and ultimately focusing on what is right. We are also very proud of:

- The comprehensive online counseling services available to students
- The wrap-around services and collaboration within our special programs (DSP&S, Honors, EOPS, CalWorks, Veterans, TRiO)
- The innovation in our department to ensure our students are finishing with a degree/certificate; including the "close to completers" follow up, SEP campaigns, and ADTs certification process



April is Occupational Therapy Assistant Month. Visit CCC's [Occupational Therapy Assistant](#) page to learn more about our program.

Disabled Students Programs and Services

By Jacquelyn Rubalcaba-Muniz

Disabled Student Programs and Services (DSP&S) is a special program within the Student Services division that assists students with qualifying conditions. Our team consists of three counselors, a Program Assistant, a Budget Technician, a Testing Center Technician, a part-time Alternate Media Specialist, and Director. Collectively, we support students with disabilities by providing academic adjustments and auxiliary aids that remove academic barriers.

Students utilizing DSP&S services are embedded in all areas of institutional offerings at CCC. As a result, DSP&S aims to collaborate with all departments on campus as we refer students to campus resources and work with faculty. We encourage all CCC employees to reach out to DSP&S with any inquiries related to our services. We strive to enhance our collaboration with the college at large.

The DSP&S team is proud that we provide individualized services to each student enrolled in our program. Counselors develop an Academic Accommodation Plan for each student in DSP&S that supports their success in alignment with their Student Education Plan. An additional goal of ours is to ensure accommodations are facilitated within our institution that will allow students to academically thrive and persist in completing their educational goals. We are proud to serve students with disabilities and support them as they fulfill their academic dreams.

Veterans Resource Center

By Natalie Minas



The Veterans Resource Center (VRC) helps facilitate the transition of service men and women from military to college life by connecting students to resources both on and off campus to help with their educational and basic needs. The Veteran Services unit also serves as liaisons to the United States Department of Veterans' Affairs to provide VA educational benefits.

The VRC offers services such as academic counseling, VA certifications, laptop, calculator, and book lending programs, cash grants, peer to peer mentoring, book vouchers, free printing, school supplies, and a place for veteran students to connect and experience the comradery they may miss since leaving the military. During Covid, the VRC staff stays

connected and available to students using zoom for counseling appointments and open office hours, canvas, outreach phone calls, the Remind and myVRC phone apps.

The VRC works to foster partnerships with other departments on campus. Students can expect a soft hand off to a person in another department who the VRC has established as a contact. The VRC also features other departments in our weekly noon zooms. Most recently DSP&S has presented on accommodations that may be available to those with service-connected injuries/disabilities and the Tutorial Center has provided information on Veteran Specific Tutoring. The Veterans Resource Center is honored to serve those who have served.



**Meditation with
Matt Reinig**
Every Monday from 2:00
p.m. – 2:15 p.m.



**Health & Wellness Breaks
for Students & Employees**
Every Wednesday from 2:00 p.m. –
2:15 p.m.



**Online Crush
Wellness Classes**
Every Thursdays from
3:00 – 3:30 PM

CCC Accomplishments

Four dedicated Clovis Community College students earned “Live Your Dream” \$1000 scholarships from Soroptimist International of Clovis. Ms. Manami Futija also earned first place for the regional Soroptimist International scholarship program and received an additional \$5,000.00. Read more in the [Clovis Roundup newspaper article](#).

Dr. Lori Bennett, President, was selected Director of the Year for the Clovis Chamber of Commerce. She will be honored at the Chamber’s Salute to Business event on May 6. To learn more, visit clovischamber.com

Dr. Alex Adams, Director of Institutional Research, Evaluation, and Planning joined the Central Valley Higher Education Consortium Taskforce on Equity, Race, and Social Justice. This task force will develop best practices for using data to identify and close the equity gap.

Stephanie Briones, Project Director for Title V PODER Grant, spoke with abc 30 about her experience in the Central Valley Latino Leadership Academy (CVLLA). To see the report visit abc30.com and to learn more about the Central Valley Latino Leadership Academy visit [CVLLAcademy](#) on Facebook.



Rich Mostert, SBDC Director, presented at the Transform Fresno Annual Summit on March 25, 2021. The summit updated the community on the ongoing efforts of community members funded by the Transformative Climate Communities program. To learn more, you can visit www.transformfresno.com.

CCC's Tutorial Center held a successful donation event for the Marjaree Mason Center on March 25, 2021. If you missed your chance to participate you can still donate online at mmcenter.org.

The next Virtual Lunch with Lori!! April 29, 2021, at 12:00 PM

Monthly Committee Updates: Academic Senate

By Cynthia Elliott

The Academic Senate will be holding elections for the adjunct representatives in 2021-2022 and making some tweaks to our Constitution to include a “Zoom corollary” on April 26-28. We are composing an Academic Freedom Resolution and a Diversity, Inclusion, and Equity Resolution for our April meetings. We will be reading and commenting on the Strategic Plan for 2021-2025, the Enrollment Management Plan, and the Budget for 2021-2022. Our representatives on various committees are stopping in to give us an update and tell us how we can serve them. We bid a sad farewell to our retiring faculty: Joseph Libby and Becky Allen.

Associated Student Government

By Amrita Dhami & Patrick Stumpf

The Associated Student Government has been busy in March. On Tuesday, March 23rd, the ASG held a Women’s History Month Poetry Night. On Friday, March 26th, four of our members are attending the Student Senate for California Community Colleges General Assembly. This virtual conference is where the ASG meets with ASG members from around the state and set the agenda for the SCCC for the coming year. The ASG is also in the middle of its elections. Interested students can visit our elections website:

2021-2022 ASG Elections | Clovis Community College (cloviscollege.edu)

Accreditation Steering Committee

By Jennifer Simonson & Monica Chahal

Accreditation Steering Committee Update for President's Newsletter – March 2021

- The committee is continuing to monitor progress on the Midterm Report, which is due to ACCJC in March 2022.
- At its last meeting, the committee reviewed the process for submitting Substantive Change Reports and the draft of the 2021 ACCJC Annual Report.
- The committee will resume reviewing Standard IV at its next meeting in April.

Environmental Health & Safety and Facilities Committee

By Lorrie Hopper & Michelle Selvens

- Hands-free soap and paper towel dispensers will be installed in all restrooms at Clovis Community College in the next few weeks.
- Hands-free faucets will be ordered soon, and we hope to have them installed by August
- The committee discussed possible projects for the next fiscal year. Push button doors for the main restrooms upstairs in AC1 and AC2 were discussed as well as having the push-buttons at all entrances to the buildings. Additional lighting in parking lots was also discussed.

Guided Pathway Committee

By Alicia Diaz Wrest

The Guided Pathways Steering Committee is making great progress toward meeting many of our goals by the end of this academic year.

- Program and certificate mapping work continues, and we fully expect to have all programs and certificates mapped by the end of this semester.
- We continue to collect data. Michelle Johnson is overseeing student focus groups planned for April. We appreciate the help of faculty to get the word out to students.
- We are working on designing student success teams. Our teams will be called CRUSH Completion Teams. We are working on developing the roles that will fulfill the mission of the CRUSH Completion Teams, as well as job duties and objectives for those roles. We are focused on keeping an eye on sustainability as we move forward on this project.
- We are in the process of collecting information from departments to update discipline web pages. Huge THANK YOU to Nina Roby, who is updating the web pages. Nina hopes to have all discipline pages updated with refreshed information and maps by the end of summer.

Outcome and Assessment Committee

By Tracy Stuntz

O+A has been brainstorming how to have college-wide conversations about outcomes. Look for a sample in an upcoming Town Hall. If you or your department is interested in starting conversations about SLO data or program-mapping, [sign up for a working session with the SLO Coordinator](#); these sessions will continue through the rest of the semester and culminate in a Fall flex day activity.

Technology Advisory Committee

By Teng Her & Brooke Ramos

- Nico is working with the District Office on forms using Microsoft Power Automate for new accounts in the information systems.
- The District has purchased a package, so we have the option to call the Canvas Support Hotline again. Please see the "Help" option in the Canvas sidebar for the Canvas Support Numbers.
- Campus IT is on campus working on several projects including upgrading the audiovisual systems, upgrading the network infrastructure in AV1, replacing the wireless access points, putting WiFi in parking lots A, C, and D (under the solar panels), in addition to several other projects.

Professional Development Committee

By Tiffany Sarkisian

- Ann Brandon created - and brought to our March meeting - a draft PD Plan; the committee has been reviewing and contributing to the plan.
- Over the past year, the committee has been reviewing PD websites from a random sampling of various California community colleges to direct and justify changes to CCC's PD website. Committee members noticed that many of the college's PD websites have significantly changed over the year, most likely in response to remote teaching/learning needs.
- Tiffany Sarkisian has been attending DO Cornerstone Implementation meetings to understand, collaborate with sister campuses, and identify areas in which to utilize this platform that the Chancellor's Office purchased for all of the California community colleges. Cornerstone is a program that offers professional development opportunities, tracks (through transcripts and reports) in-house and off-campus PD, as well to schedule and enroll-in campus-wide and district-wide PD activities.

Student Success and Equity Committee

By Heather Boynton & Gurdeep Hébert

The Student Success and Equity committee has been focused on helping students access a variety of resources on campus including technology, food, books, and online support. They had a very successful food drive, which distributed food to over 200 students. Members of the committee have volunteered to work in ad hocs to review the college website as well as to address the transportation needs of our students. These efforts are ongoing and will continue to be a focus of the committee's work. The committee is actively working with all constituency groups to review and update the COA to ensure that the document reflects the current needs of our campus with actionable goals and data-informed practices. The committee is working on the equity plan that is due in 2022. The committee is also collaborating on social justice speakers to present next year and exploring professional development webinar opportunities through the Vision for Success Virtual Summit happening in March and April.

New Employees



Michelle Tindall,
Senior Sign Language Interpreter



Perlita Castro
Program Assistant- Student Services

Important Dates

April

April 2 Good Friday – Campus Closed
April 6 Board Meeting & Special Session
April 29 Lunch with Lori
April 29 Virtual Service Award Ceremony

May

May 4 Board Meeting
May 21 Last Day of the Semester
TBD... Commencement
May 24 Start of 4-Week and 10-Week Summer Sessions
May 31 Memorial Day Holiday

College-wide Town Hall Meetings and Weekly Update Letter:

During the Spring semester, Town Halls will be held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month from 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. via Zoom. Zoom information will be provided through the college email. President's Weekly Updates will be sent on alternating Fridays.

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