

# BOARD REPORT

April 2017



## ACCREDITATION UPDATE

Reedley College is on schedule with the accreditation process. Below is a timeline of accreditation activities for March and April:

- March 15 Institutional Self-Evaluation Report (ISER), Introduction, and Standard I submitted to College Council for first read
- March 28 ISER, Introduction, Standard I to Academic Senate (AS) and Classified Senate (CS) for first read
- March 31 The annual accreditation report and fiscal report submitted to ACCJC
- April 5 Standard II to College Council for first read
- April 18 Standard II to Classified Senate for first read
- April 19 Standard III and IV to College Council for first read
- April 25 Standard II to Academic Senate for first read

## KUDOS

### MCCC instructor named 2017

#### Distinguished Teacher of the Year

Political Science Instructor Bill Turini has been selected by the Madera Chamber of Commerce as the 2017 Distinguished Teacher of the Year. According to Dean of Instruction Ganesan Srinivasan, "Bill is richly deserving of this honor through his commitment and dedication to student success, teaching, institution building, and community service." Bill will be presented with the award on Thursday, May 11 during the 2017 Salute to Education Reception and Award Ceremony being held at the MCCC campus.



Bill Turini

### RC student to present at Stanford Honors Research Symposium

Reedley College Honors student Joaquin Jimenez was one of 86 students selected to present at this year's Honors Research Symposium at Stanford University. Conference organizers received 228 proposals from across California and selected 86. The title of his proposal is, "Dubstep or Didgeridoo: The Implications of Streaming Applications on Musical Enjoyment." Many strong proposals were submitted by RC Honors students thanks to the work of Dr. John Heathcote. The conference takes place Saturday, May 6. RC Honors students will attend the conference to support Joaquin, learn from the other student presenters, and participate in a campus tour, and admissions workshops.

### RC IT Department featured in IBM article

The Reedley College Information Technology (IT) Program is featured in the April 2017 edition of the IBM corporate newsletter. The article outlines the *high employment* rate of RC IT students following their participation with the IBM Power Systems Academic Initiative (PSAI).

According to David Atencio, IT instructor, Reedley College is one of a few American based campuses who use the IBM training platform. The program has "evolved to include Red Hat Linux based instruction (the server system that includes 80% of the world's servers), which includes, C++, Java, perl and other programming languages, as well as providing a test platform for students here to learn on real machines, the art of Cyber security, and ethical hacking.

### RC instructor named Vice Chair

Linda Carvalho-Cooley, RC Communications instructor, was elected Vice Chair for the Community College Interest Group at the annual conference of the Western States Communication Association in Salt Lake City. Additionally, Carvalho-Cooley presented a GIFTS presentation on an activity on inclusion that she uses with her students. She also led a panel on Communication Anxiety. Participating on the panel was Brad Millar, Communication instructor at MCCC. Lastly, Vanessa Buldo, RC Communications instructor, was one of three chairs on a panel regarding adjunct instructors and how colleges can make them feel less marginalized. She co-chaired with Tiffany Sarkisian and Stephanie Briones, Communication instructors at Clovis Community College.

## SERVING THE COMMUNITY

### Blood Drive

An on-campus blood drive was held Wednesday, March 29 on the RC campus. Participants, including students, faculty, and staff, generously donated blood. Each unit collected has the potential to save three lives!

### Residence Hall raising funds to Give Cancer the Boot

RC Residence Hall residents and staff members are raising funds and will participate in the annual American Cancer Society Relay for Life on Saturday, April 22. The residents and staff are working hard to once again be the top fundraising team. To donate visit: [reedleyrelayforlife.org](http://reedleyrelayforlife.org) and donate to our Residence Hall Team "Give Cancer the Boot."

## REEDLEY MIDDLE COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL

- RMCHS Senior Luis Vargas was named Youth Citizen of the Year by the Reedley Chamber of Commerce during an award ceremony on March 17. Vargas was nominated by Adelfa Lorenzano, RMCHS Coordinator, for his active service to the campus and community. Additionally, Vargas was recognized for his high academic achievement, maintaining a cumulative 3.81 high school GPA and 3.73 Reedley College cumulative GPA.
- RMCHS 10th grade students will be visiting Cal-Poly, San Luis Obispo on April 5.

- RMCHS students will also be participating in Tiger Romp on April 6, with five different teams competing.
- 11th grade students will be taking the ACT on April 8.
- Students will be recognized at the 5th annual RMCHS Academic Awards for academic achievement on April 18 in the RC Cafeteria.
- 10th grade Wonderful Ag students will be job shadowing at Olam Farms on April 19.
- RMCHS students will be participating in the state-wide Skills USA Conference in San Diego, April 20-23.
- 9th grade students will be visiting UC Davis on April 26.
- The 2nd annual RMCHS Prom will be held on April 29 in the Reedley College Cafeteria.

## ACTIVITIES

### OCCC receives community input at Feedback Forum

A Feedback Forum was held March 22 at the OCCC to discuss plans for the future campus. Approximately 40 people attended the forum to provide recommendations for district and college officials to consider. The forum focused on programs and features community members would like to see on the future campus. A survey is available to people to comment if they were not present at the forum. Officials at the forum also announced they are collecting recommendations for locations of the new campus. Recommendations are being collected through April 14 by Odell Planning & Research, Inc.

### Know your Rights – DACA information event

A presentation to help DACA students took place Monday, April 3 on the RC campus. The presentation provided students with information about the Central Valley Immigrant Integration Collaborative, citizenship, DACA updates, other forms of relief, and knowing their rights.

### Safari Days and Experience Expo

RC will host the annual Safari Days event April 4 – 6 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The event includes Student Appreciation Day on April 4, a car show on April 5, and the Experience Expo, a career, volunteer, and internship fair on April 6. More than 100 participants are expected to provide opportunities to students at the Experience Expo.

### RC Ag Backers Council Host Pinot & Pints Fundraiser

The annual Pinot & Pints fundraiser will be held Saturday, April 8 from 3 to 6 p.m. at the McClarty Residence in Reedley. The wine and beer tasting event supports the Ag Department at Reedley College. Tickets are \$25.00 and can be purchased by contacting Marylou Wright at 559.638.0310 or at the event.

### 9th Annual STEM Conference at Reedley College

Reedley College will host the 9th annual STEM Conference on Saturday, April 22 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. This free event is the largest STEM Conference in the Valley. Hundreds of middle school, high school, and college students attend the event each year. This year students will be able to meet and talk with STEM professionals, participate in hands on Science and engineering activities, and be inspired by keynote speaker, Brent Bushnell, CEO and Roustabout at Two Bit Circus.

## ATHLETICS

### RC Men's Golf secures Conference Championship

The Reedley College Men's Golf team secured the Central Valley Conference Championship on Monday, March 20 at Kings River Golf & Country Club with their 7th straight tournament victory. Having now clinched the CVC Title for 2017, the RC Men's Golf Team has won conference championships in six of the last seven seasons (2011, 2012, 2013, 2015, 2016, 2017). Leading the way for the Tigers was Ben Kinsley, shooting a tournament medalist round of 1 over par 73. Israel Garcia and Greg Smith each shot 74's, and were tied for 2nd place with the next best scores on the day! Jace Merlo shot a 78, and Amardeep Manku shot a 79 to round out the scoring for the Tigers. Reedley shot a team score of 378, 14 shots ahead of Fresno City College's 392. West Hills-Lemoore posted a 442, and Taft College was not eligible to post a team score because they only had four players. Lastly, RC has the top four players in the Individual Conference Standings as well, with Israel Garcia just ahead of Ben Kinsley, followed by Greg Smith and Jace Merlo.



2017 RC Men's Tennis Team

### RC Men's Tennis clinches League Championship

Tuesday, March 14, the Reedley College Men's Tennis team was successful on the courts against the Modesto Junior College (MJC) Pirates. The Reedley College men clinched the Big 8 "South" Conference Championship. The Tigers started off with a quick win with 3rd doubles team, Gabriel Tovar, and Roberto Torres. At one and two doubles, things started to turn for the Tigers as the MJC men started to play well at the net. The Tigers ended up being down 2-1 after the doubles matches. To win the title, the Tigers had to be victorious in at least four of six singles matches. Reedley College six singles players, Luis Montoya, came out strong to tie with MJC, 2-2. Reedley College three singles, Robert Smith, fought hard with a 7-6, 6-4 win to give the Tigers a 3-2 lead. Singles players, Gabriel Tovar and Ethan Gunn played strong winning in straight sets at 4 and 5 to clinch the match for the Big 8 Conference Title. James Garcia, Reedley College's number two singles player, fought hard to win a close 3-set match. The Tigers number one singles, Aaron Reimer, was the last on the court in a tough three-set battle losing 5-10 in the super tie-breaker. The Tigers now have a 6-2 record and are 5-0 in the conference. Next for the Tigers will be the Big 8 South Conference Individual Tournament the first weekend of April and the team NorCal Playoffs on Tuesday, April 11.