

BOARD REPORT

May 2017



ACCREDITATION UPDATE

The accreditation process is on schedule according to the original timeline with the exception of one item. Standard IV will go before College Council May 3 for first read. This is a slight delay from the initial timeline that was scheduled for April 18. All other items are on schedule as originally reported. It is anticipated the entire Institutional Self-Evaluation Report will be approved in August and September.

KUDOS

Reedley College selected to implement CA Guided Pathways Project

Reedley College was selected as one of only 20 CA community colleges to participate in the CA Guided Pathways Project. The project is designed to significantly increase the number of students who earn a certificate or degree at a CA Community College. Guided Pathways provides a framework for colleges to help students who face barriers to completing a college education. Each college in the project will receive guidance and structured time to create clear pathways to high-quality credentials and develop the change management strategies needed to accomplish this goal. The Guided Pathways model helps colleges clarify paths to student end goals, helps students select a program and stay on the path, and ensures quality learning. Pathways include specific course sequences, progress milestones, and defined learning outcomes.

Faculty Honors

Gregory Ramirez has been selected to be a leader at the California Assessment Project in Southern California in July. The training program is for faculty involved in acceleration across California. Gregory has been teaching accelerated composition for several years at MCCC.

Michelle Stricker, RC matriculation and Title V activities coordinator, was recently elected to co-chair the state-wide Education Planning Tool/Degree Audit System (EPT/DAS) Committee. The EPT/DAS Committee is a subcommittee of the State Education Planning Initiative Steering Committee.

REEDLEY MIDDLE COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL

- RMCHS honored 65 students at the annual academic awards dinner on April 18. The 2017 Noble Knights were announced, Seniors Katelyn Luna, Navneet Sandhu, and Luis Vargas will be honored at the RMCHS graduation on June 7. Noble Knights are students who have embodied academics, community service and personal growth while at RMCHS.
- Fourteen 10th grade students had the opportunity to job shadow at Olam Industries on April 19.
- The RMCHS Skills U.S.A. team participated in the state conference in San Diego April 21-22. Competition results were not available by the report submission deadline.

- The California FFA state convention will be held in Fresno April 21-24, 22 students will be in attendance and participating in various competitions.
- All 9th grade students will be visiting UC Davis on April 26.
- The second annual RMCHS prom will take place on April 29. This year's theme is, "A Mid-Summer Nights Dream."
 - RMCHS senior Devrie Montgomery is the Outstanding RMCHS student for 2017. She will be attending the annual Tiger Awards ceremony on May 3.
- The second annual Senior Luncheon with Dr. Caldwell will be held on May 5.
- Six RMCHS students are part of the youth planning committee that will host, "Youth Summit 2017" at Reedley College on May 6. This summit will have workshops focused on youth topics such as social media, college and career planning, the effects of drug abuse, and other various related subjects. Over 200 high school students are expected to attend. The Youth Summit is in partnership with the CA Health Collaborative, Kings Canyon Unified School District, Adventist Health, City of Reedley, Reedley Police Department, and Boys and Girls Club of Central CA.
- A college workshop for incoming 9th grade students will be held May 9. This workshop is focused on the application process in preparation for summer school and the fall terms.

ACTIVITIES

Inaugural ACCJC Conference

Twelve employees representing faculty, staff and administration attended the 2017 ACCJC Conference: Partners in Excellence in Irvine April 4-7. The conference provided attendees the opportunity to explore multiple ways colleges and the accrediting commission work together



ACCJC Conference attendees.

to ensure that each student has an outstanding experience in college. Kari Johnson, MCCC librarian, and Gregory Ramirez, MCCC English instructor, presented a one-hour presentation entitled, "The Role of Library Reading Events on Student Success at Madera Community College Center." Donna Berry, VP of administration at RC, and Stephanie Curry, RC faculty grant coordinator, presented on the "Integrated Budget Process."

MCCC to partner with Deerpoint Group

Deerpoint Group, a leader in nutrient management, irrigation, and food safety water treatment will partner with MCCC to strengthen agri-business education. Partnership with this thriving company will benefit ag students at MCCC. Additionally, the Deerpoint Group will host a field trip for students attending the Summer Ag Camp at MCCC.

MCCC Registered Nursing Program welcomed its 7th Cohort

Twelve students were selected to join the 7th cohort of RN students. The students recently attended a day-long orientation provided by Kimi Kato-Gee, RN director, and other nursing faculty. The cohort will begin classes May 23.

Pete P. Peters Honors Students present at STEM Conference

Three Pete P. Peters Honors students, under the direction of Dr. John Heathcote's Honors 3A Applied Sciences class, presented at Reedley College's STEM Conference on April 22 in workshops primarily designed for local high school and junior high school students. Joelle Hogg presented her research entitled, "No Longer Out of Pocket: What Will Free Community College Tuition in California do to the Economy?" Danny Del Muro Martinez presented "Exposing the Correlation Between the Increase in Internet Usage and Depression Among Millennials Born in the 90's in The United States: The Hidden Side of the Internet." Griffin Magill presented "A Healthy Future: The Medical Field's Effect on Society."

Campuses host Inter-Faith Focus Group

Focus groups involving students from diverse religious, faith, and spiritual backgrounds were held at Reedley College and MCCC the last week of April. The focus group provided students the opportunity to discuss their experiences and any issues they may be facing as a result of their religious affiliation. Students on the Reedley College and MCCC were invited to attend the lunch and discussion with President Sandra Caldwell on their respective campus.

RC Child Development Center Nature Explore Classroom Ribbon Cutting

The Reedley College Child Development Center hosted a ribbon cutting ceremony for its new Nature Explore Classroom on Friday, April 28. Nature Explore, a collaborative program of the Arbor Day Foundation and Dimensions Educational Research Foundation, was awarded a grant from the US Forest Service to support the program. Through a proposal process, Reedley College Child Development Center and Lab School was selected and all expenses associated with the classroom will be paid for by Nature Explore. The value of the Nature Explore classroom and resources is \$100,000.

RC Financial Aid hosts workshop

The RC Financial Aid Department hosted a financial aid awareness event on Tuesday, May 2 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. The event provided information about assistance and services provided by the department. Information pertaining to specific student groups including Foster Youth, DACA students, and Veterans was also provided.

Tiger Awards

The 38th Annual Tiger Awards will be held Wednesday, May 3. The event recognizes and honors various students for outstanding achievement in academic and student services areas, and athletics. The Outstanding Club of the Year and Outstanding Student Leader will also be recognized. Additionally, President Caldwell will award the Spirit of the Tiger award to honor and recognize an outstanding individual or group that displays extraordinary support and/or service to our college. The recipient can be an employee, a college group or organization, a community member(s), or a community group or organization.

RC Ag Backers Pinot & Pints Fundraiser postponed to May 6

The RC Ag Backers Annual Pinot & Pints fundraiser has been postponed to Saturday, May 6 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.

OSCC to host Open House

OSCC will host its Spring Open House on Tuesday, May 9 from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The event is open to the community including education and business partners focused on career pathways. The campus will provide information about degrees and career pathways available. The event will also include food, entertainment, and various vendors.

Author Reyna Grande On Crossing Borders at Madera Community College Center

Award-winning Mexican American Author Reyna Grande will read from her memoir, *The Distance Between Us*, and from her novels, *Across a Hundred Mountains* and *Dancing with Butterflies*, on Tuesday, May 9 from 1 to 2:30 p.m. at Madera Community College Center, Room AM 120. Grande, an immigrant and former community college ESL student at Pasadena City College, holds an M.F.A. in creative writing from Antioch University. She is an inspirational writer and speaker who has visited colleges and universities across the United States, where her writing has been selected for numerous common reads. Grande's works have been translated and published internationally. She was this year's Woman of the Year Award Keynote Speaker for the California State Assembly and has received an American Book Award, the El Premio Aztlán Literary Award, and the International Latino Book Award. Madera Community College Center is honored to bring Reyna Grande to the San Joaquin Valley.

ATHLETICS

Torch of Excellence

The 21st Annual Kiwanis Torch of Excellence Banquet was held Monday, May 1 at the Clovis Veterans Memorial Building. The event recognized athletes from RC, FCC, and CCC for outstanding academic performance. The Reedley College female and male Scholar Athletes of the Year were Jessica Rudd and Sawyer Pittman. In total, 64 athletes were recognized as scholar athletes for achieving a 3.0 to 3.49 GPA; and 37 athletes were recognized as Torchlighters for achieving a 3.5 or greater GPA. The GPAs were achieved during the spring or fall 2016 semesters.

