



RAM PANTRY'S PERMANENT HOME



Plans are in the works to place the Ram Pantry into a permanent home. The Pacific Café will be vacating its place in the Bookstore building by the end of this semester and that

space will be used to house the Ram Pantry. Renovations will have to be made and it is anticipated that may take up to a year because of state planning. When completed, this will allow the Ram Pantry to store more dry goods and add refrigeration to store perishable items. Personal toiletries will also be added. The Ram Pantry and the incredible efforts by the volunteers who keep it running were the focus of a feature article in the Fresno Bee on February 20th.

ACCREDITATION TRAINING

Several representatives from Fresno City College's Accreditation Steering Committee attended the California Academic Senate's Accreditation Institute on February 17th and 18th. The conference included a variety of sessions focusing on current issues facing California Community Colleges as we work to meet the accreditation standards. Some of these issues included disaggregation of learning outcomes data, developing long term goals and the changing federal landscape. The conference provided an excellent opportunity to discuss these and other issues with colleagues from the entire region.

ACCREDITATION

The College is in full swing with activities focused toward the Spring 2018 Accreditation Site visit. Opening Day of the Spring 2017 semester included a series of workshops focused on assessment of student learning. The Strategic Planning Council is currently reviewing the College's Mission, Vision and Core Values to kick-off development of the next Strategic Plan. The Accreditation Steering Committee has sent drafts of the self-evaluation standards to the appropriate campus committees for feedback and input, with plans for mid-spring campus-wide distribution. The final analysis of these drafts will guide the development of two to three long term goals for inclusion in the Quality Focus Essay. This time-line will keep us on track for a final report in Fall 2017.

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

Three events will be held to commemorate Women's History Month this year at Fresno City College. The Wish for Women Wall will give individuals an opportunity to share their wish for women on International Women's Day March 8 at the main fountain. A movie focusing on how images of women are advertised is scheduled for March 23rd. The Language of the Brag: A Celebration of Women Writers will be held on March 29th.

UNIVERSITY TRANSFER SCHOLARS PROGRAM

Fresno City College and Fresno State are creating a new partnership to prepare Fresno County freshman applicants for successful transfer to the university by putting them on track for two-year degree completion. Fresno City College and Fresno State will provide support to students throughout the transfer application and matriculation process. On March 18th, we will have a kick-off event at Fresno State where students will have the opportunity to learn about the program and sign a Transfer Admission Guarantee.

KARLA KIRK SENEGAL TRIP



The Council of American Overseas Research Centers selected cultural studies instructor Karla Kirk to take a trip of a lifetime to Dakar, Senegal in January. Karla was selected to participate in the Faculty Development Seminar, an intensive capacity-building seminar that include

lectures on social, economic, and political life in Senegal, with a special focus on spiritual diversity and inter-religious dialogue. The 10-day trip was fully funded. Karla says the trip “was life changing” and will present a workshop on the trip during an upcoming flex day.

COLLEGE PROMISE INNOVATION GRANT

We’re getting a great boost to help launch the Central Valley Promise project. In February, the State Chancellor’s Office announced the awarding of a \$1.5 million dollar grant to the District to support the initiative. Officially titled the California College Promise Innovation Grant, the grant will be used to promote college-going behavior in students who attend high schools in Fresno, Kings Canyon, Sanger, Firebaugh-Las Deltas and Mendota. The grant will allow Fresno City College to partner with local schools, Fresno State, Fresno County Office of Education, businesses and the community to increase the number of students from these service areas who attend college. The first group of students to participate in the Central Valley Promise will begin taking classes at FCC in Fall 2018.

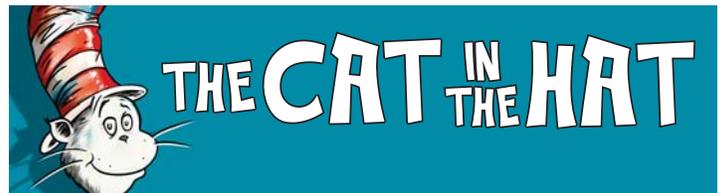
SPEAKERS FORUM

Almost 700 people attended the Speakers Forum’s presentation featuring Dr. Drew Pinsky on February 9th. The Speaker Series continues with Dr. Neil Shubin, paleontologist and author of “Your Inner Fish” on March 15th and Deaf storyteller Peter Cook will be here on March 30th. The all-Asian rock group, the Slants, who took their trademark battle all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court, will appear on April 3rd. They will also give a concert.



HIGH SCHOOL JOURNALISM CONFERENCE

Over 500 high school journalism students will be on campus on March 17th for the inaugural High School Journalism Conference hosted by the FCC Journalism Department. Students will attend a variety of workshops related to the journalism profession including writing, photography and digital media. FCC alumni who are local professional journalists are also participating in the conference.



The Fresno City College Theatre Department presents Dr. Seuss’ The Cat in the Hat on March 3rd to March 11th in the FCC Theatre. Directed by Janine Christl, this faithful adaptation of the original book will wow kids and adults alike.

SPRING JOB EXPO



Over 34 employers are expected for the Spring Career and Job Expo on March 8th in the FCC Cafeteria. This year's theme is "Discover Your Career Gold"! Employers will be briefly interviewing students, accepting resumes, and handing out job applications and promotional materials about their companies. The events attract an average of 1,500 current students and alumni each semester. Students are encouraged to prepare ahead of time with enough resumes, dressing for success, and being ready to answer employer questions about their skills and qualifications.

POLICE ACADEMY GRADUATION

The Police Academy class #144 is completing their studies and will have a ceremony on Thursday, March 30th. There are 28 cadets expected to graduate from this basic day academy class which began October 3rd. The ceremony will be held in the OAB Auditorium.

AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDENT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Representatives from Fresno City College's College Relations office and SYMBAA/IDILE programs joined approximately 1,000 high school students from Clovis, Fresno and Central Unified School Districts for the annual African American Student Leadership Conference held on February 14th at the Fresno Convention Center. Students were inspired through workshops and guest speakers on higher education and leadership skills. The conference also had a career and college fair which included institutions from the Central Valley, California, and across the nation with a noteworthy emphasis on Historically Black Colleges and Universities. Scholarships from HBCUs were offered on site.

HBCU CARAVAN UPDATE

Twenty-three Historically Black Colleges and Universities attended the HBCU Caravan held on February 14th. Over 150 students participated in the event with 28 FCC students accepted to HBCUs during the event. Approximately \$100,000 worth of scholarships were given out, with another approximately \$60,000 pending additional paperwork.



CTE ROP TOURS

Almost 300 dual enrollment students from Fresno Unified toured the campus the past month learning more about our CTE programs. An additional 372 students from ROP programs in Fresno County are expected in March. As dual enrollment students they are currently taking college credit classes at their high schools and they are coming to do a site visit to see what the matriculation opportunities are for them when they come to the college after high school.

FUSD APPROVES \$6 MILLION FOR DESIGN SCIENCE EARLY COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL

The Fresno Unified School District Board has reaffirmed its commitment to the Design Science Early College High School. On February 8th the Board approved \$6 million towards a permanent facility for the high school on the Fresno City College campus. This unique partnership will also allow us to apply for State Bond funds under the joint use facilities category that either of our institutions would not have otherwise qualified for. While we are still in the preliminary stages of planning, we continue to finalize details that will come in the form of an MOU in approximately 90-120 days.

DREAM CENTER WORKSHOPS

The Dream Center will be providing three workshops for Spring 2017. The first workshop on February 10th, was given by Jose Martinez from the Education Leadership Foundation and offered updates to DACA students. The March 10th workshop will feature a Dream graduate student from UC Merced. On April 7th, students will learn more about the EOPS and Puente programs.

ART GALLERY EXHIBIT



Artwork by Lisa Diane Wedgewood and Stacey Wexler will be on exhibit in the Art Space Gallery March 13th through April 14th. In the exhibit, "Apparently Random," the artists achieve innovative and energizing ways of applying a narrative to their respective artwork to tell a story. The artists engage us with the art of storytelling through vivid displays of imagery, text and tactile materials.

MARCH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 3-11 Dr. Seuss' The Cat in the Hat
- 3 This is Our World: A Concert Celebrating World Music
- 4 SOS (Seal and Save our Smiles)
- 4 SCCC Foundation Renaissance Feast for Scholars
- 4 SCCCD Study Abroad Fundraiser Film "La Belle et la Bete" (Beauty and the Beast)
- 7 Kids Day
- 7 Women's Softball vs. Porterville College

- 7 Men's Baseball vs. Cerro Coso College
- 8 FCC Theater Festival
- 8 Spring 2017 Career and Job Expo – Discover Your Career Gold
- 10 Dream Success Spring Workshop
- 10 Know Your Rights Campaign Updates on Immigration
- 10 "Cycles and Sets" Advanced Voice Recital
- 10 Men's Tennis FCC Double Dual
- 13 Men's Golf Tourney #5
- 14-16 Vendor Fair
- 14 Men's Baseball vs. Merced
- 14 Latin Jazz, Jazz Singers and Combos
- 15 Speakers Forum – Dr. Neil Shubin "Your Inner Fish"
- 15 FCC Concert Band
- 16 Women's Softball vs. Cerro Coso College (DH)
- 16 Men's Baseball vs. Merced
- 17 Men's Tennis vs. Sacramento City College
- 17 Women's Tennis vs. Sacramento City College
- 17 Women's Tennis vs. Cerritos
- 17 Opera Workshop "Songs of the Irish"
- 18 Men & Women's Swim & Dive vs. Fresno Invitational
- 18 Women's Softball vs. West Valley College
- 18 Men's Baseball vs. Merced
- 18 Women's Softball vs. Solano College
- 19 Fresno Community Concert Band
- 21 Men's and Women's Tennis vs. Consumnes River College
- 21 Women's Softball vs. Reedley College
- 21 Women's Badminton vs. Mission College
- 23 City Jazz Festival – Student Performances
- 23 Men's Baseball vs. West Hills
- 23 City Jazz Festival – Headliner Concert
- 24 City Jazz Festival – Student Performances
- 24 Men's and Women's Tennis vs. Reedley College
- 28 Men's Baseball vs. Reedley College
- 30 Showcase
- 30 Police Academy Graduation Class #144
- 30 Speakers Forum – Peter Cook
- 31 Central Valley Guitar Summit Concert