

GOOD NEIGHBORS COMMUNITY CONVERSATION



Over 100 Fresno City College neighbors attended the first ever Being Good Neighbors Community Conversation on Monday evening, April 24. The neighbors, from all areas close to the college, were invited to come

hear about plans for the future of FCC. There were reports on our Educational Master Plan, future building plans as related to the bond, construction on McKinley Avenue and the college during the summer, and educational program expansions. The conversation was interactive and the neighbors who attended were also able to ask questions of the college regarding our future plans.

ACCREDITATION

The College has worked to complete its first draft of the self-evaluation report, and it was released campus-wide for review and input. There will be open forums for the campus community to discuss the draft and other items related to accreditation. The next major steps will be to edit the drafts over summer break and gather the appropriate evidence to support the narrative. In the fall the campus will develop two to three long term projects related to student success that will be developed into a quality focus essay. At the ACCJC Conference in Irvine, the Commission stressed the importance of selecting projects that will "move the needle for student success," which is in direct alignment with upcoming College projects.

TORCH OF EXCELLENCE

Approximately 225 FCC student athletes will be recognized on May 1 at the 21st Annual Torch of Excellence Awards Banquet sponsored by the Greater Kiwanis Clubs of Fresno & Madera Counties and the District. The annual event held in Clovis honors student athletes for their outstanding academic achievements. Dr. Carole Goldsmith will present medals to student athletes that had a 3.5 GPA or above who are also known as "Torchlighters".

COMMENCEMENT CEREMONIES

End of year events to celebrate the many accomplishments of our students in a number of programs and services are now being planned in May as our academic year is coming to its conclusion including the traditional commencement ceremony.

- Dean's Medallion Ceremony-FCC alumna, Zyanja Bejarano, will be the keynote speaker at this year's Dean's Medallion Ceremony on Thursday, May 11. Ms. Bejarano received her Dean's Medallion when she graduated from FCC in 2001.
- Honors Ceremony-Students graduating with honors will be celebrated at this year's Honors Recognition Ceremony on Thursday, May 11. Academic Senate president, Dr. Wendell Stephenson, is the keynote speaker.
- Certificate Ceremony-Students earning certificates will be recognized at the Certificate Recognition Ceremony on Friday, May 12. Business instructor Lydia Anderson is the keynote speaker.
- Commencement Ceremony-Over 1500 students are eligible to participate in this year's Commencement Ceremony. Olympic gold medalist and community leader, Maxie Parks, will be honored as this year's distinguished alumnus and serve as commencement speaker.

PUENTE 30TH ANNIVERSARY

On Friday, May 5, the Puente Program will be celebrating its 30-year Anniversary of student success at Fresno City College. The Puente Project is a national-award winning program that has helped tens of thousands of educationally under-served students who enroll in four-year colleges and universities, earn degrees, and return to the community as leaders and mentors to future generations. The celebration will be to honor students and their families, administrators, faculty and mentors who have contributed to the success of the Puente Program throughout the years. Food, refreshments, live musical entertainment, and student testimonials will all be part of the celebration.

DESIGN SCIENCE EARLY COLLEGE HS AWARD

Please join me in congratulating DSEHS for being named a 2017 California Gold Ribbon School by State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Tom Torlakson. In being notified, Superintendent Torlakson said the award reflects their success in creating a positive learning atmosphere. FCC is excited to be a partner with this unique high school/college initiative.

MURALS

The talents of our many art students can be seen throughout the campus as new murals are being painted on the art building. The murals, which are being painted this term in Kevin Stewart-Magee's Art 25 - Mural Painting, are slowly replacing the existing 17 older murals. Additionally, there are 6 or 7 other murals around campus which are slated for future updating or replacement. Several members of the ACT - Art for Community Transformation Club are also working on the murals. Kudos to you all for inspiring creativity and beauty!



FPU TRANSFER EVENT

The Transfer Center is partnering with Fresno Pacific University to inform eligible students about FPU's 18-month accelerated degree program. Evening students and students with more than 60 units are invited to attend an informational meeting on May 11 at 4pm in OAB 188.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION CEREMONY

The annual Employee Recognition Reception will be held on Tuesday, May 9 at 2 p.m. in the FCC Cafeteria. The ceremony will recognize employees from FCC, the District Office and District Operations who are receiving their service awards, this year's retirees, and emeriti faculty for the divisions.

INTRAMURAL SPEECH COMPETITION

Fresno City College held its Spring intramural speech competition on Thursday, April 19. Close to 75 students competed in two categories: persuasive and informative speaking. Students in each category who placed in the preliminary rounds of competition went on to the finals. The top three speakers in each category received a scholarship. The students were also treated to a pizza lunch. Forensics/Communications Arts Instructors Eric Fletcher, Dan Scott and Cyndie Luna spearheaded the event with assistance from a number of other full-time and adjunct communications instructors.

ABOUT OURSELVES

About Ourselves is a FCC publication that features the best of students' writing in developmental writing classes (English 252 and 125) and EMLS classes (265W and 67). The essays are written in response to class assignments. It will be presented at a special reading on May 10. Here they get to share their published work in front of friends, family, staff and faculty. After the reading, students are presented with a Barnes and Noble card and a certificate of appreciation for their work.

FOOD AND NUTRITION MEETING

An informational meeting for students planning to transfer to Fresno State in food and nutrition majors was a big success. Twenty FCC students attended. Fresno State was represented by Dr. Sara Shinn, new culinology program director, Dr Lisa Herzig, dietetics program director and Erika Ireland, internship director. It was also a great opportunity for Nick and Dr. Herzig to discuss some of the issues of transferring. As usual, FCC's Chef Davey and his FN 2 class presented a wonderful meal.

LITHOP

The second annual LitHop was held April 29 throughout the Tower District, ending with keynote speaker, FCC alumnus Gary Soto, in the FCC Old Administration Building. Conceptualized as an annual event by Fresno Poet Laureate and FCC English instructor Lee Herrick, LitHop began in 2016 as a fundraiser for Fresno Arts Council poetry programs. In its inaugural year, over a thousand community members attended one or more of the 39 events that featured over 140 writers from across the country. This year, the event has expanded to showcase 151 writers across 42 separate readings many of whom are FCC alumni or instructors.

FCC POET AWARD

David Campos, English adjunct at Fresno City College, won a \$500 Annual Prairie Schooner Strousse Award for the best group of poems in Prairie Schooner. The award is given to new and emerging writers.

PHOTO EXHIBIT

The Hanna S. Barsam Award for Excellence in Photography Exhibition, Reception and Presentation was held Thursday, April 20. There were nine nominees this year whose examples of their work are on exhibit in OAB 251.

The 2017 Barsam Award for Excellence in Photography winner is Mabel Meza.

She receives a \$1,500 cash prize. This marks the fourth year for the Barsam Awards, made possible from a generous donation for the Hanna S. Barsam estate and executor Ed Darden. To be eligible for the Barsam Award a student must be in the Photography Program, have completed 24 units of course work with a 3.0 GPA. They must submit a 20 image portfolio with five printed images which are to be displayed. They also must write an essay expressing their goals for their photography in the coming years. Contest judging is done by the Photography Department Faculty and FCC Photography Advisory Board.



PASS CLOTHING DRIVE

PASS, Peer Assisted Study Sessions, is holding a Free Yard Sale on May 4 where FCC students can select clothing, backpacks, purses, shoes, and other items free of charge. In the past this event has been held indoors and available to students utilizing the PASS center. This year Jennifer Dorian, PASS Coordinator, is expanding the offer to all FCC students. The goal is to collect items that will help students with clothing for work, school, job interviews and even their family.

MEGA CONFERENCE

Dr. Carole Goldsmith was the keynote luncheon speaker at the annual classified professional's Mega Conference titled: Growing Our Own held on April 11, 2017. The conference offered professional development workshops and presentations for all Classified Professionals district wide.



Mr. Steve DaSilva was selected as the CP of the Year. Steve works in the FCC Math Science and Engineering Division as the greenhouse technician and with Jerry Hentzler and the Adaptive Horticulture Program at FCC. He will receive a \$500 professional development stipend, a photo with the Chancellor in the Board room and a personalized parking spot on the FCC campus for one year.

MAY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 1 Kiwanis Torch of Excellence Dinner
Clovis Memorial Building - 6:30PM
- 2 Honors Program Scholarship Reception
OAB 251 - 6:00PM
- 3 IDILE & SYMBAA End of Year Event
Staff Dining Room - 4:00PM
- 3 Recognition Ceremony honoring Veterans
OAB 251 - 6:00PM
- 4 USEAA End of Year Event
Cafeteria - 5:30PM
- 5 Women's Badminton Conference Finals
Gym - 5:00PM
- 5 Puente 30-year Anniversary Celebration
Cafeteria - 5:30PM
- 5 Asian Pacific Islander Celebration of Success
OAB West Courtyard - 5:30PM
- 6 Latino Graduation Celebration
Auditorium - 5:00PM
- 8 EOPS Celebrates Your Success
West Lawn - 11:30AM
- 11 Dean's Medallion Ceremony
OAB 251 - 5:30PM
- 11 Honors Ceremony
OAB Auditorium - 7:00PM
- 12 Certificate Recognition Ceremony
OAB Auditorium - 5:30PM
- 13 African American Graduation Celebration
Auditorium - 1:00PM
- 13 Radiological Technician Pinning
OAB 251 - 6:00PM
- 18 Dental Hygiene Ceremony
Wedgewood Wedding Banquet Center - 6:00PM
- 19 Commencement
Selland Arena - 6:30PM
- 20 Nursing Pinning Ceremony
Peoples Church - 1:00PM
- 22-23 IDEAS Summit
OAB
- 27 American Indian Collaborative Graduation Ceremony
OAB East Courtyard - 11:00AM