

FCC Selected for New Auto Training Site

Fiat Chrysler Automobiles and the Mopar Career Automotive Program (Mopar CAP LOCAL) have selected the FCC Automotive Technology Program as a new partner to develop a critical stream of highly-trained technicians to their growing network of certified technical training sites. Classes will begin in January. The kick-off meeting and unveiling was held last week with Channels 30, 47 and 24 covering the event.

Wrestling Wins 14th State Championship

The Rams pulled out all the stops in Victorville last weekend to defeat Cerritos College to win their 6th state championship under head coach Paul Keysaw. FCC now has 75 career champions in program history. Keysaw now has nine state championships in his career and was named Coach of the Year.

Volleyball Wins State Championship

The women's volleyball team finished a 30-1 season by clinching the 2016 State Championship on December 4. Led by first year coach Kieran Roblee, the Rams captured the college's first ever state title by sweeping all three opponents at the championship tournament. Three players, MVP Jenna Goldsberry, Makayla Cervantes and Breanne Dubberke were named to the 2016 All-CCCAA state Tournament Team.

Men's Soccer Coach Named National Coach

The National Soccer Coaches Association of America has selected Eric Solberg as the 2016 Junior College Men Division III National Coach of the Year. He will be recognized at the NSCAA Convention on January 13, 2017.

2nd Annual Winter Dinner a Success

A free hot meal was served to 500 students on Thursday, December 1 in the cafeteria. This is the second year that this dinner was held. The students enjoyed a traditional turkey dinner. All the food was donated. A large group of staff, faculty and administrators supported this effort by their volunteering time and personal resources to make this a successful event.

RN Pinning

The RN Pinning Ceremony is planned for Saturday, December 17. The ceremony will be held at the Cornerstone Church in downtown Fresno starting at 2:00 p.m. There are over 100 RN graduates eligible to participate in the ceremony. Seating is limited and entry is based upon having a ticket.

Pizza with the President

The inaugural "Pizza with the President" was held on November 29 with over 60 students. Dr. Carole Goldsmith heard concerns and testimonials from FCC students during the hour and a half lunch.

Fire Academy Graduation

The Fire Academy graduation is on Friday, December 16th. There are 34 Cadets who have completed the 804 hours required by the California State Fire Marshal's Office Accredited Fire Academy. The ceremony will be held in the OAB Auditorium at 6:30 p.m.

Police Academy Holds Two Ceremonies

The Police Academy graduated 20 cadets on December 1 and will graduate 37 cadets with 25 sponsored by law enforcement agencies on Friday, December 16th at 6:30 pm at the Northeast Assembly Church. The graduates successfully passed all segments of a rigorous curriculum in over 42 topical areas that included criminal law, investigations, patrol and juvenile procedures, vehicle operations, traffic, first aid, professionalism and ethics, emergency management, physical training, and many other related subjects.

Grant Received for DSP&S Students

DSP&S has received another grant from the California Community Colleges Chancellors Office for Live Captioning for students who are deaf and hard of hearing up to \$250,000 for the 2017 Spring Semester. Jacquelyn Rubalcaba, DSP&S counselor for students who are deaf and hard of hearing is the author of the grant.

Ram Slam—Finals Cram Session

Students received extra help preparing for finals at

Ram Slam held in the Library last week, on Tuesday through Thursday and on Saturday morning. The Computer Lab and the Tutorial Center were also open. Coffee and snacks were provided by the Associated Student Government.

Hope for the Holidays

Hope for the Holidays gifts were distributed on December 1st and 2nd to 245 students who were nominated this year. Over \$10,000 was raised through the generous support of faculty, staff, administrators, students and the community. The Educational Employees Credit Union donated \$3000 to this project. Reading Heart donated 500 children's books to the cause and the FCC Dental Hygiene Department donated 200 children's toothbrushes.

Holiday Art Sale

FCC Art students are selling their works in the Art Space Gallery on December 13 and 14 from 12:00 to 8:00 p.m. The sale will feature paintings, drawings, printmaking, sculpture and ceramics. Proceeds will go to the exhibiting students and to the gallery.

Music Department is Top in State

The FCC Jazz Ensemble, directed by Mike Dana, won first place in the Collegiate Division at the Delta Jazz Festival on December 3. Students Ted Barber, Kevin Person, Cameron Golling, Joseph Mauzy, Justin Yun, and Lucas Romero all received Outstanding Performance awards.

Choral Festival Held on Campus

720 high school and community college singers from across the Central Valley performed last month at the FCC Choral Festival produced by music instructor, Julie Dana. 25 schools participated and received professional instruction from CSU Fresno's Dr. Cari Earhardt and CSU Stanislaus' Dr. Daniel Alfonso.

Allied Health Participates in Conference

Representatives from the Allied Health Division volunteered at the Fresno County Health Care Career Youth Conference last Friday at Fresno State. 350 students registered for the conference. FCC faculty and counselors presented workshops about careers in health care and provided information on the programs offered at FCC.

Men's Soccer Ranks Third Nationally

The men's soccer team came so close to becoming state champions. They met Mt. San Antonio in the

state championship final on December 4 going 0-0 in double overtime only to lose 5-4 by penalty kicks. Eric Solberg's team finishes an outstanding season 19-1-5 and was selected 3rd in the nation by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America.

Women's Soccer Team Recognized

The soccer team was honored at a breakfast and during the City Council meeting on December 8 by District 2 City Councilman Steve Brandau for their contributions on *Make a Difference Day* in September. The team volunteered their time for the central valley youth soccer league at Chukchansi Park.

December Calendar of Events

- 1-2 Hope for the Holidays Distribution, Student Lounge, 9:00 AM 5:00 PM
- 1 2nd Annual Winter Dinner for FCC Students, Cafeteria, 4:00 – 6:00 PM
- 1 ArtHop, Art Space Gallery, 5:00 8:00 PM
- 1 Rams Jams: Guitar Showcase, OAB Auditorium, 7:30 PM
- 2 Ram Pantry Distribution, North Side of Cafeteria, 12:00 2:00 PM
- 2 Student Recital, Recital Hall, 12:00 PM
- 2-4 Opera Workshop, Theatre, 7:30 PM
- 5 Intermediate/Advanced Piano Recital, OAB Auditorium, 7:30 PM
- 6 Counseling on the Green, College Mall by Business Division Building, 9:00 AM 1:00 PM
- 6--8 Ram Slam, Library, 6:00 9:00 PM
- 6 Brass, Woodwind & Percussion Winter Concert, Theatre, 7:30 PM
- 7 Mock Trial, Pro-Football Inc. v. Blackhorse, OAB 251 11:00 am 12:15 PM
- 7 Soft Sculpture Exhibit, Applied Tech Lawn, Main Fountain, Theatre Lawn, 11:30 AM 2:30 PM
- 7 FCC Concert Band Winter Concert, Theatre, 7:30 PM
- 8 Entrepreneurs Club Demo Dayz, Cafeteria, 10:00 AM 1:30 PM
- 8 String Ensemble, Recital Hall, 5:00 PM
- 8 Jazz Ensemble & Jazz Singers, Theatre, 7:30 PM
- 9 Student Recital, Recital Hall, 12:00 PM
- 9 An Old Fashioned Christmas-Choral Holiday Concert, OAB Auditorium, 7:30 PM
- 9-10 Extreme Registration, Library
- 10 Ram Slam, Library, 9:00 AM 1:00 PM
- 10 An Old Fashioned Christmas-Choral Concert of Holiday Music, OAB Auditorium, 2:00 PM

12-16 Fall FINAL EXAMS

13 & 14 Student Holiday Art Sale, Art Space Gallery, 12:00 – 8:00 PM

- 14 Soft Sculpture Exhibit, Applied Tech Lawn, Main Fountain, Theatre Lawn, 11:30 AM 2:30 PM
- 16 End of fall semester
- 16 Last day to apply for Associate degrees
- 26 Winter Break Begins Campus Closed