

ACCREDITATION

The Fresno City College accreditation process is on track for a fall deadline. All standards have submitted drafts that will be edited over the summer while institutional research establishes the evidence list. Several Fresno City College faculty and staff are submitting their applications to become peer evaluators for ACCJC. This valuable experience will give them the opportunity to view the accreditation process from a completely different perspective.



COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS

The second “Being Good Neighbors Community Conversation” meeting was held on Monday, May 22, with over sixty people attending. Neighbors and other people who are interested in the future of Fresno City College broke into groups to discuss their concerns and wishes for the college. Issues of parking and building locations were prominently discussed. Another meeting to discuss planning for the West Fresno campus is scheduled for June 28.

CENTER FOR URBAN EDUCATION

In spring 2017, FCC and the Center for Urban Education (CUE) launched a two-year, two-phase adaptive organizational learning process to help FCC understand how to improve equitable outcomes

for students. On May 26, Dr. Megan Chase from CUE visited FCC to discuss our partnership. The purpose of this project is to engage in a study of Fresno City College from an equity-minded perspective and then provide training and tools for our campus as we move forward. We are excited to begin our partnership and look forward to working to identify strategies specifically tailored to close equity gaps at Fresno City College.

SUMMER SESSIONS AND MCKINLEY CONSTRUCTION

Fresno City College’s first two of the four summer sessions kicked into gear on May 22. The 8-week session begins June 12, and the 6-week session begins June 19. Students are being made aware of the construction taking place on McKinley Avenue over the summer and into the fall semester and are being directed to the best entrances to the college and detour routes. Students are also being encouraged to enroll in online classes.

TORCH OF EXCELLENCE SCHOLAR ATHLETES OF THE YEAR

Congratulations to Andres Rios (men’s soccer) and Jenna Goldsberry (volleyball) who were recognized as Fresno City College’s 2017 Scholar Athletes of the Year! Rios and Goldsberry were honored at the 21st annual Greater Kiwanis Clubs Torch of Excellence Awards Banquet held on May 1 at the Clovis Veterans Memorial District. This year’s guest student speaker was Oksana Reynoso (women’s soccer).

FRESNO PACIFIC EVENT



On May 11th, the FCC Transfer Center hosted an event with Fresno Pacific University. Seventy students who have completed more than 60 units attended the event to learn how FPU's degree completion program may be an immediate transfer option that fits their current life and work schedule. Sixty students completed applications to FPU and 37 RSVP'd for an upcoming registration event. FPU energized the crowd with

a raffle and Joel Henderson won the big prize, a Kindle Fire. Joel shared that going to FPU was his original plan after graduating high school, but he wasn't able to. He is excited to now be transferring to FPU after being a successful FCC student.

ARCHITECTURE PROGRAM

Fresno City College's Architecture program has been very busy this past year with projects and garnering awards. FCC has a well-established program for students wishing to gain skills and get to work or transfer into professional programs in Architecture, Landscape Architecture, Urban Planning, Construction Management, and Civil Engineering. Pro bono projects completed by the students include design and presentation for the Fresno City College Entrepreneurship space and helping them secure a \$30,000 grant. Students completed design of an office conversion for Fresno Pacific University and completed rendering for the Heart of the Horse Therapy Ranch, a non-profit organization that uses horses to help children with disabilities and veterans. The rendering will be used on promotional materials to raise money for the renovation of a house for veterans. The completion of the projects gave students practical experience working with a real client as well as instilling in them the ethical responsibility architects have to better society through the built environment.

In addition, FCC students swept 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place awards in a student design competition sponsored by the Construction Specifications Institute, Central California Chapter. The competition was for a desk clock designed in the vernacular of a famous architect.

Students also placed 1st, 3rd, and Honorable Mention in the 2017 Student Design Competition sponsored by the American Institute of Architects, San Joaquin Chapter. During the reception, FCC architecture students received a total of \$8,350 in prize money and scholarships.

Two FCC Architecture Alumni have distinguished themselves: Noam Saragosti has commenced his advanced Architecture degree at the Harvard

Graduate School of Design and Igor Kitsen is working as a designer in the office of Frank Gehry, one of the most famous architects in the world today (Gehry is famous for the Guggenheim Museum in Bilbao, Spain and the Disney Concert Hall, Los Angeles).

NURSING PASS RATES

Fresno City College is pleased to announce the college's Registered Nursing Program recorded an 86.44 percent first time pass rate for the first three quarters on their licensure exams. FCC's nursing program's first time pass rate is above the national average. The national pass rate is 83% based upon data obtained from the National Council of State Boards of Nursing. The Board of Nursing released results of the National Council Licensure Examination pass rates for the college in May. NCLEX is a California Registered Nursing Profession Licensure and students who aspire to work as a registered nurse must pass the exam. FCC has the largest community college nursing program in the state with over 430 students enrolled in the program, and 256 students each year.

DR. GOLDSMITH AWARD

Fresno City College President Dr. Carole Goldsmith received one of the 2017 Distinguished Alumni Awards from the National University-Fresno Campus. Dr. Goldsmith was recognized at a ceremony on May 11. This year's recipients were all in the education field. Dr. Goldsmith earned a master of science degree in educational administration from National University.

DISTANCE EDUCATION CURRICULUM

With the passage of new Distance Education (DE) curriculum effective Spring 2018, Fresno City College can begin to offer the foundational 60 units needed for an AA or AS through online and hybrid courses. This means that students can complete their general education requirements with minimal time spent in person on campus. Students at FCC are also fully supported with online support services. Many of these services are offered free, via the Online Education Initiative (OEI). What's more, we've increased our ability to offer specific programs and certificates fully online. In 2012, FCC offered three AA degrees and seven certificates fully online. Starting in 2018, FCC will increase its offerings with one AA for transfer, nine programs, and ten certificates. As faculty have submitted courses to curriculum for DE, FCC will be able to offer 50% of 8 Associate Degrees for Transfer, 14 Associate Degree Programs, and 24 certificates through online and/or hybrid course offerings. FCC faculty continue to show interest in the quality and quantity of courses offered through DE. Our new certification program, based on the high quality standards of the OEI rubric, expects to yield 42 new professors ready to teach online or hybrid courses from a variety of disciplines after summer 2017.

IDEAS SUMMIT HELD ON CAMPUS

Fresno City College hosted the 2nd Annual Institutional Development for Equity, Access, and Success (IDEAS) on May 22 and 23. The campus-wide professional development event was for any faculty, staff, or administrator. The event is a collaboration of the training and learning goals of these four initiatives - FCC Basic Skills Initiative, Student Equity, Student Success and Support Program, and Title V Co-Op. Dr. Davis Jenkins, Senior Research Scholar at Community College Research Center, Teachers College at Columbia University, and Dr. Veronica Neal, Director of Equity, Social Justice, and Multicultural Education at De Anza College, were the keynote speakers. With 29 breakout sessions and 23 presenters, topics covered a variety of issues including guided pathways, improving success rates for disproportionately impacted populations, classroom teaching and engagement strategies, and college leadership.

COUNSELING ON THE GREEN

Over 400 students were assisted this spring semester during Counseling on the Green. Counseling on the Green is a counseling service offered every Tuesday from 9:00am-1:00pm on the College Mall. The type of counseling services provided is mostly Q&A type services, however, other services can be provided depending on how many students are waiting in line and the time of year/semester. So far this year, Counseling on the Green has served almost 284 students with quick questions and has provided 118 students with Student Education Plans (SEPs). Counseling on the Green began last June.

ADA SUMMIT

Dr. Janice Emerzian presented at the National ADA Summit in Chicago on "Meeting the Spirit of the ADA and 504 Through Academic Accommodations and Adjustments for Students with Disabilities in Higher Education"

CDC GRADUATION

The Child Development Center has celebrated the promotion of 30 children who will next attend kindergarten.

The ceremony was held on Friday,

June 2, at the outdoor yard of the CDC. The children sang songs, heard remarks by the division dean and the director, and received certificates.



FCC ATHLETES MOVING ON

Fresno City College has several players who are moving on to extend their athletic careers. FCC volleyball players Jenna Goldsberry (Cal Poly Pomona), Sydney Molander (William Jessup University), Kylei O'Keefe (Fresno Pacific University) and Rams softball player Sara Specht (Hastings College), all signed letter of intents this past spring.



DEAN'S MEDALLION WINNERS 2017

The Dean's Medallion Recognition Ceremony was held on May 11 in the Old Administration Building. That evening the winner of the Tony Cantu President's Medallion was also announced. FCC President Dr. Carole Goldsmith determined the winner and this year's recipient was Mr. Miguel Zendejas. Mr. Zendejas was the Dean's Medallion winner for the Social Science Division.

Other winners are Ms. Alycia Pineda, Allied Health, Physical Education and Athletics Division; Ms. Kiesha Oliver, Applied Technology Division; Mr. Adrian Jimenez, Business Division; Mr. Christopher Forestiere, Counseling and Guidance, Student Services Division; and Ms. Marissa Sanchez, Humanities Division.

Each winner received a \$500 scholarship with the President's Medallion recipient receiving an additional \$1,000 scholarship.

RAM CAMP

The ever-popular Ram Camp summer camp is getting ready to begin its 40th year on June 12. Organized by the FCC physical education department, there are four sessions and a variety of schedules for kids ages 6-14. Campers will participate in a number of athletic activities and recreational games.