

**RAM PANTRY GRAND OPENING**

On December 1st, a grand opening was held for the permanent location of the Ram Pantry in the Bookstore Building. The new location will be open daily for current students and will provide a better variety of food, including produce, milk products, dry goods and personal hygiene items.

**FCC HOSTS ENROLLMENT EXPRESS WITH FPU**

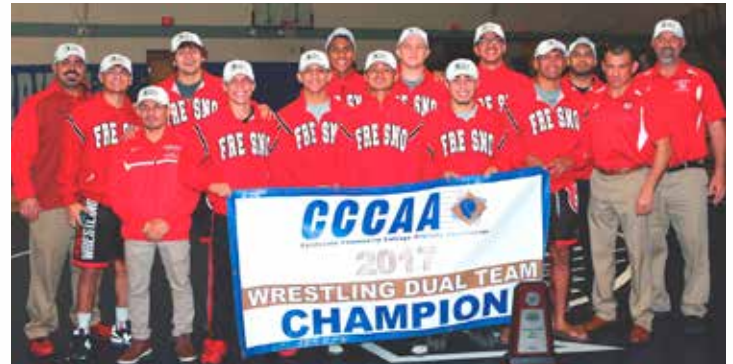
On November 8th the Transfer Center coordinated an Enrollment Express event with Fresno Pacific University. FPU brought over 30 staff members to offer FCC students a complete matriculation opportunity including: transcript evaluation, financial aid counseling, on the spot admissions, and course enrollment. Seventy-six Fresno City College students attended with 41 enrolling for Spring 2018 and 18 students enrolling for Fall 2019.

**DR. GOLDSMITH RECOGNIZED BY FLYP**

Dr. Carole Goldsmith was the recipient of Fresno's Leading Young Professionals LEAD award during FLYP's 12th annual banquet. The award is given to community members who exemplify FLYP's core values: Lead, Serve and Connect.

**RN PINNING CEREMONY**

The Registered Nursing Program will have their traditional pinning ceremony for spring nursing graduates on December 16th. The ceremony will be held at Roosevelt High School beginning at 1:00 p.m. Approximately 78 students will be transitioning into the role of the nursing profession at the event.

**ATHLETIC TEAMS SHINE**

The Fresno City College men's and women's sports programs are doing extremely well this postseason. The wrestling team captured the California Community College Athletic Association State Team Dual title on Nov. 19th over defending champion Cerritos, 28-11. The top-ranked Rams got victories from Casey Jones, Brandon Bettencourt, Isaiah Perez, Aaron Mora, Dylan Martinez, Victor Vargas and Jay Johnson. The team will be participating in the CCCAA State Championships Dec. 8-9 in Stockton. The men's and women's soccer teams will also be playing for state titles this weekend. The men's team (16-1-6) punched their ticket with a 1-0 win over West Valley College. The women, who are ranked No. 1 in the National United Soccer Coaches Junior College Division III National poll and are undefeated with a 24-0-1 overall record, defeated San Joaquin Delta 2-0. The women's volleyball team entered the playoffs as defending CCCAA state champions. After an opening round win over Solano College, the Rams season came to a close after dropping a tough five set match against visiting San Joaquin Delta on Nov. 25. The football team closed out their season with a resounding 41-21 win over Butte College on Nov. 18 in the State Center Bowl.

**HBCU CARAVAN**

On November 8th, Fresno City College was one of seven California community colleges to host an HBCU Caravan hosted by the CCC Chancellor's Office. Twenty-two Historically Black Colleges and Universities were represented, and all of them participated in the California Community College HBCU Transfer Guarantee program. Attendees included Fresno City College students, students from other area community colleges and local high school students. The SYM-BAA/IDILE programs and the Transfer Center collaborated in the hosting of this great event.

## BIOLOGY INSTRUCTOR FEATURED



Biology instructor and tardigrade expert, Carl Johansson, is featured in the December issue of Research Features in the Natural History section regarding his long time fascination and research with tardigrades. Johansson has provided students, many from deprived areas, to

become expert biologists. Students receive training and sound knowledge of research, database management and digital imaging. Tardigrades are little known to science; however, their remarkable ability to enter suspended animation and withstand extreme conditions may support important medical advances.

## FIRE ACADEMY ACCREDITATION

The Fresno City College Fire Academy went through the re-accreditation process to maintain its Accredited Regional Training Program status. The FCC Academy is pleased to announce confirmation from the California State Fire Marshal acknowledgement for the academy's re-accreditation!

## LOCK IT UP PROJECT

Fresno City College hosted a California Health Collaborative Lock It Up Project event on December 5th. The event is designed to increase awareness of the risks and consequences associated with prescription and over-the-counter drug abuse. Organizers held a raffle and provided refreshments for attendees.

## WARM WINTER WISHES DRIVE

The EOPS Club and communication arts instructor Paula Begley's Communication 4 class partnered to fulfill "Warm Winter Wishes" by collecting winter clothing for families. New winter clothing items such as coats, jackets, sweaters, gloves/mittens, socks, scarves, hats and blankets were collected at drop off locations in Student Activities and the EOPS office.

## DENTAL HYGIENE SERVICE LEARNING

Back on October 21st, the Fresno City College Dental Hygiene students/faculty participated in the Tzu Chi Medical Outreach Clinic held in the cafeteria. Service learning is a teaching strategy that combines service to the community with classroom curriculum. The students performed dental hygiene services on 55 patients and 10 volunteers.

## RAM SLAM

Students can get the extra help they need for finals at "Ram Slam, Your Finals Cram Session." Ram Slam provides extended hours in the Tutorial Center, Library and Computer Lab. Quiet study rooms and reference sections will be made available. The Associated Student Government is providing complimentary coffee and snacks. Ram Slam will be held Tuesday, December 5, through Thursday, December 7, and Saturday, December 9.

## RELEASE YOUR WORRIES FOR FINALS

Students, faculty and staff can come blow up and release a balloon from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. on Dec. 7th at the main fountain area as part of the "Release Your Worries for Finals!" stress relief event. The event is sponsored by Fresno City College and Campus Community Connection.

## HOPE FOR THE HOLIDAYS



The Hope for the Holidays program was held on November 30th to make the holidays a little brighter for 270 FCC students who were nominated by faculty and staff to receive a \$50 Save Mart Gift Card! Over \$7,500 was raised through the generous support of faculty, staff, and students. Educational Employees Credit Union donated \$2,500 to this project. Reading Heart donated 600 children's books, and the FCC Dental Hygiene Department donated 50 children's toothbrushes.

## POLICE ACADEMY GRADUATIONS

The Police Academy held a graduation ceremony on Friday, December 1, with 29 cadets graduating and 15 badged. A second ceremony is slated for Monday, December 11, with 39 graduates and 34 badged. The ceremonies are both held in the OAB Auditorium at 5:00 p.m.