

ACCREDITATION UPDATE

The chair of the Fresno City College visiting team, Dr. Erica Endrijonas, and her assistant, Ms. Michelle Fowles, visited the college on January 16th for a pre-visit. Many details for the March 5-8 site visit were discussed, including a rough schedule of main events. The college is now working to coordinate a successful site visit, and looks forward to showcasing its educational programs and services.

PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARDS

FCC has been voted one of the top three colleges for the 2018 People's Choice Awards sponsored by the Fresno Bee. A special section will be published on March 17th to highlight and list all the winners. In addition, the FCC Tutorial Center was voted Best Tutorial Center for the fourth year in a row.

DEVELOPMENT GRANT AWARDED

FCC will receive a \$75,000 grant for the development of the Teacher Preparation Pipeline (TPP) program to help diversify the teacher workforce in the Central Valley. The 2018-2019 Education Futures Initiative selected only 6 colleges statewide for this grant. It will be managed by the Social Sciences Division and will help guide students from across all pathways toward teaching professions. In addition, it will support alignment of education pathways with key partners from K12, CSUs, and other institutions of higher education.

DUAL ENROLLMENT

The Dual Enrollment Program is rapidly growing at FCC. This spring semester the college is serving 28 high schools offering 108 college courses in the classroom and nine online courses with a total of 2,000 high school students earning college credits. In addition, Clovis Unified School District is ready to provide dual credits for welding, automotive technology, culinary arts and construction courses.

FINANCIAL AID UPDATE

The Financial Aid Office disbursed over \$7 million in Pell grants to over 6,000 students for the 2018 spring semester. A "Cash 4 College" event is scheduled for Saturday, February 24, from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm in LI-118 to assist students with completing their 2018-2019 FAFSA or Dream Act application before the March 2nd deadline.

GARY SOTO TOURS

THE GARY SOTO LITERARY MUSEUM



Poet and FCC benefactor Gary Soto will lead special tours of his Literary Library on Tuesday, February 20. Gary will lead two tours, one at noon and one at 1:00 pm. The tours are open to the public and an RSVP is requested as space is limited.

STAFF ACCOMPLISHMENTS



(Photo courtesy of Cheryl Senn/The Sanger Scene)

Congratulations to Criminology instructor Kevin Callahan on receiving the Sanger Police Department Police Chief's Award. Callahan was presented the award by Sanger Police Chief Silver Rodriguez at the Sanger Police Department's annual meeting. Chief Rodriguez said Callahan, a reserve officer, has gone above and beyond the call of duty to further public safety.

SPRING ENROLLMENT

The Extreme Registration event that was held on January 3rd was a huge success, with over 900 students served. Kudos to Dr. Barbara Blanchard, Monica Cuevas, Sean Henderson, Emilee Slater, Robin Torres and the Admissions and Records Office, Business Office, Counseling, College Relations, as well as the entire Student Services team for helping our new students access the classes they need to advance their academic and career goals. FCC enrollment is 100.3 percent of its goal, with an estimated FTES of 7,488.



The African-American Faculty and Staff Association presents Black History Month activities. They began on February 1 with an Opening Day Ceremony. Dr. James Walton, professor emeritus of English at Fresno State, was the keynote speaker. Other activities will include panel discussions regarding finances, future preparedness and political activism. The Historical Black Colleges and Universities Caravan and Recruitment will be on campus February 13th to recruit students. The month will end with a screening of the film, "I am Not Your Negro" and the very popular GospelFest.

ART SPACE GALLERY

Ricardo Rivera
Clase abstracta de brujería



The FCC Art Department is thrilled to announce the opening of *Clase abstracta de brujería*, a solo project by Fresno City College art instructor Ricardo Rivera. This site specific exhibition evolved as the artist worked in the gallery over several weeks to create the multimedia displays. Rivera's expansive work includes performance, drawing, and immersive installations that blend projections, video, sound, and sculpture. This must-see exhibit runs through February 15th.

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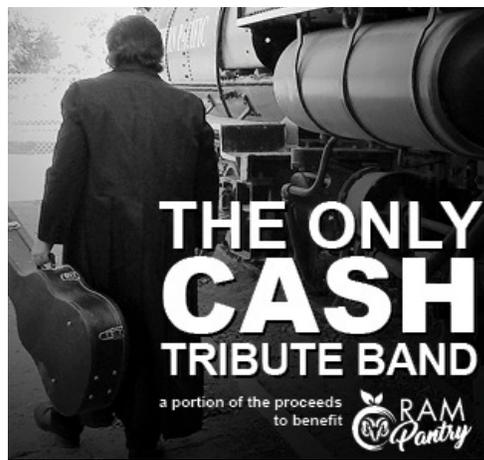
Mark your calendar for the inaugural New Wrinkles fundraising event on February 19, 6:00 pm at Roger Rocka's Dinner Theatre. The event includes dinner, silent auction and entertainment. The popular senior revue's season begins in May.

SPORTS UPDATE

For the second month in a row, an FCC athlete is honored by the California Community College Sports Information Association (CCCSIA) as Athlete of the Month for December. FCC State champion wrestler Dylan Martinez was selected as December's Male Athlete of the Month. Martinez had the distinction of winning his second straight individual wrestling state title while being a member of back-to-back CCCAA state team championships for Fresno. The November male Athlete of the Month was FCC men's soccer player Johnny Rodriguez, a member of the state champion FCC men's soccer team.



THE ONLY CASH BAND



Enjoy a night of entertainment with The Only Cash Tribute Band and help raise funds for the FCC Ram Pantry. The band pays tribute to the songs of the late Johnny Cash. Local musician Danny Milsap transforms into the beloved man all in black

and his wife plays the part of June Cash, a beloved singer in her own right. Part of the proceeds from this family-friendly concert will benefit the Ram Pantry. Students will get a discount of \$5 on each ticket. The concert will be held February 3rd at 6 p.m. in the OAB Auditorium.

ACCJC ONLINE TRAINING

In January, the Office of Distance Education conducted a series of workshops for faculty who teach fully online, hybrid or web-enhanced courses in Canvas. The focus was on best practices recognized by ACCJC and the Online Education Initiative (OEI) rubric for design. The checklist included syllabus information, regular and effective contact, accessibility and student resources. A total of 90 faculty participated in the trainings.

CAMPUS COMMUNITY COLLOQUIUM PLANNED

Food, Forests and Education is the topic that will be presented by Dr. Angus Wright on Wednesday, February 21 from 7:00 – 8:30 pm in Forum Hall 103 for the next Campus Community Colloquium. Dr. Angus is a Professor Emeritus of Environmental Studies at Sacramento State and author of several books on conservation, agricultural and food sovereignty.

BOLT TO COLLEGE

Fresno City College students will be the beneficiaries of a new innovative, all-electric vehicle ride service called "Bolt to College." The California Energy Commission awarded \$750,000 to CALSTART for the program that will assist students who commute to the Fresno City College campus daily from the Kerman area in western Fresno County. The project will develop and demonstrate a transportation service option that is a hybrid between traditional transit and the personal automobile using all electric, zero emission vehicles. This 18-month initiative will provide a new battery-electric Chevrolet Bolt EV for the on-demand ridesharing operation. CALSTART is an organization that encourages the development of clean transportation technologies.