

COMMENCEMENT 2018



Congratulations to the Class of 2018. The class of 2018 includes 1711 graduates, a record number. That number is up from 1460 graduates in 2017. Over 550 graduates walked across the stage at Selland Arena during commencement, a ceremony steeped in tradition, on Friday, May 18. The Distinguished Alumnus and Commencement Speaker was Cameron Worrell, former NFL player, entrepreneur and community leader. A Certificate Recognition Ceremony was held on May 11 to celebrate students who received certificates this academic year. This year, students earned 1652 certificates, an 82 percent increase over last year's 909 total.

RAM PANTRY UPDATE

The Ram Pantry served a record number of students during the spring semester totaling 25,367 visits and 2,901 unduplicated student visits. Donations from the campus and community partners had a significant impact by keeping the shelves stocked. A special thanks to Pastor James Pappas and the St. George Greek Orthodox Church who organized a food drive for the Ram Pantry during the spring semester.

PATHWAYS TO APPRENTICESHIP INITIATIVE



A historic agreement was signed on May 1 that establishes a joint partnership for the training of FCC students in the Building Trades Council apprenticeships. The ten-year agreement will provide the needed levels of trained individuals for the local workforce and provide support to Fresno City College students not accepted into a Union apprenticeship program.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

The FCC Applied Technology Construction Program, the City of Clovis and Habitat for Humanity Fresno County held a dedication of a new 1241 square foot home with 3 bedrooms and 2 baths in Clovis on May 16. The partnership between the three organizations officially kicked off in October of 2017 with a wall raising event. Ms. Stephani Lopez, a single mother of four, became the new homeowner during the dedication.



RON SCOTT DAY



Head baseball coach, Ron Scott, was honored by Fresno Mayor Lee Brand at the May 17 City Council meeting for notching 1000 wins this season. He was given a special proclamation that announced May 17 as Ron Scott Day. Coach Scott, in his 30th season at FCC, reached the 1000th mark on April 24. At the end of the season he had a 1002-win record with 377 losses and 2 ties. He has 21 conference championships, 9 final four appearances and one state championship (1992) under his belt. Only one other community college head baseball coach has more wins.

NEW ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

We will welcome our new Director of Athletics in June. Pamm Zierfuss-Hubbard will begin her new post on June 14. Zierfuss-Hubbard has over a decade of work in intercollegiate athletics at the NCAA Division I and II levels. She recently relocated to Central California from the University of Alaska Fairbanks where she served as the Associate AD for Compliance/SWA for four years overseeing NCAA compliance efforts for the campus along with rifle, women's basketball and swimming teams. At UAF, she held various positions related to student-athlete success, fundraising, budget management, event management and community relations.



RAIN STUDENT AWARDED SCHOLARSHIP

Michael Jimenez, a Resources for American Indian Needs (RAIN) student, was selected to receive a full scholarship to cover tuition and books through the completion of his bachelor's degree at CSU Fresno. He started his academic career taking Math 260. He is a true success story as only 6 percent of students that start in Math 260 transfer to a higher level math. Michael will major in sociology at Fresno State and plans to become a Drug Abuse counselor.

JOURNALISM INTERNSHIP

Ashleigh Panoo, editor-in-chief of the Rampage this past academic year, will be traveling to New York City for two weeks this summer to participate in the all-expenses-paid New York Times Student Journalism Institute. She will work with reporters and editors from The Times covering events in the city. She will also work with others who were chosen for reporting, photography, page design and video journalism.



MUSIC SCHOLARSHIPS

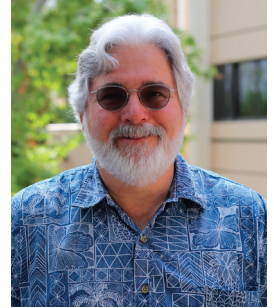
Fresno City College can boast about a number of music students who are getting the opportunity to become better musicians and perform at the next level. **Malia Castro** is transferring on scholarship to CSU Dominguez Hills into the first university flamenco guitar program in the United States. She was the first student accepted into the program. She will work with the flamenco Maestro Kai Narezo. Malia was asked to go to Spain to work with Pepe Romero, LAGQ and Luis Mariano. **Alex Hollingsworth**, **Bernadette LaMontagne-Schenck** and **Mia Alvarez** are all transferring to CSU Stanislaus to study voice. They will receive \$5,000 over 2 years. **Anthony Arias** is going to the CSU Long Beach Bob Cole Conservatory of Music. His tuition is free. **Nikko Dionisio** received a \$1000 scholarship to CSU Fresno and **Elizabeth Chan** received a scholarship to Fresno Pacific University to study Music Education.

NEW SOCCER FIELD

An exceptional collaborative partnership between Fresno City College and the professional soccer team, Fresno FC, is resulting in a premier soccer venue for FCC student athletes. As part of the agreement, Fresno FC donated 100,000 square feet of premier-grade Bermuda sports sod, the best in the business, to the FCC soccer program. The donation is worth \$50,000. SCCC made up the difference to complete the \$125,000 project. The agreement also states that future promotions will include joint marketing and community relation efforts. A time lapse video created by PIO staff member Mark Tabay shows the project from start to finish. [Click here to see the video.](#)

GEOLOGY SCHOLARSHIPS

Geology instructor, Craig Poole, a long-time member of the Fresno Gem and Mineral Society, received a \$20,000 check from the organization for a FCC Geology Scholarship. The donation is being matched by the SCCC Foundation and will now be endowed. Craig also was selected as a 2018 Honorary Award recipient from the California Federation of Mineralogical Societies for the AFMS Scholarship Foundation. He will be able to select a school, or schools, and assist in the selection of graduate students to receive scholarship for \$4,000 each. The scholarships can be awarded to FCC alumni.



DESIGN SCIENCE MIDDLE COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL

Design Science Middle College High School held its graduation on May 24 in the Fresno City College OAB Auditorium. Four of the 57 students who graduated also earned an associate degree from Fresno City college. Three of the four graduated with highest honors. Two of the four earned an AST in Math and an AST in Physics. One-hundred percent of the Design Science graduates have been accepted to a four-year university including one to MIT.

CENTRAL VALLEY PROMISE

We are looking forward to having the first class of Central Valley Promise students on campus this coming fall. As of now, 777 CVP eligible students have registered at FCC. Their next activity on campus will be CVP Connect on August 7 and 8. CVP Connect is an orientation focusing on student success strategies. As an indication of their participation in the Central Valley Promise, high school students graduating from Fresno Unified will be wearing a red cord at their graduation ceremonies this year.

RAM CAMP

The first of four RAMCAMP sessions begins June 11. This is the 41st year of the popular summer sports camp. Campers will enjoy a number of activities including tennis, football, swimming, volleyball, soccer and more. The camp is run by the FCC Physical Education department. The program provides boys and girls, ages 6–14, the opportunity to improve their skill level, develop sportsmanship, fair play and an increased level of fitness. Session 2 begins June 25, Session 3 on July 9 and Session 4 on July 23.

STAFF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Natalie Chavez, coordinator for the Foster Kinship Care Education Program has been named the new Region 5 Representative for the Foster Youth Success Initiative Quarterly Advisory Committee.