

### ACCREDITATION UPDATE

The Accreditation site visit is underway with Dr. Erika Endrijonas, President of Los Angeles Valley College, as the chair of the twelve member team. An open forum was conducted today, March 6 with a second forum slated for tomorrow, March 7. Dr. Endrijonas will present the team's preliminary findings on Thursday, March 8. Please see the college website for details.

### HAYWARD AWARD

Dr. Shushanek Silvas, Instructor/Supervisor in the PASS Center, was selected to receive the 2017-18 Hayward Award that recognizes outstanding community college faculty who have a track record of excellence, both in teaching and in professional activities, and have demonstrated commitment to their students, profession, and college. This Board of Governors award, sponsored by the Foundation for California Community Colleges, will be presented to Dr. Silvas at the Board of Governors meeting on March 19-20, 2018.



### MASTER PLAN FOR HIGHER ED

FCC hosted the Assembly Select Committee on the Master Plan for Higher Education in California on March 1. Assemblymembers Marc Berman, Dr. Joaquin Arambula, Jose Medina and State Senator Bill Allen heard presentations on college affordability, basic needs of students, and ensuring equity and student success from experts in the UC system, the CSU system, and the California State Chancellor's Office.

### SPRING JOB EXPO



Over 35 employers are scheduled to attend the Spring 2018 Career and Job Expo on Wednesday, March 7 from 9 a.m. to Noon in the FCC Cafeteria. FCC students and alumni will get the opportunity to explore career opportunities, internships and jobs. The employers benefit by exposing the attendees to a variety of local industries in our area.

### HBCU SPRING CARAVAN



On February 13th, Fresno City College hosted our 3rd annual Spring HBCU Caravan. Twenty-five Historically Black Colleges and Universities were represented at this event. There were over 150 attendees, including Fresno City College students, students from other area community colleges and local high school students. At the event, \$106,000 in scholarships and 68 admissions were awarded on the spot. The SYMBAA/IDILE programs and the Transfer Center collaborated in the hosting of this great event.

### DREAM CENTER WORKSHOPS

The Dream Center is sponsoring a series of workshops this Spring to help their students receive information about services available at regional four-year universities and financial opportunities available to Dreamers. The workshops include services available at UC Merced (March 9) and Fresno State (April 6). The third workshop will present information on paid internships and scholarships (May 4).

### ENGINEERING WEEK



Hands-on engineering experiments were conducted with 6th grade students at Heaton Elementary on February 23 as part of the activities that were planned for National Engineers Week. Engineering instructor, Nell Papavasiliou, coordinated the event

held on campus that included two topics: Pollution in our Watershed and Squishy Circuits.

## UC MERCED PRESENTATION



On February 13, Dr. Ma Vang and Dr. Kit Myers from the UC Merced Cultural and Women's Studies Department, presented one of UC Merced's newest majors: Critical Race and Ethnic Studies. Over 140 students took advantage of the opportunity to learn about this major and the opportunities it offers.

## HIGH SCHOOL JOURNALISM CONFERENCE

The second annual High School Journalism Conference will be held on Friday, March 9, in the Old Administration Building. Over 400 high school journalism students are expected to attend. There will be a variety of workshops available covering different aspects of journalism, including broadcast news, radio, print and digital reporting. The workshops are being presented by news personalities from local news outlets. The event is being organized by the FCC Journalism department and the Journalism Advisory Committee.

## THE WHALE



The FCC Theatre Department presents *The Whale*, a big-hearted, emotional and fiercely funny production that tells the story of a man's last chance at redemption and finding beauty in the most unexpected places. *The Whale* runs March 2 - 10 with performances at 2:00 and 7:30 pm in the FCC Theatre.

## ART SPACE GALLERY

The *Thickets* exhibit will be on display from March 1 through April 6 and brings together artists with roots in the Fresno area and includes Adrianna Alejo Sorondo (Fresno, CA), Teresa Flores (Los Angeles, CA), fiber artist Ronda Kelley (Fresno, CA), Tina Williams Brewer (Pittsburgh, PA), and Carmen Winant (Columbus, OH), whose collages and text-based works address the consumption of the female body in contemporary culture. The exhibit also includes New Mexico artist Judy Chicago, who established the Feminist Art Program at CSU Fresno in 1970.

## CITY JAZZ FESTIVAL

The 28th Annual City Jazz Festival is slated for Thursday, March 22 at 7:30 pm in the theatre and will feature FCC alumnus and trumpet player Gilbert Castellanos. Students from over 30 junior high and high school music programs will participate in the student performances throughout the day. This successful event has been the brainchild of music instructor Mike Dana, and will be his final festival as he plans to retire in May.



## DIGITAL LEARNING DAY

On February 22, FCC participated in the seventh annual Digital Learning Day, a nationwide celebration that highlighted great teaching and technology demonstrations that improve student outcomes. This day of exploration showcased effective utilization of digital tools in teaching and provided opportunities for faculty to learn emerging technologies from their colleagues across the country.

## SCHOLAR ATHLETE

Volleyball player, Breanne Dubberke, was named the 2017 Scholar Athlete by the California Community College Athletics Association (CCCCAA). Her perfect 4.0 GPA in four semesters and exceptional achievements in competition are the hallmarks of this special athlete. She graduated from FCC last spring semester with an Associate in Science degree in biological sciences with an emphasis in nutrition. On the court, she was a defensive specialist who twice earned All-Central Valley Conference honors and was an all-state tournament selection when her team won their first State Championship Title in 2016. She will be honored at the annual CCCAA Convention luncheon in Concord on March 28.



## BASKETBALL PLAYOFFS



The March is on for the FCC Ram basketball teams as they both won their respective NorCal second regional playoff games on February 24. The men (26-4) and women (25-5) are both ranked 2nd in the state!