



TRANSFORMATIVE CLIMATE COMMUNITIES PROJECT REVIEW DAY

On September 20, Dr. Carole Goldsmith along with SCCCD Trustee Eric Payne presented a proposal for a new satellite campus at the Transformative Climate Communities Project Review Day for the City of Fresno. She presented the development and cost of the new satellite campus site in the West Fresno region to provide community residents with access to workforce training and educational opportunities. On October 4, the Fresno Community Steering Committee will make its selections and on October 18 the City of Fresno will finalize its concept proposal and send their application to the Strategic Growth Council in Sacramento.



PILOT PROJECT TO IMPROVE SUCCESS FOR MEN OF COLOR IN MATH

FCC is working with InsideTrack, an education assessment and training organization, to help us tackle the achievement gap in math among men of color. This firm is helping to guide FCC in a pilot project focusing on training to better assist students of color who are having trouble in math and strategies to work with our student to improve success rates. InsideTrack came on campus on September 25 to conduct initial assessments and will return in October to provide training and recommendations.

ACCREDITATION UPDATE

Fresno City College is working to finalize the Institutional Self-Evaluation Report. Each week drafts are being sent to constituent groups for feedback. The next accreditation open forum is scheduled for Thursday, November 9 at noon. The college will host a facility update forum on Friday, October 13 from noon to 1:30pm. In addition to the college's self-evaluation process, many faculty, classified professionals and administrators are serving as peer evaluators on accreditation site visits at many colleges throughout the region over the next several weeks.

GUIDED PATHWAYS OPEN FORUM

A group of interested faculty and staff at FCC organized a Guided Pathways Open Forum on September 8. Sixty-six participants attended including campus faculty, classified professionals, and administrators. Presentations were given on the possible components of a guided pathways framework, the benefits to student success and completion, and an overview of preliminary prototypes being considered at FCC. Lively and thoughtful discussions occurred and time was given for participants to join more in-depth discussions on curricular maps, campus engagement and communication, and reorganization on supportive services. Future forums are expected to be organized as FCC works toward developing and implementing a guided pathways framework over the next few years.

DREAM CENTER CELEBRATION



The FCC Dream Center held an Open House and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on September 21, celebrating their 2-year anniversary and new location in the OAB Room 137. The event was attended by Chancellor Dr. Paul Parnell, Dr. Carole Goldsmith, Board of Trustee President John Leal and Trustee Miguel Arias as well as faculty, staff, students, community and media members. There was a poetry reading from FCC English instructor Marisol Baca and a special message from LFSA president Evie Contreras. A representative from Assemblyman Dr. Joaquin Arambula's office presented the college with a certificate of recognition.

RAM PANTRY PROGRESS

The new, permanent home for the Ram Pantry is proceeding as planned with staining and polishing of the floors taking place. More construction work is scheduled over the next few weeks. The Ram Pantry will be located in the old Pacific Café in the Bookstore Building and is slated to open later this year.

FPCA PRESENTATION

Dean of Instruction for Fine, Performing Arts & Communications Division, Neil Vanderpool, gave a presentation to the Sons in Retirement at Pardini's restaurant. A presentation was made featuring student success in fine art, performing arts, and the communication arts.

COLLEGE NIGHT

Fresno City College participated in the annual Fresno Area College Night at the Fresno Convention Center on September 13. During this event, thousands of students and families from the Central Valley have the opportunity to learn about their options in higher education from over 100 colleges and universities in attendance. Fresno City gave presentations during break-out sessions on the topics of scholarships, preparing for college, and the community college system.

FCC IN THE NEWS

Angelica Casas of BBC North America was on campus on interviewing FCC students in the Dream Center for an online video segment on September 20. Students talked about and shared their American experience and stories. Perry Angle, Director of TriO programs, was interviewed by KMJ reporter Dominic McAndrew regarding the Dream Center Open House & Ribbon Cutting Ceremony.

DACA TOWN HALL



Fresno City College was the location of Radio Bilingue's town hall on DACA on Sept. 20 in the OAB Auditorium. Dr. Carole Goldsmith welcomed community members and guests. Those attending voiced their concerns and asked questions to a panel regarding DACA and the future of undocumented students. Serving as the panelists were Councilwoman Esmeralda Soria, Trustee Miguel Arias, Assemblyman Dr. Joaquin Arrambula, and Fresno Unified School District Trustee Claudia Cazares. The town hall was streamed live for those who could not attend.

COMMUNITY CONVERSATION UPDATES

Fresno City College's Community Conversations continue with the most recent held in southeast Fresno at Sunnyside High School's cafeteria on September 26. The event is part of an ongoing series of meetings with residents about the college's future of classes, programs and services. Earlier in the month, there were successful community conversations for residents in west Fresno. The college launched community conversations in April and there are plans for future meetings. Stay tuned!

HOMELESS SUMMIT

The 5th Annual Veterans Affairs Homeless Summit was held at Fresno City College hosted on Sept. 22. The summit, entitled "Building the Will to End Homelessness", was an in-depth, educational discussion on Veteran homelessness. Speakers included community members specializing in providing comprehensive services for the homeless population.

TRANSFER DAY



Fresno City College hosted the event on September 13 with a full slate of activities in the morning, over 50 representatives from independent colleges and universities, and a college fair. During the afternoon, approximately 100 students participated in a variety of workshops covering HBCU Transfer Pathways, the UC system and Transfer Scholarships. This year FCC hosted an evening fair for students, who have an evening schedule that included representatives from 12 different transfer institutions. In all, over 1,000 students were had the opportunity to personally engage with schools offering possibilities for transfer.

FCC PRODUCTION OF AMERICAN IDIOT



**BOOK AND LYRICS BY BILLIE JOE ARMSTRONG | BOOK BY MICHAEL MAYER
MUSIC AND LYRICS BY GREEN DAY | DIRECTED BY CHARLES ERVEN**

Fresno City College Division of Fine, Performing and Communication Arts presents Green Day's American Idiot. Based on Green Day's multi-platinum selling album of the same name, "American Idiot" has music and lyrics by Billie Joe Armstrong. Book by Billie Joe Armstrong and Michael Mayer. The high-octane musical is directed by Charles Erven. Dates are Oct. 6, 7, 12, 13, 14 at 7:30 p.m. and Oct. 8, 13, 14 at 2 p.m. in the FCC Theatre. Tickets are \$14 general, \$12 students/staff/seniors and \$8 group. Details at 559-442-8221 or www.fresnocitycollege.edu/boxofficetickets.

SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Fresno City College students Randi Anderson, Paul Areyan, Andrew Bedford, David Bethea, Valeria Mesa and Emma Healy each received a \$1,000 scholarship from The League of Women Voters of Fresno. The organization gave out a total of \$10,000 in Women's Equality Day scholarships in honor of Bette Peterson.

PANEL DISCUSSIONS



The FCC Campus-Community Colloquium and Speakers Forum presented "Erasing History? A panel discussion on History, Heritage, and the Removal of Confederate Memorials." The event was a huge success as a large audience turned out to hear from panel discussants FCC History Instructors, Dr. Michael Eissinger, and Fresno State Associate Professors of History Dr. Ethan Kyle, and Dr. Blain Roberts. Attendees heard from the panel and participated in a question and answer format. Moderator for the forum was History Instructor Paul Gilmore.

STRIKE OUT CANCER FUNDRAISER



The Fresno City College women's softball team will be hosting its annual "Strike Out Cancer" event at 11 a.m. on Saturday, October 7 at the FCC softball field. Each year, the softball alumni have joined the program in raising funds for the Susan G. Komen Foundation. With generous support of many people on campus, last year a little more than \$1,000 was raised!