

## **BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

Black History Month activities began on Wednesday, February 1 with opening ceremonies and keynote speaker, Walter Brooks in the Old Administration Building Auditorium. The African American Faculty and Staff Association has planned activities throughout February that include a variety of speakers, presentations, debates, film and book discussions and music performances.

## **STUDENT APPRECIATION WEEK**



During the week of January 23 several free events were held on campus to encourage and show appreciation to students. The activities included the distribution of free cookies, hot chocolate and hot dogs. Students also had the opportunity to meet the college president and take a selfie.

## **CELEBRATION CONCERT**

A celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King and Black History Month will feature the Fresno City College Singers and the Fresno State Choirs on February 10 at 7:30 p.m. in the OAB Auditorium. Admission is free.

## **BLACK COLLEGE EXPO**

A special college fair sponsored by the Historically Black Colleges and Universities will be held on Tuesday, February 14 from 1:30 – 4:30 in the FCC Gym. All students are encouraged to attend and meet with outreach staff from 26 colleges.

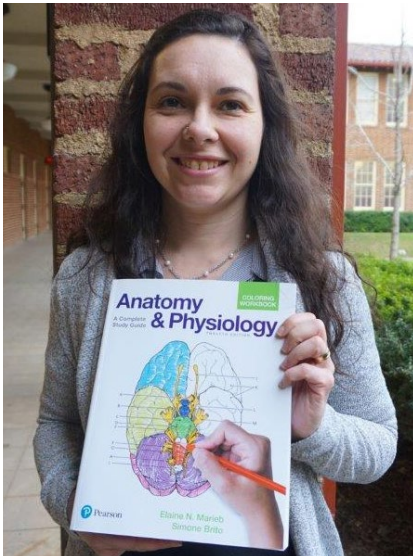
## **ONLINE ED INITIATIVE LAUNCHED**

FCC was first in the state to successfully launch the Online Education Initiative (OEI) in January offering 6 classes this semester to students needing to complete their degrees and transfer requirements online. This state initiative was created in 2014 and is funded by the State Chancellor's Office. It will provide support to the FCC Distance Education program along with online resources and services for students. All courses are taught utilizing Canvas, the common course management system for the state.

## **DUAL ENROLLMENT UPDATE**

The Dual Enrollment Program is rapidly growing at FCC. This spring semester the college is serving 26 high schools offering 64 college courses in the classroom and 17 online courses with a total of 1,535 high school students earning college credits. In addition, work has started with Clovis Unified School District to provide dual credits for welding, auto and construction courses.

## STAFF ACCOMPLISHMENTS



Biology and Anatomy instructor Simone Brito recently co-authored *A Complete Study Guide for Anatomy & Physiology* that includes visual exercises, puzzles and coloring exercises. This is a first-time effort for her and the workbook will be available for the fall semester.

## FINANCIAL AID WORKSHOPS

The FCC Financial Aid Department staff are visiting feeder high school campuses this month and conducting Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) workshops in classrooms. A campus workshop will be held on Saturday, February 25 in the Library from 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. to assist students with their application.

## CAMPUS COMMUNITY COLLOQUIUM

*Building a Truly Sustainable Agriculture: The Future of Food in America* is the next lecture tonight featuring Stanford University professor Dr. Liz Carlisle. She is the author of *Lentil Underground*, which tells the story of a small organic family farm in Montana that went their own way by growing organic lentils. The free lecture is from 7:00–8:30 p.m. in OAB 251.



## MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT

This Friday, FCC President, Dr. Carole Goldsmith, will meet with Dreamers and International Students at noon in the Staff Dining Room for lunch. The students will have an opportunity to voice their concerns or issues they may have regarding current legislation and how it may affect their current status as students.

## LIBRARY FUNDRAISER SLATED

Friends of the Library is hosting a Paint Nite in the Library on Friday, February 10 from 7:00–9:00 p.m. The event is being held as a fundraiser for the first ever Dean's Medallion for the Library Technology and Information Program. Cost is \$45 person and each participant will learn to paint and enjoy appetizers and wine.

## THEATRE DEPARTMENT BENEFIT PERFORMANCES



Tickets are available for the benefit performances of *Mulan and the Battle on Black Mountain*, an original play written by FCC theatre instructor Chuck Erven and directed by theatre instructor Debbie Erven. The production, which includes 26 students, has been invited to perform at the Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival at Mesa Community College in Arizona February 14–18. The play is one of six theater productions to be invited to perform at Festival XLIX. Two benefit performances are scheduled for February 10 and 11 in the theatre. While this is not a musical, a Chinese String Band and other performance media are part of this large production.

## MASTER CLASS OFFERED



On Saturday, February 18, Anthony McGill, Principal Clarinet of the New York Philharmonic, will conduct a master class with students from FCC at 10:00 a.m. in the Recital Hall. Students will perform works for clarinet by Carl Maria von Weber, Mark Carlson and Francis Poulenc. The class is free and open to the public.

## ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT UPDATE

The men's basketball team is currently in first place and the women's team is in second place as they start the second round of league play. Both teams will host District rival Reedley College tomorrow night.

## WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL HONORED



On January 25, 2017 the Fresno City Council announced and proclaimed that day as Fresno City College Women's Volleyball Day. Head coach Kieran Roblee and all team members were recognized for winning the first state championship for the Ram Volleyball program. The award was presented in the Fresno City Council Chambers.

## SOCCKER PLAYER RECEIVES SCHOLARSHIP

Center Back Defender Andres Rios (Chowchilla High School) signed a full ride scholarship to attend Division I San Jose State to play soccer next year. He was a First Team All American and MVP of the Central Valley Conference.

## INTERFAITH SCHOLAR WEEKEND

"Islam, Human Rights, and Interfaith Dialogue" is the focus and theme for the Interfaith Scholar Weekend February 24-26. Dr. Abdulaziz Sachedina, professor and Chair in Islamic Studies at George Mason University, is the featured speaker. FCC is a co-sponsor and will host his presentation on "The Islamic Roots of Democratic Pluralism" on Sunday, February 26 at 2:00 p.m. in OAB room 251. Admission is free.

## FEBRUARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 1 Black History Month Opening Day
- 2 Telegraph String Quartet
- 3 Black History Month - Finances for your Future
- 7 Black History Month: Heart Healthy Home Cooking: African American Style
- 7 Black History Month: The Body Temple
- 7 College Community Colloquium - Dr. Liz Carlisle: Building a Truly Sustainable Agriculture: The Future of Food in America
- 8 Black History Month: Pathways to Healthcare Health Fair
- 8 Men's Basketball vs. Reedley College
- 8 Women's Basketball vs. Reedley College
- 9 Speakers Forum - Dr. Drew Pinsky
- 10 Dream Success Spring Workshop - DACA updates
- 10 Men's Baseball vs. Chabot College
- 10 Walk in Peace: A Celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King and Black History Month featuring the Fresno State Choirs in collaboration with the FCC City Singers
- 10 *Mulan and the Battle on Black Mountain* Benefit Performance
- 11 Men's Baseball vs. Chabot College
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- 11 Men's Basketball vs. Cerro Coso College
- 13 Men's Golf Tourney #1
- 15 International Club Rush
- 18 Women's Softball vs. College of San Mateo
- 18 Women's Softball vs. Cosumnes River College
- 19 Women's Softball vs. Cabrillo College
- 19 Women's Softball vs. Sacramento City College
- 20 Men's Golf Alumni Match
- 21 Women's Tennis vs. Modesto Junior College
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- 24 Women's Tennis vs. College of Sequoias
- 24-25 Men's Baseball vs. Cabrillo College
- 25 Women's Tennis vs. UC Santa Cruz