



Office of the President

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Good afternoon,

Just a quick note to keep you abreast of some exciting news for Fresno City College. First, when you see Wendell Stephenson give him a “High Five” for being a champion for Fresno City College! If you haven’t seen [Dr. Stephenson’s letter](#) to the Fresno Bee Editor, check it out.

Second, I want to invite you to join us for our first “Being Good Neighbors Community Conversation” on Monday, April 24th in OAB 251. We will begin with a mix and mingle at 5:30 p.m. and the conversation at 6:00 p.m. Neighborhood residents have also been invited. This community event is an opportunity for us to share with our neighbors the exciting plans we have for the future of Fresno City College. We’ll discuss our Educational Master Plan, parking issues and future building plans. Please plan to join us. Light refreshments will be served.

Lastly, we have two planning sessions scheduled with Vice Chancellor Christine Miktarian and PMSM Architects to start the process of implementing our bond construction. Many of you have expressed interest in attending. These are open meetings that will be held on Monday, April 24th and Tuesday, April 25th. Below is the scheduled times, please also see attached agendas for further details.

Two Day Workshop with PMSM

- [4/24 from 11am to 12:30 pm: OAB 251](#)
- [4/25 from 9am to 2:00 pm: Staff Dining Room](#)

Our accreditation process kicked in high gear and we’ll be asking everyone to do their part to make our March 2018 visit a success for FCC. There are a few critical steps we must accomplish in order to complete our self-study. Look for more details in a Campus News email from Cyndie Luna coming soon.

In closing, as we start one of the busiest times of the academic year, take time to enjoy the creativity of our colleagues and students, celebrate success, dance and stop to smell the roses!

- **New Murals**-The talents of our many art students can be seen throughout the campus as new murals are being painted on the art building. The murals, which are being painted this term in Kevin Stewart-Magee's Art 25 - Mural Painting, are slowly replacing the existing 17 older murals. Additionally, there are 6 or 7 other murals around campus which are slated for future updating or replacement. Several members of the ACT - Art for Community Transformation Club are also working on the murals. Kudos to you all for inspiring creativity and beauty!
- **Design Science Early College High School (DSECH) Award**- Please join me in congratulating DSEHS for being named a **2017 California Gold Ribbon School** by State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Tom Torlakson. In being notified, Superintendent Torlakson said the award reflects their success in creating a positive learning atmosphere. FCC is excited to be a partner with this unique high school/college initiative.
- **Retiree Luncheon**-Just a reminder that this year's retiree lunch is next Thursday and the deadline to pay for your reservation is Monday, April 24th. Take your payment to the Business Office and call the PIO with your meal selection. This is a great way to honor those who are retiring from FCC and the District Office. Thank you all for your service!
- **City Dance**-The City Dance Spring concert will open this Thursday in the FCC Theatre. Director Jimmy Hao, his choreographers and his talented students have planned an exciting program of dance. There are a number of performances planned throughout the weekend. Bravo!
- **Intramural Speech Competition**- Fresno City College held its Spring intramural speech competition on Thursday, April 19th. Close to 75 students competed in



two categories: persuasive and informative speaking. Students in each category who placed in the preliminary rounds of competition went on to the finals. The top three speakers in each category received a scholarship. The students were also treated to a pizza lunch. Forensics/Communications Arts Instructors Eric Fletcher, Dan Scott and Cyndie Luna spearheaded the event with assistance from a number of other fulltime and adjunct communications instructors.

And finally, you literally must stop and smell the roses. Seriously. I'm talking about the ones in front of the Old Administration Building. Jerry Hentzler and his Adaptive Horticulture students take such great care of the rose bushes throughout the year. At this time every year, we are blessed with a beautiful display of nature's glory. By the way, I think the pink ones smell the best. Enjoy!

Thanks for everything you do to keep students on the path to success and for motivating each other. Your work inspires me!

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