



# Fresno City College

*Office of the President*

## CAMPUS MESSAGE

Dear Colleagues,

Every day is a good day to be a Ram, and today it is a GREAT day to be Ram. We have a lot of exciting news to share. It's time to congratulate and celebrate!



In case you haven't heard on the news or via social media, on December 3, 2017 the Women's and Men's Soccer teams both won their respective State Championship! To have both teams win a state championship is a feat one doesn't see very often. According to Woody Wilk, retired Fresno City College Sports Publicist, this has only happened four times in the CCCAA history. WOW!

Please join me in congratulating men's coach, Eric Solberg and women's coach Oliver Germond for earning their first championship wins. Their dedication to athletic and academic excellence of our students is evident. It is certainly a proud day for them and their teams. Check out the news coverage from the Fresno Bee on the [men's](#) and [women's](#) team and [Channel 30](#).

On Saturday, December 2, Fresno City College Wrestling team won the Northern California Regional Championship held at Lassen College. Six wrestlers placed first in their weight class, and all twelve wrestlers that competed that day have qualified for the State Championship being held this next weekend (December 8-9, 2017) at San Joaquin Delta College in Stockton. Congratulations to our Rams wrestlers, Coach Paul Keysaw, and his amazing assistant coaches! And best of luck next weekend!

In other news, at the recent Community College League of California annual convention, Fresno City College received the Chancellor's Student Success Award. Dr. Jennifer Dorian accepted the award on behalf of the Brain Food Project. The project provides food, ranging from snacks to lunch for all students during tutoring and supplemental instruction sessions. Between 2014 and 2017, attendance increased by 1,097 percent representing 4500 students logging 50,000 hours of learning assistance sessions. The [State Chancellor's Student Success](#) Award honors college programs that

demonstrate a commitment and significant progress toward achieving success and equity goals for all students. Please join me in thanking Dr. Dorian and everyone associated with our tutoring programs for their fantastic work! Also, encourage students to take full advantage of our many award-winning tutoring programs.

Tomorrow, December 5, 2017, Fresno City College will receive the Excellence in Effort Award by the [Campaign for College Opportunity](#) in Los Angeles. FCC is one of thirteen colleges and universities that is being recognized for our efforts to improve student success. The college earned this award for making significant gains in a short amount of time, demonstrating strong leadership and a commitment to helping its students transfer. In 2015-16, FCC transferred 857 students to the CSU system and conferred 585 Associate Degrees for Transfer. This is an increase of 314 over the previous year and the second largest gain among all 113 California Community Colleges.

It's a good day for the Arts at Fresno City College! Over the weekend, the college competed in the FCC Delta Jazz Festival, held at Delta College in Stockton. The FCC Latin Jazz Ensemble placed 3rd. This group is conducted by George Ramirez. Mike Dana conducted the FCC Jazz Ensemble, which placed 1<sup>st</sup> in the collegiate division at the festival.

Mike Dana, has been also named 2017 Jazz Educator of the Year by the California Music Educators Association! CMEA is the state-wide music ED network, including elementary, secondary, and college level programs. Mike has demonstrated his leadership in his field and has had a tremendous impact on his students and fellow music educators. Please join me in congratulating Mike on this prestigious distinction.

On Saturday morning, December 9, I have the honor of participating in a special panel entitled, "Women's Rights are Human Rights" held at Fresno State. You and your students are welcomed to join me in the North Gym at 8:30 am. The program begins with a dynamic keynote speaker, Amanda Renteria, Chief of Operations for the California Department of Justice.

Also, I want to extend my sincere gratitude to all of you who are working with Cyndie Luna, our accreditation liaison. Each of you have done an exceptional job in preparing for our accreditation visit. Like you, I'm confident that our accreditation will reflect the good work that each and every one of you do every day for our students.



As we head into this last week of instruction for the fall semester and prepare for finals, let's join together in celebrating all the wonderful accomplishments and successes of our colleagues and students that continue to distinguish Fresno City College as an educational leader.

Together, we are shining the light on the work of this great institution. In closing, allow me to express my deep appreciation for the work you do for the College, for our students and to advance our mission and vision.

Best regards,

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