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Message from the President

Happy Holidays!

We have wrapped up a very busy fall semester for all three MOR campuses. As we head into the break, we will take a look at our latest developments with Guided Pathways, updates from our campuses and a look to the spring semester in this edition of *MOR in Motion*.

Our Guided Pathways team went to Bakersfield November 30-December 2 for the Institute 2 workshop, "Pathways Design I: Mapping Pathways through the Institution." Among the many topics we focused on include reviewing models and processes for organizing programs into meta-majors/communities of interest, and building processes and a timeline for mapping pathways that include the identification of milestone courses, recommended general education courses and recommended electives for each program. It was a very informative session, and we look forward to Institute 3 in Coronado (San Diego) February 8-10.

With our accreditation update fast approaching March 5-8, we had a little fun with a video that is under production by Jeff Aiello at 18Thirty Entertainment. We turned Clyde into a superstar! We sent him to the Madera campus, as well as the Reedley College farm to get answers to why accreditation is so important. We will also have drone video of the Reedley, Madera and Oakhurst campuses in the video. Thanks to the Accreditation & IE Committee lead by Eileen Apperson and Dale van Dam for coming up with a very creative script! We will have it on our website (reedleycollege.edu) and YouTube pages soon.

Our Gatsby Gala fundraiser for the proposed Center for the Fine and Performing Arts was a fantastic celebration of the future. We went back to the 1920's (back for the future, if you will) at the Student Arts Center and had a great time! A HUGE thank you to Samaria Cardenas and Kendelynn Mendoza who put together an amazing event, and the Reedley Dance team and two of our vocalists, Alexis Skipper and Luis Zepeda, for showcasing your talents. We have more on the event in this issue.

The Central Valley Promise is something we've talked about for a while now, and on Friday December 15, close to 1,500 sixth grade students are expected to be on the Reedley College campus to learn more about it. Free tuition for their first semester of college would be a significant springboard for their futures. The opportunity to step on a college campus to find out more about the promise is a fantastic opportunity for them and us. They will be given guided tours, including our farm, Residence Hall and aviation program. I'm excited to share our



Reedley College President Dr. Sandra Caldwell (second from left) and others enjoying the Gatsby Gala held on December 9. The event was a fundraiser for the Center for Fine and Performing Arts.

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MCCC Updates

The end of the semester is fast-approaching and the MCCC faculty and staff has a lot to celebrate.

Since October, faculty and staff have had the opportunity to honor multiple contributors to the success of the center and our students. On October 24, the Founder's Day event recognized Dr. Bill Stewart and other members of the community who were instrumental in the development of MCCC. On November 8, Dr. Ganesan Srinivasan introduced long time Madera Faculty, Guadalupe Vega as she was inducted in the "Muro de Honor" at Arte Americas for her contributions to the community and her positive impact on students. On November 16, The Madera Arts Council offered a reception to recognize Priscilla Torres, a talented student whose art is displayed at Arte Americas, Merced Multicultural Arts Center – and the Circle Gallery in Madera.

A lot of progress has been made in the bond projects. The site selection study for the future permanent location of the Oakhurst center conducted by Odell Planning & Research has been submitted for Board consideration. Dr. Darin Soukup, Director of OCCC continues to do an excellent job at gathering community input throughout this process. Recommendation

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Oakhurst Updates



Pictured left to right: Madera County Sheriff Sergeant Rich, CHP Sergeant Jackson, and SCCC CD Sergeant Jackson.

The SCCC CD Police Department has been participating and representing the Oakhurst & Madera Community College Center campuses at Eastern Madera County Emergency Preparedness Taskforce meetings. The group meets monthly at the CHP Office in Oakhurst and is supported by the Eastern Madera-Mariposa Counties VOAD Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD).

BIOL-2 environmental science is being offered for the first time at OCCC for the spring 2018 semester. The new course offering is in direct response to both a student survey and a community feedback forum during the 2016-2017 academic year indicating demand for an environmental science, forestry, and natural resources. Dr. Frank Yancey will be teaching the course which includes field trips to Yosemite National Park, San Luis National Wildlife Refuge, and Merced National Wildlife Refuge among others.

The Oakhurst campus is continuing to expand CTE dual enrollment offerings with Minarets High School, which was initiated in spring 2017. In addition, a joint Oakhurst Community College Center/Yosemite High School dual enrollment taskforce is currently being pursued.

Gatsby Gala at RC

Thank you to everyone who came to our Gatsby Gala fundraiser for the proposed Reedley College Center for Fine and Performing Arts on December 9! We raised \$5,000, which brings us to approximately \$155,000 for our internal funding campaign. Our goal is \$250,000, so we're almost there!

We had 95 people dressed in their best 1920's attire in the Student Center and danced the night away, complete with delicious food from the Wakehouse, and a silent auction. Look for more announcements about our next fundraiser. We're working on something for next April.

Special thanks to our students for making the event so special, including Dr. Harmony Murphy, who performed a beautiful solo for us!

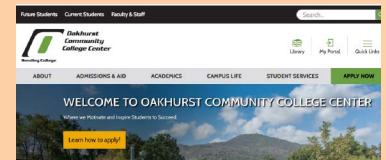
Dance Club Participants: Luis Bravo, Khatim Abdelrahman, Alejandro Fernandez, Luz Ferreyra Ruiz, Mary Filarca, Mareesa Guerrero, Raul Lopez, Evalyn Mendoza, Ana Ramos Anaya, Pahoua Vang, Estefany Zepeda, and Pedro Herrera, club advisor. Vocalists included: Luis Zepeda, Alexis Skipper, and instructor Dr. Harmony Murphy.



Accreditation Update

The Reedley College Institutional Self Evaluation Report (ISER) was approved by the SCCC CD Board of Trustees on December 5, 2017. The report is now in the final preparation stage, linking the document and website evidence. It will be forwarded to ACCJC on January 3, 2018. Preparation has already begun for the ACCJC Team Visit, which will occur from March 5 to March 8, 2018. The Visiting Team Chair is Mr. Tim Karas, President of College of Alameda. Part of this preparation will include recognition of all those who participated in the completion of the ISER at Opening Day and Flex Day workshops preparing faculty and staff for the Team Visit.

Tech Update



VDI – (virtual desktop infrastructure) computer labs AERO3 and FEM3 were converted to VDI from traditional desktops at the beginning of the semester. Computer labs LAL1 and AERO1 will be upgraded during the spring semester. Currently testing a VDI solution for our laptop labs, this will allow updates and changes to be deployed faster. Thanks to Drew Baker (webmaster) we have new websites that are responsive, accessible with a modern design. Access from mobile devices have been vastly improved. The SCCC CD portal has been released for initial testing. It will allow access to all the district resources from one website. The project to give faculty and staff access to O365 is slated to begin in the spring semester. We are currently starting to test Ellucian Self-Service which is the replacement for WebAdvisor, more updates to follow.

Guided Pathways



RC is hard at work planning for Guided Pathways Implementation. **The Transition Team (T2)** has been formed and members participated in a half day workshop (10/30) focused on the student experience and how Guided Pathways can address systemic barriers. Team members will be working in groups this year to address three major themes *Communication, Professional Development and Data and Assessment*. Questions about Guided Pathways that are brought up by the T2 member are being collected and are being used to create FAQs. FAQ 1 and 2 are available for review.

The CORE team attended the **California Guided Pathways Project (CAGP) Institute #2** in December which focuses on Mapping Programs. At the institute Reedley College Academic Senate President Stephanie Curry will speak on "*Aligning Instruction & Student Services around Pathways*." She will present on how the collaborative work done at Reedley College on the Integrated Plan for SSSP, BSI and Equity (RC Mega Plan) laid the foundation for Guided Pathways implementation.

For the CCCC Guided Pathways program RC Academic Senate President, Stephanie Curry, Vice President of Student Services, Renee Craig-Marius and Director of Research and Evaluation, Janice Offenbach were featured in a video entitled "California Community Colleges Kick Off Guided Pathways" produced by the CCCC on Guided Pathways. They spoke on the importance of Guided Pathways in increasing student success. The college will submit the CCCC Guided Pathways Self-Assessment document to the Chancellor's office in December.

2018 will continue to be a busy year for Guided Pathways. Look for more updates in future *MOR in Motion* newsletters.

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may be announced early spring 2018. The final plans and documents for the Center for Ag & Technology will be submitted for DSA review in early January, after one last review by the faculty during a meeting scheduled on December 12. The design phase of the Academic Village expansion project will start in earnest in the spring semester. A large number of faculty will be involved in this exciting process that includes new classrooms, LGI rooms, a larger Library, flexible spaces for student academic support and additional offices. The new buildings will add approximately 30,000 sf to the campus. However, the landscape at the center is already changing with the addition of solar panels and shade structures in parking lot A. The project has gone smoothly and has created a buzz on campus.

Exciting news for our students! The city of Madera, using funds generated through a federal grant, has established a fixed route to serve the Madera campus, starting January 2, 2018. The Madera Express Transit bus will stop by the center every hour starting at 7:50 am, with a last stop at 5:50 pm, Monday through Friday. ASG was very active this semester connecting with their peers in Region 5. In addition to sponsoring multiple club activities, they are promoting a student contest in which students submit a design concept that could potentially be used as a concept to finalize our Mountain Lion logo. The winners will be announced on December 15. Dean Leticia Canales has insured that the top three selections receive a scholarship prize.

The Madera and Oakhurst College Center Council (MOCCC) worked diligently to expand the flow of information across constituencies, in college and center matters. Dr. Richardson Fleuridor has kept us all updated on the Guided Pathways T2 activities. Janice Offenbach, Director of C.O.R.E. presented on multiple topics to keep us abreast of the many resources available. MOCCC developed a draft for the first Committee Operating Agreement for the Center Council. In addition, MOCCC will hold a strategic planning workshop during the first meeting in January to focus Driver One: "Develop a plan and timeline to support MCCC's accreditation eligibility." As we welcome Ray Sanchez as the new MOFA President, we thank Dr. Jennifer Gray for her service as the outgoing President.

Many of our activities would not become reality without the continuous support of our SCCCD foundation and we are grateful for the work they do.

Go Mountain Lions!

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college with our prospective Tigers and Mountain Lions!

Speaking of Mountain Lions, MCCC's Mountain Lion logo design contest is wrapping up. We had 19 entries, and narrowed the finalists down to three. Needless to say, we have some very talented artists in Madera, so it's been very difficult to pick the winner! Look for our top entry to be revealed very soon.

We are introducing a brand new class at Reedley for the spring semester that will have you looking for a wine glass! Intro to Enology is a three unit course that focuses on the study of winemaking. The units are transferable to Fresno State. We already bottle our own wine on campus, so this was a fantastic next step in the continuing advancement of our agriculture department. The course is already generating media attention, so look for it to be featured on the news soon! Our new College Director of Communications George Takata is hard at work on that.

Enjoy your holiday break. It is well deserved! Looking forward to seeing all of you on Opening Day, January 4.



This year's MOR holiday card was drawn by OCCC student Haden Bristow in the ART 7 Beginning Art class of instructor Moira Donohoe. The drawing was color enhanced by James Allen, interim publications specialist.

Academic Senate Update

The end of each year it is a good time to look back on all the exceptional work done by our faculty. I want to take a moment to thank some of our faculty for the work they have done on behalf of the college and the academic senate this year.

- Eileen Apperson—for her work on SLO, One Book Once College, Program Review and Accreditation
- Amanda Taintor and Julie Kehoe- for taking on new responsibilities as the new SLO and Program Review Chairs
- Rick Garza- for his work on clarifying Title 5 language on Flex Credit and organizing informative Flex Days
- Jennifer Gray- for her leadership as MOFA President for 2017
- Rebecca Snyder- for her work with Multiple Measures implementation
- Richardson Fleuridor- for his leadership in Guided Pathways at Madera

I would also like to take a moment for a shout out to our Exemplary Program Nominee the RC Math Department for their transformative work on Multiple Measures and the creation of a statistics pathway.

I look forward to 2018 and the continued work of the Reedley College Academic Senate.

- Stephanie Curry, Reedley College Academic Senate President

Classified Senate Update

The MOR Classified Senate has had a productive 2017 fall semester with its primary function of contributing to the Reedley College participatory governance process. Items reviewed by the Senate include the Institutional Self-Evaluation Report, which is key document for the accreditation process by the ACCJC, Guided Pathways, and campus Committee Operating Agreements. The MOR Classified Senate also held its general election in early November and is very excited to introduce your new Senators from the MCCC and OCCC campuses: Deisy Ruiz (MCCC), Becky Xiong (MCCC), Amanda Phillips (MCCC), and Amanda Johnson (OCCC)! Senators participate for a two-year term.

Recent and ongoing activities include the Winter Door Decorating contest chaired by Interim Vice President Elizabeth Villalobos, the RC and MCCC Coats 4 Kids Drive chaired by Treasurer Mary Lou Wright and Senator Sophie Adame, and the RC Adopt-a-Family presented by the RC Student Activities Office and chaired by Senator Stephanie Doyle. The MOR Classified Senate is grateful for your participation and support with these activities.

Come and meet your MOR Classified Senate at the first meeting of the 2018 spring semester on Tuesday, January 16 with meeting locations in Reedley, Madera, and Oakhurst (RC-PCR/MCCC-AM-114B/OCCC-6). Happy holidays and happy new year from the MOR Classified Senate!

- Cassandra Davis-Schmall, Interim Classified Senate President

MOFA Update

The Madera-Oakhurst Faculty Association (MOFA) continues to be actively working on future preparation for our future college status. We have approved the revised draft of the Madera/Oakhurst Division Structure. The Executive Council, which includes Vice President Ray Sanchez, Past President Gregory Ramirez, and Secretary Lynette Cortes-Howden and I, have prepared a MOFA COA which has been approved by both the Reedley College Academic Senate and College Council. We have revised the MOFA Constitution and By-Laws. The MOFA documents as well as all meeting minutes and agendas are on the MOFA website. MOFA continues to meet twice monthly. I am pleased to announce the 2018 president is Ray Sanchez, David Richardson is the Vice President, and Kari Johnson is the Secretary.

- Jennifer Gray, MOFA President