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Message from the President

As we wrap up the 2016-17 academic year I am so impressed with all we have accomplished. We celebrated our 90th anniversary and the rich history of Reedley College with every opportunity this year. You are an important part of this history. In this issue you will read about some of the highlights of our year:

- the progress made with our accreditation process and specifically our Institutional Self Evaluation Report
- the continual professional development of our faculty and staff and particularly those who attended the ACCJC Conference
- the work of the Madera Oakhurst Faculty Association as they continue vital work that will move them toward accreditation
- the work of our Academic and Classified Senates
- and our diligent eye on student success is evidenced in the Supplemental Instruction program

While we have much to celebrate this year, the future continues to shine bright. You'll learn more about:

- the California Guided Pathways Project
- the 2017-18 One Book/One College selection
- and our Fall 2017 Opening Day preview

Thank you for all you have done this year to motivate and inspire students to succeed. I look forward to celebrating the wonderful accomplishments of our students with you at commencement.



On April 28, President Dr. Sandra Caldwell participated in a ribbon cutting ceremony for the Nature Explore Outdoor Classroom at the Reedley College Child Development Center and Lab School. The project was funded by a grant from the U.S. Forest Department and aided by many other organizations including the Arbor Day Foundation, Generation Green, and the Nature Explore group.

M.O.R. Opening Day Preview

Thursday, August 11, 2017 - Reedley College

8:00 a.m.	Continental Breakfast
8:30 a.m.	Fall Updates
9:00 a.m.	Bond Projects
9:30 a.m.	RC Strategic Plan and Educational Master Plan
10:00 a.m.	Accreditation and ISER – Process and Visit
10:30 a.m.	Break
10:45 a.m.	Guided Pathways – Context, Process, Next steps
12:00 p.m.	Department Chairs/Division Reps. Meeting (Lunch provided) All others (Lunch on your own)
1:30 p.m.	Division Meetings
2:30 p.m.	Break
2:45-4:00 p.m.	Instructional Department Meetings
5:30 p.m.	Adjunct Orientation – RC in Forum / MCCC/OCCC in AVI-114A

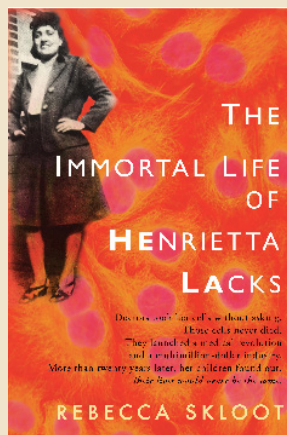
MOFA Update

The Madera-Oakhurst Faculty Association (MOFA) has been very actively working on furthering preparation for our future college status. We are continuing the work that was done by the Madera-Oakhurst ad hoc Taskforce on Committees and Governance. Our busy schedule has indicated the need to extend our time and meeting frequency from one meeting a month to two meetings a month in the Fall. This will align with the Reedley College Academic Senate towards the transition when Madera begins the accreditation process. We have initiated regular MOFA Executive Council meetings. Madera faculty and administration were represented at the April ACCCJC Conference in Irvine. In addition, Gregory Ramirez

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2017-18 1 Book/1 College Selection

The Reedley College 1Book/1College project, which began in fall 2015, was initiated by the Student Learning Outcomes Committee as a way to encourage student engagement. This quickly became a joint effort with other College entities such as the Literary Arts/Speakers Series, Student Body Government, English, Library, Honors and Art programs, First Year Experience (FYE), Basic Skills Initiative (BSI), Equity Plan, and the Office of the President. Many instructors incorporate the One Book selection into their courses and/or encourage students to participate in a series of free events to encourage college-wide conversation, creativity, and community.



This shared reading experience encourages Reedley College students, staff, and faculty to read and discuss a common book during each academic year with the goal to engage students in dialogue and events in order to enhance student success. Thoughtful, intellectual engagement takes place among students, faculty, and staff. We encourage the practice of reading and to use this reading experience to communicate and connect beyond the classroom and workplace.

Selections for past 1Book/1College activities have been Richard Rodriguez's *Hunger for Memory* in 2015-2016 and T.C. Boyle's *The Tortilla Curtain* in 2016-2017, with both authors visiting the Reedley campus as a culmination of 1Book/1College activities. This coming academic year, the 1Book/1College selection will be *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks*, and on March 15, 2018, members of the Lacks family will visit the Madera campus in the afternoon and the Reedley campus that evening.

The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks asks tough questions about race and class, the ethics of medical and journalistic research, who "owns" a cell and who "owns" a story. A best-selling work of non-fiction and now an HBO movie starring Oprah Winfrey, Rose Byrne, and Renée Elise Goldsberry, *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* is a book that appeals to readers of many and diverse interests: literature and science and history.

Accreditation Update

A draft of the Institutional Self-Evaluation Report (ISER) has been completed. The introduction and standards I, II, and III have been presented to College Council. Standard IV will be presented in May. Subsequently, Academic Senate and Classified Senate should complete their review of standards I-III by the end of the semester. It is anticipated the entire document will be approved in August and September.

The entire ISER will be presented to the State Center Community College District Board of Trustees (BOT) for first read in October 2017 with the second read scheduled for November 2017. Following approval from the BOT, it is anticipated that the ISER will be sent to ACCJC in January 2018.

Our accreditation visit is scheduled for March 5-8, 2018.

Supplemental Instruction

Supplemental Instruction (SI) at Reedley College and Extending the Class (ETC) at Madera Community College Center are thriving at both campuses and in a variety of disciplines! SI and ETC are an instructive and integrated academic support program known by different names, but that offer the same free, regularly scheduled study sessions in courses that are momentum points for students: those with high fail rates, pre-transfer, and/or those using an accelerated model. Highly trained student leaders follow a rigorous training curriculum to conduct planned, weekly sessions using collaborative learning strategies while integrating what to learn with how to learn. Faculty members find they have a "Jr. Partner" in the class to assist, and students find a model student utilizing Socratic Dialogue who slows down the pace and provides a student perspective.

SI/ETC is effective, scalable, and aligns with the Reedley College Strategic Plan and efforts with Guided Pathways. Not only does it build community and relationships around academic coursework, it also fosters early experiences of success, so students "stick with it." SI/ETC targets historically difficult classes and has been to shown to improve student GPA, increase successful completion rates, reduces withdrawal rates and consistently and purposefully builds upon the RP Group's Six Success Factors: (1) **Directed**: students have a goal and know how to achieve it, (2) **Focused**: students stay on track--keeping their eyes on the prize, (3) **Nurtured**: students feel somebody wants and helps them to succeed, (4) **Engaged**: students actively participate in class and extracurricular activities, (5) **Connected**: students feel like they are part of the college community, and (6) **Valued**: students' skills, talents, abilities, and experiences are recognized; they have opportunities to contribute on campus and feel their contributions are appreciated

Instructors interested in participating in SI or ETC are invited to contact: Deanna Garabedian (Reedley) at deanna.garabedian@reedleycollege.edu or Ray M. Sanchez (MCCC) at ray.sanchez@sccd.edu.

ACCJC Conference

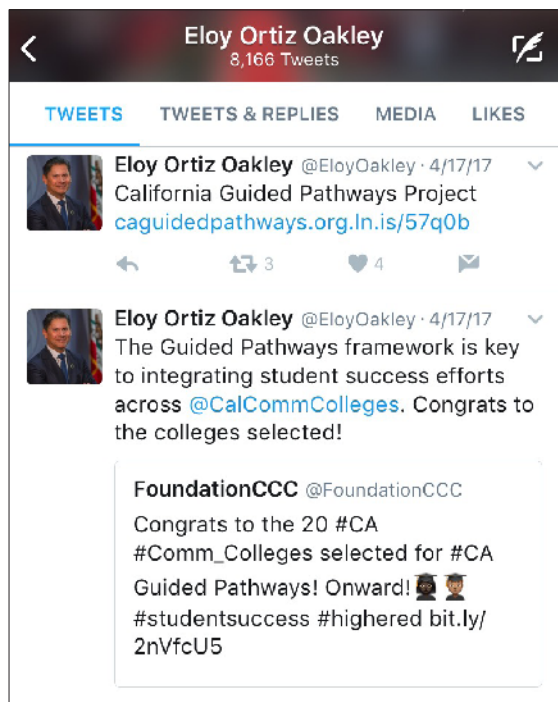
Twelve employees representing faculty, staff, and administration attended the 2017 ACCJC Conference: Partners in Excellence in Irvine April 4 – 7. The conference provided attendees the opportunity to explore multiple ways colleges and the accrediting commission work together to ensure that each student has an outstanding experience in college.



ACCJC Conference attendees

Kari Johnson, MCCC Librarian, and Gregory Ramirez, MCCC English Instructor, presented a one-hour presentation entitled, “The Role of Library Reading Events on Student Success at Madera Community College Center.” Donna Berry, VP of Administration at RC, and Stephanie Curry, RC Faculty Grant Coordinator, presented on the “Integrated Budget Process.”

Reedley College Chosen for Guided Pathways Project



Tweet from California Community College State Chancellor Eloy Ortiz Oakley providing his support on the California Guided Pathways Project.

course sequences, progress milestones, and defined learning outcomes. By creating structured educational experiences, pathways support each student from the point of entry to the attainment of high-quality postsecondary credentials and employment in a chosen field.

Reedley College is one of 20 California Community Colleges recently selected to participate in the California Guided Pathways Project. The project is a venture designed to substantially increase the number of students who earn a certificate or degree at a California Community College. Selected through a competitive application process, Reedley College and the other colleges selected, will design and implement structured academic and career pathways for all incoming students by 2019. The guided pathways model helps colleges clarify paths to student end goals, helps students select a program and stay on the path, and ensures quality learning. Pathways include specific

College Office of Research and Evaluation (C.O.R.E) Corner

It is the great time of May! Students are either studying, enrolling, or graduating or maybe all three! Either way, it a busy time of the year for C.O.R.E! Here is our update:

1. 2017 Student Success Scorecard is now available: <http://scorecard.cccco.edu/scorecard.aspx>
2. Our Institutional Set Standards (ISS) have been reviewed and goals are drafted. We have already started presenting the update and will continue to do so the rest of May. You may view the draft on our C.O.R.E. website: <http://www.reedleycollege.edu/index.aspx?page=1957>
Our final goal submission is due June 15, 2017 and we seem to be ahead of schedule!
3. Tableau update: We are excited to announce that Reedley College and its center will soon have its very own Visual Dashboard! We hope to launch for Fall 2017!
4. SUMMER Break availability, C.O.R.E. will be available all summer and working normal hours! Please feel free to contact us for any request!

- Janice Offenbach – Director of Institutional Research, Evaluation and Planning

- Elizabeth Villalobos – Research Assistant

Classified Senate Update

The RC-MOR Classified Senate would like to congratulate the District Classified Steering Committee for putting together a fantastic 17th Annual Classified Professional Development Mega Conference. The event was held April 11 at Pardini's in Fresno. There were more than 250 Classified Professionals from throughout SCCC in attendance. Once again the Mega Conference was an overwhelming success.

California's Legislature recognizes the important contributions of classified school employees and named the third full week of May "Classified School Employee Week" (CSEW) to honor these contributions. The RC-MOR Classified Senate will sponsor an Ice Cream Sundae Bar at the Reedley Campus and an M&O Ice Cream Uber for the Madera and Oakhurst campuses.

We are very excited to announce four delegates have been selected to attend the 25th Anniversary of the Classified Leadership Institute (CLI) conference.

- Bonita Gomez (Educational Advisor, RC - School Relations)
- Kassandra Davis-Schmall (Administrative Aide, RC - Agriculture/Bus/Ind Tech)
- Kenia Gonzalez (Administrative Aide, MCCC - Student Services)
- Darnell Harris (Assessment Coordinator, RC - School Relations)

The annual CLI focuses on effective classified participation in the participatory governance processes, both state-wide and at the local district and college levels. These four representatives will explore numerous events that encourage personal development, leadership, and strong communication skills, leading toward increased confidence, enhanced professional skills, and broad-based knowledge of our California Community Colleges. As always the RC-MOR Classified Senate would like to invite you to join our meetings. All meetings are open so please join us. For more information please contact darnell.harris@reedley-college.edu.

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and Kari Johnson presented a power point entitled "Role of Library Reading Events on Student Success at MCCC." Bill Turini was awarded Distinguished Teacher of the Year. Ray Sanchez presented "The Art of Tutoring" at the League of Innovation Conference at ACTLA.

Spring 2017 has been a busy and productive one for MCCC/OCCC. Enrollment exceeded the projected numbers and it is expected to continue in the Summer and the Fall. Madera continues to offer summer school courses to students both on campus and online

Madera's CTE programs host their Spring advisory committee meetings in April and May. Their new CAM building process

Academic Senate Update

As we end another year of the Reedley College Academic Senate, it is time to reflect on the accomplishments of the year and give thanks to the tireless work done by the Reedley College Faculty.

A few RC Accomplishments

- Review and Approval of RC and SCCC Mission/Vision Values
- Review and Approval of RC and SCCC Strategic Plan
- Resolution to support successful RC Guided Pathways Application
- Over 86 faculty members appointed to college and districtwide committees

Special thanks to our RCAS Exec members: Rick Garza, Nancy Marsh, Rebecca Snyder, Emily Berg, Jennifer Gray and Jeff Ragan who have dedicated their time and expertise this year on behalf of the senate.

I would also like to single out Eileen Apperson for her extraordinary work the past 8 years as Program Review and Student Learning Outcomes Chair. She has weaved these processes into the very fabric of our institution, all with a smile. She has also done yeomans work this year as our Accreditation Co-Chair. She has deftly guided the creation of our self-evaluation (ISER).

A final thanks to Linda Cooley for her work on the District and RC Strategic Plan. She led a streamlined and understandable Strategic Planning Process that encouraged participation and input from all areas of MOR.

If you see any of these individuals on campus give them a big Thank You!

Enjoy a well-deserved Summer Break and we will see you again in August.

- *Stephanie Curry, Reedley College Academic Senate President*

continues. Spring Extravaganza was held on April 7. This event provides students with the opportunity to learn about the various program offerings at Madera/Oakhurst campuses. Congratulations to the student services team for putting on a successful event showing educational programs and student services to prospective students.

A Live Astronomy Show Exploring the Mysteries of the Universe, a Cinco de Mayo celebration and an award winning novelist Reyna Grande presentation are among the current events at Madera. Oakhurst will host an Open House Event in May.

A special appreciation is warranted to all the faculty, administrators, classified staff, and students for a successful semester.