

# MOR IN MOTION

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## MESSAGE FROM THE INTERIM PRESIDENT



*Maddie and the MCCC MOVA Club have been hard at work in the community.*

are not going unnoticed! Something else that you may not have heard about is the wonderful gesture made by the Madera County Sheriff's Foundation. They purchased 12 textbooks for the Yosemite High School Criminology 8 cohort, which is a dual enrollment partner with OCCC. The foundation also awarded three scholarships to students in Madera County who are furthering their education in law enforcement. Maybe we'll see them at OCCC or MCCC someday!

Congratulations to our honors students, who always make us proud. Six of them were selected to present their research at the Community College Undergraduate Research Initiative National Conference in Glendale, Arizona in December, which is **See 'PRESIDENT' page 4**

### OCCC COMMUNITY FORUM HELD IN FEBRUARY

A second public forum for the new OCCC campus was held February 28 at the Oakhurst Community Center. About 25 people were in attendance, including Paul Halajian, the President of Paul Halajian Architects who will be designing the facility. Among the topics in the power point presentation were listing the defining characteristics of the campus, including its unique location, becoming a community landmark, an attractive place for students to start their college education and identifying a campus brand. Attendees got the chance to look at three proposed layouts of the new OCCC which will feature science labs, a student center and café, art lab, museum and more. Site planning considerations such as drainage, wind, solar exposure, views and land use were also discussed. Guests also took part in a visual listening exercise, where they got to choose which proposed designs of the campus they liked the most. Groundbreaking on the site is expected sometime in 2020, with completion of the project expected by 2021, just in time for the fall semester.



*Attendees got a chance to look at proposed layouts of the new Oakhurst Community College Center February 28.*

# VISION FOR SUCCESS

Since December, Reedley College's Strategic Planning Committee and the Accreditation and Institutional Effectiveness Committee have been working to create measurable goals that align with the goals set forth by the State Chancellor in his 2017 "Vision for Success" document. The approach used by the committees to establish the goals, the underlying legislative mandate and the required timeline for goal adoption have been discussed with groups and committees across the campus, including the President's Advisory Council, Deans Council, Department Chairs/Division Representatives, College Council, Student Success Leadership Council, Academic Senate, Classified Senate and Associated Student Government. Two community forums at Reedley and one forum at Madera were held to explain how the goals were being set and gather feedback about potential measures that would help us to reach our goals. The committees have also been collaborating

with our colleagues at FCC and CCC to ensure consistency in our approach and our timing across the District. The goals are intentionally aspirational and challenging and it will require cross-disciplinary discussion and effort to reach them. The five goals stated in the Chancellor's "Vision for Success" (all to be obtained by 2021-2022) are: 1) A 20 percent increase in the number of students who complete their degrees and/or certificates, 2) a 35 percent increase in students transferring to a UC or CSU, 3) a decrease in the average number of units accumulated by students obtaining an associate degree, 4) a seven percent increase in the number of CTE students who obtain employment in their field of study and 5) an equity goal of reducing by 40 percent any achievement gaps identified for disproportionately impacted campus groups in any of the four preceding goals. In February, we received approval of Reedley's goals from our constituents in Classified Senate, PAC, Associated Student Government and Academic Senate for submittal to the Board of Trustees for a first reading at the April meeting. RC's approved goals must be endorsed by the Board and submitted to the state by May 31.

## Process for Local District Goal Setting 2018-19

These are the recommended steps for each California Community College district to take in developing college-level goals that align with the systemwide goals in the Vision for Success, are measurable numerically, and specify a timeline for improvement.



# MOR NEWS in BRIEF



*The Guided Pathways mapping process has begun, starting with the Biology Department February 22.*

## GP MAPPING PHASE UNDERWAY

After months of discussion, the program mapping phase of our Guided Pathways implementation started February 22 with the Department of Biology. Courses were spread out over a four semester (two year) time span (excluding summer sessions) and placed in a sample worksheet. Courses towards obtaining a degree in biology include Chemistry, English, Math and Physics, as well as recommended electives. Program maps serve as a default path for a full program plan. The default map is created for the ideal two year path. These maps are meant to inform students and support conversations with their counselor to develop a customized Student Education Plan (SEP) based on the students' individual needs and goals. The next mapping workshops will be with the Business Administration Department March 4, followed by Administration of Justice March 18.



*L-R: Michelle Stricker, Rebecca Snyder, Stephanie Curry, and Renee Craig-Marius at the Community Colleges League of Innovation Conference held in New York City.*

## START SPREADING THE NEWS...

Reedley College faculty and administrators traveled to New York City for the Community Colleges League of Innovation Conference February 24-27 to present three breakouts about our journey with Guided Pathways. Presenting at the conference were Vice President for Student Services Renee Craig-Marius, Academic Senate President

Stephanie Curry, English Instructor Rebecca Snyder and CCCC Guided Pathways Regional Coordinator Michelle Stricker (on loan from RC). The group presented on *Changing Placement in a Guided Pathways Framework*, *Hobsons Starfish: Holistic Tools for Guided Pathways*, and *Onboarding a College to Guided Pathways*.

## LET'S GO LUNA!

Our aeronautics department was thrilled to have the opportunity to host Valley PBS for an event for their Family Circle members February 9. Much thanks to our staff and student volunteers for being incredible hosts for a day of education about airplanes. PBS has a new show called "Let's Go Luna," featuring different cultures and traveling the world. Parents and their kids got to sit inside of some of our aircraft, play with our flight simulators and learn about aviation. They also watched an episode of the show.



*Parents and kids made airplanes as part of the activities in the Aero Building.*

## BEERMAKING CLASS

One of our newest classes at RC is Fermentation Science, aka "Beer-making." Rhett Williams, the CEO of 559 Beer, is the instructor. Guest speaker Grant Parnagian of Golden State Hops spoke to our students recently about the growing and processing of his product. They are the only commercial hop yard in California. The class meets every Thursday from 5:00-9:50pm, which includes lecture and lab time. The course is restricted to students 21 years of age or older.



*Grant Parnagian (L) and Fermentation Science Instructor Rhett Williams.*

# MOR NEWS in BRIEF

## CLYDE'S 60TH CELEBRATION!

Students and staff gathered on the Administration Lawn for a 60th birthday celebration for the Clyde statue February 19, which has become a landmark for the campus and the City of Reedley. On February 19, 1959, Clyde was unveiled to the Reedley College family. He was designed by sculptor Carroll Barnes in Three Rivers. The Bengal tiger redwood statue is 15 feet long and nine feet tall. The wood used to carve him came from Hume Lake. Refreshments were served, including root beer floats from Tap Truck Cen Cal. Student artwork of the statue was displayed, and the story of how students helped pay for Clyde was featured in the event program. Total cost of the statue was \$2,000. Attendees included Interim President Donna Berry, Board of Trustees member John Leal, and members of the classes of 1959 and 1960.



*Clyde has been standing guard at RC for 60 years.*

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a tremendous accomplishment! Zackary Cox, Andrew Bowen, Pedro Cruz, Angela Tuttle, Heather Crumley and Stephanie Duarte were the presenters. Special thanks to instructors Andrew Strankman, Joseph Lin, John Heathcote and Program Coordinator Emily Berg for all your hard work as well.

Our Strategic Planning Committee has been hard at work creating measurable goals that meet State Chancellor Eloy Oakley's "Vision for Success." We are currently looking at input from the three community forums we held (two at RC, one at MCCC) that will help us set our local goals. The student voice will also be heard and recognized with this project. You can read all about it in this edition of MOR In Motion, as well as the results of another successful community forum for OCCC, an update on our sports teams and the latest on Guided Pathways, with four familiar faces making presentations at a conference in the Big Apple!

The stretch drive is here! Let's finish strong, like we always do.

Go Tigers and Mountain Lions!



*Tonee Bland (L) and the Tigers advanced to the playoffs for the third time in the last six seasons.*

## SPORTS UPDATE

**WOMEN'S BASKETBALL:** Third seeded San Joaquin Delta had to come from behind to eliminate the Tigers 77-57 Saturday, March 2 in Stockton in the opening round of the Northern California Regional Playoffs. RC finished the season with a 15-13 overall record. The Tigers jumped out to an early 16-7 lead before the Mustangs went on a 20-6 run to take control. I'man Conley led Reedley with 13 points while Zavia Barlow netted 12. The Tigers were one of four teams from the Central Valley Conference to qualify for the Northern California Regional playoffs along with Merced, COS and Fresno City.

**EQUESTRIAN:** For the second year in a row, Jordan Miles is the Zone 8 Region 1 High Point Rider, which qualifies her for Nationals in Syracuse New York. Jordan will also compete at the IHSA Western Semifinals in Reining and Open Horsemanship in Ocala, Florida. Also heading to Florida are Jessie Miles (Advanced Horsemanship) and Katherine Walker (Intermediate Horsemanship). RC's feed lease horse "Jiggy" was named Zone 8 Region 1 Horse of the Year.

**MEN'S GOLF:** The Tigers won the Big 8 South Tournament Monday, March 4 at Sunnyside Country Club in Fresno by 13 strokes. They are in first place in the Central Valley Conference with an eight point lead over second place Fresno City.

**SOFTBALL:** With a 13-2 record (as of March 4), the Tigers are ranked 7th in the state and 3rd in Northern California.