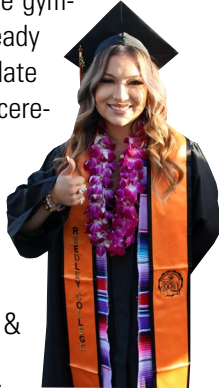


# BOARD REPORT

## COMMENCEMENT UPDATE

Because of a record number of RSVP's, Reedley College will now hold its 2023 Commencement Ceremonies outdoors on the south cafeteria lawn Saturday, May 13 instead of the gymnasium. To date, over 600 students have already reserved their spot to attend. To accommodate students and their families, there will be two ceremonies, separated by pathways.

- 10am: Ag & Natural Resources, Business & Industrial Manufacturing Pathways (check-in at 9am)
- 2pm: Art, Music & English, Social Sciences, STEM & Early Childhood & Education Pathways (check-in at 1pm)
- Rehearsal: Friday, May 12, 5pm (check-in at 4pm)



## ON THE ROAD AGAIN

Reedley College has been participating in two learning communities during the past year with the intent to better serve our students and communities. The College's Guided Pathways framework has benefited from discussions with other colleges that are also changing their structure, services, programs and procedures to place students at the center of everything that we do. Reedley was selected last year to participate in a nation-wide cohort with fifteen other rural colleges to address the problems that are unique to our environments. At the same time, Reedley has been participating with California's second cohort of thirty-four Guided Pathways colleges to offer continuous improvement in service areas that are unique to our state. Reedley College sent seven people to San Diego to participate in the fourth Guided Pathways institute in California's continuing efforts to improve access, success and completion for our students. This institute's objectives included reaffirming a commitment to equity-minded, asset-based teaching, focusing on teaching and learning as a key strategy in ensuring equitable student outcomes. Data was used to identify areas of focus, while various speakers and activities served as opportunities to discuss and prioritize process improvements that could be implemented through our faculty, staff and students. The Reedley team for this institute included Jason Boyer, Beth Murdock, Darrel Chang, Rolando Zapata, Dale van Dam, Natalie Culver-Dockins and Jerry Buckley.



## WELCOMING THE NEW TRUSTEES

President Buckley welcomed new SCCC Board Trustees Destiny Rodriguez and Robert Fuentes to campus March 21. Chancellor Goldsmith and Trustee Magdalena Gomez also attended. The visit included a brief presentation by Dr. Buckley and a message from Dr. Goldsmith, as well as the grand tour of our campus, including the Residence Hall, Farm, Tiger Pantry, Math & Sciences Building and the new Center for Early Childhood & Education. Lunch was served.



President Buckley, Trustee Fuentes, Trustee Gomez, Trustee Rodriguez & Dr. Goldsmith touring the RC Farm.

## WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

This year's Women's History Month guest speaker was Reedley's very own Andrea Andrade. At just 26 years old, Andrea Andrade was faced with the battle of her life – beating stage three colon cancer. She was given six months to two years to live. That was six years ago. Now 31, Andrea is a cancer advocate, business owner/entrepreneur, and event organizer. While she was in treatment in 2018, Andrea went on to become Miss Congeniality USA, Miss Nuestra Balleza California, Miss Nuestra Balleza USA, Miss West Coast United States, and Miss Regional West Coast United States. Andrea uses her story to motivate others who are fighting the same battles she has, and continues to overcome. She is now in her second battle against the disease and attends chemotherapy sessions regularly. Andrea was born in Pastor Ortiz, Michoacan, Mexico, but calls Reedley home. Her leadership, determination, and positive attitude is an inspiration to everyone she meets. Andrea spoke to students and faculty March 23 in the Student Center.



Andrea Andrade (middle) with the Student Activities team.



## LEADING BY EXAMPLE



*Communication Instructor Vanessa Buldo.*

A social media campaign was held during Women's History Month, honoring some of RC's campus leaders. Much thanks to Sara Aguirre (Spanish Instructor), Anya Connelly-Howland (English), Kia Tan (Interim Director of Outreach), Elaine Stamper (English), Vanessa Buldo (Communication), Deborah Lyons (English), Allie Kenyon (Librarian) and Eve Castellanos (CaIWORKS Coordinator) for participating. You can view their profiles on our social media platforms (Instagram, Facebook, Twitter & LinkedIn).

## SCHOLARSHIP AT THE SUMMIT

The Reedley College Black Faculty & Staff Association took seven students to the 16th annual African American Male Education Network and Development (A2MEND) Summit in Los Angeles March 2-3. The goal of the conference is to bring together Black male college students and educators to encourage and find innovative ideas to increase the success of Black male students in California's community college system. Association President Dr. Samuel Morgan recommended Dallas Parker of our football team for the scholarship offered through the A2MEND charter and was awarded \$750. Dallas is also the president of our local charter on campus. All of the students enjoyed the opportunity and had enriching conversations with our staff related to race and diversity on our campus. They also went to the beach before leaving Southern California to cap off a successful trip. Much thanks to everyone who created this opportunity for our students. We're already looking forward to next year!



*Seven students attended the summit with RC staff. Dallas Parker (4th from left) was awarded a \$750 scholarship.*

## A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM

Fun and plenty of laughs were had at a special showing of A Midsummer Night's Dream in front of a packed Forum Hall March 2. The San Francisco Shakespeare Festival gave an excellent/dizzying/magical performance with just five actors. If you know the play, it is full of fairies, a foolish acting troupe, a complicated love triangle and enough physical comedy to make the most unbelieving fall in love with Shakespeare. Pyramus, played by Bottom, stole the show with his elaborate and over the top death. Others insisted that Puck (dressed in fox ears and a tail) and Titania (the fairy queen with moxie for days) were the stars of the evening. Midsummer is one of Shakespeare's most popular plays and is widely performed. Admission was free.



*Pyramus and the "Wall."*

## HONORING HONORS

Congratulations to our Pete P. Peters Honors Program students whose research proposals were accepted for the upcoming 3rd Annual Central Valley Honors Symposium at Fresno City College April 15: Alexis Martinez, Jacqueline Martinez, Gabriela Santiago, Patricia Santiago, Phoebe Elliott, Evelyn Jaime, Jadon Bynum and Isabella Battad. Also, congratulations to Patricia Santiago and Phoebe Elliott, whose research proposals were also accepted for the upcoming 13th Annual Community College Honors Research Symposium at Stanford University May 6th. Special thanks to Honors Program instructors Anya Connelly and Jamie Buettner for their hard work and support.

## AWARD WINNING ANNUAL REPORT

The 2021-2022 RC Annual Report has been recognized as one of the best publications in the country. The Collegiate Advertising Awards gave the report a Silver Award in the Annual Report category for colleges with 5,001-10,000 students. Student Assistant Gloria Lopez was responsible for the layout and design, President Buckley and Director of Research and Evaluation Janice Offenbach provided the data and Director of Marketing and Communications George Takata wrote most of the stories and took the photos. "A project like this takes a lot of time and hard work to perfect," said Takata. "We are all extremely proud of Gloria for the many hours she put into this for the College. There were multiple revisions, and she handled them all like a pro. She deserves a ton of the credit."



*Gloria Lopez and George Takata with the 2021-2022 Annual Report, "Transforming the Future of Our Community."*

## KIRK'S ENTERPRISE

Tigers wide receiver Shemar Kirk is a hot commodity in the college football world these days. So far, Shemar has offers from Texas A&M, Purdue, UNLV, Akron, Jackson State, Texas A&M Commerce and Tennessee Tech. KMPH FOX 26 Sports Anchor/Reporter Vanessa Romo interviewed Shemar on all of his offers so far and how Reedley College has set him up for success. Tigers Head Coach Rob Hartenfels was also interviewed. The story aired March 22. LINK: <https://kmpf.com/sports/content/reedley-college-football-player-has-more-to-prove-shemar-kirk-nashville-texas-am-unlv-jackson-state-coach-rob-hartenfels>



*L-R: Shemar Kirk, Vanessa Romo & Rob Hartenfels.*

## TOP GOLF

Congratulations to Preston Harris of our men's golf team for shooting a sizzling 67 (-5) at Big 8 Tournament #4 March 20. That is a new program record for lowest score at Kings River Golf and Country Club in Kingsburg. Preston took home medalist honors. The Tigers won the tournament with a team score of 371.

