

# BOARD REPORT



President Buckley with Choinumni Tribal Liaison Burt Stalter (far left), Choinumni Tribal Elder Audrey Osborne, and Mono Tribal Liaison Dirk Charley.

## NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH GATHERING

Reedley College held a Native American Heritage Month Gathering on Tuesday, November 29, 2022 from 11am to 2pm. The event included a blessing/prayer, land acknowledgment presentation, tribal apprenticeship program kickoff, and native pride drumming and dancing video. An information fair followed the presentation providing important historical information to attendees. The event highlighted the importance of amplifying indigenous voices and celebrating the diverse and rich culture of Native American people. Reedley College's Equity Committee and Land Acknowledgment Workgroup would like to express sincere gratitude to the Choinumni tribal leaders for their guidance, leadership, and wisdom as Reedley College works to build an authentic relationship and allyship with local tribes. We understand that allyship is not a title we give ourselves but rather something that is earned through our actions and commitment. We recognize the Yokuts, specifically the Choinumni, Mono, and Wuckchumni people who have lived and continue to live here as the original stewards of the land on which we now call Reedley College. "I appreciate all the great support and dedication from all of you," said Dirk Charley, Mono Tribal Liaison. "This was a great success and I learned a lot from this experience. A big thanks to college leadership for their sincerity and for being good role models."

## EXTREME REGISTRATION

Our first winter Extreme Registration event took place in the Student Center November 30. Counselors were on hand to help students sign up for classes for the Spring 2023 semester. Our Financial Aid and Admissions and Records teams were also on hand to assist students and answer questions. The event was also held virtually. We will hold four additional Extreme Registration opportunities December 7 & 14 and January 3 & 4 from 1pm-6pm in the Student Center and virtually.

## GIVING TUESDAY

Much thanks to everyone who contributed to our Giving Tuesday fundraising efforts. We raised close to \$20K for the Tiger Pantry and Clyde's Closet.



(L-R) Linda Launer, President Buckley, Clyde, and Tiger Pantry Coordinator Emily Anderson.

From fresh food to snacks, the Tiger Pantry provides plenty of options to help with food insecurities and provide healthy choices to give students the brainpower they need to fulfill their educational goals. Clyde's Closet is a professional clothing resource students can utilize to look sharp for job interviews and other career events. Providing basic needs is a major contributor to course completion and increased graduation rates. Special thanks to our donors who provided matching donations for this year's campaign! For the fourth consecutive year, community pillars Ken and Sally Zech matched \$5,000. Dinuba Mayor Linda Launer and her husband Chris matched \$2,000, and Foundation board member Gina Cuttone and her husband, Shawn Patty also matched \$2,000. These donations will go a long way to ensure our students are provided with the tools they need to succeed.

## STATE OF THE COLLEGE

President Buckley delivered his annual State of the College address November 3. The event started at 7am with breakfast, followed by additional messages from SCCCD Board Trustee Magdalena Gomez, Congressman Jim Costa and SCCCD Chancellor Dr. Carole Goldsmith. Dr. Buckley spoke about the mission, vision and values of the College, as well as our strategic goals, student data, our efforts with Guided Pathways and equity, Dual Enrollment, the K-16 Collaborative, fulfilling students' basic needs, student resources, highlights from the 2021-2022 academic year, facility projects, and methods we are taking to restore enrollment numbers back to pre-covid status.



President Buckley holds up the 2021-2022 Annual Report at State of the College.

Special thanks to our distinguished guests for their support: Dr. Joaquin Arambula, State Assemblyman, District 31, Jim Patterson, State Assemblyman, District 23, Jim Costa, Congressman, California 16th District, John Campbell, Superintendent, Kings Canyon USD, Dr. Carole Goldsmith, SCCCD Chancellor and Dr. Robert Pimentel, President, Fresno City College.





Dennis Donohue of Western Growers moderating the Field & Packing Automation Innovation panel.

## AG TECH CONFERENCE

RC hosted the second annual Ag Tech Conference November 4, sponsored by Western Growers. This year's summit focused on technology in water management and water quality, as well as food safety innovations.

### SESSIONS:

- Innovations in Environmental Monitoring: Joelle Mosso, Associate Chief Scientific Officer, Eurofins
- Water Management Innovations: Mike Hemman, President & CEO, Netafim
- Water Innovations Panel, moderated by Ryan Jacobsen, Fresno County Farm Bureau
- Workforce Training Innovations: Hernan Hernandez, Executive Director, California Farmworker Foundation
- Field and Packing Automation Innovations, moderated by Dennis Donohue, Western Growers Director, Center for Innovation & Technology

## RC STUDENT HONORED WITH INSPIRE AWARD

Huge congratulations to Karina Cabello Alvarez for winning the 2022 Central Valley Scholars Inspire Award! Karina received a cash prize of \$4,000 and continuous themtorship and support from the Central Valley Scholars team. The Central Valley Scholars Inspire Award recognizes extraordinary students who find the will to continue their education despite various hardships they face. Read her incredible story here: <https://bit.ly/3B9BYuP>



## PARLIER MALES CONFERENCE

The Parlier Educational Talent Search Program (ETS) hosted its first MALES Conference at Reedley College November 16. Approximately 100 Seniors from Parlier High and San Joaquin Valley High participated in this extraordinary event. The goal of the conference was to encourage students to pursue a postsecondary education, see what Reedley College has to offer and increase the number of males to enroll and complete a college degree. Reedley College President Dr. Jerry Buckley welcomed everyone, followed by Keynote Speaker Mr. Roberto Bustos, a Parlier High and Reedley College alum. The event also included campus tours, specifically in the Career Technical Ed program, college going presentations, and a motivational male panel from RC faculty and administration.

## WOMEN'S GOLF TEAM FINISHES 4TH AT STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

It comes as no surprise that the RC women's golf team had another strong showing at the State Championships this year. The Tigers finished 4th, with conference rival Modesto Junior College taking



Freshman Keahna Castillo brought home All-State honors with her 4th place finish.

the team title. Freshman Keahna Castillo (81, 79, 160) finished 4th individually to earn All-State honors. Castillo and fellow frosh sensation Maddie Reed led the way for RC all season, with Reed finishing tied for 7th (80, 83, 163). The championships were played at Morro Bay Golf Club November 13-14. The Tigers finished second at the Northern California Championships at Madera's Dragonfly Golf Club November 7, with Reed taking the individual title (74, 76, 150). Reed and Castillo were both First Team All Northern California selections. Head Coach Scott Stark won't have too many roster spots to fill, as all six players on the roster are set to return next season.

## WOMEN'S SOCCER ENJOYS BEST SEASON IN PROGRAM HISTORY

The RC women's soccer program saw its season end in the sec-

The Tigers after their playoff win over Los Medanos.



ond round of the Northern California Regional Playoffs, falling to City College of San Francisco, 1-0. Despite the loss, the Tigers finished with the best record in program history (14-6-3), which includes a ten game unbeaten streak and a 1-0 victory over Los Medanos in the first round of postseason play. Head Coach Onesta Francis will look to replace sophomores Denise Elias Martinez, Jiselle Batres, Izabella Baez, Perria Edmond, Liberty Wolf, Amber Becerra, Gloria Sevilla, Brianna Vasquez, Mariela Cruz, Isabella Salcedo, Gema Sandoval-Anton, and Kashmir Baker.

## WE LOVE A PARADE!

Student Activities had a blast at the Electrical Farm Parade in Downtown Reedley December 2. The Grinch tagged along with our students on their "Welcome to Whoville" trailer, and was even nice enough to help hand out candy canes to the kids! The parade announcer reminded attendees there's still plenty of time to sign up for classes for the Spring 2023 semester.

## BIG MAN ON CAMPUS



We're excited to welcome our newest horse to the Reedley College Farm, Wilson! He has fit in perfectly with our ag department and towers over everyone. Thanks to Herdsman House students Abigail Laspada (left) and Dominique Montes for bringing him out for a photo shoot! Wilson is being used for riding classes, equestrian team practice and other judging labs.

