

FEBRUARY 2025

STATE OF THE COLLEGE

President Buckley hosted our annual State of the College Breakfast January 28 in the McClarty Center for Fine and Performing Arts in front of approximately 150 people. Dr. Buckley's address took a look back at the 2023-2024 academic year, as well as glimpse into the future of our campus with the Vision 2035 planning process. The morning started with a breakfast prepared by our Tiger Café staff, followed by Dr. Buckley's presentation, which also included two student speakers who shared their Reedley College experiences. Brandon Howard and Ana Zavala Alcantar talked about their journeys to our campus and the support they've received through services, instructors, and coaches. The event raised over \$10,000 through sponsor-



ships and breakfast tickets, with almost half of the proceeds going toward seven student scholarships. Close to \$2,000 that was raised will go directly to the President's General Fund. Special thanks to our sponsors who helped make this event a huge success: Mulholland Education Foundation (Gold Sponsor), Darden Architects, HMC Farms, Radiant Valley Interpreting, Cedar and Shields Laundromat, and Valley ROP (Silver Sponsors), and California Teaching Fellows and the SCCCD Foundation (Bronze Sponsors).

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CHOINUMNI MONUMENT DEDICATION

A beautiful new granite monument now resides on the Library Lawn in honor of our local Native American tribal community. Our Choinumni monument dedication ceremony took place January 11, with more than 100 people present. The monument is engraved with a message of friendship, partnership, and recognition of the people who first resided on the land our campus is built upon. The ceremony included messages from President Buckley and members of the Choinumni community. The event continued outside the McClarty Center for Fine and Performing Arts, which included cultural demonstrations, native American food, vendors, and dancers.



MLK SOLIDARITY WALK

Our annual walk honoring the late Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was held January 22, with approximately 100 students and staff walking in unison from the Student Center to the McClarty Center for Fine and Performing Arts, singing "We Shall Overcome" along the way. The event continued inside the Pete P. Peters Theater, where local recording artist Tiffany Binion Mangum performed the Black National Anthem "Lift Every Voice and Sing." Guest speakers included Spoken Word Poet Kwamise "Lady K" Fletcher and Dr. Alfonso Tucker. Refreshments were served.





Wildland Fire program alum Diego Moreno speaking to CBS 47 Reporter Mederios Babb.

WILDLAND FIRE JOB FAIR

Reedley College proudly hosted the annual Wildland Fire hiring event held by the U.S. Forest Service January 24-25 in the cafeteria. A handful of our current and former wildland fire students have been assisting with fighting the wildfires in Southern California, which captured the media's interest. Former wildland fire student Diego Moreno returned to campus to talk to ABC 30, CBS 47 and the Mid Valley Times about his experiences battling the Eaton Fire.



Diego at the Eaton Fire.

ABC 30: <https://abc30.com/post/former-reedley-college-student-explains-how-wild-land-fire-program-prepared-become-hot-shot/15833892/>

CBS 47: <https://www.yourcentralvalley.com/digital-enterprise/wild-land-fire-program-reedley-college/>

MID VALLEY TIMES ARTICLE: <https://midvalleytimes.com> (subscription required)

ASG HOLDS STUDENT WORKERS INFORMATION SESSION

Led by Associated Student Government President Valeria Magana and Student Representative Sarahi Sanchez, a presentation to benefit student workers, student navigators, and those involved in mentorship programs was held in the McClarty Center for Fine and Performing Arts January 31. The goal of the training session was to equip students with essential knowledge on employment guidelines, UKG, their rights as student workers, workplace conduct and policies, as well as opportunities for growth and professional development. Staff and faculty were on hand to answer questions, including Vice President of Student Services Dr. Jesus Vega and Student Equity Coordinator Dr. Darlene Murray. Approximately 80 students attended the session. Lunch was served.



LUNAR NEW YEAR

The first new moon of the lunar calendar officially ushered in the new year in many cultures, marking the imminent arrival of spring and the first day of the Year of the Snake, which symbolizes good luck, rebirth and regality. Reedley College held its Lunar New Year Celebration January 28 in the Student Center, complete with Chinese food and a word search, as well as arts and crafts featuring paper lanterns and red envelopes. People born in the year of the snake are said to be resilient and courageous, with strong interpersonal skills and leadership qualities, and the snake is considered to be the most tenacious of the 12 zodiac animals.



BASEBALL WINS SEASON OPENER

The spring sports season is under way, and our "Diamond Tigers" won their season opener January 24 vs. DeAnza, 11-5. Third Baseman Jonathan Callison and First Baseman Andrew Mora drove in three runs apiece, while Starting Pitcher Francisco Espejo threw seven scoreless innings with five strikeouts for the win. Of the 38 players on Head Coach Steve Pearse's roster, 34 of them are from the Central Valley.

FEBRUARY CAMPUS EVENTS CALENDAR

Feb.1: Baseball vs. Sierra, 2:30pm

Feb.1 : Men's & Women's Basketball vs. Lemoore, 3pm/5pm

Feb. 3: Baseball vs. Cuesta, 2pm

Feb. 4: Madden Tournament, 12pm, Student Center

Feb. 4: Men's Tennis vs. Bakersfield, 1pm

Feb. 5-6: Club Rush & Campus Resource Fair, 11am-1pm, Quad

Feb. 5: Men's & Women's Basketball vs. COS, 5pm/7pm

Feb. 6: Black History Month: African Drum Interactive, 11:30am-12:30pm, Quad

Feb. 6: Baseball vs. Monterey Peninsula, 2pm

Feb. 6: Men's & Women's Tennis vs. Imperial Valley, 10am/1pm

Feb. 11: Men's & Women's Tennis vs. Modesto, 1pm

Feb. 12: Men's & Women's Basketball vs. Porterville, 5pm/7pm

Feb. 13: Healthy Relationships Presentation, 11:30am-1pm, Student Center

Feb. 13: Baseball vs. Sacramento City, 3pm

Feb. 13: Softball vs. Butte (DH) 12pm/2pm

Feb. 15: Men's Basketball vs. WH Coalinga, 3pm

Feb. 15: Women's Basketball vs. Taft, 5pm

Feb. 18: Men's & Women's Tennis vs. Fresno City, 1pm

Feb. 19: Men's Golf hosts conference tournament, 12pm, Ridge Creek GC, Dinuba

Feb. 20: Literary Arts Reading (David Borofka), 5pm, McClarty Center for Fine & Performing Arts

Feb. 21: Men's & Women's Tennis vs. Porterville, 1pm

Feb. 22: Baseball vs. Gavilan, 1pm

Feb. 25: Baseball vs. Fresno City, 2pm

