

# BOARD Report

## **REMEMBERING BILLY WRIGHT**

On June 15, our former SARP Coordinator and Assistant Football



Coach Billy Wright tragically had his life taken away from him in a senseless act of violence. Billy was a member of our football team in 2009 and returned to Campus as our SARP Coordinator and Defensive Backs Coach during the 2019-2020 academic year. He made the most of his time with us, serving as a mentor and role model to our student-athletes on the football field and in the

classroom. His impact at RC will be felt for many years to come.

<u>RC PRESIDENT DR. JERRY BUCKLEY:</u> "Mr. Wright was an extremely valuable member of our family. His time spent with us was priceless, and we looked forward to him possibly coming back to Campus someday to continue his outstanding work with our student-athletes. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family during this extremely difficult time."

<u>RC DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS DR. DAVID SANTESTEBAN:</u> "On behalf of the entire Athletic Department and Student-Athlete Success Program, we are completely devastated by the tragic news of Billy Wright's passing. While he was only with us for a short time as Coordinator for our Student-Athlete Success Program and Assistant Football Coach, he made a positive impact on all of our student-athletes, coaches and staff. He had such a positive outlook and cared so deeply for the success of our students. His big smile was so bright and warm. Our hearts and prayers go out to his family. He will be sorely missed."

## **FUNDS GRANTED**

RC was awarded \$155-thousand dollars in one-time funding for the College and Career Access Pathways (CCAP) partnership appropriated in the AB 128 (Ting) Budget Act of 2021. These funds will go towards increasing college and career readiness among high school students. We were awarded the most funds of all of the colleges in the state who applied for this grant.

#### **PEARSON CHOOSES PAC-12 CHAMPION UTAH**

Tigers safety Jadon Pearson, who announced his decision to transfer to the University of Utah, the 2021 PAC-12 champion. Jadon had 74 tackles and three interceptions for RC last season to go along with a 3.3 grade point average. Jadon will graduate from RC

this summer with his AA in Liberal Studies and will have three years of eligibility remaining with the Utes. Jadon chose Utah over Florida State, Missouri, Oregon State and Washington State. He transferred to RC from the Air Force Academy. "To Reedley College, I am so thankful you took a struggling 20 year old and trusted I

could be a positive influence on your campus," Jadon said in a statement. "I am nothing without the work and grit of my teammates. They pushed me every day and deserve the same recognition I do." Our football program had over 30 college coaches from across the country visit this spring, including Tennessee, UCLA, Fresno State, Boise

State, Utah, Washington and Kansas State.

#### **RC IN THE NEWS**

ABC 30's Brittany Jacob was the featured speaker at our Upward Bound kickoff event June 13. She also profiled the UB summer program, interviewing students and Program Director Dr. Diana Tapia-Wright. KSEE 24/CBS 47 Sports Director Andrew Marden reported on Jadon Pearson's decision to transfer to Utah and, thanks to ABC 30 Shayla Girardin's feature story on our non-credit programs, we have had over 150 people sign interest forms for the more than 2-hundred courses being offered this fall.

UPWARD BOUND SUMMER PROGRAM KICKS OFF Organization: ABC 30 Reporter: Brittany Jacob Airdate: June 14, 2022 Link: <u>https://abc30.com/upward-bound-program-col-lege/11955934/</u>



REEDLE



Student Adam Rodriguez gets advice from Information Systems Instructor Jason Boyer (far right) before his interview with Shayla Girardin.

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Organization: KSEE 24/CBS 47 Reporter: Andrew Marden Airdate: June 14, 2022 Link: <u>https://www.yourcentralvalley.com/sports/local-sports/reed-ley-college-safety-jadon-pearson-commits-to-utah/</u>

OVER 200 EXTENDED LEARNING CLASSES COMING TO RC Organization: ABC 30 Reporter/Photographer: Shayla Girardin/Tom Amico Airdate: June 17, 2022 Link: https://abc30.com/reedley-college-free-courses/11971012/

## **RC AT THE HEALTH FAIR**

Our outreach efforts continued June 25 at Fresno's Manchester Mall at the Univision Health Fair. Over 100 people stopped by our booth to test our flight simulator and ask about our ESL, Early Childhood & Education and Spanish programs. The fair also included free health services such as dental care, eye exams and other health screenings. Much thanks to our student ambassadors and staff for volunteering!



#### **MUSIC CAMP**

RC held its annual Music Camp June 13-17. Over 60 incoming 3rd-6th graders signed up for the camp, which included choir and instrumental instruction from our music faculty and students. Instructors Kirstina Collins and Christine Keenan were very happy with how many kids signed up, and hope for an even bigger turnout next year.



Director of Instrumental Music Christine Keenan instructing the campers.

## **EXTREME REGISTRATION**

Our College Relations & Outreach and counseling departments are working together once again to help students sign up for the Fall 2022 semester during our virtual and in-person Extreme Registration events. They will be held virtually on Wednesdays throughout the summer, wrapping up with our two day in-person event July 29-30 in the Student Center. Extreme Registration is a one-stop shop with special services available by phone, computer, or in-person. Services include counseling, registration support, and financial aid support. The complete schedule is <u>here</u>.



SUCCESS AT MULE DAYS

Congratulations to our Mule Packing Team for finishing in 3rd place at Mule Days in Bishop. Reedley College finished ahead of Fresno State and Cal Poly. Individually, Jessie Miles took home two first place finishes and a second in the individual pack competition.

