

## RECORD-SETTING COMMENCEMENT

Under beautiful sunny skies, Reedley College held its 95th commencement ceremony May 13. Close to 800 students accepted the invitation to participate, making for the largest graduation day in campus history. Two ceremonies were held, with our Ag & Natural Resources, Business and Industrial Manufacturing pathway commencement program at 10am, and our Art/Music/English, Social Sciences, STEM & Early Childhood & Education pathways graduation ceremony at 2pm. Much thanks to Chancellor Goldsmith, General Counsel Dr. Kirsten Corey and Board Trustees Magdalena Gomez, Danielle



Parra, Nasreen Johnson, Robert Fuentes and Destiny Rodriguez for helping us celebrate the accomplishments of our students. Our Distinguished Alumnus speaker was Stephen Kodur (Class of 2020) and our student speakers were Christian Rene Romero and Anthony Portillo.



WATCH: "Reedley College 2023 Commencement: A Time to Shine"  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c71Em8jIDrQ>



## A NEW ERA OF STUDENT CELEBRATIONS

Numerous ceremonies honoring our students took place for the first time in campus history this year. About 40 students participated in the Tiger Transfer Tribute, which recognized those who will continue their collegiate careers at the university level.

Our Latino Faculty and Staff Association held its graduation celebration for our Latino students May 6 in the gymnasium, with more than 100 students participating. The Asian & Pacific Islander Faculty & Staff Association honored its students with a sash presentation May 5. Our Black Faculty & Staff Association celebrated student success with their program May 9, and our LGBTQIA+ students were presented with their rainbow cords May 10. We look forward to continuing these new traditions in the years to come.



## TIGER AWARDS

Our annual Tiger Awards celebration, recognizing student achievement in academics and athletics, was held May 3. The event honors the top students from each department, program and athletic team, as well as clubs and our Associated Student Government. Over 100 students were honored for their accomplishments, including:  
Student Leader of the Year: Hunter Shamp  
Female Athlete of the Year: Jiselle Batres (Soccer)  
Male Athlete of the Year: Lee Trevino (Baseball)  
Club of the Year: Criminology Club

## HONORS CEREMONY

Our Pete P. Peters Honors students were presented with their medals and scholarship checks in a celebration in the Student Center May 16. President Buckley delivered a congratulatory message and assisted advisor Deanna Garabedian with the medal ceremony.

## AG BACKERS AWARDS

The top RC agriculture and natural resources students were recognized at the annual Ag Backers Council awards program May 12. Instructors from the individual programs presented the students with a special gift and enjoyed some of the best peach cobbler this side of the Mississippi afterwards.

## VETERANS CELEBRATION

Our veteran students were honored with a graduation celebration and coin ceremony May 11 in the cafeteria. They were presented with their cords and 30-unit coins. The 30 unit coin was awarded to 21 students who completed 30 units toward their major. The red, white and blue cord was given to students who completed a certificate, and a white stole was awarded to those who completed a degree or will transfer to a four year university. Dinner was served.

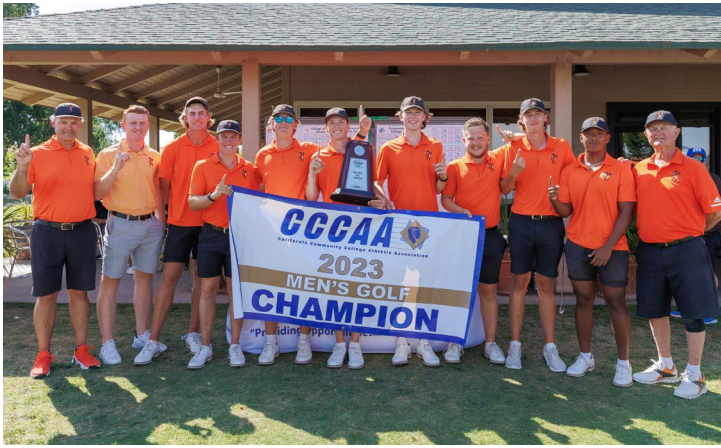
## DSPS STUDENT RECOGNITION

The RC Disabled Student Programs & Services Department held a student recognition ceremony May 11. Certificates and gift bags were awarded to each student. DSPS Director Dr. Samuel Morgan emceed the program, and staff helped with the presentation. Refreshments were served.

## CALWORKS LUNCHEON

The Reedley College CalWORKs program recognized its students at a celebration luncheon March 5. Eighteen CalWORKs students achieved their educational goals, with ten transferring to a four year institution. CalWORKs is a public assistance program that provides cash aid and services to eligible families that have children in the home.





### STATE CHAMPIONS!

Our men's golf team took home the state championship title at Dragonfly Golf Club in Madera with an impressive and dominant performance. The Tigers (711 team score) finished at -19, which is the lowest score in program and state championship tournament history. Elias Pettersson (72, 67) finished at -7 (139) to earn state-runner up honors. Congratulations to Head Coach Scott Stark, Assistant Coach John Perkins and the team on an incredible season! This is our first state championship since 2016 and the second in program history, both under Coach Stark (2016, 2023).

#### FINAL TEAM SCORES:

- 1) REEDLEY COLLEGE: 711 (-19)
- 2) Saddleback: 717 (-13)
- 3) Sierra: 724
- 4) Napa Valley: 731
- 5) Fresno City: 732
- 6) Cuyamaca: 733
- 7) Riverside: 734
- 8) College of the Desert: 736

### SUCCESS ON THE DIAMOND

The Tiger baseball team enjoyed one of its most successful seasons in recent memory, finishing the 2023 campaign with a 30-15-1 overall record and a second place finish in the Central Valley Conference with a 17-7 record. RC was eliminated by Santa Rosa in the super regional round of the Northern California state playoffs. Roman Rosales, Lee Trevino, Brody Block, Ryan Garza, Will Gagnon and Elijah Acosta were all 1st Team All-Conference selections, and four players signed National Letters of Intent to continue their careers at the university level:

- Elijah Acosta: Rogers State (Relief Pitcher)
- Ryan Garza: San Francisco State (Starting Pitcher)
- Roman Rosales: Lewis and Clark (First Baseman)
- Lee Trevino: Fresno State (Infielder)



### TRIO STUDENT CELEBRATION

RC's Student Support staff (TRIO) hosted a graduation celebration May 10. Each student was presented with their sash for commencement and received certificates of participation in the program. Many families of our students were on hand for the event. Dinner was served.

### PRIDE FLAG CEREMONY

Our annual pride flag ceremony was held June 1 at the flagpole in front of the administration building to kick off Pride Month. Students and staff were in attendance to recognize our LGBTQIA+ students and community members.

### MULE DAYS CHAMPIONS!

Congratulations to our Mule Team for winning the team packing championship at the annual Mule Days celebration in Bishop May 23-28. RC competed against Cal Poly (two teams), Fresno State (two teams), UC Davis and Modesto JC for the title. RC also won three individual competitions: Harley McCorkle (Diamond Hitch), Cole Hansen (Box Hitch) and Jessie Miles (Packing). "What really paid off for our team is that they were very prepared," said first year Head Coach Loni Langdon. "All of the effort they put in really helped refine their skills."



### ASG 2023-2024

Congratulations to our newly elected Associated Student Government officers for the 2023-2024 academic year! Swearing in of the new officers will be held at the start of the Fall 2023 semester, with the possibility of adding more students to the group following our first ASG meeting in August.

- PRESIDENT: Dejalía Borquez
- STUDENT TRUSTEE: Gerardo Reyes
- SENATORS: Noah Bynum, Isabella Perez, Valeria Magana

