

# BOARD REPORT

## COMMENCEMENT

We will have two in-person commencement celebrations to recognize and honor the Class of 2022 May 19 & 20 at 6pm on the South Cafeteria Lawn. Both ceremonies will be livestreamed on the Reedley College YouTube channel. Our Distinguished Alumni speaker is former UCLA Assistant Athletic Director for Academic Services Ed Kezirian. Thursday, May 19: Agriculture & Natural Resources, Industrial & Manufacturing Technology & Business pathways. Friday, May 20: STEM, Social Sciences, Art, Music & English & Early Childhood & Education pathways.



## TORCH OF EXCELLENCE

After a two-year hiatus because of COVID-19, the Torch of Excellence Awards made its return April 25 at the Clovis Veterans Memorial District Building. We had 118 student-athletes earn recognition for their academic and athletic achievements. Sierra Collier (Equestrian) and Aaron Macagba (Tennis) were named our Female and Male Student Athletes of the Year.



Jason Marzek and Shelbi Reis of our Mule Packing Team participated in the Clovis Rodeo Parade.

## FUN AT THE CLOVIS RODEO

Reedley College was a proud sponsor of the 108th annual Clovis Rodeo April 20-24. Special thanks to our Ag and ASG students, as well as faculty/staff who volunteered at our information booth throughout the rodeo and handed out swag items. From alumni to future RC students, we had great conversations with everyone who stopped by. Jason Marzek and Shelbi Reis of our Mule Packing Team participated in the Clovis Rodeo Parade as well. We're already looking forward to sponsoring the rodeo again next year, so mark your calendars for April 26-30, 2023!



## FUN AT THE CHAFFEE ZOO



RC also sponsored Univision's Festival de los Niños vent at Fresno's Chaffee Zoo April 24. Visitors to our booth received information about our programs, took home some swag and got to test out our flight simulator, which was a huge hit with kids of all ages. Much thanks to everyone who volunteered at this extremely busy event.

## IN A NEW YORK MINUTE

It was a very special Easter Sunday for the RC Choir and instructor Kirstina Collins, who made the most of their opportunity of a lifetime – performing in front of a live audience at Carnegie Hall in New York City. The concert, led by Jenny Bent of Sonoma State University, included singers from Sonoma State, Reedley College, and other select California schools. The mass choir and NYC orchestra performed Brahms' "Schicksalslied" and Gjeilo's "Dark Night of the Soul." Sponsored by MidAmerica Productions, this five-day residency in NYC provided our students a world-class experience in culture and music making. Shayla Girardin of ABC 30 came to campus to preview their trip. [Story link is here.](#)



## MEN OF COLOR SUMMIT



A huge thank you to all that were able to attend and support our Inaugural Men of Color Summit April 23 at FCC. Our very own Head Men's Basketball Coach TJ Jennings started the day with encouraging words for our young men. A special thanks to Dean of Instruction Juan Bedolla who helped lead these efforts, and our faculty and staff who helped bus in our young men from the Reedley area to attend this event.



## HONORING HONORS

RC Honors Program Students Jackie Arriaga, Leslie Gomez, Megan Jenkins, Evan Leal and Clara Roberts had their proposals accepted in their respective fields of study by the Richard Macksey National Undergraduate Humanities Research Symposium. Their work underwent rigorous review, and they all presented virtually April 8-10. They also participated in professionalization and recruitment events during the three-day symposium, including panels on graduate admissions, careers in publishing, and networking. Special thanks to English Instructor Dr. Kate Watts, who has been an excellent teacher and mentor with regards to our students' endeavors.

## SEND SILENCE PACKING



The emotional Send Silence Packing event returned to campus April 21. This visual event travels across the country to end the silence

surrounding mental health and connects students and community members with resources for support and action.

## SAFARI DAYS & JOB FAIR SUCCESS!

It was quite a sight on campus March 29-31, with hundreds of students, vendors and volunteers participating in Safari Days activities. Club Rush, CalFresh Outreach, Job and Pathway Fair and food and craft vendors were all part of the three-day event. A grand total of 353 attendees visited our job and pathway fairs alone, with 58 companies sharing information with our students. Thank you to everyone who donated their time and swag items, and to KSEE 24 for hosting Job Developer Karina Perez-Guzman in studio to promote the event on "Central Valley Today."



## RAINBOW BRUNCH

Our inaugural Rainbow Brunch, celebrating our LGBTQIA+ community, took place under beautiful blue skies April 5 on the library lawn. Guest speakers, music, food, drinks, yoga and a lot of fun made for a very successful first event. Thank you to Reading & Writing Center Coordinator Deb Borofka and her team for their superb organizational skills to make this happen!



## FACULTY SPOTLIGHT: LISA MCANDREWS

It isn't easy making the transition from high school to college, especially when you're travelling hundreds of miles away to start the next chapter. At Reedley College, the person who is most responsible for making some of our students feel right at home immediately is Residence Hall Manager Lisa McAndrews, who has been serving our campus for over 30 years. In this edition of our Faculty Spotlight, Lisa talks about her three-plus decades of service, favorite memories, and her Residence Hall love story!

HOW LONG HAVE YOU WORKED FOR RC? "I was hired as Residence Hall supervisor in August of 1988 and have been in the position for 34 years!"

WHAT DO YOU LIKE THE MOST ABOUT YOUR JOB? "When I come to campus, I really never know what the day will bring. Literally every day is different and unique. Each day is a surprise.

What I do know is, not a day has gone by that I didn't help at least one student. Every day counts for me."

HOW REWARDING IS IT TO SEE ONE OF YOUR RESIDENCE HALL STUDENTS GROW DURING THEIR TIME HERE? "I don't look at my position as a job; it's my life's work. And to see my residents have this experience of living on campus is so rewarding, it's difficult to put into words. I honestly believe that I have the best "job" on the entire Reedley College campus. Even if you offered me double the pay I wouldn't trade my work with anyone."

WHAT'S THE BEST MEMORY YOU HAVE ABOUT WORKING AT THE RESIDENCE HALL? "As you can imagine with 34 years, there are so many that I cherish. Everything from Resident Assistant staff parties, community volunteer events and, most recently, all the shenanigans that "Socks" our Residence Hall cat brings us. I love staying in contact with residents after they have left. It brings me so much joy! Just this week in two separate days, I had two students: one from 2003 and another from 2007 drop in and visit me. It so nice to hear about their growing families and the jobs they are enjoying."

TELL US ABOUT YOUR RESIDENCE HALL "LOVE STORY." "While attending "Kings River Community College" as a resident assistant, I met my husband Brett, who was also attending RC and living in the Residence Hall. Brett played on the football team in 1987. We were married 31 years ago in September of 1991 in Tulare and, in 2015, we renewed our vows with the same priest for our 25th anniversary. We have three adult children; Connor (27 years old), Molly (26) and Sara (26). I plan to retire at the beginning of Fall 2023."

