

## BLACK STUDENT SUCCESS WEEK

Reedley College celebrated Black Student Success Week April 21-24 with a series of events and activities aimed at emphasizing the support and success of Black and African American students. The week was filled with opportunities for students to connect, learn, and advocate for their needs.

- **Soul-Cream Social:** The week kicked off with a Soul-Cream Social, where students were informed about the upcoming events of the week. They also had the opportunity to socialize and build community.
- **BlackHour Webinar Watch Party:** A watch party was held for the #BlackHour webinar, providing students, faculty, and staff with valuable insights and discussions on topics relevant to their success.
- **Cookout:** A collaborative cookout event brought together all of RC's affinity groups, fostering solidarity and community among students, faculty, and staff.
- **Discussion with Dr. B:** Members of the Black Faculty and Staff Association (BFSA), Equity Committee, and Office of Hispanic Serving Institutions (HIS) met with President Buckley to discuss the needs and support for Black students on campus.
- **Table Talk:** The week concluded with a Table Talk focused on "Supporting Black students through Advocacy and Allyship," encouraging meaningful conversations and strategies for effective support.
- **Black/African American Student Resource Guide:** Additionally, a comprehensive resource guide was released to Black and African-American students with essential information and support services available at Reedley College.



## NATIONAL CHAMPIONS!

We're never surprised whenever we find out our agriculture department wins an award, but this one has a different ring to it. At the North American Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture (NACTA) Judging Conference in Canyon, Texas, our Agriculture Mechanics team won a national championship! The team of Elliot Mercer, Denise Gomez, Brandon Machado and Riley Smith have a lot to be proud of. Competitions were held at the West Texas A&M campus against community colleges across the country. Other results:

- Agriculture Portfolio: Reserve National Champions
- Horse Judging: 7th High team
- Livestock Judging: 12th High Team
- Dairy Judging: 5th High Team
- Vet Science: 5th High Team
- Ag Education: 5th High Team
- Equine Management: 4th High Team



## SSCCC GENERAL ASSEMBLY



L-R: Joseph Cruz, Alberto Villareal, Advisor Vanessa Leyva, Priscila Beas.

Delegates gathered at the Student Senate for California Community Colleges (SSCCC) General Assembly in Los Angeles April 4-6 to set priorities for the upcoming year, elect Board Officers, and connect with student leaders through workshops and speakers. Reedley College was represented by Vice President Alberto Villareal, Treasurer Joseph Cruz, and Inter Club Council President Priscila Beas.

## LET THE CELEBRATIONS BEGIN!

With the academic year winding down, programs have already begun celebrating student success. Our Forestry and Wildland Fire programs held their certificate ceremony April 28 at the McClarty Center for Fine and Performing Arts, followed by the Transfer Celebration April 29 on the Library Lawn, Torch of Excellence (student athletes) April 30 at the Clovis Veterans Memorial District, and Ag Tech celebration May 2, also at the McClarty Center. A complete list of our remaining celebrations/program ceremonies is below.



## SERVICE AWARDS

Reedley College recognized 52 employees and eight retirees for their years of service to the campus at our annual Service Awards program



Rosa Rios

April 24 at the McClarty Center for Fine and Performing Arts. Among those honored was Office Specialist Rosa Rios, who is celebrating 40 years with us! Special congratulations to our retirees: Budget Technician Yolanda Cardenas, Office Assistant II Elizabeth DeFore, Student Success Programs Director Mario Gonzales, Curriculum Analyst Cheryl Hesse, Evaluation Specialist Donna Hunt, Heat Softball

Coach Kathy Kuball, Executive Assistant Diana Rodriguez, and Vice President of Instruction Dale van Dam. Thank you for your dedication to our students. Enjoy the next chapter!





## STEM CONFERENCE

Over 700 middle, high school and college students attended this year's STEM Conference April 26. The event included innovative hands-on STEM activities and workshops, and featured Engineer and Former NASA Astronaut Jose Hernandez, who was this year's keynote speaker. Mr. Hernandez first came to this event ten years ago, and once again delivered a message that inspired us all. Local media provided news coverage of this year's conference. KMPH FOX 26 STORY: <https://kmpfh.com/news/local/jose-m-hernandez-speaks-at-stem-conference>

## CLOVIS RODEO FUN



For the fourth consecutive year, Reedley College was a proud sponsor of the Clovis Rodeo. This year's event was held April 23-27. Much thanks to our student ambassadors, staff, and our equestrian team for volunteering their time at our booth, with many alumni, and future Tigers

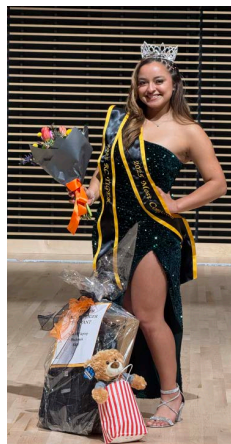
stopping by to say hello. Our flight science instructors flew over the parade April 26 to help promote the program and campus, and Animal Science Instructor Jordan Miles was on horseback, proudly waving our flag. This was the 111th Clovis Rodeo, and we look forward to being part of the 112th edition next year.

## TIGER PAGEANT

With a record 16 participants and a carnival theme, the 2025 Tiger Pageant was a huge success. Congratulations to our winners:

- RC Tiger 2025: Catricia Alvarez, Vocalist
- 1st Runner-Up: Krystal Moreno, Vocalist
- 2nd Runner-Up: Kimberly Luna, Spoken Word
- 3rd Runner-Up: Aaiden Suddeth, Guitarist/Vocalist

Much thanks to everyone for their support. This year's pageant was held April 11 in the brand new McClarty Center for Fine and Performing Arts. We're already looking forward to next year!



*Our 2025 Tiger Pageant Winner, Catricia Alvarez.*

## MEN'S GOLF, BASEBALL POSTSEASON BOUND



Congratulations to our men's golf and baseball teams, who qualified for postseason play. The "Diamond Tigers" finished the regular season with a 23-17 overall record, and a 15-9 mark in conference play. RC faced San Mateo in the NorCal regionals May 2-3 in a best of three series, with a possible third game scheduled for May 4. The men's golf team clinched its 11th consecutive conference title, and is now focused on the NorCal regional in

Half Moon Bay May 4-5. If the Tigers finish in the top four, they will advance to the State Championships in Monterey May 11-12.



## CELEBRATION CALENDAR

- May 7: Tiger Awards, 6pm, McClarty Center
- May 8: Black Faculty Student Association, 4pm, Student Center
- May 8: LGBTQ+, 6pm, McClarty Center
- May 9: CalWORKS, 11:30am, Staff Dining Room
- May 10: LFSA, 5pm, Gym
- May 12: Veterans, 6pm, Cafeteria
- May 13: CAMP, 5:30pm, Cafeteria
- May 14: TRIO/SSS, 5:30pm, Cafeteria
- May 14: Agriculture Department, 6pm, Animal Science Pavilion
- May 15: DSPS, 4pm, Cafeteria
- May 16: APIFSA, 5pm, McClarty Center
- May 19: Sports Medicine Thank You Banquet, 5:30pm, Tennis Courts
- May 20: Honors, 7pm, McClarty Center
- May 21: EOPS, Noon, Library Lawn
- May 21: Mechanized Ag, 6pm, Mech Ag Building
- May 22: Commencement, 7pm, Cafeteria Lawn
- May 23: Dental Assisting, 9am, MSC1-111

