

# BOARD REPORT

## RURAL GUIDED PATHWAYS INSTITUTE

Reedley College participated in their second Rural Guided Pathways institute from October 18th through October 21st in Cheyenne, Wyoming. A cohort of sixteen rural colleges analyzed and discussed these colleges' data to identify strengths and weaknesses in student outcomes for each college, specifically assessing the frequency of students that completed high wage, moderate wage and low wage programs of study. Included in the Reedley team was a representative of the Fresno Workforce Investment Board (WIB). A distinguishing feature of this rural college cohort's work is the inclusion of industry partners with each college team, where a variety of minds and voices help the college analyze their work and determine new opportunities to better serve our communities and students of all ages.



## NEW GRANT AWARD TO BENEFIT RC STEM

Reedley College was awarded a Developing Hispanic-Serving Institutions Title V grant for the FY 2022 grant competition from the U.S. Department of Education. The United in Diversifying Our Students (UNIDOS) in STEM project will seek to increase the number of first generation Hispanic and low-income students who enroll, complete, and transfer in STEM degree pathways. Funding will support STEM outreach, wrap-around case management, improved lab spaces and equipment, curriculum development, and a Mathematics, Engineering, Science Achievement (MESA) program which will further support underrepresented students to excel



in STEM fields. "I would like to thank all the faculty and staff that made this grant award possible by their hard work in serving our students and ensuring that students who want to pursue a STEM career have the best support to reach their dreams and goals," said RC Dean of Instruction Juan Bedolla. The total funding of three-million dollars for this award will be received over five years (\$600-thousand/year).

## UNDOCUMENTED STUDENT ACTION WEEK

RC staff, faculty and students took part in multiple events during Undocumented Student Action Week, a series of daily webinars and on-campus activities designed to raise awareness about the challenges undocumented students continue to face and discuss solutions that support their educational dreams.

**OCTOBER 17:** Chalk the Quad, admissions, financial aid & resource information

**WEBINAR:** Sustaining a Supportive Ecosystem through Local, State and Federal Advocacy

**OCTOBER 18:** Internship opportunities, Dream Act, scholarship applications & California Dream Act Service Incentive Grant Program information

**WEBINAR:** Implementing Policies with Students in Mind

**OCTOBER 19:** Immigration workshop, Fresno Pacific University Samaritan Scholarship information

**WEBINAR:** Centering the Undocumented Student Experience Through Campus-Wide Collaboration

**OCTOBER 20:** Undocu Ally training session

**OCTOBER 21 WEBINAR:** Ensuring Equitable Access to Financial Aid for Undocumented Students



## ASG IN SD

Members of the RC Associated Student Government attended the California Community College Student Affairs Association (CCCSAA) Student Leadership Conference in San Diego. The conference offered an exciting program, including leadership workshops, engaging in student advocacy and professional skills. The mission of the CCCSAA is to provide professional development opportunities for our members and students, resources for self-agency, make positive change through ethical leadership, provide a network for open and honest communication, and to make a positive impact in social justice and equity.



(L-R): Vanessa Leyva (Advisor), Gerardo Reyes (Inter-Club Council President), Chioma Favour Onyenobi (Senator), Alexis Bravo (President) & Noah Bynum (Executive-Vice President).





### SCHOLARSHIP SURPRISE

Darla Castillo had no idea that Christmas was coming early for her in class Tuesday morning (October 18), as she was named the recipient of the Ohana Aviation Maintenance Technician (AMT) Scholarship. Darla was presented with a check for \$5,000 from State Center Community College Foundation Executive Director Rico Guerrero with her fellow students on hand to congratulate her. The AMT scholarship was established by a group of employees from a corporate flight department in San Francisco to help those with a financial need to attain the training and certification needed to succeed in an aviation career. She will be sponsored throughout her stay in the AMT program if she maintains a 3.0 grade point average, and could also receive an additional scholarship. Darla is majoring in Aviation Maintenance Technology and is obtaining her Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Airframe and Powerplant certificates through the program as well. "This is a program I enjoy and an industry I love, and to continue that dream of being an aviator, a mechanic, to explore the world of aviation, this is a big part of it, so I cannot thank everyone enough," she said. Darla's parents have always told her that anything is possible, and with the recent passing of her mother, she wishes she could share this special moment with her. "She would be so proud." Castillo is interested in pursuing a career in accident investigation, and thanks Reedley College for the opportunity to make her dreams come true. "I'm very surprised (to receive this). This is my passion. The sky's the limit."

### FUN AT THE SUMMER FLY-IN

On October 8, our Aero department had a great time participating in the EAA Chapter 376 Car show and Fly in at Fresno's Sierra Sky Park. Kids tried out our ever popular flight simulator, and students and faculty handed out swag and information about the Flight Science and Aviation Maintenance programs.



### LIVING LIBRARY

Reedley College hosted the Living Library October 18, in which humans instead of books will be "checked out" in an effort to challenge stereotypes and break prejudices.



Readers and the human books had respectful conversations that answered difficult questions and brought about a better sense of understanding. Over twenty human books shared their lived experiences and identities. Topics were related to various beliefs (Atheism, Islam, Judaism, and Sikhism), occupations (pilot, police officer), abilities (Deaf and Hard of Hearing), experiences (refugee, former teen mom, recovering alcoholic, living with severe food allergies, domestic violence, former foster youth, adoptive parent, surviving cancer, and having a kidney transplant), and identities (race, gender, and sexual orientation).



### CAREER TECH EXPO

RC's Wildland Fire and Aeronautics Departments participated in the Career Tech Expo at Chukchansi Park October 19. Both programs shared information with students and discussed career opportunities in their respective fields. Over 2,500 students from area schools were in attendance.

### NOVEMBER EVENT CALENDAR & HOME SPORTS SCHEDULE

- NOVEMBER 1: Dia De Los Muertos: sugar skull painting & face painting – 11am-1pm, Quad
- NOVEMBER 2: Volleyball vs. Taft – 6pm
- NOVEMBER 3: Tiger Block Party – 11am-2pm, Cafeteria Lawn
- NOVEMBER 4: Soccer vs. COS – 6pm
- NOVEMBER 4: Volleyball vs. Porterville – 6pm
- NOVEMBER 5: Football vs. FCC (Battle for the Pump) – 1pm, Reedley HS
- NOVEMBER 5: Farmer's Market – 8am-Noon, Lot C
- NOVEMBER 9: Volleyball vs. West Hills Coalinga – 6pm
- NOVEMBER 10: Veterans Day Ceremony – 11am, Veterans Park
- NOVEMBER 11: Soccer vs. Clovis – 6pm
- NOVEMBER 11: Volleyball vs. Columbia – 5pm
- NOVEMBER 12: Farmer's Market – 8am-Noon, Lot C
- NOVEMBER 19: Farmer's Market – 8am-Noon, Lot C

