

# BOARD REPORT

## RC TO RECEIVE PART OF \$65.1M GRANT

President Biden announced the Fresno-Merced Future of Food Innovation (F3) Coalition as one of 21 winners of the \$1 billion Build Back Better Regional Challenge, the most impactful regional economic development competition in decades. Funded by President Biden's American Rescue Plan and administered by the U.S. Department of Commerce's Economic Development Administration (EDA), the Regional Challenge is awarding approximately \$65.1 million in grants to the Fresno-Merced Future of Food Innovation (F3) Coalition, led by the Central Valley Community Foundation, to drive agriculture innovation in California's Central Valley. RC is one of eight community colleges across the five-county region that will be involved in providing job skills training and certification for farm workers and food industry workers through what is called the AgTEC Workforce Initiative, led by Merced College. The training will be geared toward low-skill, low-wage workers whose jobs are most likely to be displaced by automation, helping them gain the knowledge and skills they need for more advanced jobs in agriculture or food-related manufacturing. The coalition aims to integrate technology into the agriculture industry to improve productivity and job quality for farmworkers, while also driving a more resilient and sustainable food system.

## SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Our annual scholarship awards ceremony was another huge success. Reedley College had 70 students receive \$127,175 dollars in scholarship money, with the RC Foundation awarding \$68,725 in scholarships, and the SCCC Foundation awarding \$58,450. Students had the opportunity to meet with and thank their donors for their generosity during the social hour before the start of the program. The event was held in the cafeteria September 13.



## COLLEGE NIGHT EVENTS

RC was very busy participating in multiple recruitment events in September. At Fresno Area College Night September 14, hundreds of prospective students learned what the College has to offer, with representatives from multiple programs and services volunteering their time to answer questions, hand out flyers and



*Our Dual Enrollment team stayed busy all evening at the Selma College and Career Fair.*



*Clyde took a lot of photos with students at Fresno Area College Night.*

interact with various STEM demonstrations. Our flight simulator was also available for students to get a feel of what it's like to fly the friendly skies. Special thanks to our student volunteers and Clyde for helping out as well. The event was held at the Fresno Convention Center. RC also took part in Tulare County College Night September 13 at the Visalia Convention Center, the Selma College and Career Fair at Selma HS September 21, and College and Career Night at Washington Academic Middle School in Sanger September 28.

## TRANSFER DAY

A big thank you to all who participated in Transfer Day September 15 in the quad. This is the first Transfer Day event in three years because of the COVID-19 pandemic, and we were thrilled to have over 350 students in attendance and 28 universities represented. A special thank you to the administrators, faculty and staff who came out and sent their students out to learn more about the four-year institutions in attendance. Fresno State, UC Merced, UC Berkeley, Arizona State, Sacramento State, Grand Canyon and Cal State East Bay were just a handful of the universities who took the time to meet with our students.



*A student speaks with the UC San Diego representative at Transfer Day.*



## CELEBRATING MEXICAN INDEPENDENCE DAY

A Mexican Independence Day Celebration was held September 16, which included Marimba Band and Folklorico Dancers from Clovis High School. This event, along with a virtual Zoom Presentation on the history of Mexican Independence Day and a game of Loteria also helped kick off Hispanic Heritage Month, which is celebrated through October 15.



*RC Student Aalia Velasco enjoyed the food and festivities at the Mexican Independence Day celebration.*

## NETWORKING AT THE WOMEN'S CONFERENCE



With approximately 3,500 people in attendance, RC participated in the Central California Women's Conference at the Fresno Convention Center September 20. Guests to the Tigers table received information about our

seven career pathways, enrollment guidelines and swag items. A raffle for a pair of RC balsamic vinegar bottles was held throughout the day as well. The conference is the Central Valley's premiere networking and educational event for women, designed to motivate and inspire women to be the best they can be in their professional and personal lives. This year's keynote speaker was ABC News Chief Medical Correspondent Dr. Jennifer Ashton.

## HOMECOMING WEEK

RC hosted a variety of Homecoming Week activities September 26-30 leading up to the Tigers football showdown against Santa Rosa October 1.

- SEPTEMBER 26: Pancake Breakfast, Cornhole Toss
- SEPTEMBER 27: Students vs. Staff Volleyball Game, free BBQ lunch
- SEPTEMBER 28: Safari Days & Experience Fair, Badminton
- SEPTEMBER 29: Safari Days & Fall Health Fair
- SEPTEMBER 30: Spirit Day
- OCTOBER 1: RC vs. Santa Rosa Homecoming Football Game

## NEW COACHES



*Softball Staff: Assistant Coach Lauren Costa, Head Coach Stefani Nomura, Assistant Coach Bryce Kamimoto.*

The RC Softballers have a new coaching staff. Head Coach Stefani Nomura comes to us from Fresno City College, where she spent four seasons as an assistant coach. This is her first job as a head coach at the collegiate level. Stefani completed her master's degree in sports administration in 2015 from Fresno State. She has held assistant coaching positions at Central High School, Sunnyside High and Clovis East. Her assistant coaches are Bryce Kamimoto and former RC softball player Lauren Costa.

## CELEBRATING TITLE IX

A dunk tank, multiple competitions and a pie-in-the-face live auction were just some of the many fun activities at the inaugural Women's Sports Festival on campus September 16, celebrating the 50th anniversary of Title IX. Each of our women's sports teams were represented and recognized, with student-athletes participating and hosting various activities relating to their sport. Director of Marketing & Communications George Takata, Head Women's Soccer Coach Onesta Francis and Director of Athletics Dr. David Santesteban were the recipients of the whipped cream pies in the face, with proceeds from the live auction going to the Athletic Department. RC has seven women's sports teams: softball, tennis, equestrian, volleyball, basketball, soccer and golf.



*The softball team hosted a Wiffle Ball Home Run Derby Challenge at the Women's Sports Festival.*

## OCTOBER EVENT CALENDAR & HOME SPORTS SCHEDULE

- OCTOBER 1: Football vs. Santa Rosa (Homecoming) - 2pm, Orange Cove HS
- OCTOBER 1: RC Farmer's Market - 8am-12pm, Lot C
- OCTOBER 3: Intramural Volleyball - 1130am-1pm, Library Lawn
- OCTOBER 6: Tiger Block Party - 11am-2pm, Cafeteria Lawn
- OCTOBER 6: Women's Golf: Conference Tournament - 12pm, Ridge Creek Dinuba Golf Club
- OCTOBER 7: Soccer vs. FCC - 6pm
- OCTOBER 10: Short term classes begin
- OCTOBER 12: Career Chat - 12pm-1pm, Career & Employment Center (FNR-1)
- OCTOBER 14: Soccer vs. West Hills-Lemoore - 6pm
- OCTOBER 14: Volleyball vs. Merced - 6pm, Tiger Gymnasium
- OCTOBER 15: RC Farmer's Market - 8am-12pm, Lot C
- OCTOBER 15: Football vs. Contra Costa - 1pm, Orange Cove HS
- OCTOBER 17: Intramural Volleyball - 1130am-1pm, Library Lawn
- OCTOBER 18: RC Literary Arts Presents: Manuel Munoz - 7pm, Forum Hall
- OCTOBER 19: Career Chat - 12pm-1pm, Career & Employment Center (FNR-1)
- OCTOBER 19: Volleyball vs. FCC - 6pm, Tiger Gymnasium
- OCTOBER 21: Soccer vs. Taft - 6pm
- OCTOBER 21: Volleyball vs. West Hills-Lemoore - 6pm, Tiger Gymnasium
- OCTOBER 22: RC Farmer's Market - 8am-12pm, Lot C
- OCTOBER 25: Club Rush - 10am-1pm, Quad
- OCTOBER 26: Club Rush & Pathway Fair - 10am-1pm, Quad
- OCTOBER 27: Women's Golf: Conference Tournament - 12:30pm, Kings River Golf & Country Club, Kingsburg
- OCTOBER 28: Soccer vs. Merced - 6pm
- OCTOBER 28: Volleyball vs. COS - 6pm, Tiger Gymnasium
- OCTOBER 29: RC Farmer's Market - 8am-12pm, Lot C



*The women's soccer team has four home games scheduled in October.*

