

# October 2023

# BOARD REPORT

# **SCHOLARSHIP NIGHT**

Over 120 students benefited from their hard work with financial assistance at our annual Scholarship Awards Banquet September 15. Thanks to the generosity from our donors through the State Center Community College Foundation and the Reedley College



Foundation, we had 170 individual scholarships that gave 253 awards worth over \$140,000 in scholarship money. President Buckley, State Center Foundation Executive Director Rico Guerrero and RC Foundation President Linda Launer delivered opening remarks. Special thanks to Trustees Magdalena Gomez and Danielle Parra for attending and taking photos with our recipients.



#### HOMECOMING WEEK

RC celebrated Homecoming Week September 18-23 with a variety of events (listed in the ASG Report), which culminated with our foot-



ball team's 37-20 win over Diablo Valley. Congratulations to our Homecoming and Queen King Kyriaun Davis and 0ma Onyenobi. Padron Estevan and Joshua Alvarez complete our 2023 Homecoming Court. On the field, the Tigers

(3-1) we re led by C'ontae Cason's 168 yards rushing and two touchdowns, while Defensive back Ravel Cato had a pair of interceptions. RC scored 20 points in the second quarter, with backup quarterback Jake Hamilton connecting with wide receiver Karlos Grier for a 31 yard score. Starting quarterback DJ Stevenson threw a 21 yard strike to Ashan Billing in the 4th quarter to complete the scoring.



# **COLLEGE NIGHTS**

Reedley College was well represented at three college night events throughout the valley; Tulare County College Night September 12, Fresno Area College Night September 13, and Selma High School's College and

Career Fair September 20. Over 50 RC faculty, staff and student ambassadors volunteered at Fresno Area College Night at the Fresno Convention Center! Much thanks to all of our departments and programs that took the time to showcase what our campus has to offer to prospective students.

# TRANSFER DAY

Over 30 university representatives spent a day at the Quad promoting what their campuses have to offer at our annual Transfer Day event, hosted by our Transfer Center. From Arizona State to UCLA, students had the opportunity to find out about multiple campuses on the



west coast. Fresno State reps were also in attendance. Ohio University was the only college at the event not located in our time zone.

# **PATRIOT DAY**

It is always important to take the time to remember the tragic events of 9/11. Reedley College held its annual Patriot Day Remembrance Ceremony September 11. Special thanks to Jason Boyer for emceeing the ceremony, Dr. John Heathcote for the playing of taps, President Buckley for his opening remarks, students Isabella Battad, Erick Tapia, Lavern Gomez and Noah Gurrola for delivering the national anthem, and Matthew Tuttle for being our guest speaker. Our Veterans Club students raised the flag at half-staff for the College.

#### INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE



Several of our affinity groups, including the Asian and Pacific Islander Faculty & Staff Association, Black Faculty & Staff Association, Latino Faculty & Staff Association, the LGBTQ+ Workgroup, and the Student Activities Department collaborated on a creative project for International Day of Peace

on September 21st, which invited students, faculty, staff, and visitors to share messages and drawings of what peace means to them. Books about peacekeepers were displayed, buttons were given away, and commemorative shirts were offered in an opportunity drawing.



#### **MEXICAN INDEPENDENCE DAY**

Our Mexican Independence Day celebration was held on the Library Lawn September 14. Students and staff celebrated with mockaritas, tacos, arts and crafts, and music. Over 50 people came out to recognize "Día de la Independencia," which is officially celebrated on the 16th of September each year. It marks a pivotal moment in Mexico's history when the nation fought for and won its independence from Spanish colonial rule.

#### 20 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE



Our Reading & Writing Center celebrated 20 years of serving students September 20 (not a coincidence). Students and staff read tributes to the center, and our choir students delivered a sensational performance. Refreshments were

served, and a celebratory toast was made with sparkling cider. The RWC has embedded a tutor in every English 1A course, serving hundreds of students every semester. Students can meet with embedded tutors or another available tutor, either for one-on-one appointments, or they can sign up to be in weekly small group tutoring sessions. Much thanks to Coordinator Dr. Deb Borofka for her dedication to our students and providing them with a welcoming and relaxing learning atmosphere.

## **CONSTITUTION CONFERENCE**

The Political Science program held its 10th Annual Constitution Week Conference September 22 in the Student Lounge. The purpose of the Conference is to deepen students' understanding of the Constitution and their rights and duties as citizens. Local elected officials, law enforcement, and other stakeholders were invited to share their expertise. This year's featured speakers included Hon. Jim Costa (21st Dist.) and Phillip Talbert, U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of California. The conference was free and open to the public.

# **RC IN THE NEWS**



ABC 30 Morning Anchor Jessica Harrington visited the Reedley Airport to do a feature story on our brand new Skyleader 600 aircraft for our flight science program. The story aired September 18.

LINK: <a href="https://abc30.com/reedley-college-new-air-planes-flight-science-program-student-tui-tion/13735317/">https://abc30.com/reedley-college-new-air-planes-flight-science-program-student-tui-tion/13735317/</a>

## **ASG REPORT**

**Tiger Block Party:** The ASG and Student Activities held the first Tiger Block Party of the year on September 7th. Over 100 hundred students showed up to receive free hot dogs and information on campus clubs and campus engagement.

**CalMatters Student Leader Panel:** Student Trustee Reyes and other Student Leaders from the CSU, UC and Private Universities served on the CalMatters Panel on September 9th. Reyes presented on behalf of the Student Senate for California Community Colleges. They discussed matters pertaining to campus environment, student engagement and upcoming policies and legislation affecting students in the different Higher Ed. systems.

**Vision 2030 Student Leader Panel:** Student Trustee Reyes, in his Legislative Affairs Director role for the Student Senate, served on a Student Led Panel hosted by the CCCCO in collaboration with the SSCCC to engage the conversation on what Vision 2030 will look like and how to better serve California Community College Students. The Students were accompanied by Chancellor Sonya Christian and Deputy Chancellor Daisy Gonzales.

**Fresno Area College Night:** President Borquez and Student Trustee Reyes attended the Fresno Area College Night on September 13th. They met with several students from surrounding schools and shared information about campus life, clubs, student government and encouraged students to attend college when they graduate High School.

**Scholarship Night:** Congratulations to our very own Treasurer Valeria Magana, Student Trustee Jerry Reyes and Senator of Public Relations Isabella Perez for receiving scholarships!

**Homecoming Week:** The ASG and Student Activities held various Homecoming events for Reedley College to participate in. They held the following activities: Get the Scoop: Ice Cream Social with the ASG, Students vs. Staff Volleyball & Nacho Giveaway, Vendor & Experience Fair: Dress-to-Impress, Vendor & Health Fair & Rep your favorite sports team, and Spirit Day: Wear orange & black, RC Gear.

# SAVE THE DATES!

October 3: Blood Drive, 10am-2pm, Lot A

October 4: Hispanic Heritage Month Kahoot Game, 1pm-2pm,

Student Center

October 4: Volleyball vs. COS, 6pm, Gym

October 5: Tiger Block Party, Vendor & Resource Fair, 11am-1pm, Quad

October 5: Farmers Market, 5pm-8pm, Lot B

October 11: Hispanic Heritage Month Panel, 12pm-1pm, Student Center

October 11: Volleyball vs. Taft, 5pm, Gym

October 12: Loteria (Mexican Bingo), 12pm-1pm, Student Center

October 12: Farmers Market, 5pm-8pm, Lot B October 13: Volleyball vs. Merced, 6pm, Gym

October 17: Domestic Violence Awareness Month Presentation by

the Marjaree Mason Center, 1130am-1pm, Student Center

October 19: Farmers Market, 5pm-8pm, Lot B (last one of the semester)

October 20: Soccer vs. COS, 6pm, Soccer Field October 20: Volleyball vs. FCC, 6pm, Gym

October 20: Campus Mixer Dance, 7pm-11pm, Student Center

October 21: Football vs. COS, 2pm, Reedley HS

October 24: Intramural Volleyball, 11am-1pm, South Library Lawn

October 24: Asian & Pacific Islander Cultural Read-In, 2pm-3pm, Zoom

October 27: Soccer vs. West Hills Lemoore, 6pm, Soccer Field

October 28: Football vs. Modesto, 1pm, Reedley HS

October 31: Halloween Club Rush 10am-1pm, Quad



RC Farmer's Market

