

## REMEMBERING JUAN RODRIGUEZ

Our hearts are heavy with the passing of Mechanized Agriculture Instructor Juan Rodriguez after his courageous battle with ALS. Juan passed away Sunday morning, August 27. Juan was associated with Reedley College for almost 15 years, as an industry advisory member and program supporter, adjunct instructor, and full time Mech Ag instructor. Despite his condition, Juan continued to work as long as he could, mentoring students while fighting his disease. It's a testament to his work ethic, determination, and love for his profession and the young men and women we serve every day. Juan will always be a source of inspiration to many of us. His imprint on our campus will last for decades to come, and his fight against this debilitating disease was tremendously brave.



Rubisela Sanchez and Marcy Davidson cut the ribbon on a new era for our Early Childhood & Education Department.

## NEW HOME FOR OUR TIGER CUBS

A project years in the making finally became reality with the addition of our state-of-the-art Center for Early Childhood & Education. A ribbon cutting ceremony was held August 4 in front of the main entrance, with campus and district office leadership, members of the State Center Board of Trustees, community members, faculty, and students in attendance. Guest speakers included President Buckley, Chancellor Goldsmith, Program Coordinator Rubisela Sanchez and Instructor Liliana Gonzalez, who was also a student in our program. VIDEO: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GWnjPwKQ\\_d8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GWnjPwKQ_d8)

## BY THE NUMBERS

- Size: 20,000 square feet
- Cost to build: \$12.5 million
- Classrooms: 6 (two infant, 2 toddler, 2 preschool)
- Observation Rooms: 6
- Lab Classroom for students
- State of the art kitchen
- Faculty offices: 15

## TIGER PREVIEW

With over 400 people attendance, our two-day Tiger Preview event was a huge success. Students and their parents learned all about campus resources, how to use MyPortal and Canvas, and started following our social media platforms. The presentation-style program was followed by a resource fair, including pathway tables to promote programs, connect events, and more. Dinner was served.



## POPULAR PLANES



Jessica Harrington of ABC 30 interviews Flight Science Program Coordinator Jaime Luque for her story.

The addition of five new Skyleader 600 aircraft (two in the hangar and three on the way) is making headlines with the local media. Jenna Liston of Ika Social went airborne and created a video for our TikTok channel, and Jessica Harrington of ABC 30 will air a story on the planes in the near future (as of August 28, it has not yet aired). Longtime Reedley resident Danny Jimenez, who contributes to the Mid Valley Times and promotes our campus on his social media pages, also flew the friendly skies with Flight Science Instructor Gary Schales.

## FARMERS MARKET IS BACK!

Our Fall Farmer's Market line-up is set and will run every Thursday from 5pm-8pm until October 19. Fresh produce, food trucks, product vendors and entertainment highlight evenings of family and community fun. Special thanks to Fresno Street Eats and Sierra Kings Health Care District for their sponsorship and support.

*Vang Farming Ventures is one of the many vendors at our Farmer's Market events.*





*Our ASG officers at a training session at Madera Community College August 4.*

## ASG REPORT

Our Associated Student Government hit the ground running to start the Fall 2023 semester, participating in numerous events, holding multiple meetings and swearing in new officers.

- ASG participated in a training session hosted by the Student Senate for California Community Colleges at Madera Community College August 4. They learned about the SSCCC, meeting procedures, student engagement and the student 9+1 rights.
- ASG attended and participated in Tiger Preview. President Dejalía Borquez served on the student panel and spoke on campus clubs and engagement to the incoming freshmen.
- Student Trustee Jerry Reyes attended the 2023 Student Trustee Workshop hosted by the Community College League of California in Riverside, CA August 4-6. He represented Reedley College and the SCCC as well as the SSCCC. Trustee Reyes learned the importance of his role as a Student Trustee on the Board of Trustees and how to represent the student voice in supporting current community needs and anticipating future educational trends.
- ASG participated in Welcome Week. They held a booth to give out snacks and school supplies as well as promoting campus clubs and resources to students. They also assisted students with any questions and directed them to their classes.
- The Inter-Club Council held their first meeting of the 2023-24 academic year. The turnout was great for the first meeting and they went through an ICC 101 training led by Student Trustee Reyes. They learned about what ICC is and their responsibilities as campus club leaders.
- ASG held their first meeting of the 2023-24 academic year. They had the privilege of being sworn in by President Buckley. The ASG is led by President Borquez with her Executive Board Members Student Trustee Reyes, Vice President Denica Maldonado and Treasurer Valeria Magaña. Isabella Perez was appointed as the Senator of Public Relations with Noah Bynum being appointed as the Senator of Accountability. Alexa Duran, Joseph Cruz and Alberto Villarreal were appointed as Senators-at-Large.
- President Borquez presented on behalf of the ASG at the first College Town Hall of the semester. Borquez shared the importance of student engagement and participation and encouraged all of the members present to recommend students to join ASG, serve on constituency committees and get involved on campus.

- ASG hosted its first training of the academic year August 25 in the Student Center. The theme of this session was "Become a Leader." In this training they took the Leadership Practices Inventory assessment where they learned about the types of leadership and leadership practices. The purpose of these training sessions is to help ASG members as well as Inter-Club Council Reps and other students learn about the leadership, campus engagement, meeting procedures and networking so that we can create a community of connected students on campus.



*Head Coach Rob Hartenfels speaks to his team following the scrimmage.*

## BIG BROTHER SCRIMMAGE

Our football team hosted the annual Big Brother BBQ Scrimmage August 12. Head Coach Rob Hartenfels and his staff led the Tigers to a 40 play scrimmage highlighted by a long touchdown pass from Quarterback DJ Stevenson to Wide Receiver Terik Streets. The Tigers welcomed the Reedley Buccaneers to practice, a team of 7th and 8th graders who represent the entire Kings Canyon Unified School District. The season opener was September 2 against Shasta College.

## SEPTEMBER SAVE THE DATES

- Farmer's Market every Thursday this month!
- September 9: Patriot Day Ceremony, 9am – Administration Building Flagpole
- September 10: Chalk it Out (Suicide Awareness), 10am – Quad
- September 14: Transfer Day, 9am – Quad
- September 14: Mexican Independence Day Celebration, 11am – Library Lawn
- September 15: Scholarship Banquet & Ceremony, 6pm – Cafeteria
- September 20-21: Homecoming Vendor Faire, Experience Fair & Health & Wellness Fair, 11am – Quad
- September 22: Constitution Week Conference, 8am-2pm – Student Center

*For athletic events, go to [rctigers.com](http://rctigers.com)*



*Our students received over \$127,000 in scholarship money in 2022.*

