

College of the Siskiyous
The Campus Connection
September 12, 2017

Superintendent / President

...And we're off! The past month has been a tremendous opportunity for the campus to prepare for, and launch, the 2017 fall semester, which began August 29th. Our enrollment is holding steady with just slightly lower FTES (~1.2%) from last year at the same time in the academic semester. We have a long way to go before this academic year is in the books so we will continue to work on recruiting, admitting, enrolling, and retaining students into the Winter Intersession and the 2018 Spring Semester.

Highlights of what has been happening on campus and interactions in the community for the past month:

- Mark Klever and I met with Tonya Dowse, Executive Director of the Siskiyou County Economic Development Council on August 4th. We had a good introductory conversation of ways the College can be an integral catalyst for economic development in the County and Region.
- Met with parents of the Eagle Football Team on August 5th.
- Attended *Shrek, Jr.* at the College Theater on August 5th.
- Attended and spoke at the CNA Pinning Ceremony on August 8th.
- Met on August 16th with Dr. Joe Wyse, Shasta College President, and Dr. Kevin O'Rorke, Shasta College Vice President and CEO of North State Together to speak about the opportunities for the College to play an integral role in a McConnell Grant centered around five Northern California counties and a "regional, cradle to career collective impact" network.
- Attended the Community Services Council planning event at Lake Shastina Golf Course Resort on August 17th. Met some terrific community leaders who care about the communities we serve here in Siskiyou County.
- Spoke with our new Campus Student Ambassadors on August 18th.
- Traveled to Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) headquarters in Novato, CA on August 23rd and met with Dr. Richard Winn, ACCJC President, and Dr. Stephanie Drocker, Vice President. We reviewed our accreditation status and discussed the accreditation follow-up report due from the College by October 1, 2017.
- Participated in the sharing of campus and community information during the College's Orientation Day on August 24th.
- Helped lead the Planning Day activities on the Weed campus August 25th. Thanks and kudos to the 12 facilitators who helped make this year's Planning Day so interactive and engaging!

Melissa Green	Lorinda Meyer	Bart Scott
Dr. Doug Haugen	Theresa Richmond	Dr. Todd Scott
Mark Klever	Dennis Roberts	Dawnie Slabaugh
Darlene Melby	Valerie Roberts	Chris Vancil
- Was warmly welcomed by the campus and community at the reception held on the Learning Resources Center Patio for my family and me the afternoon of August 25th.

- Attended and addressed students and parents at the Siskiyou Promise Welcome Reception August 28th. Please check out the awesome picture of our entering class of Promise Scholars on the College's website and in this newsletter!
- Served breakfast to students (and also faculty and staff) on the first day of classes on August 29th.
- Walk-a-bouts on Weed and Yreka Campus to welcome in the new academic year (filled with laughter and snickers! 😊) during the first week of classes.
- Welcomed our new International Students to the College and to our community on August 30th.
- Attended the initial meetings of several key governance committees and constituent groups for the start of a new academic year.
- Met with the City of Yreka Chief of Police, Brian Bowles, on September 6th. One of the goals for this year is to visit and clarify a mutually beneficial relationship surrounding safety, security, and emergency preparedness between the District/College, and local law enforcement in the communities where we have permanent campuses.
- Attended the COS Foundation Scholarship Dinner on September 9th. What a great evening we had in recognizing and appreciating our students who have earned various scholarships to help them attend College of the Siskiyous and pursue their academic dreams.

Other News

Helping Hands: I imagine most of us have been keeping a watchful eye on the weather and natural resource events impacting our country over the past few weeks. Closest to home are the wildfires suffocating parts of our local areas from fires in our communities as well as those impacting our neighbors to the north in Oregon; last week's devastating flooding in Houston, Texas and other communities via Hurricane Harvey; and the impending onslaught to the US East Coast of Hurricane Irma, the strongest storm in Atlantic history, after obliterating the small island of Barbuda in the Leeward Islands of the Caribbean. For me it is a stark reminder of how tenuous our lives are, how quickly everything we know can be turned inside out and upside down, and that the needs of our fellow human beings in times of struggle could become – in the blink of an eye – our struggles we would hopefully survive and then have to endure.

In President's Cabinet last week we discussed a college community response to these natural disasters. From information we have been able to glean, especially regarding the aftermath in Texas from Hurricane Harvey, specific items like clothing, food, etc. are needed but being handled locally; what all of these situations can use in the cleanup and services required is financial support.

We have designated our Public Relations/Foundation office as our central point for collecting donations to help the Texas victims of Hurricane Harvey. Many of you may already have given in your own ways and we applaud that. Others of us may want to help but haven't known which organization can be trusted to deliver 100% of our donations to those in need. Even small contributions, when combined together, can make a stronger impact. There will be more

information coming directly from the Public Relations/Foundation Office on how we can consolidate our giving.

We are also exploring if there is a sister institution in Texas that may have extraordinary needs to continue serving their students that we could offer some assistance. As we learn more about this notion, we will share with the campus community as well.

DACA: DACA stands for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, a five-year policy in this country to prevent deportation of children brought to this country not of their own volition. It provides limited amnesty for undocumented individuals who meet the following conditions:

- Were under the age of 31 on June 15, 2012
- Arrived in the United States prior to their 16th birthday
- Lived continuously in the United State since June 15, 2007
- Must possess a high school diploma, GED certification, honorably discharged from the US military, or still in school
- Must NOT have a criminal record, NOR otherwise pose a threat to national security or public safety

DACA recipients do not have “legal status”.

This week, U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions announced the end of DACA, with a six-month delay for current recipients, and a call to Congress to fix this issue through immigration law during the six-month window. This unilateral action by the Trump administration impacts an estimated 800,000 undocumented youth residing in the United States (222,795 in California); many of whom are attending community colleges like College of the Siskiyous. Others are gainfully employed creating productivity in our economy, or serving in the military protecting the country that just disowned them.

The Siskiyou Joint Community College District is committed to the inclusion of all, regardless of race, ethnicity, heritage, national origin, immigration status, religion, age, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, medical condition, or disability. We believe America is a great and compassionate country and as such, our students and employees must be fully supported. As a community college, College of the Siskiyous’ mission is to transform lives through affordable and accessible education. We intend to remain committed to that mission.

A separate email communication was also sent out last week on September 7th to the campus community to inform us of what the ending of DACA means for our students – and others in our community who are currently under the protection of DACA.

Quote of the month: “The greatest good you can do for another is not just to share your riches, but to reveal to them, their own.” – Benjamin Disraeli

Public Relations & College Foundation



Welcome Back!!! - Wow! Where did our summer go??? On Thursday, August 24th, during our Staff Orientation Day, we took this fabulous group photo of our COS family. Also, special thank you to all our staff, faculty, trustees and foundation members who volunteered to staff the COS information booth at the Siskiyou Golden Fair last month.

Stay Connected: Now that school has started, it's a great time to sign up for our communication system, "COS Connect" powered by Everbridge. This is a free system we use to notify students and staff of emergency situations, campus closures, or general information. To sign up click on the COS Connect button located on the COS homepage and follow the directions to get sign up.

I'm also excited to announce the College has added to its social media. We now have an Instagram account as well as Snap Chat.

COS Preview Day and College Fair Event: College of the Siskiyous and College OPTIONS will host a COS Preview Day and College Fair at the Weed Campus on Wednesday, September 20th from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The COS Preview Day will offer the high school students the opportunity to meet COS faculty and staff; view demonstrations; gather information on COS academic programs; and have fun. The College Fair hosts representatives from other colleges and universities. High school seniors and their parents, current COS students, or any student who would like to attend the College Fair are invited to stop by the Weed Campus on September 20th.

Applications Now Available: The COS Foundation invites staff and faculty to apply for a Foundation Mini Grant. The purpose of these awards is to offer wider monetary support for innovative educational opportunities at COS. It is expected proposals will enhance the College's ability to strengthen its programs and services; support faculty and staff development within a

learning community environment; and/or support the use of technology for enhancing the educational opportunities of students, staff, and faculty. Award amounts up to \$1,000 will be considered for funding. Applications are due to the Public Relations / Foundation Office by 3:30 p.m. on Friday, September 15th. Each funded applicant will have until May 31, 2018 to spend award. Announcement of mini grant recipients will be made in October.

Scholarship Dinner: The annual COS Foundation Scholarship Dinner was held Saturday, September 9th and if you weren't there, you definitely missed out!! Each year just continues to get better and better!! I thought last years' event was pretty awesome!! But this year, by far, was the **BEST** attended dinner we have had in many years. Everyone had a lot of fun, the food was delicious, we had lots of desserts, and my personal favorite part of the evening was the Coat Auction! WOW!!! Fun times... In case you did not already know, Steve Reynolds has graduated from COS (well maybe not graduated with a diploma from COS, but he is moving on) and as one last "hurrah," did an amazing job as our Auctioneer. We will miss you Steve! We also presented our 2017/2018 Foundation Scholarship recipients with their awards for the fall semester during the event. It was so great to be able to meet the students and their families.

The highlight of the evening is always the auction of the Coat of Many Colors and Mongolian Fur Hat. If you have been to the dinner, then you will know – NO ONE IS SAFE!! This year the coat was tried on by many lucky individuals, including one of our students. But in true tradition, the coat did not stay on him long before moving to the next lucky individual. At the end of the auction, it was the faculty in attendance who had the final say!! The 2017 lucky recipient who will wear the coat to all Board of Trustee meetings for the next year is our new Superintendent / President, Dr. Stephen Schoonmaker! Congratulations Dr. Schoonmaker!!

We are still counting up the proceeds from the event, but are expecting to clear \$10,000 which will support our Siskiyou Promise program. Thank you again to all who attended, purchased tickets, and supported this very important program.



Join the COS Eagle Booster Club Today: Over the past several years, due to budget cuts at the State level, we have had to find new and creative ways to support our athletic programs at COS. We know athletics is an important part of many of our student's lives and it shows in how well our students perform, both in and out of the classroom. Becoming a member of the Eagle Booster Club is an opportunity to show your support of College of the Siskiyous, and at the same time makes a difference in the lives of our student athletes. All donations to the COS Eagle Booster Club are tax-deductible.

September Events

- September 11: Soccer vs. Marin, 11AM (Women) and 1PM (Men) in Kentfield, CA
- September 12: Board of Trustees Monthly Meeting – Closed Session at 5PM, Open Public Session at 6PM, Weed Campus Board Room
- September 13: Volleyball vs. Foothill (3PM) and Sierra (5PM) in Rocklin, CA
- September 15: Volleyball vs. Simpson JV (2PM) and Ohlone (5PM) in Redding, CA
- September 15: Cross Country team at Las Positas Invite in Hayward, CA
- September 15: Men's Soccer vs. Chabot, 2PM at Weed Campus Soccer Field
- September 16: Football at De Anza College, 1PM in Cupertino, CA
- September 16: Volleyball vs. Columbia (TBA) and Modesto (TBA) in Sonora, CA
- September 18: Last Day to Drop without Posting "W" on Record
- September 19: Soccer vs. Napa, 2PM (Men) and 4PM (Women) at Weed Campus Soccer Field
- September 20: Preview Day and College Fair, 9:30AM at Weed Campus
- September 22: Women's Soccer vs. West Hills, 2PM at Weed Campus Soccer Field
- September 23: Football vs. Delta, 1PM at Football Stadium
- September 26: Volleyball vs. Simpson, 6PM at Weed Campus Gymnasium
- September 26: Soccer vs. Feather River, 2PM (Women) and 4PM (Men) in Quincy, CA
- September 28: Cross Country at "Think Pink" Invite in Redding, CA
- September 29: Soccer vs. Lassen, 2PM (Men) & 4PM (Women) at Weed Campus Soccer Field

Administrative Services

Welcome everyone to the fall semester! It is wonderful to see all the activity and excitement across the campus. Over the past month, Administrative Services has been moving documents through the governance process such as the 2017/2018 Final Budget and Technology Strategic Plan. Stay tuned... more to come!

Technology:

Eric Houck, Interim Director of Information Technology, has accepted a position with Napa Community College and we thank him for his many years of service. With the departure of Eric, Chris Wehman has agreed to accept the Director of Information Technology position on an interim basis.

Technology Services is continuing to work on projects for the Academic Success Center including provisioning 60 laptops for instructional use, integrating the new wireless technology with our existing network, and automating data transfer to TutorTrac, our student attendance and equipment tracking software. Upgrading the Active Directory infrastructure, server backups and disaster recovery preparedness also continues as does progress on moving to E-Lumen curriculum and assessment software from Curriqunet.

Bookstore: The Bookstore was the September 9th home opening football game vs San Francisco City College to sell COS Clothing and Souvenirs. Lots of fans stopped by to purchase items.

Cafeteria: Just a reminder to the campus, all menus and hours of operation are posted on the Food Services webpage - : <http://www.siskiyous.edu/foodservices/>. Note - There have been a few changes in meal service for the current semester.

Café – Monday through Friday (Daily Specials)

7-9 a.m. – Breakfast

12-2 p.m. – Lunch

5-7 p.m. – Dinner

Grill – Monday through Friday

10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Grill – Saturday and Sunday

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. – Breakfast and Lunch

5-7 p.m. – Take-Out Dinners

Summer was extremely busy with overlapping camps and the arrival of student athletes prior to fall semester starting. The grill area received a much-needed remodel that was completed just before the first day of school began.

Business Office: The Business Office continues its “finance revitalization” and will be working with a team from Ellucian who will be on the Weed Campus September 12th – 14th. This three-day visit will focus on our student accounts, receivable accounts, and other financial processes related to student aid and billing. Additional team visits are also scheduled for November and December to continue improving our support to students and the District as a whole.

The 2017/2018 Final Proposed Budget will be presented for review and approval by the COS Board of Trustees on September 12, 2017. Following approval by the Board, the budget will be posted in the Banner system and will be available for departments to review and monitor through Banner Finance Self-Service. If any of the Budget Managers or their assistants needs a refresher on how to use the Banner Finance Self-Service module, please contact the Business Office for support.

In order to prepare the 2016/2017 Annual CCFS-311 final financial report which is due to the Chancellor's Office by October 10th, the Business Office is working through the year-end reconciliations and adjustments. Once the final report is complete, the District's audit firm Cossolias, Wilson, Dominguez & Leavitt (CWDL) will be returning to campus the week of October 16th to work on the financial statement portion of the audit. Following the October visit, the District is scheduled to receive the final audit report for approval at the December Board 5th Board of Trustees meeting.

Maintenance: The facilities team is shifting gears from summer projects to fall projects and winter preparation. Maintenance team members are cutting keys, detailing vans and completing fall semester "honey dos". The Custodial team is equally busy completing event set ups and last minute moves.

The campus is also invited to view surplus items available for reuse on either campus. Local schools have also been invited to see what is available and could be of use at their locations. Once all campus staff and local school personnel have completed their viewing and requests, an auction of remaining items will be held.

As a reminder, Custodial team members are also available nightly to perform a "Safety Walk" should anyone wish an escort. Call (530) 938-5911 to request an escort. This number is soon to be monitored 24/7 to assist both campuses with emergencies. Presently the phone is monitored 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. and until 5 p.m. Fridays.

Instruction

Welcome: A number of new hires within the instruction area have recently been hired.



Dr. Nathan Rexford, Research and Assessment Analyst

Dr. Nathan Rexford has a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science from University of California, San Diego and a Master's Degree in Political Science from University of California, Davis. He received his Ph.D. in Political Science from University of California, Davis in June of this year. Dr. Rexford most recently was a Research Assistant at UC Davis. He has also worked as an Associate Instructor and a Teaching Assistant at UC Davis.



Katherine Elwood, Political Science Instructor

Ms. Katherine (Katie) Elwood has a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science from Fresno Pacific University and a Master's Degree in Political Science from San Francisco State University. She has worked as a part-time Instructor of Political Science at Clovis Community College, as a substitute teacher at Fresno Unified School District, and was a Graduate Teacher's Assistant in the Political Science Department at San Francisco State University.



David Blink, Music Instructor- Instrumental Performance

Mr. David Blink has a Bachelor's of Music in Applied Music Degree with an emphasis in Jazz from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas and a Master's of Music in Composition from Central Washington University. He recently completed sabbatical in Morelia, Michoacán, Mexico where he created a Latin Jazz Big Band at the Conservatorio de las Rosas (oldest conservatory in Latin America), and also taught a course in Jazz Composition-Arranging and was a guest trumpet lecturer. Prior to coming to COS, Mr. Blink was a full-time faculty member at Yakima Valley Community College where he held the position of Director of Instrumental Music and Jazz Studies.



Dr. Doran O'Donnell, Interim Communications Instructor

Dr. Doran O'Donnell has a Bachelor's of Arts in Communications from The University of Colorado, Colorado Springs, a Master's of Arts in Communications from The University of Cincinnati, and received his Ph.D. in Speech Communications from The University of Southern Mississippi. Dr. Doran most recently was a Communication and Theater Coordinator for Rogue Community College. He was also a Visiting Assistant Professor in Communications at Miami University and Southeastern Community College.



Dr. Zachary Zweigle, Dean of Instruction

Dr. Zachary Zweigle has a Bachelor's of Arts and a Master's of Arts degree in History from California State University, Fresno. He received his Doctor of Education in Instructional Leadership – Higher Education Administration from Lindenwood University. Dr. Zweigle most recently was the Department Chair for Social Sciences at Ozarks Technical Community College in Springfield Missouri. Other roles he has held at Ozarks Technical Community College have been Associate Department Chair for Social Sciences and Assistant to the Vice Chancellor for Advancement. He was an adjunct professor at Lindenwood University teaching graduate courses in higher education and has experience in the classroom teaching History at Ozarks Technical Community College and Drury University.

Accreditation: A tremendous amount of work and time has been spent on preparing the ACCJC follow-up report which is due to the Commission in October. A final draft of the report will be available soon.

Argos: Training has been tentatively scheduled for October 10th – 12th and October 31st – November 2nd. Confirmation from Argos is expected to be received soon.

Cooperative Work Experience: Now managed by Lorinda Meyer at the Academic Success Center, students can earn up to eight college units per semester by working at a paid or unpaid job. Work experience units are transferrable to a University. For more information about the Cooperative Work Experience program visit www.siskiyous.edu/cwee/ or call (530) 938-5305.

Academic Success Center: With completion of the first phase of the Weed ASC remodel, the “new and improved” Academic Success Center (ASC) is now open to serve all students. Aside from new study-oriented furniture, the fastest WiFi on campus, free printing, free computer use, the ASC also provides tutoring services to assist students with writing papers, math and other subjects. Along with the remodel, two classrooms are now available for computer lab use, workshops, and meetings. Please use *School Dude* to reserve a classroom and indicate how many laptops you will need set up for computer lab use.

The ASC has also installed new student usage tracking software. This software allows faculty and counselors to refer students to the ASC for academic related services. Training will be offered soon to guide COS faculty in the steps to refer a student to the ASC. Reports will also be provided to faculty and will show which referred students received recommended services. The Weed Academic Success Center is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, and from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. If you have questions about our expanded hours and services, please call extension 5830.

Nursing: Eighty students recently started with the fall 2017 semester in the Vocational Nursing or LVN to RN Step-up Nursing Programs. Between the two programs, there are a total of 72 applicants on waitlists for classes that will start in fall 2018 and beyond.

The LVN to RN Step-up Program received notification of a quality ranking from the organization, Registered Nursing (registerednursing.org), which provides a listing and ranking system for all RN schools in the nation. Out of the 127 accredited schools ranked, COS Nursing was rated as #27 within the top 50 in the State. The ranking system uses NCLEX (Nursing licensure exam) pass rates as the primary factor, followed by years the school has been in operation and the size of cohorts taking the NCLEX. Our relatively new and small school out-ranked some large universities and other BSN programs. The direct link to the California Rankings is: <http://www.registerednursing.org/state/california/#rankings>

In February, 2017, the COS Vocational Nursing Program was #8 Ranked LVN Program in California: <http://www.practicalnursing.org/lvn-programs/california>

Library: This fall, the Library is sponsoring an essay contest in partnership with [Siskiyous Reads](#). Siskiyous Reads is a non-profit group associated with the public library system that is organizing events and encouraging county-wide conversations around a single book. The book they have chosen this year is *A Man Called Ove*, by Fredrik Backman. Studies show recreational reading helps students with their academic work and we hope an essay contest will encourage our students to use some of their free time to enjoy a good book! The COS Library has multiple copies of *A Man Called Ove* (including one audiobook) for checkout; details about the essay contest will be posted soon on our web site.

Student Services

Most of August getting ready for the big day – the first day of fall semester! This included making plans for Week of Welcome, International Student Orientation and the Siskiyou Promise Reception; in addition to advising and registering students. I'd like to take this opportunity to send a "shout out" to all of the outstanding people who've worked hard on these many events: Regina Weston, Janice Gonzalez, Meghan Witherell, Doug Haugen, Dawnie Slabaugh, Jennifer Rubio, Denis Hagarty, and Val Roberts. Because of their hard work – and all of faculty and staff who work with our students - our students had a great start to the 2017/2018 Academic Year!

This year, College of the Siskiyous held free pancake breakfast where over 160 plates of pancakes and sausage were served to students by Dr. Schoonmaker, Darlene Melby - Vice President of Administration, and Melissa Green - Vice President of Student Services. Special thanks to Keith Cool and Keith Bradley of Mt. Shasta Supermarket for making some very delicious pancakes and sausages for our students to enjoy on their first morning of school.

Janice Gonzalez, Doug Haugen, Meghan Witherell, and I met with Tiffany Coyne, our Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP) representative for our region. We reviewed our International Student processes and planned orientation with her. Ms. Coyne was pleased with our program and processes and shared insights and information to help us help our students to be successful. Ms. Coyne used to work at a CSU for an International Student program and appreciates the college perspective.

Vice President Green along with Dr. Doug Haugen, Director of Student Life, conducted Title IX (Sexual Harassment and Sexual Assault) training for Student Ambassadors and for the COS Football student athletes in August. Dr. Haugen also gave a solo presentation during the Education Bootcamp for our student soccer players. Many thanks to Associate Dean Dennis Roberts, Coach Charlie Roche, Coach Ed Kephart and Director Lorinda Meyer for allowing us the opportunity to meet with these students.



The Student Services leadership team met to begin its program review process for 2017/2018. The team reviewed previous year reviews, identified data needed to measure our performance, and will meet again in September to review the data and identify goals, intended outcomes and assessment for the next cycle.

Vice President Green ended the month of August by attending Universal Accessibility for Technology training, conducted by Gaeir Dietrich from The High Tech Center Training Unit of the California Community Colleges, and was hosted by Dr. Sunny Greene. Ms. Dietrich covered a lot of material as it relates to technology accessibility. For example, she stated *"some of the most common complaints have centered on inaccessible websites, inaccessible learning management systems and inaccessible software."* Another interesting point she made is *"accessible is not the same as accommodation"*. Something may be accessible, but an individual student may still need accommodations.

The Student Services Department has been asked by Dr. Schoonmaker to take the lead in compliance and will be reaching out to many one this campus to participate in a workgroup to be led by Vice President Green. The groups task will be to identify areas where COS is or may be out of compliance and address those immediately, followed by identifying areas where we can be stronger.

In closing – recruitment never stops! We will be hosting our annual High School Preview Day on September 20 in conjunction with the annual College Fair. We are expecting over 300 Siskiyou County high school students to visit the Weed Campus this day. Our goal is to show them what a great place College of the Siskiyous is and the value of education they can receive as a student at COS. It's not too late to participate! If you'd like to table, have us disseminate brochures or assist with the programming in any way – please drop us an email or give us a call. We'd be glad to have you!



Admissions: Jennifer Rubio is currently working with IT staff to improve the functionality of CCC Apply. During the summer she created a *"Steps to Apply"* worksheet to assist students in the process. Training has begun on the CCC Report Center so we will be able to obtain data on the students that apply to COS.

- *International Admissions* - Staff conducted an orientation for international students this past week for the 11 students currently attending College of the Siskiyous. Subjects addressed included:

- Maintaining F1 requirements
 - Cultural Adjustment
 - Classroom Behavior and Expectations
 - Support Services on Campus
 - Working on Campus
- *Registration:* Registration for fall and spring continues. Now that the regular term (fall) has started we will begin registration for the ISAs (FIELD and San Francisco Police).
 - *Student Ambassadors:* Student Ambassadors received their training August 17th and 18th on the Weed Campus. Many topics relating to COS and the Student Ambassador vision for the 2017/2018 year were covered. Ambassadors have been working the “Ask Me” booths and attended the following events held in August:
 - August 25 - President's Welcome (Planning Day) and Siskiyou Promise Reception
 - August 28 - Siskiyou Promise Welcome
 - August 28 – 31 – Ask Me Booth

Counseling and Student Support Programs: During the first week of the fall semester, the Counselors and Advisors served over 200 students who physically came in to the office. In addition to those students, another 40 to 50 were served over the phone or scheduled for appointments. While some of these students were new and wanted a full load of classes, many were changing their schedules or adding classes due to scheduling changes or class cancellations. That said it was a less chaotic first week because the soccer and football teams were here a couple weeks before the start of fall, and they had their schedules set.

The annual COS Preview Day and College Fair is scheduled for Wednesday, September 20. Over 300 local high school students will be on campus. It’s a fantastic opportunity for us to highlight our college.

- *CalWORKs:* One-on-one orientations for new and returning CalWORKs students have begun. These students receive a backpack full of school supplies, books, and gas vouchers or bus passes to start the semester. The numbers of CalWORKs students has been declining over the past few semesters, and we rely on referrals from the county CalWORKs office. They are having fewer folks seeking education as their way to meet participation and training requirements.
- *EOPS/CARE:* The EOPS program services educationally and financially disadvantaged students. EOPS held nine orientations for new and continuing EOPS students the week before and the first week of the fall semester. Over 215 participants for the fall semester attended an orientation. These students also receive a backpack or tote filled with school supplies, a \$400 book voucher, and a gas voucher or bus passes. If any EOPS students are also a part of CalWORKs, our staff ensures there is no duplication of services (CalWORKs buys books if students are in both programs, per Chancellor’s Office guidelines).

CARE one-on-one orientations are being held and will continue. All CARE students must be in EOPS. CARE students are identified as single heads of household transitioning off welfare. Childcare costs for the participants are reimbursed by the CARE programs funds.

- *Foster Youth Success Program:* We are excited to report that through targeted recruitment efforts and collaboration with county agencies, our Foster Youth Success Program is growing! Monthly “Meet-Ups” (an opportunity for the Foster Youth students to get together and learn more about the support the college has to offer) started in September and will continue through the year.
- *TRiO - SSS (Student Support Services) and Upward Bound:* Student Support Services (SSS) is a federally funded program that serves educationally disadvantaged students who are planning to earn a Bachelor’s degree or higher. Recruitment is on-going for the SSS program, and because of that, monthly orientations will be held. SSS has two upcoming campus visits: CSU, Chico on October 21 and Southern Oregon University on November 17. These visits are free to SSS participants (transportation and meals). The 2016/2017 Upward Bound students completed 192 total units through College of the Siskiyous this past academic year. Upward Bound staff will meet with the 2018 cohort families to create individualized college plans over the next few weeks. In September the TRiO Center (PS 1) will be hosting its first Cal State Apply workshop to freshman and transfer students. Cal State Apply is the new application site for students to plan to attend a campus in the CSU system.
- *Veterans:* This is one of the largest groups of Veterans students (Vets and/or dependents of Veterans) we’ve had at College of the Siskiyous for several years. They all have education plans and have been certified to receive their benefits.

Financial Aid: Both Karen Chandler and Jan Harris were able to take short vacations this summer (Karen and her family went to Disneyland! Jan stayed home and was able to get a lot of projects done around the house) and are now ready and refreshed for the start of a new school year!

Financial Aid is excited to welcome its newest team member, Teri Boyd! Ms. Boyd recently relocated to Siskiyou County from Stockton, CA. She started working at COS the first week of school. Please stop by and say hello to Teri.

Pell grants were disbursed the first week of school to 369 students. Direct Loans will be awarded on September 15th.

Cal Grant awards have increased for the 2017/2018 aid year. Cal Grant B is now \$1,672 for full-time students, which qualifies them for the Full-Time Student Success Grant of \$1,000. The Cal Grant C also increased to \$1,094. These are full year amounts and are disbursed over two semesters.

Awarding of Year-Round Pell began with summer 2017. Students who are enrolled for summer session can begin receiving their Pell grant with the completion of their 2017/2018 FAFSA. This will allow students to continually remain enrolled and receive their Pell grant in order to reach their educational goals quickly.



Welcome back and have a great semester!!!

Student Equity: Much of the past month has been spent in making sure all of our new 2017/2018 Siskiyou Promise students were ready for the semester. Whether it be helping them complete their financial aid files, or making sure they were registered for their classes, a lot of hours were spent contacting each of our over 160 new students.

We welcomed our new Siskiyou Promise students to campus on August 28th with a very well attended welcome reception. Many of our students were in attendance as well as family members. Everyone enjoyed cake as Dr. Schoonmaker welcomed them to the College of the Siskiyous Family. Foundation President Dawna Cozzalio also spoke to the students on behalf of the COS Foundation, and Valerie Roberts gave a wonderful talk about the importance of student engagement and how to be successful. The evening ended with time for our new students to mingle and get to know each other. It was a wonderful event and a great way to welcome these students to the college.

Along with our new Siskiyou Promise Cohort, we have approximately 75 students who are receiving the Second Year Promise continuation scholarships. Just as with our new students, a lot of time has been spent reaching out to these students to make sure their financial aid is complete, and that they are registered for classes.



As the semester began, it was wonderful to see students utilizing our resource center, located in the Welcome Center. There was a steady stream of students coming and going throughout the week, and we were happy to help them become oriented to campus, print schedules, log into their email and My Siskiyous, or answer any other questions that they may have had.

Student Life: As with any new year, there is always a tremendous amount of activity occurring with our students.

- *Lodges:* The Lodges began the school year with 100% occupancy of bed spaces (156 beds occupied). To prepare for a great year the Lodge student staff, Resident Assistants, continued training with Jon Jon Junpradub right up until classes started on August 29th. One exciting part of RA training included a tour of four, four year schools in the bay area. RAs learned about how these other residential life departments support student development on their campuses. The RAs returned from this training tour with dozens of programming and activity ideas to implement throughout the year. While on the Sacramento State University campus RA's experienced feeling being welcome and engaged with the residential life staff. Our Siskiyous RA noticed these feelings were created by the people they met and are working to model those experiences for our Lodge residents throughout the year.
- *Associated Student Board:* The Associated Student Board is in the process of selecting senators and electing officers to serve for the year. ASB students are looking forward to planning activities and assisting campus committees with student representation.
- *Behavior Intervention Team:* The Behavior Intervention Team (BIT) has expended its membership to include ADJ faculty. The BIT members respond to non-immediate concerns and take a proactive approach to discuss potential issues, early intervention, and provide support and behavioral response to students displaying varying levels of disruptive, disturbed, and/or distressed behaviors. Over the summer team member Meghan Witherell created a full color brochure which faculty and staff can use to identify whom to contact when they are working with a student experiencing a crisis. Melissa Green, Doug Haugen and Jon Jon Junpradub trained over 350 students this fall to identify, report, and intervene as a bystander to stop sexual misconduct and sexual assault in our communities. These trainings are part of our Title IX requirements to make our campus programs equally accessible to all people.

Human Resources

Open enrollment for CVT is quickly approaching! A representative will be on campus September 25th and 26th. More details will soon be available.

The representative from American Fidelity will be on campus September 26, 27, and 28th. All new employees and those who are making changes to their medical insurance policy will need to schedule an appointment.

The 2017/2018 Staff Telephone Directory is complete! Copies are available in the Human Resources Department.

Professional Learning Network (PLN) for Employees

Why: The PLN was created to enhance professional development opportunities for California Community College (CCC) employees and ultimately improve student success.

What: The PLN is a learning site that was created as a result of CCC Chancellor’s Office Student Success Task Force Recommendations. In addition to on-line training resources, the PLN provides a way for colleges within the system to collaborate between employees across the CCC System with the goal of sharing innovative and promising practices across all districts.

The on-line training resources include access to numerous courses across the following platforms: Lynda.com, Skillssoft, and Grovo.

Courses can either be assigned to employees by their supervisors or an employee can select classes and complete them. Any course completed will be tracked in the employee’s professional development area.

The PLN also provides a calendar where all conferences, workshops, webinars, or trainings for CCCs will be included. This will enable employees to go to one site to find training opportunities.

How: Funding for the site was provided by the Institutional Effectiveness Partnership Initiative (IEPI). All training resources provided in the PLN are free to CCC employees.

When: Over the course of the year, HR will be organizing some workshops to introduce employees to this great new resource.

Recruitment	
Position	Status
Music Instructor, Instrumental Performance	David Blink
Program Grant Manager, Apprenticeship Initiative	Jill TeVelde
Student Services Specialist, Financial Aid	Teri Boyd
Dean of Instruction	Dr. Zachary Zweigle
Account Clerk I, Bookstore	Mary ‘Emkay’ Sikora
Communications Studies Instructor (Interim)	Dr. Doran O’Donnell
Instructional Support Specialist, Performing Arts	Reference Checks
Assistant Athletic Trainer	First Review September 11, 2017

No other reports were submitted this month.