



## College of the Siskiyous

# *The Campus Connection*

### September 11, 2018

## Superintendent / President

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Fall Semester has officially begun! ☺ The past month has been a tremendous opportunity for the College to prepare for, and launch, the 2018 Fall Semester, 2017 which began officially August 27. 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 2019 Intercession, and the Spring 2019 Semester.

Here are a few of the highlights of what has been happening on campus and interactions in the community for the past month:

- Gave welcome to the CNA graduates during their Pinning Ceremony held August 8.
- Met with Lodge staff during their training sessions August 9.
- Worked the COS information booths at the Siskiyou Golden (County) Fair, Tule lake Shindig, and Tulelake - Butte Valley Fair.
- Participated in the Alumni Association Launch BBQ held August 16.
- Toured Scott Valley businesses with Mark Klever and Kim Freeze on August 17.
- Welcomed our Student Ambassadors on August 20.
- Met with the Board for their annual evaluation and goal setting retreat on August 22.
- Shared great updates with the College family in our annual Orientation Day. A tremendous thank you to all the student team captains, the multitude of presenters, and the camaraderie spirit of all the teams who participated, played, competed, and generally had fun for our opening of the academic year.
- Shared with Promise Scholars and their families my welcome wishes on August 26. Also met with Lodge residents for their housing orientation that same evening.
- Wow, did we ever have a great Welcome Week?! It was great fun cooking for the campus community with our new BBQ grill (thanks, Mark B and Welding Club students!).
- Attended the quarterly CSC Board meeting on August 29.
- Attended the initial meeting of the CEO Taskforce on Affordability, Food and Housing Access. Our task is to research current conditions, assess promising practices, and make recommendations by February, 2019.
- Attended the Public Forums on the new Soccer Field design plans on September 5 and the follow-up Stakeholders meeting to implement comments and recommendations from the Forums of the 5<sup>th</sup> on September 6.
- Attended the FIELD Board of Directors meeting on September 8.
- Enjoyed the College's production of *Walking with Walt* on September 8.
- The Scholarship Dinner is right around the corner – September 15. I am looking

forward to recognizing and appreciating our students who have earned various scholarships to help them attend College of the Siskiyous to pursue their dreams.

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**Quote of the month:**

*"You must take personal responsibility.*

*You cannot change the circumstances, the seasons, or the wind, but you can change yourself. That is something (if not the one and only thing) you have charge of." – Jim Rohn*

## **Public Relations & College Foundation**

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**Welcome Back!!!** - Wow! Where did our summer go??? On Thursday, August 23, 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 at the Tulelake-Butte Valley Fair last week.



**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.

**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 12 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 12.

In case you missed it, here are some of the recent articles / feature stories that were published by local media:

- COS Football on National TV  
<http://www.mtshastanews.com/sports/20180831/college-of-siskiyous-football-on-national-tv>
- The Saga of Walking with Walt  
<http://www.mtshastanews.com/entertainment/20180905/saga-of-walking-with-walt>
- Thirteen new CNAs Graduate from COS  
<http://www.siskiyoudaily.com/news/20180815/13-new-cn-as-graduate-from-cos>

**Scholarship Dinner** – Save the Date... The 2018 Scholarship Fundraising Dinner will be held Saturday, September 15 at St. Michael's Hall in Weed. Last chance to purchase tickets!!

**Save the Date – *Fifty Years of Football Celebration (September 21-22)*:** The COS Foundation and Athletic Department will host the "*Fifty Years of Football Celebration*" at the Weed Campus on Friday and Saturday, September 21 and 22. Friday the event will begin with a welcome in the Theater and memories/highlights by our alumni coaching staff. Saturday events will include a tailgate party, home football game vs. Chabot College, and halftime ceremony. Sign up to attend at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/50-years-of-football-celebration-tickets-47876495888>

**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.

**Come Join Our Team!** –Angel Fisher, Eagles Nest Manager is looking for new volunteers to join the Eagle's Nest team. Volunteers work 3 to 4 hour shifts per week, or more. Volunteers work as cashiers, screen items as they come in, price merchandise, repair items, research antiques. etc.; there is never a dull moment at the Nest. If you know of anyone who may be interested in volunteering have them call 938-4663 or stop by the Eagle's Nest.

## September Events

- September 1: Open Registration (Reg365) for 2018/2019 Continues
- September 3: Campuses Closed for Labor Day Holiday
- September 5: Public Forum for Soccer Field Design, 4 to 5PM and 5 to 6PM – Theater
- September 5: Auditions for Fall Musical “Little Shop of Horrors”, 3 to 6PM – Theater
- September 6: Women’s Soccer vs. West Hills, 2PM – Baseball / Soccer Field
- September 6: Auditions (Callbacks) for Fall Musical “Little Shop of Horrors”, 3 to 6PM - Theater
- September 7: Last Day to Reduce Load and Receive a Refund
- September 7: All Campus Meeting, 8:30AM – Theater
- September 7: Theatre Department Presents “Walking with Walt”, 7PM – Theater
- September 8: COS Football vs. Fresno CC, 1PM – Stadium **(Rescheduled due to Air Quality – new date October 6)**
- September 8: Theatre Department Presents “Walking with Walt”, 7PM – Theater
- September 9: Theatre Department Presents “Walking with Walt”, 3PM – Theater
- September 11: COS Board of Trustees Monthly Meeting, 6PM – Weed Campus Board Room
- September 12: Senior Preview Day and College Fair, 9AM to 1PM – Weed Campus
- September 14: Last Day to Drop Without Posting “W” on Record
- September 14: Theatre Department Presents “Walking with Walt”, 7PM – Theater
- September 15: COS Cross Country Meet, TBA – Weed Campus Bear Trail
- September 15: COS Foundation Scholarship Dinner & Auction, 5:30PM – St. Michael’s Hall, Weed
- September 15: Theatre Department Presents “Walking with Walt”, 7PM – Theater
- September 16: Theatre Department Presents “Walking with Walt”, 3PM – Theater
- September 17: Constitution Day, 2PM – Student Center
- September 19: First Census Due
- September 21: 50 Years of Football Welcome & Highlights, 7PM – Theater
- September 22: 50 Years of Football Tailgate Party, 10AM – Bel Air Park Gazebo
- September 22: COS Football vs. Chabot College, 1PM – Stadium (Homecoming/50Years of Football Anniversary)
- September 28: Men’s & Women’s Soccer vs. Butte College, 2PM & 4PM – Baseball / Soccer Field
- September 29: COS Football vs. San Francisco, 1PM - Stadium

## Administrative Services

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We are just wrapping up the final changes and updates to the 2018/2019 District Final Budget which has made its way through Integrated Planning and Budget and College Council. The final budget will be presented during the September 11 Board of Trustees meeting for approval. The state budget for 2018/2019 has some major initiatives such as the new Student Centered funding model, the addition of a fully online campus, increased dollars for Full Time Faculty, California Promise, and Financial Aid Technology monies. We look forward to sharing this information in detail with the different committees over the coming year. Have a pleasant September and we hope you enjoy the last part of the summer season!!

## **Business Office Update:**

- **2018/2019 Budget:** The 2018/2019 Proposed Final Budget was approved and recommended to move forward to the President at a joint meeting of the Integrated Budget and Planning Committee and College Council and is going to the Board of Trustees at the September 11 Board of Trustees meeting. The Chancellor's Office provided a Budget Workshop in Sacramento on August 13 which highlighted the key areas of the State's budget including the changes in funding formula for Community College District's. These changes were briefly presented during Orientation Day and have been incorporated into the 2018/2019 Proposed Final Budget presented to the Board of Trustees. Copies of the budget are available for review in the Library on the Weed Campus as well as in the RHSI building on the Yreka Campus.
- **Year-End Closeout:** Like all the other departments on campus, the Business Office is busy serving students and staff with the beginning of a new school year. Additionally, the office is also working on closing out the 2017/2018 fiscal year in preparation of filing the final fiscal report with the Chancellor's Office (CCFS-311) by the end of September as well as getting all the financial records in order for the second visit from the District Auditors. Their next and final visit for this year will be during the first week in October when they will be reviewing and testing all areas related to the District's financial records in order to prepare the District's final audit report in time for the Board of Trustees to review/approve at the December 2018 Board meeting.

**Food Services:** The Eagle Café is open Monday thru Friday 7 a. m. to 4 p.m. with the Fryer/Grill shutting down at 3 p.m. Grab & Go, drinks, sandwiches and wraps will be available until 4 p.m. During the weekend, the Eagle Café is open Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The Dining Room is open as follows on the weekends: Breakfast is served from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.; and Lunch/Dinner from 12 to 6 p.m. During the week, the Dining Hall is serving Lunch Monday thru Friday from 12 to 2 p.m. and Dinner from 5 to 7 p.m.

For Dinner we are now offering the option to "Go Large." For an additional \$4.25, a diner may add an extra serving of the dinner entrée plus increased servings of the veggies and/or sides offered on the menu. We are also offering "a la carte" pricing during lunch and dinner. There is a posted sign with prices in the Dining Hall area.

## **Facilities – Project Updates:**

- The installation of the dance floor in the Theater Black Box (Room 4) is complete.
- The Theater rigging and fire door inspection was completed August 14.
- The Fire Tower equipment replacement and repair is complete. Training on the new system is scheduled for September 26 and 27.
- The baseball scoreboard repaint project is complete.

- Repairs from the July 24 lightning damage have been made to all, but the RHSI air conditioning chiller at the Yreka Campus. The RHSI is currently being air conditioned with a portable rental chiller. The damaged chiller repair parts have been ordered and are being manufactured. The final repair is scheduled for mid-September.
- The new soccer field design continues to move forward. An open forum for the campus and community was held September 5 in the Weed Campus Theater. Unfortunately our design architect from Lloyd Engineers was not able to be in at the forum in person due to the closure of Interstate 5 because of wildfire. Instead we were able to use technology and he was able to give short presentation via skype technology.
- The in-house installation of electronic FOB operated locks at the Weed Campus Gym continues.
- The replacement of the Gym heating plant equipment is complete. Hot water service was restored August 6. All that remains is the final commissioning of the boiler. This is the District's final Prop 39 funded project.
- The Yreka Campus crack sealing and the traffic line painting is complete.
- The installation of additional electronic FOB locks, funded by the COS Foundation RHSI endowment in RHSI classrooms and entries is scheduled for early October.
- The Science Building emergency shower drain repair is scheduled for Winter Break 2018.
- The annual Fire Sprinkler system testing and extinguisher certification at the Yreka Campus is complete.
- An evaluation of the scope of repair for the leaking fire sprinklers in Science was completed August 21. The Administration is reviewing the data and options.

### **Technology Project Updates:**

- **Windows 10 and Microsoft Office 2016:** During the next few months, IT will be rolling out Windows 10 and Microsoft Office 2016 to all faculty and staff. During the summer, we upgraded many computers to Windows 10. We will continue to replace computers as well as upgrade newer computers to Windows 10 throughout fall. You will receive a notification regarding your appointment to move your data to your new computer.
- **Office 365 is coming!** The College is moving from Microsoft Exchange to Microsoft Office 365 Outlook. Office 365 Outlook is very similar to our current Exchange Outlook email, but it resides in the Cloud rather than in our server room.
- **Banner Revitalization Schedule**
  - Week of September 3 – ODS Training
  - Week of September 10 - Student Revitalization
  - Week of September 10 - Fin Aid Revitalization
  - Week of September 24 – ODS Training
  - Week of October 1 – ODS Training
  - Week of October 15 – Student Revitalization
  - Week of November 12 – ODS Training

## Student Services

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Greetings from Student Services! I was off from the end of June through the first three days of August due to medical reasons, but hit the ground running upon my return. I want to give a big "shout-out" to the Student Services team for keeping things running smoothly in my absence. I'm blessed to work with outstanding people and it's GREAT to be back!

*"By all these lovely tokens September days are here,  
With summer's best of weather,  
And autumn's best of cheer."  
Helen Hunt Jackson*

- **Recruitment and Outreach:** This past summer, many of our colleagues represented College of the Siskiyous at various community events, such as at Gold Rush Days and the Mount Shasta Parade. This past August, College of the Siskiyous was represented at the Siskiyou Golden Fair in Yreka, and our very own Dr. Schoonmaker and Carie Shaffer attended the Tulelake Shindig Street Fair. Thank you all for participating and supporting our recruitment and outreach effort. If you have an idea for an event, or want to proudly represent our wonderful College, please let us know! There are lots of opportunities yet to come.
- **High School Preview Day:** High School Preview is September 12, and we anticipate having over 300 Siskiyou county high school seniors on campus. This is another opportunity for us to shine and we have an exciting day planned for our high school visitors. Activities include presentations by faculty (thank you!!!), a COS student panel, free ice cream and scholarship and financial aid information. We will also have University representatives in the gym, available to answer questions from both high school and COS students. Please encourage our COS students who are interested in transfer to a university to meet with these representatives. Also, please join us in the quad for High School Preview Day fun!
- **#RealCollege Survey:** This year, we are participating in the #RealCollege Survey, conducted by the Wisconsin HOPE Lab and supported by the California Community College Chancellor's office. This survey will explore food and housing insecurities for students. Students will receive an email with a survey link once a week, for four weeks, requesting their participation. Ten student participants will be selected to receive a prize award of \$100 each. College of the Siskiyous will receive a report regarding our students' food and housing needs. You can find more information regarding this survey and the organization at <https://realcollege.org/>
- **Week of Welcome 2018:** We kicked off the 2018/2019 academic year with our annual Week of Welcome. Events included a hotdog barbeque sponsored by the COS Foundation, bounce house, free ice cream, community resource fair, club and College resource fair, and information booth. There were a lot of happy, smiling faces and it was great to welcome them back.

- **California College Promise – AB 19:** Legislation (AB 19) was approved to establish the California College Promise program, to focus on increasing graduation rates and reducing achievement gaps for disproportionately impacted students. College of the Siskiyous received an allocation of \$220,037 to be used for achieving the AB 19 goals and is authorized, but not required, to use the funding to waive fees or other means of “direct aid” to students. Other California community colleges have planned to use these funds to meet the tuition and fee needs of all first-time, California resident students (not just recent high school graduates or county residents.) Student Services staff have been meeting with Public Relations / Foundation Director Dawnie Slabaugh and the President’s Cabinet to investigate ways to best serve our own students, which will most likely include addressing tuition costs of incoming, first-time students. Please note – there are NO changes planned to our current Siskiyou Promise program. The College is committed to serving our high school county graduates in the same manner as before. More information will be available at a later date.

### **Some September Multicultural Dates**

- **September 7 - Labor Day:** Labor Day honors the American worker and acknowledges the value and dignity of work and its role in American life, first celebrated on September 5, 1882.
- **September 15 to October 15 - Hispanic Heritage Month:** National Hispanic Heritage Month is a national observance to celebrate the histories, cultures and contributions of American citizens whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean and Central and South America.
- **September 16 - Mexican Independence Day:** This date is Independence Day in Mexico, to commemorate the start of Mexico's struggle for independence from Spain in 1810.
- **September 13-15 - Rosh Hashanah (Jewish New Year):** The Jewish New Year, also known as the Days of Renewed Responsibility, begins at sunset on day one and ends at nightfall the next day. The event is marked by solemn religious observances.
- **September 17 - Citizenship Day or Constitution Day:** The 55 delegates to the Constitutional Convention signed the Constitution of the United States of America on this date in 1787.
- **September 21 - International Day of Peace:** Established by United Nations resolution in 1982, this date is a global celebration to highlight efforts to end conflict and promote peace.
- **September 25 - School Desegregation in Little Rock, Arkansas:** On this day in 1957, nine teenagers became the first African-Americans to attend all-White Central High School in Little Rock, Arkansas. Federal troops were sent to protect the students and ensure compliance with the Supreme Court's Brown v. Board of Education decision.
- **September 22-23 - Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement):** The most solemn day of the Jewish year, the Day of Atonement is usually spent at synagogue in fasting, reflection, and prayer. Celebration begins September 22 at sunset.



- **September 23 -Eid al-Adha:** This holiday is the Islamic Feast of Sacrifice, the most important feast of Islam and recalls Abraham's willingness to sacrifice his son in obedience to Allah. It concludes the Hajj - the annual Muslim pilgrimage to Mecca.
- **September 27-October 4 - Sukkot (Jewish Feast of Tabernacles):** Beginning at sunset on the first day, this feast celebrates the harvest and commemorates the Jews' passage through the wilderness.

**Admissions & Registration:** We currently have 1, 885 students registered for the fall term. Registration continues with add & drops and we have started the admissions follow-up for the winter and spring terms.

- **Week of Welcome:** Week of Welcome was a success; there were a lot of questions, student ID cards created and a lot of fun.
- **Student Ambassadors:** Our Student Ambassadors are ready for the 2018-2019 year!



**Mikayla Hocker**

Q: [What do you like most about College of the Siskiyous?](#)

A: I love how interconnected and personal we are. Everyone is friendly and helpful and everyone wants to be good to one another.

Q: [What is your Major? Where do you plan to transfer?](#)

A: My Major is Social Science. I plan to transfer to Humboldt State.

Q: [What is one thing you would like to see accomplished during your legacy as Student Ambassador?](#)

A: I would like the social media platforms I am working on to reach more people and get more traction.



**Syshana Hocker**

Q: [What do you like most about College of the Siskiyous?](#)

A: The biggest thing about COS that I love the most is the one-on-one I receive from the teachers and instructors.

Q: [What is your Major? Where do you plan to transfer?](#)

A: My Major is Biology and I will hopefully be transferring to Humboldt.

Q: [What is one thing you would like to see accomplished during your legacy as Student Ambassador?](#)

A: One thing I would like to see accomplished during my time as a Student Ambassador is that I would like to increase communication between students, staff and instructors (through surveys, meetings, etc...) and maybe help COS revamp some of their programs so we are more current and reputable as a college.



**Jesse Mullin**

Q: [What do you like most about College of the Siskiyous?](#)

A: I like the atmosphere of the College. It doesn't feel like any other college I've been to. There is a real community feel to COS.

Q: [What is your Major? Where do you plan to transfer?](#)

A: I'm a Theater Arts Major. I haven't decided where I want to transfer to, but I'm currently looking at UCLA

Q: [What is one thing you would like to see accomplished during your legacy as Student Ambassador?](#)

A: The College of the Siskiyous has the potential to become the premier community college in California for the Performing Arts. We have truly amazing faculty who have inspired me to reach for my dreams. We boast the largest theater in the county, and probably the best Theater program in Northern California.



**Katelyn Van Nocker**

Q: [What do you like most about College of the Siskiyous?](#)

A: I really like the campus. It has a calming atmosphere. I also enjoy all the green on campus and the creek as well.

Q: [What is your Major? Where do you plan to transfer?](#)

A: My major is Business Administration and I plan on transferring to Sacramento State University.

Q: [What is one thing you would like to see accomplished during your legacy as Student Ambassador?](#)

A: I hope that all the students, new and old, can really feel at home and enjoy their time at COS.



**Isabella Villalpando**

Q: [What do you like most about College of the Siskiyous?](#)

A: I like the small community of COS because you can really get to know your teachers and classmates.

Q: [What is your Major? Where do you plan to transfer?](#)

A: My major is Art and I plan to transfer to a four year in California, but I'm not fully sure yet.

Q: [What is one thing you would like to see accomplished during your legacy as Student Ambassador?](#)

A: I would like everyone to feel accepted and not afraid to ask for help.



**Riley Witherell**

Q: [What do you like most about College of the Siskiyous?](#)

A: It's hard to choose one thing I like the most about COS. I practically grew up here, with my dad, grandpa, and aunt all have worked or are working here. The campus is beautiful. The staff is kind and fantastic. Also the Siskiyou Promise allows me to get my AA for basically no cost.

Q: [What is your Major? Where do you plan to transfer?](#)

A: I am majoring in Musical Theatre and Psychology. I have not decided where

I want to transfer too, but am looking at SOU, NAU, and CWU.

**Q:** What is one thing you would like to see accomplished during your legacy as Student Ambassador?

**A:** One thing I would like to see is more student social events. It would be great to see different national holidays, like National Donut Day, celebrated. I think it would make the campus a bit more quirky, and it would be a lot of fun.

**Financial Aid:** The Financial Aid Office had the first Pell disbursement on August 30. We disbursed Pell to 344 students with a total amount of \$392,747. Students received the first half of their grant and will receive the second half October 19. We will disburse funds to students every two weeks for the remaining fall semester. Our disbursement schedule is located on our webpage: <http://www.siskiyous.edu/financialaid/disbursement.htm>

Financial Aid joined in with the Week of Welcome activities! Haley Pope worked the magic financial aid wheel with the assistance of Beckie Hobbs! Students or whoever passed by the table selected a financial aid question, attempted to answer and was able to spin the wheel for one of the many exciting prizes on the table!! A good time was had by all!

We will be working with our SIG consultant this month to set up Banner for the 2019/2020 school year. The 19/20 FAFSA will be available on October 1, 2018. Students can still complete the 2018/2019 FAFSA so will need to be aware of completing the correct FAFSA depending on what school year they are planning on attending.



This summer the Department of Education has released a mobile app for completing the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). Students completing the 2018/2019 FAFSA for the first time will be able to use the mobile app but with limitations. They will not be able to make a correction to FAFSA information, renew an application or access family tax data from the Internal Revenue Service. Beginning with the 2019/2020 FAFSA mobile app, these caveats are expected to disappear. Students can complete their information on their device and parents can continue with their information on their device. This will allow broader access for families that do not have access to a desktop computer at home.

**Lodges:** The Housing Program continues to be busy with 160 students in residence, which is the maximum occupancy. We've found housing for 20 students who were on our overflow list. Only eight students are still on our overflow list all of whom contacted us after school started. All overflow students have a place have a temporary place to stay while they are on the lodging waiting list.

Residence Life staff have been working in August to provide effective orientation activities in support of our 160 on campus residents. In addition to night hikes, campus tours and board games nights, 140 residents attend the Lodge orientation on the Sunday night before classes started. Residents heard a welcome speech and challenge to succeed from Dr. Stephen Schoonmaker; Dr. Doug Haugen addressed the value of community; Jude Baldwin shared how to become part of the research library family. Officer, Tim Green invited them to make good decisions and visit him at the on Weed Campus police substation. Jon Jon Junpradub reviewed important rules for living on campus and our eight Resident Assistants wrapped up the evening with individual floor meetings.

**International Students:**

During the Week of Welcome, first and second year international students met to review important updates and meet Designated School Officials and other key staff. Topics during orientation included maintaining Visa status, getting an on campus job, Student Support Services, adjusting to local culture, and what to expect in American classrooms.



**Student Equity Update-Campus Connections:** It is great having students back on campus and getting back into the swing of things. Our Eagle Student Resource Fair was held on Wednesday, August 29, during Weed of Welcome and it was a success with over 15 different community partners coming to campus to provide information to students on their programs and services.

We wrapped up our Siskiyou Promise Summer Workshops in August, and we are happy to report that we had 108 students attend these workshops. We are very happy with the results of these and hope to continue them in the future with all new Siskiyou Promise scholars. Students found it helpful to have hands-on training in mySiskiyou, Canvas and the student email as well as learning more about campus before classes began.

Our Siskiyou Promise Welcome Reception was held on Sunday August 26, and it was great to have some of our new students and their families on campus. Families enjoyed cake and refreshments while being introduced to faculty, staff and other students. They were welcomed by Dr. Schoonmaker, and enjoyed a talk from Stephanie Wroten on the transition from high school to college. We ended with Mikayla Hocker talking about student involvement and how important it is to engage in campus activities.

**Counseling and Student Support Programs:** Counselors and Advisors have been seeing a lot of students in the past couple weeks assisting with adding of classes (some for full time, others adding to their schedules), changing of classes, adding a class because their class was cancelled or they didn't get off a waiting list, and for financial aid appeals, petitions for academic reinstatement, and EOPS counselor contacts.

We are also preparing for the College Fair portion of Preview Day, which will be held on Wednesday, September 12 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the COS Gym. The College Fair is beneficial to our students who plan to transfer, as well as to the local high school seniors who will be on campus that day. Josh Collins coordinates the College Fair, and we currently have 30 schools who have RSVP'd to attend.

College of the Siskiyous was recently highlighted in a publication from the Public Policy Institute of California. The organization contacted us requesting an interview regarding the "placement reforms" we had put into place because (through data obtained by the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office) they saw the **greatest increase** in the percentage of placement of students directly into college level math of any California Community College. The [publication](#) highlights College of the Siskiyous and shared efforts of our Student Services and Instruction areas starting on page 12. Very exciting!

- **EOPS/CARE:** Shannon Eller reports that we have 163 students in EOPS for the fall semester, and we are continuing to receive CARE applications. Most of these students received a \$400 book voucher and a \$25 gas voucher or equal value of bus passes to start their semester. They also received a backpack or book bag full of school supplies.
- **Foster Youth Success Program:** Shannon also reports that we have 10 students in our FYSP; six of which are new! The first Monthly Meet Up will be September 14.

Shannon Eller is working with Regina Weston (Student Equity) to coordinate a campus visit for 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade foster youth students from Modoc. We are calling it "FYSP VIP Day", and it will be held on October 17<sup>th</sup>. We will provide them with a tour of campus, a chemistry lab demonstration, lunch and meet, and afternoon classroom visit or presentation. We are really looking forward to having them on campus!

- **TRiO – Student Support Program and Upward Bound:** The TRiO programs (both SSS and UB) received a 4.25% increase in funding for the 2018-19 fiscal year. And both programs are starting the year off with more students than ever!
  - **SSS:** Tyler Morrison, formerly our Upward Bound Advisor, has moved over to SSS! As the SSS Advisor, Tyler will continue to assist those former UB students who are attending COS, as well as recruiting new students to the program. Due in part to Tyler's outreach effort and radiating of excitement about his new position, we already have 100 students in the program for fall semester. We accept applications on-going throughout the year, but hope to get close to our 180 requirement by the end of fall. One of the services

provided to SSS participants is visits to transfer campuses. We have opened reservations for Chico Preview Day in October.

- **UB:** Upward Bound will be filling the vacancy left by Tyler. Currently Stephanie Wroten, the TRiO Director, is visiting the UB students at their high schools. Upward Bound is serving 82 students throughout Siskiyou County.

## Instruction

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**COS Success Story:** Brenna Montagne was a COS student studying biology from 2009 through 2013. As part of her studies, she completed a Work Experience in Biology class with the U.S. Forest Service. That position opened doors that have led her to an exciting career with the Forest Service where she currently works to monitor, protect, and restore local plant communities including being recently involved in restoration decision-making for the fire suppression activities in the Hirtz and Carr fires. The situation has come full circle in the sense that Brenna currently shares her knowledge and expertise as the supervisor for current students enrolled in our Work Experience in Biology class. We wanted to highlight this story because we are so proud of the accomplishments of our alumni and grateful that we have these hands-on opportunities to help our current students meet their career goals.

**Walking with Walt:** Over the summer the Theatre Department began work on a production of "Walking with Walt", which was written by a talented local playwright, Tim Holt. This was an amazing opportunity for College of the Siskiyous to collaborate with a local writer. Director Neil Carpentier-Alting has worked closely with the author to develop and modify the script over the last several months. This charming production involves not only some of our students, but several members of the community as well. The cast ranges from 13 to 70 years of age.

The play tells the story of Sam Marler and his journey across the country with the great American poet, Walt Whitman in 1890. Inspired by reading Whitman's poetry, Marler quits his job as a dockworker and sets out to explore the sprawling, vibrant country he has read about in Whitman's poetry. As they travel together, Marler and Whitman encounter a cast of characters that could have come straight out of the pages of "Leaves of Grass". Ultimately, Marler's journey takes him back to his old hometown and a former sweetheart. Difficulties immediately arise as Marler, with some help from Whitman's poetry, tries to rekindle this old romance.

"Walking with Walt" opens opened last weekend in the COS Kenneth W. Ford Theater and will run through September 16th. Additional performances will be held September 14 and 15 at 7 p.m., and September 16 at 3 p.m. Seating is limited, as audience will be treated to onstage intimate seating. Tickets to the performance are \$10 and may be purchased at the Theater prior to each showing. COS Students who attend the show will receive free admission.

**Constitution Day:** Constitution Day is September 17 from 2 to 3 p.m. Political Science is working with Theater Department to hold reading of various parts of the Constitution; still in planning stages, actors may be in costume, will take place in the Student Center.



**Theatre Building:** If you happen by the Theatre building, you will notice a few changes. We have improved the “Black Box.” It now includes a dance floor. In the past students rehearsed on the concrete floor, which was not an ideal situation. The dance floor will give the theatre department a true rehearsal space, rather than having to use the sprung stage in the theatre. Additionally, our own Amy LaMachia designed and painted a mural in the main hallway of the theatre building. As you can see in the pictures below, the mural represents the musical side of the performing arts on the south end of the hallway and the theatrical performing arts on the north end. Stop by and enjoy Amy’s artwork when you have a chance.



**Library:** Starting this fall, reserve textbooks will be available on the Yreka Campus. They are located in the Welcome Center (with Crystal Fahey) and can be used for two hours anywhere on the Yreka Campus. The collection focuses on classes held on the Yreka campus; additional titles are available in the library on the Weed Campus. Please help us spread the word about this valuable resource for our students—on both campuses.

The "loft" area of the library has been re-imagined as the Study Lounge where food and drink is allowed and students are not asked to keep their voices down. The library still has quiet zones and a group study room, plus some new comfy armchairs and new computer chairs, making it a great study spot on campus.

Reading for fun has just gotten easier. To expand access to books and magazines beyond materials that support our curriculum, the COS Library has partnered with the Siskiyou County Library to issue public library cards. Public library cards are active immediately allowing access to their diverse collection of eBooks, e-audiobooks, and e-magazines; they can also be used at any branch library by the next business day. The application is very simple and all COS students and employees are encouraged to stop by anytime the COS Library is open to sign up for a public library card.

The Library was excited to welcome back Dr. Madeline Duntley, Associate Professor of Sociology (Bowling Green State University, Ohio). This summer's research using the clipping files, microfilm, and books in the Mt. Shasta Collection will turn into presentations for the American Academy of Religion conference this November.

Duntley's presentations are: *Crystal Geyser, Water Activists and Mt. Shasta's Eco-Esotericism*, "which chronicles the spiritual and ecological motivations and strategies employed by Mt. Shasta's grassroots activists who protested extractive resource capitalism," and *Ritualized Garments and Color-Vibrational Esotericism in Angel Pageantry* which traces the Mt. Shasta area "esotericists' use of vibrational science from a wide range of classic and modern theories of optics, color, and Pythagorean music theory (music of the spheres) in works by Plato, Newton, Goethe, Fludd, Palmer, Blavatsky, Babbitt, Young, Helmholtz."

**Non-Credit Program Update:** We experienced the success of our first noncredit class at the Day Reporting Center. The students were presented the students with a COS certificate of completion of the noncredit class "Strategic thinking, problem solving, decision making" class.

I (Kim Freeze) have worked for about the last 1 1/2 years along with Dr. Scott's support to facilitate the collaboration. We created four courses specific for their program. Jeff, Sergeant of the Jail, along with Rich Watton attended.

As I stood there listening to Fernie Fernandez, employee at the DRC, and adjunct instructor noncredit, deliver his speech and hand out the certificates, I could not help but feel so incredible about the empowerment and motivation for change that higher education brings.

I am so proud of our noncredit program. It has really brought out the "community" in our college. It was worth all of the hard work and time that went into the creation of courses and creating the relationships we now proudly have with law enforcement. To see one of the students take a picture of his certificate with his phone to send to his family... For some it was



their first college class, and for a few others, the door has been opened to all of the possibilities and the creation of new students.

## Human Resources

Recruitment	
Position	Status
Custodian	Complete: Lupe Dominguez
Food Services Assistant (2 Positions)	Job Offer Pending
Associate Director, Fiscal Services	Reference Checking
Director, Non-Credit, Community & Contract Education	Final Interviews Scheduled
Program Assistant, DSPS	Reference Checking
Dual Enrollment Coordinator	Interviews Scheduled
Police Academy Coordinator	Screening
Dean, CTE & Yreka Center	Initial Meeting Scheduled
Student Services Specialist, Admissions & Records	Initial Meeting Scheduled
Food Services Assistant (1 Position)	First Review 9/19/2018

**TB Assessments/Tests:** TB Risk Assessments and/or TB Tests are not currently being offered in the Student Health Clinic. We are working with the provider to remedy this and will update everyone by email once we have more information.

**CVT Open Enrollment:** Open Enrollment for health benefits will be in September. A CVT Representative will be here on September 18 and 19 for individual appointments for those who have questions regarding plan choice or general questions about their plan. We are working on scheduling group meetings for general questions and for the representative to update on any changes to the plans this year. More information and requests for individual meeting times will be emailed out soon.

**From the Desk of Theresa Richmond:** On October 11 and 12, the District's Diversity Committee is hosting two members of the National Equity Project, Tom Malarkey and Asha Sitaram, to conduct the "Leading for Equity Institute" conference. The conference will be located at College of the Siskiyous Weed Campus, and is for 40 participants. The Diversity Committee is looking for a cross-section of ASM, Classified, Faculty and Students. The conference is two-days, and participants must be present for the entire institute. Breakfast, lunch and snacks will be served! The District will be using our EEO funds that are specifically provided for this and other equal opportunity, diversity, inclusion, and equity projects.

*A bit about the Institute:* Leading for Equity (LFE) is the National Equity Project's signature Institute for teams working on equity efforts. Experience expert, caring facilitation to collaboratively address a range of equity challenges. Participants develop their capacity to foster positive change on behalf of historically underserved young people and families. This experiential institute provides ample opportunities for sharing, reflection, and planning to

inform your current work. Leading for Equity develops individual and collective leadership at every level. Teams attending LFE deepen their commitment, relationships and efficacy while developing concrete strategies to achieve equity goals.

If you would like to join the Diversity Committee for this two-day groundbreaking institute for our District, please let me know.

## Academic Senate

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So many exciting events to report! Most obviously, the faculty have re-invaded the campus! Courses have been updated and newly created; tens of thousands of syllabi have been written, copied, and distributed to students; classes are well underway, and we are teaching our hearts out! We're working hard to master eLumen and get curriculum flowing again.

A big shout out to Val Roberts, Counseling Services, and Math Faculty. If you didn't take the time to read the article earlier, take a look now: <http://www.ppic.org/wp-content/uploads/remedial-education-reforms-at-californias-community-colleges-august-2018.pdf> **(Spoiler alert...COS is #1!)**

On Orientation Day, The faculty made 72 committee appointments and got a chance to discuss the new Program Review and SLO processes. This week, we plan to make all of the SLO Committee appointments, bringing committee appointments up to almost 200.

**Library Updates:** The library's upstairs area is now the Study Lounge, an un-quiet study space where food, drink, and conversation are allowed. Starting this fall, there is a small collection of Reserve textbooks on the Yreka Campus. They are located in the Main Office/ Welcome Center and can be used anywhere on the Yreka Campus. Students and COS employees may now sign up for Siskiyou County Library cards at the COS Library. Cards are active immediately so that you have access to a great collection of online e-Books, e-audiobooks, and e-magazines. Cards will work in person at any branch library by the next business day.

Work is progressing on the Chinese Educational Summit and four full days of activities have been planned. Stay tuned!

The Faculty held a special meeting to approve the interstate passport that will give students transferring out-of-state greater security. In addition, this membership will give us free access to student data that will be very useful.

Faculty Coaches have been practicing for a month already and our sporting season is off to a great start! Also on the event front, Walking with Walt will show its final performances this weekend in the COS Theater. We hope to see you at ALL of the wonderful events!

*No other reports were submitted.*