



College of the Siskiyous
The Campus Connection
February 2020

Office of the President

Spring semester is in full swing. Our students are attending classes, receiving academic and social support outside of the classroom, participating in co-curricular activities, and engaging in student leadership in the lodges, in student government, and on participatory governance committees. Have you noticed how awesome so many of our students are? They work while attending classes; many take care of family members, too. Our students and the work they do to transform their lives is our why for being here. Does that excite you? Does knowing that their lives are in the balance of what you do here each day fill you with pride for the College, your efforts, and the work of everyone here? Does seeing our students struggle – and then succeed – urge you to seek more and better ways to improve the College, our College, your College? If a student is in need, do you jump at the chance to help, go the extra mile, and redouble your efforts to work as a member of the College team – as a member of the College family – to meet that need as well as being prepared to meet that need for other students here and the students that follow in the years ahead? We believe in our students. We also believe in each and every one of you. We hope that your answer to each of the questions above is a resounding, “yes!”

A grateful note of thanks to our recognition and rewards committee for the Siskiyous Props campaign earlier this month. We look forward to more events and activities from this committee. In the meantime, we hope you enjoyed the words of encouragement and respect shared in your envelope by your fellow colleagues. We appreciate you. We value you as a member of the College community. Sometimes words fail us in conveying our feelings, yet the sentiment of appreciation remains true.

We have several months remaining in the academic year. Our efforts on the three themes identified as the foundation of our goals for this year remain at the forefront of our collective work: transitions, planning, and relationships.

Quote of the month:

“Words do not create transition. Ideas do.”

Peter Jacobi, Professor Emeritus of Journalism, Indiana University

Public Relations & Foundation: Well...we did it!!! We made it through the first month of another brand-new semester at COS!! January was certainly a busy month and we hit the ground running straight into February. There have been many meetings, events, and a couple of three-day weekends to help us regroup, reenergize, rest, and relax, before hitting the ground running for the remainder of the Spring Semester!!

COS Sports Update- If you have not been to a home basketball game yet, please try to come out and support our Men’s and Women’s Basketball teams. Both teams are fun to watch and the games keep getting more and more exciting. There is only one home game left -- Wednesday, February 19 at 5:00PM (Men) and 7:00PM (Women).

Baseball and Softball season started earlier this month as well. The first home games of the season are scheduled for February 21 and 22 vs. Feather River College (weather permitting). Softball also opened their season on the road and won't host a home game until March 11 vs. Shasta College.

It's also Track & Field season!! The COS Track & Field team will open competition this Friday, February 21 at the Butte 4-Hour Meet in Oroville. Good luck to all our student athletes.

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

- COS Foundation Board Welcomes New President and Vice President
<https://www.siskiyoudaily.com/news/20200208/cos-foundation-board-welcomes-new-president-vice-president>
- North County Towns to be involved in SMC Inside Siskiyou News Show
<https://www.siskiyoudaily.com/news/20200124/north-county-towns-to-be-involved-in-smcs-inside-siskiyou-news-show>
- Filmed in Siskiyou, Atomic Apocalypse Features Familiar Faces and Places
<https://www.siskiyoudaily.com/news/20200202/filmed-in-siskiyou-atomic-apocalypse-features-familiar-faces-places>

2020-2021 Foundation Scholarship Application Now Available: Scholarship applications for academic year 2020-2021 are now available for Siskiyou County high school seniors (graduating spring 2020) and current COS students who plan to attend COS during the 2020-2021 year. Scholarships range from \$250 to \$3,000. The application is due March 13 and can be found online at www.siskiyous.edu/foundation/scholarships.htm.

February / March Activities & Events: Event dates, times, and locations based on information available at the time of publication and are subject to change.

- February 19: Basketball vs. Lassen, 5PM (Men) & 7PM (Women) – Gym
- February 21: Baseball vs. Feather River College, 2PM – Baseball Field (Weather Permitting)
- February 22: Baseball vs. Feather River College, 11AM & 2PM – Baseball Field (Weather Permitting)
- February 28: Baseball vs. Lassen College, 2PM – Baseball Field (Weather Permitting)
- February 29: Baseball vs. Lassen College, 11AM & 2PM – Baseball Field (Weather Permitting)
- March 3: COS Board of Trustees Meeting, 6PM (Open Session) – Board Room
- March 5: Speaker Series Presents “Raising Guide Dogs for the Blind,” 7PM, ASC Loft (Free Presentation)
- March 6: All College Meeting, 8:30AM – Theater
- March 6: Baseball vs. Shasta College, 2PM – Baseball Field (weather permitting)
- March 11: Softball vs. Shasta College, 12 & 2PM – Softball Field (weather permitting)
- March 18: Softball vs. Redwoods, 12 & 2PM – Softball Field (weather permitting)
- March 19: 8th Grade Day, 9AM – Campus
- March 21: Softball vs. Feather River, 12 & 2PM – Softball Field (weather permitting)
- March 23 – 27: Spring Break (No Classes)

Administrative Services

Budget development is in full swing with Program Reviews and CQIPs being finalized. February is also the month that multiple Banner training sessions are held by fiscal services for budget managers along with anyone else who might be interested in attending. At the March 3rd Board of Trustees meeting, Fiscal Services will share the “Draft” Budget Assumptions for 2020-2021 for review and approval. This document will have gone through the participatory governance process before being presented to the Board of Trustees and represents core elements used to develop the 2020-2021 Tentative Budget.

Facilities:

- Work will begin shortly on the electronic locks located on the Lodge Main Entrance Doors. Installation work is to be completed in house and commissioned by our lock system supplier with an anticipate March 1st completion date.
- Work on the Temp 30 tank-less water heating system was completed just in time for the NOLS program to begin.
- A new ADA compliant door was added to the Gymnasium this month and is located on the south side of the athletic equipment room. This work was completed in house and looks great!
- Theater Building, room 3 is part of a technology upgrade with a new piano rearrangement and the addition of large computer monitors throughout the classroom.
- Work is set to begin in the Welding Shop with the addition of several new electrical circuits to accommodate five new pieces of equipment for the Welding Program.
- A proposed design for dining room gates was accepted and will be manufactured by our very own Welding Program. Installation of the new gates is coming soon.
- Facility Master Plan Forum #2 was another successful event full of new ideas for the Yreka Campus. When the date and time is identified for the third Forum, a “save the date” email will be sent out to the campus community.
- The Non-Industrial Timber Management Plan and Timber Harvest Plan is moving right along in conjunction with the revision and updating of the Facility Master Plan. One of the first steps in the CEQA process involved an archeologist cultural survey which was completed a few weeks ago. The wildlife biologist will be the next step in the process with a botanical survey to be scheduled in the coming weeks.

Information Technology (IT) Services:

- The firewall that protects the College’s network from the Internet has been upgraded to provide next generation protection.
- The department is currently wrapping up the Windows 10 Upgrade, which assures that the College has the most current operating system providing the best security and supporting the latest technology. Thank you to all for assistance and patience in making this transition.
- In March, the department will send out a customer satisfaction survey to staff and faculty requesting feedback and assistance in identifying areas for improvement.

- The IT department is currently making plans to improve both the coverage and performance of the College's wireless network in the Lodges. These improvements will be implemented later this spring.
- The Technology Advisory Committee is creating a Charter that clearly defines its role and objectives and defining formal procedures for reviewing technology and making recommendations concerning adoption, priorities, resource management, and strategic direction.

Student Services

Greetings from Student Services. This past month, two searches were conducted. One for Student Equity Technician and the other for a new Financial Aid Director. No announcements yet, but the candidate pool for each position was strong. Thank you to everyone who participated and applied.

The Siskiyou Promise program is changing and will provide more touch points with the student recipient. For example, in addition to the fall reception, a daylong "extended orientation" will be included that will reinforce student account skills (access their accounts), resources, and financial aid literacy. Parents will also be invited to attend.

Vice President Melissa Green is the Chair for the ADA compliance group. A component of the College's accessibility plan includes the distribution of a survey sent to faculty, staff, and students. All are invited to share information regarding accessibility in your "primary area." For example, that's Student Center for her, as that is where she spends most of her time. More details will be sent via email soon.

March is Women's History Month, National Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month, and National Multiple Sclerosis Education and Awareness Month. Here are some dates to take note of:

- March 1: Cheesefare Sunday or Forgiveness Sunday
- March 2- Lent in the Orthodox Christian faith
- March 8: International Women's Day.
- March 9-10: Holi, the annual Hindu and Sikh spring religious festival observed in India, Nepal and Sri Lanka,
- March 9-10: Purim, a Jewish celebration
- March 10-12: Hola Mohalla, a Sikh festival
- March 13-April 15: Deaf History Month.
- March 17: St. Patrick's Day
- March 19-20: Naw-Rúz, the Bahá'í New Year is a holiday celebrated on the vernal equinox.
- March 20: Ostara, a celebration of the spring equinox commemorated by Pagans and Wiccans. It is observed as a time to mark the coming of spring and the fertility of the land.
- March 20-21: Nowruz/Norooz, Persian New Year, a day of joy, celebration and renewal.
- March 21: International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination
- March 25: International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade
- March 25: Hindi New Year.
- March 25: Annunciation of the Virgin Mary,
- March 31: International Transgender Day of Visibility.

Counseling and Advising: During the past few weeks in preparation for the spring semester, the folks in Eddy Hall and in the Yreka Counseling Office welcomed new and returning students. The students were assisted with orientation, registration, career exploration conversations, and education planning.

CalWORKs/DSPS/EOPS & CARE/Foster Youth Success Programs: Students have been completing the in-take and verification process and/or specific orientations for each of these programs in order to be eligible for the on-going services provided. These services are specific to the program in which each student is a part, but all provide a case management approach to serving students and promoting their success.

- **CalWORKs** – services include books and required course materials, school supplies, graphing calculators, transportation assistance, work study placement (if required or requested), and childcare (if requested)
- **DSPS** – services are based on accommodations needed and can include extended test time, note takers, and assistive technology
- **EOPS** – services include a book voucher, counseling, a semester starter pack of school supplies, graphing and scientific calculator lending, digital voice recorder lending, transportation assistance, a meal card, and an end of semester need based grant (must meet with a counselor 2 times and complete 2 check-ins during the semester with EOPS staff)
- **CARE** – (must also be in EOPS) services include required course materials, childcare reimbursement (if requested), additional transportation assistance, end of semester need-based grants
- **Foster Youth** – services include assistance with Chafee Grant, school supplies, graphing calculators, transportation assistance, monthly ‘Meet Ups’ for resource sharing and support, wireless hotspots, and refurbished laptops

TRiO Program – Student Support Services (SSS) & Upward Bound (UB): Stephanie Wroten, Emily Anderson-Moser, and Valerie Roberts worked many additional hours in January to write, edit, and submit the SSS grant renewal. This renewal will fund the SSS program for an additional five years. Notification of renewed funding will be received anytime between April and August 2020.

Through a partnership with Equity, the SSS program recently took students to the Bay Area to attend the Black College Expo (February 7-9, 2020). This event highlighted over 50 of the 104 historically black colleges and universities, as well as the Bay Area CSU and UC campuses. In addition, internship representatives from Disney, the Forest Service, and Police Departments from San Francisco and Oakland in attendance to speak with students about career opportunities. There were 20 Upward Bound students, 20 SSS students, and 15 Equity students who participated in this fun trip.

Student Equity: As the spring semester begins things are hopping at HQ. It’s always great to have the hustle and



bustle of students who are stopping by and hanging out and many fun events are being planned to keep them engaged. Starting this semester, Equity is partnering with TRIO to plan joint events under the name “Adventure Outings” to help keep students engaged in the campus community. These events include excursions to local locations, such as the Mt. Shasta Ice Rink or hiking to local waterfalls. The Campus Fun events are being planned by our Eagle Ambassadors and will include campus tours and finally Good Eats, which are food-themed events that are held once a month in HQ.

As more students are accessing HQ services, there is always a need of personal hygiene products such as toothpaste, deodorant and soap, as well as staples to keep the food pantry stocked. Some favorites among the students are Chef Boyardee, Beef Stew, Chili, Spaghetti Sauce and Noodles and of course Ramen. Next time you are at the grocery store, consider picking up a few of these items and donating them to HQ to help keep the pantry stocked.

Instruction

Nursing Department Update: The 2020-2021 LVN to RN class will start in March with the LVN to RN role transition class. We look forward to welcoming our new students.

This year marks 50 years for the College of the Siskiyous Nursing Program. More information on the program’s history will be shared over the next few months.

A recent report from Board of Vocational Nursing indicates that the pass rate for our Nursing Program remains at 100%. Congratulations to all our Nursing graduates.

Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) Midterm Report – Approved!

On February 13, 2020, the fully approved and executed 2020 ACCJC Midterm Report was submitted to ACCJC, over a month sooner than the indicated deadline of March 15, 2020. The Midterm Report was developed with input from the College community and was presented to all Participatory Governance groups. It was approved by the Board of Trustees during the February board meeting. The Midterm Report reflects the progress made by the College since its spring 2016 Comprehensive Site Visit. The overall premise for the report is to determine any needed changes, revisions, and/or enhancements prior to the 2023 ACCJC Comprehensive visit. Institution-Set Standards and Financial Data forms assist in providing benchmark and stretch-goals. The fully executed report can be accessed on the College’s Accreditation Page: www.siskiyous.edu/accreditation/midtermreport.htm.

Guided Pathways Scale of Adoption Self- Assessment Tool (SOAA) – Submitted!

The College’s Guided Pathways SOAA was successfully approved and submitted into the California Community College’s NOVA System. The SOAA indicated improvements in six areas relating to:

- Mapping Pathways to Student End Goals
- Helping Students Choose and Enter a Program Pathway
- Keeping Students on Path
- Ensuring Students are Learning

Kudos to all serving on our Guided Pathways Pillar Teams! The College looks forward to producing more outcomes towards these efforts in 2020-2021.

Upcoming Cannabaceae Studies Conference: April 3 and 4, 2020

College of the Siskiyous is hosting a two-day Cannabaceae Studies Conference on Friday, April 3 and Saturday, April 4. Participants will complete four Cannabaceae Studies, Community Education courses to include:

- Science of the Cannabaceae Family
- Federal vs. State Law
- Politics and History
- Industrial Hemp Essentials

Vendors and demos will also be available on Friday, April 3 from 3 to 6 p.m. For more information contact Char Perlas by sending an email to cperlas@siskiyous.edu. To register for the event scan the QR code on the postcard below or go to: shorturl.at/ampSZ

No other reports were submitted.



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