

The Campus Connection March 2022

Office of the President

Submitted by Dr. Char Perlas, Interim Superintendent/President

March is Women's History Month! In 1978, Women's History Month started as Women's History Week by the Education Task Force of the Sonoma County Commissions on the Status of Women. In 1980, the National Women's History Alliance successfully lobbied for national recognition and, the president at that time, Jimmy Carter, issued the first Presidential Proclamation declaring the week of March 8th as National Women's History Week. It wasn't until Congress passed Public Law designating March as Women's History Month in 1987. This year's Women's History Month theme is: *Providing Healing*,

Promoting Hope.

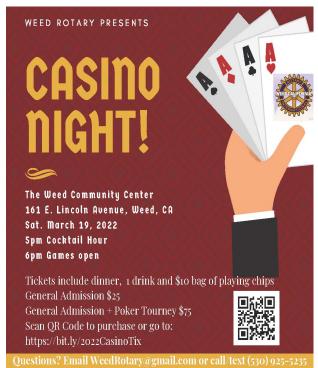
Additionally, March 8th is International Women's Day. This year's theme is #BreakTheBias which celebrates women's achievements, raises awareness against bias and asks that individuals take action for equality. The website

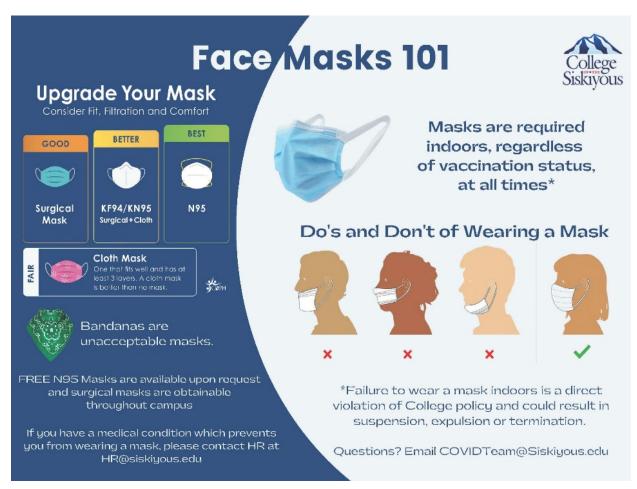
https://www.internationalwomensday.com/ offers a number of free, virtual events including Reimagined in America: Advancing Gender Equity, 4 Mindsets WOC Need to Overcome to Negotiate Anything, Hiding in the Shadows of Stereotypes: The Stigma of Maternal Mental Illness, and Future of Work: Women Sharing the Pandemic Pivot.

If you're interested in making a substantial impact towards gender equity, please consider joining the American Association of University Women (AAUW) Siskiyou County Branch! To learn more visit the AAUW Siskiyou County Website or email cperlas@siskiyous.edu.

Mask Policy Message: The College is committed to providing a safe, educational environment and as a result, the Siskiyous Mask Policy, which requires all individuals to wear a mask while indoors regardless of vaccination status, will remain in-place and will be re-assessed two weeks after Spring Break (April 15th). This decision is based on the County's COVID-19 rates as well as consideration of individuals who may be traveling out of the area for Spring Break.







Public Relations & College Foundation:

Win This CFMOTO ZFORCE 800EX UTV! You have a 1 in 500 chance of winning! Tickets are \$50 each. We accept cash, check, or credit card. Drawing will take place in June, 2022. Call the Foundation office at 530-938-5373 to purchase a ticket. This is a COS Foundation fundraiser to support student scholarships, grants, and other student-centered projects and activities. The UTV has been purchased from HRF Powersports in Yreka, CA.



2022 Spring Semester Finish Line Scholarships for Students: The goal of the Finish Line Scholars Program is to support students to ensure they stay on track with their education and complete a degree, certificate, or transfer to a four year college or university. The program is intended to help eliminate regional educational gaps through distribution of emergency financial aid to students facing unexpected hardships and scholarships to students who are well on their way toward a finish line goal of transferring to a college or university or completing a certificate or degree. Spring 2022 scholarships are available at this time. To apply, students must fill out and submit application found online and provide copy of their spring semester enrollment. More information online at:

https://www.siskiyous.edu/foundation/finishline scholarship.htm.

Come Join Our Team: We are looking for new volunteers to join the Eagle's Nest team. Volunteers work three to four 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 Eagles Nest. If you know of anyone who may be interested in volunteering have them call (530) 938-4663 or stop by the Eagle's Nest.

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

- March 15: COS Board of Trustees Meeting, 4pm Zoom
- March 18: Baseball vs. Redwoods, 2pm Baseball Field
- March 19: Baseball vs. Redwoods, 12pm (DH) Baseball Field
- March 19: Softball vs. Shasta, 12pm (DH)

 Softball Field
- March 25: Softball vs. Lassen, 12pm (DH) Softball Field
- March 25: Baseball vs. Butte, 2pm Baseball Field
- March 26: Softball vs. Redwoods, 12pm (DH) Softball Field
- March 26: Baseball vs. Butte, 12pm (DH) Baseball Field
- March 28-April 1: Spring Break
- April Sexual Assault Awareness Month (https://www.nsvrc.org/saam)
- March 28-April 1: Spring Break
- April 1: Baseball vs. Feather River, 2pm Baseball Field
- April 2: Baseball vs. Feather River, 1pm Baseball Field
- April 8: Softball vs. Butte, 12pm Softball Field
- April 8: Baseball vs. Lassen, 2pm Baseball Field
- April 9: Baseball vs. Lassen, 1pm Baseball Field
- April 15: Last day to drop class w/o a grade
- April 15: Softball vs. Feather River, 12pm (DH) Softball Field
- April 15: Baseball vs. Shasta, 2pm Baseball Field
- April 15-16, 22-23: Performing Arts Department Presents "Almost, Maine", 7pm – Theater
- April 17 & 24: Performing Arts Department Presents "Almost, Maine", 3pm - Theater
- April 17-23: National Volunteer Appreciation Week
- April 19: COS Board of Trustees Monthly Meeting, 4pm –
 Zoom
- April 20: Earth Day Celebration, 11am to 2pm Weed Campus (Various Activities Planned)
- April 24: Siskiyous Spring Youth Soccer Clinic, 9am to 12pm – Soccer Field (Ages 10 to 17, \$30)
- April 25 29: Black Student Success Week





Athletics: Congratulations to our Golden Valley Conference All-Conference selections in Men's and Women's Basketball!

We all recognize the effort, time commitment, and hard work it takes to be recognized for these honors.





Men's Basketball	Women's Basketball	
1 st Team	1 st Team	
Kody Bauman (Mt Shasta, CA)	Halliday Hubbard (Etna, CA)	
Cade Ealy (Mt Shasta, CA)	Kayana Woodard (Central Point, OR)	
Honorable Mention	Honorable Mention	
Jett Snure (Mt Shasta, CA)	Morgan Thomas (Eureka, NV)	
All-Defensive Team	Jazmyne Wells (Central Point, OR)	
Zane Lueth (Loxton, South Australia)		

Women's Basketball made their 10th straight playoff appearance! Congratulations to Coach Collier, assistant coaches, and students you make us all proud to be EAGLES!!

We have 21 home baseball and softball games taking place in March and April! Come out and support our coaches and students! GO EAGLES!

<u>SPORT</u>	DAY	DATE	<u>OPPONENT</u>	<u>TIME</u>
BASEBALL	Saturday	March 12 th	Shasta*	11am (DH)
BASEBALL	Friday	March 18 th	Redwoods*	2pm
BASEBALL	Saturday	March 19 th	Redwoods*	12pm (DH)
SOFTBALL	Saturday	March 19 th	Shasta*	12pm (DH)
BASEBALL	Friday	March 25 th	Butte*	2pm
SOFTBALL	Friday	March 25 th	Lassen*	12pm (DH)
BASEBALL	Saturday	March 26 th	Butte*	12pm (DH)
SOFTBALL	Saturday	March 26 th	Redwoods*	12pm (DH)
BASEBALL	Friday	April 1 st	Feather River*	2pm
BASEBALL	Saturday	April 2 nd	Feather River*	1pm
SOFTBALL	Friday	April 8 th	Butte*	12pm (DH)
BASEBALL	Friday	April 15 th	Shasta*	2pm
SOFTBALL	Friday	April 15 th	Feather River	12pm (DH)

We Want You at Our Games! Check the <u>Athletics webpage</u> for current schedule, scores, and photos from the events.

Administrative Services

Submitted by Darlene Melby, Vice President of Administrative Services & Human Resources

It is with great sadness that on February 25, 2022 Cindy Martel, a College of the Siskiyous family member passed away unexpectedly. As the Food Services Supervisor she was huge part of making the department a success from 2016 to 2021. She ensured that meals served to students and employees were nutritional, well balanced and delicious. Cindy had a great passion for creating spectacular food that earned her praise through the years and who can forget the baked goods! On a final note, anyone who worked with Cindy knew of her kind heart and that family always came first. She will be greatly missed by her COS friends and the community.

Bookstore: On March 10, the Bookstore held a Fashion Forum focus group with Eagle Ambassadors and students from the Performing Arts program. We received a lot of great feedback on our current Bookstore clothing selection along with ideas for new designs. Some new and attractive Siskiyous gear will be arriving at the Bookstore this summer!

Graduation Regalia packages which include Cap, Gown, Tassel, and Diploma Cover is available for purchase at the Bookstore or through the <u>Bookstore's Online Store</u>.

The Bookstore has sold 49 eBook subscriptions for the Spring 2022 semester. This is an increase from 41 subscriptions in Fall 2021.

Thank you to Basecamp HQ for providing students with assistance in order to obtain textbooks for so many of our students this semester!

Fiscal Services:

- 2022-2023 Budget Thank you to those who attended the drop in Q&A sessions and the more specific "how to" self-service budget development trainings during the first two weeks of March. If you were unable to attend any of these sessions and have questions related to preparing your budgets in the budget development module in banner, contact Desiree (ext. 5304) or Kent (ext. 5529). Also, contact the Business Office if you are missing any budgets or have new grants for 2022-2023 to be added. The deadline for having your budget information entered into self-service banner is March 25. As always, thank you all for your assistance in building the budget each year. All of your work and analysis helps to create a solid working budget for the District.
- 2020-2021 Final Audit At the February Board meeting, the Board of Trustees approved the 2020-2021 Final Audit Report. The District is very pleased to announce that for the second year in a row, there were no findings for the District. This is only possible through the hard work performed by all areas across campus throughout the entire year. THANK YOU ALL for contributing to another successful audit year.

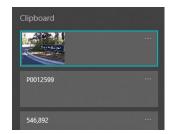
Technology Services: The College has completed its upgrade of the wireless network in the Lodges, increasing coverage and improving performance.

- The IT Department has completed the initial draft of its Operational Plan for FY22-23. The plan will be reviewed by the Technology Advisory Committee in March and it is expected to be published in April.
- Starting this month, the IT department will provide a brief technology tip that may simply your use of technology and help you be more productive:



Bethany's Tech Tips

Tired of copying, switching windows, pasting, and repeating? Turn on your clipboard history by pressing Windows + V on your keyboard, then press Windows + V to see and select your recently copied items!



Student Services

Submitted by Patrick Walton, Vice President of Student Services

March is Women's History Month. I would like to personally acknowledge the positive impact, influence, and contributions of the many wonderful women that I work with daily at COS. We are so fortunate to be surrounded by so many that add so much value to our institution. Thank you! On a personal note, I am grateful especially for the many women in my life that have sacrificed, loved, and given so much to those around them. I stand in awe of my wife and mother of our children, my own mother, and mother-in-law for the women that they are and acknowledge them and the many other amazing women that have influenced my life for the better.

This month we will have the opportunity to visit Yreka High School to participate in their College & Career Day. We look forward to being able to share with students in our local area what COS has to offer and are grateful for our partnership with YHS and our other local K-12 institutions. This month we also kicked off and started presenting regarding the Californians for All Corps Grant. Superintendents and principals were very receptive and genuinely excited about opportunities that we will have to work more closely together over the next couple years as our COS students serve as volunteers working with our K-12 partners.

Commencement planning is moving forward and this year we are planning an outdoor ceremony. We are excited to have a face-to-face ceremony again. Commencement will be on Friday, May 20th at 5:00 pm located at the football stadium. I am grateful to the many hands that it takes to plan, organize, and execute this type of event. In particular, I would like to acknowledge Janice Porterfield for her planning of this. She is the individual who brings it all together and makes the magic happen. Thank you!

Admissions and Records: A&R is currently working with the Counseling Department to process petitions to graduate. Our award number and pending petitions for the 21-22 year are as follows:

AA	AAT	AS	AST	COA	Total
89	10	32	10	80	221

In other news, we are currently setting up for the opening of registration for the Summer and Fall semesters. Students can begin applying at any time.

EOPS/CARE and CalWORKs: The EOPS office has been busy with students completing their counselor contacts and progress check-ins. With one week to go, 93% of our students have already completed their counselor contacts! Progress check-ins are going well with 76% of our students having completed them already and still a week to go. Through the Progress check-ins and Counselor contacts, students are receiving assistance with education planning and are being connected to resources if they are struggling in any of their courses. With gas prices rising, the students have also been very thankful for the gas cards that they receive through the EOPS program.

CCCEOPSA calendars were mailed out to all California Community Colleges and COS's own Paola Machuca, who received the CCCEOPSA scholarship this year for Region 1, was pictured! Congratulations again Paola!



The CalWORKs program is continuing to grow with referrals still coming in weekly from the county. We were excited to help a handful of our CalWORKs students purchase required art supplies for their Art and ECE classes through the Velvet Elephant in Mt. Shasta. The students were very appreciative and excited!

Financial Aid: HEERF3 funds from the CARES act have been disbursed for spring and students should be able to view on their account by Friday March 11, and available to them the following next week. Cal Grants and Student Success and Completion Grants have also been distributed.

Full time students with dependents may qualify for additional SSCG funds. If such a student has been awarded a "tentative" SSCG from the state of California but has not yet been paid in full, they should log in to their web grants portal to verify their dependents. Please have them contact the Financial Aid Office immediately if they have difficulties. They will lose eligibility for additional funds as of <u>March 17</u>.

We are excited to welcome our new Office Assistant II to the department within the next two weeks. Introductions to come. We know this will be of great help to our students as we prepare to process aid applications for the 2022-2023 Award Year!

Academic Affairs

Submitted by Mark Klever, Interim Vice President of Academic Affairs

March 2022

I personally love this time of year. Spring is a time of refreshing new growth after a season that was quite frankly cold, dark and gloomy. Although I realize that we must go through winter to get to spring, sometimes I wish we didn't have to endure the hardships to get to the glorious beauty of spring.

For me, I am looking forward to a new season. It feels like COVID is starting to decline and will soon be behind us. It's been a long two years just with that. I look forward to a new season here at the College of the Siskiyous as we are opening up a new chapter. It's time for change and it's already beginning.

It is wonderful to see the college in many ways coming together to make sure that we keep our student-centered focus. Conversations and groups have been formed to talk about specific things that affect our students. Together, we are coming up with creative solutions that will make a difference. It feels good and we need to continue to open the doors to creativity and collaboration to collectively come together to make a difference for our current and future students. Sometimes these conversations are difficult. Sometimes it makes us uncomfortable but when we conclude and actually come through with a decision that benefits our students, we all benefit together.

As the days get longer and as we open up this new season, I now am encouraged that together we can accomplish many things. I am starting to see a culture change with more unification and less division. For us to continue to do some of the great things that are starting to happen, we are setting our fears to the side based on trust while we are being more vocal in positive ways to create positive change.

For many of us, the last season representing winter was a long one. It lasted for multiple years, even beyond COVID. It feels good that we are beginning the healing process, we are coming together, and we are wanting a new season of fresh beginnings.

Here's to spring 2022. May this be the spring that makes a difference in so many people's lives. -- Mark

Captain "Chief" Mike Wilson's Memorial: We have been in the planning phase of Captain "Chief" Mike Wilson's memorial service and are ready to announce a Celebration of Life will be held April 2, 2022 at 11 am at the Weed Campus Tactical Training Center. We are anticipating a large turnout to celebrate and honor Mike. Following the service, will be a barbecue to share with everyone in attendance. Efforts to establish a memorial scholarship in his name have begun and information will be shared out soon.

New Hires in Academic Affairs: Sami Donaldson, has been hired as the new Academic Affairs Curriculum Specialist. Sami is not only a College of the Siskiyous alumni, she was also born and raised in Siskiyou County. Sami attended Weed Elementary, Middle, and High School. Following her high school graduation she attended College of the Siskiyous, and was a member of the first COS Soccer team (with Coach Ed Kephart) and graduated in 2019 with her Associate of Science in LAS with an emphasis of Natural Science.

Being a part of the Siskiyou County and City of Weed community has had a substantial impact on why she wanted to settle down where she grew up. Her mom, as some of you may know already, Vickie Donaldson, also influenced her decision to stay in Weed and ultimately work at College of the Siskiyous. Funny enough, Sami ended up in the same office and desk as Vickie, but performing a different position as the Curriculum Specialist.

Sami started at College of the Siskiyous as a temporary assistant in the Instruction Office in May 2021. For the past year, Nancy Miller has worked diligently to train her in the role as both an Administrative Assistant and Curriculum Specialist. On top of working at College of the Siskiyous, Sami is also a full-time online student at Southern Oregon University where she is working on her Bachelor of Science in Innovation and Leadership. After changing her major one too many times, she is happy to have finally found a major that she enjoys as well as fits effortlessly into her lifestyle, beliefs, and work ethic. Sami is excited to continue her journey with College of the Siskiyous as the Curriculum Specialist and can't wait to see what the future has in store.

Congratulations Sami and welcome to the Academic Affairs Team!

2021-22 Online Catalog: Congratulations and thank you so much to Nancy Miller and Sami Donaldson for their extreme dedication, thoroughness and hard work producing our first online catalog. Please see Nancy's announcement below.

We are excited to be unveiling the 2021-2022 online catalog produced from course and program data within Elumen.

<u>An Introduction</u> - Course and program (degree and certificate) information is the bulk of the catalog information and is stored in three different software systems:

- **Elumen**--the College's curriculum software where faculty initiate courses and programs and they got through an established approval process;
- Chancellor's Office Curriculum Inventory (COCI) the state's curriculum information software where all California Community College curriculum information is stored;
- **Ellucian/Banner** the College's integrated management software, were course and program information is entered in order to schedule classes, administer prerequisites, award degrees, collect fees, etc.

Because the systems noted above are not integrated, manual entry of data into each software system is required. Therefore, it is imperative that the information in the three systems gets updated as changes are made to courses and programs.

<u>The Journey to the On-Line Catalog</u> - It has been a goal of Academic Affairs to look at ways of automating processes when possible, especially as staffing in the department went from 3 to 1 for a while.

 Looking into the possibility of producing an online catalog, began a little over a year ago; and as staffing has been restored in the department, we were able to really dig into the process of producing our first ever fully online catalog. Course and program data pulls directly from Elumen into the online catalog. This helps to ensure
less data entry errors when the courses were pulling from Banner into the catalog, and then a lot of
manual manipulation and graphic design work was required to produce the printed catalog.

The Beginning - Prior to Spring 2021:

Dr. Perlas identified funds necessary to obtain the catalog software from Elumen. A flex activity was held for faculty to identify the order in which students should complete the required classes for their degrees and certificates.

2020-2021:

- Curriculum tracking processes were established and implemented by Nancy Miller to provide
 accurate information about where in the approval process courses were as well as ensure that
 all steps had been completed including entering into the 3 software systems. There are 20 steps
 in this process and ensuring each step is imperative in keeping data in the three systems
 accurate.
- O During this timeframe, approximately 250 courses were either revised, proposed or deactivated in Elumen. Of those courses, about 73% were approved through the curriculum process. This means that there was a lot of curriculum clean-up was completed so that data going into the 2021-2022 catalog would be more accurate. Thank you faculty and Curriculum Committee!

Spring 2021:

- A team was assembled (Nancy Miller, Gabbi Aston, and Anne Marie Acord) to enter degrees and certificate information into Elumen. This information included information on the order in which students should complete their courses in order to obtain their degree or certificate. This is the first time this information will appear in the catalog.
- Nancy Miller worked with faculty to verify the information entered for their programs.
- A temporary employee was hired, Sami Donaldson, and she began training in all things curriculum, and took over administrative support of the Curriculum Committee.
- o Information was sent out to departments responsible for "catalog front pages" (i.e., information included in the catalog that is not about courses or programs).
- o Work began on the learning about the Elumen online catalog and how it works.
- Courses were imported from Elumen into the catalog.

The Middle - Fall 2021:

- Catalog style and template pages were built with the assistance of Anne Marie Kuhlemann, Michael Reetz, and Max Michelon.
- Sami Donaldson, who is a current college student and brings a student perspective to this work,
 dove into the building/designing of the catalog pages and navigation for the online
 catalog. Examples of other online catalogs were viewed as well as consultation with Val Roberts and
 Josh Collins regarding the layout was invaluable as well. Sami was tireless and fearless as she tried
 different ways to layout the information, ran into some challenges, but always kept working towards
 the end goal of publishing the online catalog.
- Sami Donaldson and Nancy Miller, did one last verification of program information and worked with the area deans and faculty as needed to troubleshoot any issues that were found.

- When programs were initially entered in Elumen there were 93 degrees and certificates. Upon
 completion of the verification of the data on programs, there are 75 degrees and certificates are
 included in the 2021-2022 catalog. The breakdown is below.
 - 21: Associate of Art Degrees
 - 13: Associate of Science Degrees
 - 8: Associate of Arts Degrees for Transfer
 - 6: Associate of Science Degrees for Transfer
 - 13: Certificate of Achievement
 - 8: Certificate of Completion (Non-Credit)
 - 6: Local Certificates

The End - Spring 2022:

- Verification of data began to compare the data in Elumen with the stated approved information in COCI. This was imperative to ensure the accuracy of catalog data, which is our contract without students.
- During the verification process we uncovered some inaccuracies that needed to be corrected before we published the catalog. It felt like we were peeling back layers of an onion, and we didn't stop until we got to the core. This took longer than anticipated, but was worth the work.
- When data was pulled from COCI there were 681 active classes, but about 20 less in Elumen. After
 completing the verification which included conversations with faculty, deans, and researching
 curriculum and Board minutes, we ended up with 618 active courses in catalog.
- Catalog addendums will be produced at regular intervals for any updates that happen before we
 publish the next catalog.

The Future

- Now that we have processes in place to verify information, and our first online catalog has published, production of the next catalog will be much more efficient.
- Work will start almost immediately, because our goal is to produce next year's catalog by the end of June 2022 prior to the upcoming Fall semester. This will give students registering for Fall 2022 access to the catalog information for the 2021-2022 year.
- During our data verification, we have identified some things in COCI that need some clean up. That work will also begin immediately.
- In Spring/Summer 2022 we will work on ensuring that our banner data matches our COCI/Elumen data.

Thank you to everyone who assisted with this project, and especially to Mark Klever for his encouragement and patience as we ran into a few bumps in the road at the end.

Nancy Miller

Upward Bound / TRiO

Submitted by Stephanie Wroten, Director of Upward Bound/TRiO

Office Operations:

Initial interviews for the Administrative Assistant II position have been completed

Services:

UB Saturday School and visitations are in full swing

Siskiyous UB is officially in recruitment season

- Click here to schedule a recruitment presentation
- <u>Click here to apply to Siskiyou</u>s-UB
- Haz clic aquí para aplicar a Siskiyous UB

Upward Bound Summer Program dates are as follows:

- Summer Program rising 10th rising 12th: June 12 July 27^t
- Freshmen Preview rising 9th: July 17 July 19
- College Tour: July 28 August 1

SSS recruitment is ongoing – please use the following links if you are working with a student that may qualify for our program.

- Click here for a counseling appointment with Dr. Sunny Greene.
- Click here for TRiO assistance or resources with Christina Wiglesworth.
- Click here to apply to TRiO@Siskiyous.
- Text 530-938-5516 for inquiries about our program

TRiO's lending library is open for winter intersession and spring '22. Students can request, textbooks, calculators and recorder pens by using the link below.

o TRiO Lending Library

TRiO Year-End Celebration – tentatively scheduled for May 4

Collaborations:

- Counseling/Advising: National University (NU) Virtual transfer events May 17 at 12 pm and 5 pm. At noon, TRIO will have the presentation broadcast in the UB/TRIO Center classroom. NU has new scholarships that can cover full tuition for transfer students and community college staff.
- Equity: Pancake Socials 10:30 am to 12 pm on March 24, April 14, and April 28 at TRIO
- Equity: Grilled Cheese Social from 103:0am to 12pm on March 17, April 7, and April 21st @Basecamp
- Counseling/Advising, Financial Aid & Siskiyou Promise: Departments within Student Services and Instruction are assembling to provide a full service experience for our local seniors; Pre-SOAR sessions will begin March 14.
 - o Pre-SOAR scheduling

- Equity and HEERF: Spring Break East Coast College Tour is set. Adrian, Regina, Maggie, Carly G. and Stephanie will be traveling with 30 students across the country for new adventures taking place March 25 – April 1
- Counseling/Advising: HBCU transfer workshops are now being hosted in the TRiO Center. Be on the lookout for COS Connect reminders
- Equity: First annual College Tour for athletes is tentatively scheduled for May 26 –30

No other reports submitted.