



College of the Siskiyou

The Campus Connection

April 2022

Office of the President

Submitted by Dr. Char Perlas, Interim Superintendent/President

Congratulations to our newly tenured faculty member: Elizabeth (Liz) Carlyle!

A little bit about Liz:

Educational Background:

- Master of Arts in English (Teaching Writing) from Humboldt State University
- Bachelor of Arts in Russian Studies from the University of Nottingham, UK.
- Graduate Certificates in English Language Teaching to Adults and Online Teaching and ELearning
- Currently working on a graduate certificate in Instructional Design and Technology



What she likes most about working at Siskiyou:

I love our small campus and our students! I feel privileged to work with incredible faculty, staff, and administrators who have supported me in my own journey in teaching excellence. What I like the most is that I feel valued by both my colleagues and the students, which inspires me to keep working hard to serve the college and my community.

Favorite Hobbies:

- Hiking, cross country skiing, swimming in the lakes and rivers of Northern California. I love any time I get to be in the wilderness.
- I love gardening and my dog. Life is much better with both!

Liz is such a tremendous asset to College of the Siskiyou. Her contributions in the classroom, participation on various committees and her role as secretary on the Academic Senate makes her an invaluable member of our Siskiyou Team. Please join me in congratulating Liz on her well-deserved tenure ship!

There's a lot to acknowledge this month!

The month of April is:

- [Sexual Assault Awareness](#)
- [Diversity Equity Inclusion Awareness](#)
- [Child Abuse Prevention](#)
- [Alcohol & Drug Prevention](#)
- [Community College Month](#)

To learn more, click on each title. Each site provides an overview of how April became the dedicated month of awareness. Additionally, some of the links provide resources and hotlines for those in need. Upcoming events associated with awareness months include:

- **Wednesday, April 27 – Denim Day:** This day of action and awareness is an event in which people are encouraged to wear denim to combat victim blaming and educate others about sexual violence.
- **Monday, April 25 to Friday, April 19 – Black Student Success Week:** There's a dedicated webinar each day of the week: Monday - 'Beyond Mattering: Centering the Student Narrative', Tuesday - 'No Leaks: Securing the Pipeline for Black Student Success', Wednesday - 'The Path to Transfer Success: A Clear Highway of a Traffic Jam', Thursday - 'Transforming Black Student Success through Courageous State Leadership', Friday - 'Using Radical Action: Showing Up as your Authentic Self'. To register for any or all of the webinars, visit: <https://linktr.ee/cablackstudents>.
- **Friday, April 29 – SJEDI Presents DEI in Hiring Workshop:** See flyer.
- **May 2 – 6, 2022 – Teacher Appreciation Week:** Although appreciation for faculty is continuous, the first week of May is dedicated to our passionate faculty who contribute to the future of our workforce! Thank you for all that you do and for going above and beyond during these challenging times!



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SJEDI Presents:
INTEGRATING DIVERSITY EQUITY INCLUSION (DEI) PRACTICES IN THE HIRING PROCESS

Presenter: Eric Ramones, Associate Vice Chancellor of Human Resources at West Valley Mission CCD and DEI Advisor to Eloy Oakley

When: Friday, April 29th 10a - 11a
 Where: Zoom (click [here](#) to enter workshop)

As seen, a variety of themes are acknowledged each month. The Social Justice Equity Diversity Inclusion (SJEDI) Committee is looking for taskforce members to help plan monthly awareness events. If interested, please email one of the SJEDI tri-chairs: Ron Slabbinck rslabbinck@siskiyous.edu, Stephanie Wroten wroten@siskiyous.edu, or Char Perlas cperlas@siskiyous.edu.

The final 2022 Institutional Self Evaluation Report (ISER) is ready for YOU to review! The 2022 ISER has been posted on our [2022 Institutional Self Evaluation Report](#) webpage along with [ACCJC Third Party Comment Form](#). Timeline of next steps:

- **April 19, 2022:** Presentation to the Board of Trustees
- **April 20 – May 16, 2022:** Presentation at participatory governance bodies
- **May 17, 2022:** Board of Trustees review for consideration of approval
- **August 1, 2022:** ISER due to ACCJC
- **September 2022:** Random sample of online sections reviewed by the ACCJC Site Team
- **October 6, 2022:** ACCJC Site Team ISER Review
- **October (TBA) 2022:** ACCJC Site Team virtual meet and greet and open forum
- **Week of February 27, 2023:** Focused ACCJC Site Team visit
- **Summer 2023:** Commission decision on reaffirmation of accreditation

Please note that comments made via the ACCJC Third Party Comment form go directly to ACCJC and not to the ISER Contributors. If you have feedback/comments for the ISER team, please email accreditation@siskiyous.edu.

Thank you Fairchild Medical and Dignity Health Medical Centers! The College is in need of an LVN Faculty member and, to entice applicants, both Fairchild and Dignity have contributed a recruitment and retention incentive totaling \$15,000.00. Additionally, Fairchild Medical Center is offering a

supplementary compensation package to the selected candidate. To learn more and to apply to the position, visit: <https://siskiyous.hiretouch.com/job-details?jobID=257&job=lvn-instructor>.

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.

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.

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

- April – Sexual Assault Awareness Month (<https://www.nsvrc.org/saam>)
- 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
- April 22 & 23: Performing Arts Department Presents “Almost, Maine,” 7pm - Theater
- April 24: Youth Soccer Clinic, 9am-12pm – Soccer Field (Ages 10 to 17, \$30) Additional clinics May 22 & June 19
- April 24: Performing Arts Department Presents “Almost, Maine,” 3pm - Theater
- April 25 – 29: Black Student Success Week
- April 25: Registration for Summer/Fall Classes Begins (Priority Level I)
- April 29: Registration for Summer/Fall Classes Begins (Priority Level II)
- May 2: Open Registration for Summer/Fall Classes Begins
- May 9: K-12 Registration for Summer/Fall Classes Begins
- May 17: COS Board of Trustees Monthly Meeting, 4pm - Zoom
- May 20: Commencement, 5pm - Stadium
- May 23-26: Finals Week
- May 26: Spring Semester Ends
- May 27: Fire Fighter Academy Graduation, 1pm - Theater
- May 30: Memorial Day Holiday (Campus Closed)

Athletics:

We Want You at Our Games! Check the [Athletics webpage](#) for current schedule, scores, and photos from the events.

Administrative Services

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

“Happy Spring from Administrative Services”

Bookstore:

- The Bookstore will be holding a Textbook Buyback event May 18-20 and May 23-27. The deadline to return Spring 2022 semester textbook rentals is Friday, May 27.
- The Graduation Regalia packages which include Cap, Gown, Tassel, and Diploma Cover is available to purchase at the Bookstore or through the [Bookstore's Online Store](#).
- The Bookstore and Library have been working with Technology Services to list textbook requirements with the Course Registration in mySiskiyous.

Facilities and Maintenance: Facilities has removed 63 total trees within our Conversion Permit this year. These trees were impeding the road replacement project to the football stadium, huddle camera soccer stadium view and maintenance area management for Conex storage. Three additional trees will be removed by a professional company. Thank you to the maintenance staff that were able to fall the 63 trees in house saving the College thousands of dollars in additional expenses.

Scheduled Maintenance Projects moving forward this summer:

- Eddy Hall Exterior Paint
- Eddy Hall TPO Roof Covering
- Physical Science Exterior Paint
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- Yreka Campus TC Building Exterior Paint
- LRC Roof Re-Coat
- Presidents Suite and Bathroom Flooring Replacement
- Road Replacement to Football Stadium and Press Box
- Sidewalk Replacement on northwest side of LRC from parking Lot C
- Patch and Seal Access Road to the Fire Academy Training Area

Scheduled Maintenance Projects already completed:

- Kitchen Flooring Abatement
- Kitchen Floor Replacement
- Kitchen Water Heater Replacement

Other projects: The Safety Committee has approved the installation of an additional 90' of speed table located in Parking Lot C with safety credit funds.

Fiscal Services: Fiscal Services would like to introduce Mai Yang, our new Account Clerk II in the Business Office. If you haven't met her yet, feel free to come by our office to say "Hi." She's been here just over a month, and she is doing a great job getting up to speed, and we are thrilled to have her as part of the Fiscal Services team. Be sure to copy her on any emails regarding Accounts Payable or Cashiering. myang@siskiyous.edu

Congratulations to Kent Gross, Director of Fiscal Services, who is retiring after 19 years with College of the Siskiyous. Business staff and Administration are working closely with Kent to ensure a smooth transition for when he leaves. Kent will be missed by all.

The Business Office is currently preparing the FY 2022-2023 Tentative Budget, which will be taken through the governance committees in May and presented for approval at the Board of Trustees Meeting in June.

The deadline for submitting Purchase Requests for the 2021-2022 fiscal year was Friday, April 15. This date is set to ensure that all items purchased for this fiscal year are received before June 30, in order to prevent expenses from being 'pushed' into the next fiscal year. It also helps to determine in advance of June 30, if there are any shortfalls for this fiscal year or if we should add to our ending fund balance in preparation of the 2022-2023 Budget year.

Food Services: Food Services staff is pleased to welcome Robert Giordanengo to the Food Services team. Robert brings a twenty year career of food services experience to the college. Robert joins Kolby Stancil, Joe Furgason, Teresa Moreno and Sitina Baker. This crew will continue to prepare tasty meals at an affordable price. A student focus group held in March and a related data collection tool will inform future hours of operation and menu selections.

Human Resources (HR): The HR department welcomes Monique Gonzalez as the new HR Analyst II and we are thrilled to have her as part of the team. Monique was previously the Athletic Coordinator here at College of the Siskiyous (2015-2022). Before that, Monique was the Account Clerk II in the Business Office for two years and a Preschool Teacher's Aide at Siskiyou Child Care Council. She holds an Associate's degree from College of the Siskiyous in Liberal Arts & Social Sciences.

Lodges: Student Lodge staff have begun receiving applications for fall housing. The Resident Advisor team is coordinating the bi-annual Casino Night with the Associated Student Board. The event will take place May 14 from 6:30 p.m. -10:30 p.m. in the ESTC. All students are welcome, and staff are encouraged to volunteer as card dealers or to help distribute prizes. Contact Austin Toney if you'd like to help with this event via text at (530) 938-5237.

Technology Services: The department is currently upgrading both the network video recorder (NVR) and video management system (VMS) for the College's security cameras. The new solution will provide the same level of service at reduced cost.

Plans to implement two-factor authentication for employees who are accessing COS resources from outside the COS network are underway. This will greatly improve the College's cyber security. More information will be provided as we get closer to implementation. In addition, the department has begun

the process of migrating most of the virtual server's currently hosted on-site to the Microsoft Azure cloud. This will improve the level of service while also reducing costs and the College's carbon footprint.



[Bethany's Tech Tips](#)

Stepping away from your computer? Lock it easily by pressing **Windows + L!**

Locking your computer is the best way to prevent unauthorized access to confidential information, and it's super simple!

Student Services

Submitted by Patrick Walton, Vice President of Student Services

Over Spring Break, staff participated the College & Career Fair at Yreka High School. College of the Siskiyous took a team of 12 from TRiO, Athletics, CTE Programs, Admissions & Records, Financial Aid, and Administration from Instruction and Student Services. It was a privilege to get to speak with so many local students and share with them what Siskiyous has to offer. Later that day, Mark Klever and I were able to meet with the Superintendent/Principal and several teachers from Butte Valley High School. We discussed opportunities to work together and offer dual enrollment classes at BVHS.

In the month of April, we will be attending a College & Career Fair at Dunsmuir High School and another outreach opportunity in Hayfork. We always strive to make sure we can attend every opportunity in our local and surrounding areas to showcase the fantastic community college we are so fortunate to have in our area. We look forward to more opportunities to meet with other local schools and build stronger relationships. Mark Klever and I have committed to try to regularly reach out and work with local school officials and other community partners to see how we can work together.

Commencement planning is fully underway. This year's commencement will be held on Friday, May 20 beginning at 5 p.m. The event will be held in-person at the Herschel Meredith Stadium (football stadium). Special thanks to the commencement planning committee and all those who are participating in the planning and execution of this culminating event for our students. We are so excited to be holding an in-person commencement ceremony for our graduating students.

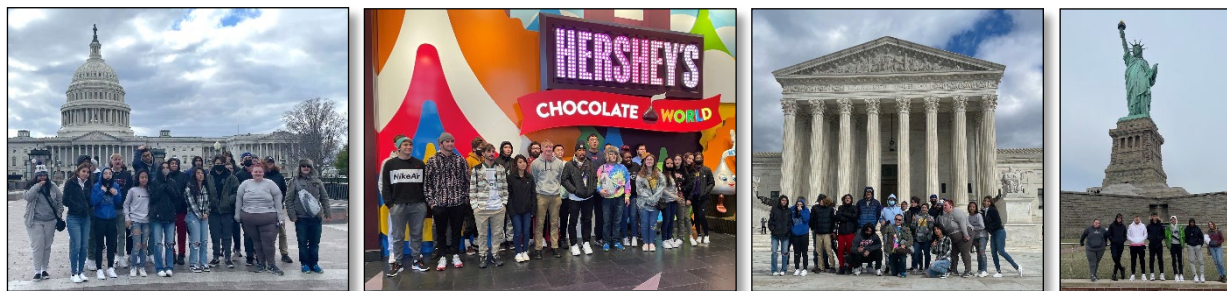
Admissions & Records: Admissions & Records is currently processing many transcript evaluations. Students who have taken courses at other regionally accredited institutions can send their official transcripts to COS for evaluation to see what they need to complete their goal prior to registration. The evaluation of transcripts from other institutions helps students achieve their educational goals more efficiently. Depending on the demand for evaluations, the turnaround time is approximately 2-4 weeks after all transcripts have been received. Students will be notified of their evaluation results via their student email address, accessible within their mySiskiyous portal. It is always recommended that the student speak with an advisor or counselor to review their evaluation and make plans for degree completion, and if possible, the student's advisor/counselor and/or contact person is included in the initial email.

Coursework from accredited colleges and universities is evaluated to determine how or if it can be applied to associate degree, certificate of achievement, and/or CSUGE and/or IGETC requirements. Coursework from California community colleges that have articulation agreements with the UC and CSU

systems is evaluated according to those agreements. By completing a transcript evaluation, students can get an understanding of what their overall degree progress looks like in one place.

Basecamp HQ: Basecamp is very excited to be partnering with TRiO to offer weekly lunch events on Thursdays. Each week the locations is alternated with TRiO flipping 'flap jacks' while Basecamp is cooking up yummy grilled cheese sandwiches. Students are happy to have more in person events and opportunities to connect, and we have enjoyed having more people coming in to our spaces. Stay tuned for more events in the coming weeks!

Also, after being delayed for two LONG years, TRiO and Basecamp were finally able to take our Spring Break East Coast trip. Twenty-seven students and five (5) staff traveled to Washington DC, Hershey PA and New York NY for a week long, jam packed adventure. When speaking to the students, they had a hard time picking their favorite parts of the trip but the big ones were seeing *Hamilton* on Broadway, enjoying the many museums visited, riding the subway, and enjoying a slice of authentic New York style pizza! For a few of the chaperones, it would probably be seeing Mark Ruffalo (THE HULK) casually walking in Central Park. It will be a trip we will never forget and we are so grateful to be able to offer this amazing opportunity for our students to see other parts of the country.



Academic Affairs

Submitted by Mark Klever, Interim Vice President of Academic Affairs



Mike Wilson Memorial: On April 2, we had an incredible turnout to celebrate the life of Mike Wilson. The heartfelt ceremony reflected many of our special memories that we had with him. Not only did close to 300 people show up there was also an incredible outpouring representing the fire service. People traveled long distances to join this special and important occasion that was so honoring to his life. I personally can't thank all the many people that assisted in the planning and execution of this event. We are currently in the process of establishing a scholarship in his name and will continue to work through the official naming of the fire tower.

Summer and Fall Schedule: The Office of Academic Affairs has been diligently working on the Summer Session and Fall Semester schedule of classes. The summer session schedule is currently available for viewing online. Many hours of thought and discussion have been poured

into it and will be revealed in the next week or so. Huge thanks for all the hard work put into the creation of the schedule by the Deans and Directors, along with their respective faculty members.

Community College League of California Announces 2022 Phi Theta Kappa All-California Award Winners: Congratulations to our very own Robyn C. Miller. She has been announced for the 2022 Phi Theta Kapa All-California Academic Third Team Award. Again congratulations Robyn for this incredible achievement. Please see below the description of this award.

SACRAMENTO, CA – The Community College League of California (League) is pleased to announce the 2022 Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) All-California Academic Team Selections and Rankings. This year, 114 students were chosen from across the California Community Colleges for the All-California Academic First, Second and Third Teams. To view the team selections and rankings, [click here](#).

PTK recognizes the academic achievement of college students and provides opportunities for its members to grow as scholars and leaders. Established in 1918, Phi Theta Kappa has a presence on almost 1,300 community college campuses in 11 nations. Building on the success of the national All-USA Team Program, PTK launched the All-State Academic Team Program. The purpose of this program is to provide recognition at the state level for these top community college students.

Grades, leadership, and community service determine selection to the All-California First, Second and Third Teams. The students selected represent some of the best of the two million students enrolled in California's 116 community colleges. Students have undoubtedly faced many additional and unprecedented challenges over the last two years. The 2022 winners should be exceptionally proud of their achievements during these difficult times.

The League would like to extend our congratulations to the 2022 PTK Winners," said Dr. Larry Galizio, President and CEO of the Community College League of California. "We are proud to sponsor this award and provide all team members a medallion and certificate recognizing their accomplishments."

An official 2022 PTK Award Yearbook will be mailed to all winners, college presidents, and PTK advisors. All colleges with an All-California Award Winner are encouraged to celebrate their student(s).

Submitted by Val Roberts – Interim Dean of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Ido Isler, our Instructional Support Specialist in Science, is published! Ido's most recent article is "[The value of faecal N in monitoring dietary quality in desert ungulates: The Arabian oryx as a model](#)", which can be found in the June 2002 *Journal of Arid Environments*. Click the name of the article (above) for the highlights. Congratulations, Ido!! And we are so happy that you are working at COS!

Our tutors are amazing and they are spending more time helping students than ever! This time last semester, tutors had collectively logged 235 hours (which is very impressive), and this semester they have logged **253** hours so far! And usually spring is a little slower than fall. Good things are happening

in the ASC. If you know of any students are having difficulty in their classes or who could benefit from a little extra support and confidence, please encourage them to seek out the ASC and Tutoring.

Dr. Andrea Craddock invited one of her friends, Dr. Adrian Kent of the Central Intelligence Agency (yep...that would be the CIA), to speak on terrorism and radicalization in her Psychology of Prejudice class. Dr. Kent is quite knowledgeable and he shared a lot of very interesting information. Students were interested and engaged, and asked excellent questions. What a unique and exciting opportunity for our students!

The Psychology of Prejudice and Multicultural Communication classes will take a field trip on April 20 to the [Tule Lake Monument](#). This site includes the Tule Lake Segregation Center and Camp Tulelake where Japanese Americans were incarcerated, detained, and/or held as prisoners of war during WWII. Students will also visit [Captain Jacks Stronghold](#) in the Lava Beds National Monument. During the Modoc War, Captain Jack's band of 160 (only 53 of them warriors; the others women and children) resisted capture by holding off a US Army force which outnumbered them 10 to 1. This field trip will be a once-in-a-lifetime experience for many of our students. Thank you to faculty members Jayne Turk and Andrea Craddock for their efforts to make this happen.

Make time to support our students in our Performing Arts department by attending the spring production - Almost, Maine. Opening night was Friday, April 15 and there are more show times [this coming weekend](#): April 22 and 23 at 7 p.m., and April 24 at 3 p.m. There is a suggested donation of \$10 at the door. It's wonderful to have live performances we can attend in person. Thank you, and congratulations, to all involved!

Vocational Nursing Program Update – Hallie Coppi

The Siskiyou Nursing Department is pleased to announce 2021 Vocational Nursing program graduates have received a 100% NCLEX pass rate for the first quarter of 2022!! Eight of the twelve recent graduates have tested and passed so far. From the report sent, our Siskiyou graduates are well above the California state average of 73%-76%. Congratulations to our most recent class of graduates!

No other reports submitted.