



College of the Siskiyous

The Campus Connection

August 2022

Office of the President

Submitted by Dr. Char Perlas, Interim Superintendent/President

We THANK YOU for the outpouring of support! Because of the McKinney fire and its impact on College of the Siskiyous employees and students, the President’s Office received an outpouring of support. I would like to personally thank the following individuals who personally reached out to provide any needed assistance:

- Dr. Frank Chong, Superintendent/President, Santa Rosa Junior College
- Dr. Victor Tam – Dean of STEM, Santa Rosa Junior College
- Dr. Joe Wyse – Superintendent/President, Shasta College
- Dr. Lizette Navarette – Executive Vice Chancellor, California Community College Chancellor’s Office
- Dr. Daisy Gonzales – Deputy Chancellor, California Community College Chancellor’s Office
- Larry Galizio – President and CEO, Community College League of California
- Paul Bruck – Job Connection Concierge, Southern Oregon Goodwill

Fall 2022 COVID Requirement - All on-campus students and employees will continue to be required to either submit proof of COVID-19 vaccination or weekly COVID-19 Test Results. For information on accessing the campus, submitting proof of vaccination or weekly COVID-19 Results, on-campus COVID-19 Testing Schedule and other COVID-19 related information/resources, visit:

<https://www.siskiyous.edu/health/covid19.htm>



Help us keep you and your fellow classmates/employees safe by following our COVID-19 Requirement:



Masks Highly Recommended Indoors
Regardless of vaccination status, it is highly recommended that masks be worn indoors.



COVID Check-in
Employees and Students will need to answer pre-screening questions in [Company Nurse](#). Once on campus, get your temperature checked and a wristband prior to proceeding to class or work station. *Check-in: Students: Weed: 117 Yreka: Welcome Center Employees: Weed: 117 Yreka: Welcome Center



Proof of Vaccination
Employees and Students will need to provide proof of vaccination*
OR



Proof of Weekly COVID Test Results
If not providing proof of vaccination, Employees and Students can provide weekly COVID Test Results*
*Upload proof into [Company Nurse](#).

Note: Continue to upload weekly COVID Test Results until you are fully vaccinated (2-weeks have passed since your last inoculation).

Thank you for complying! ?'s email COVIDteam@siskiyous.edu

Convocation Keynote Speaker Dr. Geisce Ly - Dr. Geisce Ly is passionate about motivating others to



live their best life and do their best work. His career reflects more than 26 years of dedicated service uplifting students to achieve their educational goals, mentoring administrators, faculty, and classified staff on how best to navigate political landscapes, and empowering leaders to be positive change agents by facilitating trainings and workshops on professional development, personal growth, and career success.

He currently serves as the interim Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs and previously as the Dean of the Downtown Campus and School of Business, Child Development, Culinary, Fashion, and Horticulture at City College of San Francisco (CCSF). Three years after establishing the Center for Entrepreneurship & Innovation, CCSF was recognized as the 2021 Entrepreneurial College-of-the-Year by the National Association for Community College Entrepreneurship. Before joining CCSF in 2013, he served as Campus Dean at College of the Redwoods and received the Leading with Excellence Award in 2009 by the Mendocino Coast Chamber of

Commerce. Although Geisce has been an administrator the last 15 years, he will always remember his roots as a work-study student, social justice advocate, classified professional, counselor, and instructor.

Dr. Ly's presentation titled 'Practice Better Self-Care for Your Mental Health' is scheduled via Zoom on Thursday, August 18 from 9:30am to 10:30am. To access the Zoom presentation, click on the following link:

<https://siskiyous-edu.zoom.us/j/99219657738>

2021-2022 Year-End Review - As we gear up for the new academic year, I would like to acknowledge all of the College's achievements. The 2021-2022 Year-End Review outlines many of our accomplishments and demonstrates the hard work and resiliency of our students, faculty, staff, administrators and board members. I am honored to work with this extraordinary team. The 2021-2022 Year-End Review may be accessed [here](#).

Public Relations & College Foundation: Well folks... we're almost there! We are eagerly looking forward to the start of the fall semester and being able to re-connect with our students, faculty, and staff. If you have a class or an activity you would like or need to promote, now is the time to send information to the Public Relations Office. Students are ready to register! Let's let them know what we will be offering this fall. Are you teaching a new, never before (or has but it's been a long time) offered class? Let us know and we will get the word out.

Absolutely the Last Chance to 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 August 27, 2022, with the winner announced via Facebook Live! 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 is on display at HRF Powersports in Yreka, CA.



Come Join Our Team: We are looking for new volunteers to join the Eagle's Nest team. 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. We are also looking for student workers. If you know of anyone who may be interested in volunteering or working as a paid student worker, have them call (530) 938-4663 or stop by the Eagle's Nest Shop to speak with Angel Keen, Shop Supervisor.

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

August:

- Registration Continues for Fall 2022
- August 16: Board of Trustees Regular Monthly Meeting, 6pm – Board Room
- August 18: Convocation / Mandatory Flex Day
- August 18: Siskiyous President Welcome Reception, 4:30-6:30pm – The Quad at Weed Campus
- August 19: Siskiyous Family Fun Day & Back to School Barbecue, 3-6:30pm – The Green at Weed Campus
- August 21: Siskiyou Promise Welcome Reception, 4pm – The Quad at Weed Campus
- August 22: Fall Semester Begins
- August 27: Weed Chamber Car & Bike Show and COS Foundation Flea Market, 9am – Bel Air Park, Weed
- August 27: Volleyball vs. SWOCC, TBD – Gym
- August 29: Volleyball vs. UCC, TBD – Gym

September:

- September 5: Campus Closed (Labor Day Holiday)
- September 10: Football vs. Contra Costa, 1pm – Stadium
- September 17: Football vs. Laney, 1pm – Stadium
- September 20: National Voter Registration Day
- September 20: Soccer vs. Yuba, 2pm (Women) & 4pm (Men) – Soccer Field
- September 20: Board of Trustees Regular Monthly Meeting, 6pm – Board Room
- September 23: Soccer vs. Feather River, 2pm (Men) & 4pm (Women) – Soccer Field
- September 27: Soccer vs. Lake Tahoe, 2pm (Men) & 4pm (Women) – Soccer Field

Athletics: Check the [Athletics webpage](#) for game schedules, scores, and photos from the events.

Administrative Services

Facilities and Maintenance: During the past week, two, new twelve (12) passenger vans were added to our vehicle fleet. Go Eagles!

Technology Services: In an effort to improve the College's cyber security, two-factor authentication (2FA) for employees who are accessing COS resources from outside the COS network was implemented on August 9. If you are having difficulties with 2FA, contact the Employee Help Desk at extension 5222. Training will be provide on August 19 during the FLEX training for any employees needing assistance.



The Unified Electronic Signatures committee has decided to establish Adobe Sign as the electronic signature solution for use throughout the College. Over the 2022-2023 Academic Year, Technology Services will be working with those who currently use DocuSign to convert their existing forms and processes to Adobe Sign.

Technology Services expects to complete the migration of virtual servers to the Microsoft Azure cloud by end of August. This will improve the level of service while also reducing costs and the College's carbon footprint.

Beginning in October, Technology Services will be implementing a workstation standard on all employee computers. This standard will ensure that all systems are running current software, properly secured, and easily recoverable. Staff will be reaching out to all departments to schedule times to implement the standard that minimizes disruption to their operations.

Bethany's Tech Tips



PIN FILES! Do you use the same spreadsheets, documents, or other files over and over? Some programs will let you *pin* the files to get to them quick and easy! **Right-click** the program in your taskbar, then hover over the file and click the pin that shows up on the right. Then, whenever you need it, right-click the program in your taskbar again and click the pinned file!

Student Services

Submitted by Patrick Walton, Vice President of Student Services

It is difficult to believe that summer is over and the fall semester is upon us. College of the Siskiyous just had its first Summer Bridge week in many years. We were excited to make it all come together and to have such a wonderful event for our students. Fifty-four students were able to participate and receive valuable information, fantastic relationship building, and had a lot of fun while doing it. Many people participated in making it happen and I would like to thank them all for making it possible. A big thank you to Christina Wiglesworth, new Interim Director of Outreach and Retention, for her leadership throughout the event.

Student Services welcomes two new Counselors to COS and our Team. We are excited to have Emaly Brann and Liz Jungermann bring their skills and talents to serve our students. Welcome!

Week of Welcome will take place the first week of school and we have a number of activities and events planned for our students. All are welcome to attend and participate.

Lastly, I want to express my solitude with our brothers and sisters in the North County. The McKinney Fire has been devastating for many. My thoughts and prayers are with them. I have been proud to watch our County and the College rally behind them and help in any way possible. I also express my gratitude for those emergency personnel and volunteers from all over helping to fight the fire and serve those most impacted. Thank you!

Academic Affairs

Submitted by Mark Klever, Interim Vice President of Academic Affairs

As the end of summer is upon us with only a few weeks until the beginning of the fall semester, I want to send out a heartfelt message to all who have been negatively impacted by the recent fires. This, too, is another reminder how our perspectives of daily stress changes so quickly when we consider the seriousness of life and death situations. For me, I am also reminded of how fortunate and thankful I am for the health and safety of my family and others close to me. I ache for those who have lost homes or loved ones and the current challenges they face following this devastation. Thank you so much to the first responders who have done a great job keeping this situation from becoming so much worse.

In early July, Patrick Walton, Charlie Roche and I had the opportunity to attend the Enrollment Management Academy in San Diego. This multi-day event gave us an opportunity to investigate, explore and gain a better understanding of the complexity around enrollment management. The wonderful part of this academy was that we were able to use some of the tools they provided to directly focus on our challenges that we face here at College of the Siskiyous. As we learned, enrollment management has many different facets of which we all play some part. My goal, personally, is to start with some of the basics along with sound data and implement them in Academic Affairs. This is not a short-term fix, but a complete mind-shift in how we approach our daily activities in this office and the impact it has around us, specifically to our students.

Now as we prepare for the fall semester, I look forward to welcoming our faculty back with some new faces mixed in the fold. Thanks to many, we are laying the groundwork to orientate and onboard these individuals so they feel prepared for the work ahead. Thank you to all the hard work from all the folks in Academic Affairs. I am

excited about another beginning with continual improvement being the focus. The deans and supporting staff in this office strive to grow, improve and focus on aspects that have made this institution successful in the past to the forefront today. I appreciate everyone so much! Thank you all.

Academic Senate

Submitted by Dr. Andrea Craddock, Senate President

Hi Everyone,

This is the time of year where the start of the fall semester is just around the corner. For many faculty, summer “break” is a bit of a misnomer. Some of you have taught over the summer. Some of you have engaged in professional development by going to a seminar or taking a course. Some of you have been involved in hiring committees, while others may be busy recruiting future students. Many of us are now prepping our courses and updating our curriculum. For many of us, summer break is often brief and fleeting, but I hope everyone has had a chance to rest and replenish before the semester starts.

One of my favorite things about my job is that it offers new beginnings at the start of each semester. You have a clean slate to try new activities or teach a concept in a new way. There is always so much promise at the start of the semester and the challenge is to maintain that sense of potential and motivation throughout the entire semester. I am particularly excited about this semester because it offers us the opportunity to have a relatively “normal” semester given the strange circumstances we have experienced these last two years. I am excited that this semester I will be able to teach in front of full(er) classes and be able to work more with my colleague’s in-person. The simple things I have used to take for granted, like interacting face-to-face with my students, are now things that I cherish and value.

As a college, we have been in the trenches these last two years trying to adjust to the reality of the pandemic. As we head into this fall semester, I want to recognize our faculty members who have shown dedication to their profession and students despite the obstacles we have encountered. There is not a better group of individuals I would rather represent.

Much appreciation,
Andrea Craddock
Academic Senate President