



# College of the Siskiyous

## *The Campus Connection*

### September 2022

## Office of the President

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*Submitted by Dr. Char Perlas, Interim Superintendent/President*

### **Mill and Mountain Fire Resources**

The Mill and Mountain Fires have devastated parts of our community. While some were displaced, others were left with nothing but the clothes on their backs. College of the Siskiyous recognizes the stress and mental anguish this has caused and we are ready to provide support and resources. Thus far, Siskiyou County Office of Emergency Services was able to provide cooling, charging and water resources in parking lot A while Western Service Workers provided food and supplies, including fresh milk, from our Theater Building. California's Valued Trust (CVT) has also compiled the information below and the College is currently working with CVT to offer on-campus counseling services. The College's Foundation Office is working with community leaders to strategize fundraising efforts. For more information on available resources, please visit the College's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/CollegeoftheSiskiyous> or email [pio@siskiyous.edu](mailto:pio@siskiyous.edu).

### **Currently open shelters as of September 6th:**

Karuk Wellness Center  
1403 Kahtishraam  
Yreka, CA 96097

Josephine County Fairgrounds  
1451 Fairgrounds Road  
Grants Pass, OR 97527

Below are resources that may be able to assist you regarding the Siskiyou County Fire. To access the websites, please click on the links. You may wish to contact these providers for additional information.

### **Wildfire Preparedness and Recovery**

[https://www.usfa.fema.gov/downloads/pdf/publications/fa\\_46.pdf](https://www.usfa.fema.gov/downloads/pdf/publications/fa_46.pdf)

<https://www.osha.gov/dts/wildfires/response.html>

<https://www.ready.gov/wildfires>

<https://www.ready.gov/home-fires>

<https://www.redcross.org/get-help/how-to-prepare-for-emergencies/types-of-emergencies/wildfire.html>

<https://www.redcross.org/get-help/how-to-prepare-for-emergencies/types-of-emergencies/fire.html>

<https://www.nctsn.org/what-is-child-trauma/trauma-types/disasters/wildfire-resources>

### **Siskiyou County Sheriff's Office**

<https://www.co.siskiyou.ca.us/sheriff>

<https://www.facebook.com/SiskiyouCountySheriff>

<https://twitter.com/siskiyousheriff>

**National Wildfire Coordinating Group**

<https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/8299>

**U.S. Air Quality Index**

<https://www.airnow.gov/state/?name=california>

**Poweroutage.us**

<https://poweroutage.us>

**Road Closures**

For information about road closures, you may dial 511 or obtain information online at <https://roads.dot.ca.gov>

**Local Red Cross Locator**

<https://www.redcross.org/find-your-local-chapter.html>

**Red Cross Smartphone Apps**

Apps will update people on the current emergency and provide information on safety during a disaster.

<https://www.redcross.org/get-help/how-to-prepare-for-emergencies/mobile-apps.html>

**2-1-1 NorCal**

<https://211norcal.org/siskiyou>

2-1-1 is an easy-to-remember phone number that connects callers to information and services in times of need. It is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, even during disasters. Please call if you are seeking resources such as clothing, food, or programs for your family.

**Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)**

500 C Street Southwest

Washington, DC 20472

800-621-FEMA

<https://www.fema.gov>

If a disaster is declared in your area, please call to apply for assistance or visit

<https://www.disasterassistance.gov>

**FEMA Text Message Program**

- To locate an open emergency shelter, text SHELTER and a zip code to 43362 (4FEMA).
- To locate an open Disaster Recovery Center, text DRC and a zip code to 43362 (4FEMA).

Please note that standard message and data rates apply.

**California Department of Homeland Security & Emergency Management**

<https://www.caloes.ca.gov>

**California Office of Emergency Services**

<https://www.caloes.ca.gov>

[https://twitter.com/Cal\\_OES](https://twitter.com/Cal_OES)

<https://www.facebook.com/CaliforniaOES>

## California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs)

<https://www.cdss.ca.gov/calworks>

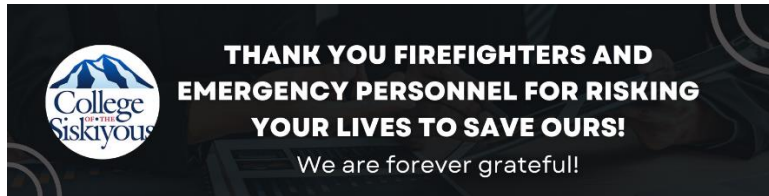
## Local Salvation Army Locator

<https://www.salvationarmyusa.org>

## VBRO

VRBO may offer reduced rates for housing in times of disaster.

<https://www.vrbo.com>



## National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month

September is national suicide prevention month. According to [nationalday.com](http://nationalday.com), there are an average of 123 suicides each day in this country. It's the tenth leading cause of death in America — second leading for ages 25-34, and third leading for ages 15-24. [Stopitsolutions.com](http://stopitsolutions.com) provides a list of 40 ways to get help and information including:

- 24/7 Crisis Lines
- Tool Kits
- Mental Health Support & Referrals
- General Resources & Information

Awareness and access to mental health resources can quickly change the trajectory of suicidal ideations.

## National Hispanic Heritage Month Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> – Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>

Hispanic Heritage Month recognizes the achievements and contributions of Hispanic American champions who have inspired others to achieve success. The 2022 theme is 'Unidos: Inclusivity for a Stronger Nation'. The theme encourages us to ensure that all voices are represented and welcomed to help build stronger communities and a stronger nation (<https://nationalcouncilhepm.org/>). According to [nps.gov](http://nps.gov), more than 500 years of Hispanic and Latino history and heritage can be found in national parks or shared through National Park Service programs and partners in communities across the country. A wealth of educational resources on American Latino Heritage places, people, and history can be accessed [here](#).



## Public Relations & College Foundation:

**Congratulations to Danyel Parker who won the CFMOTO ZFORCE 800EX UTV!** This was a successful fundraiser for the Foundation. We appreciate and thank everyone who bought a ticket.



**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.

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

- **September:**
- September 1 - EdTalks: You Are Not Alone... Learn About Campus Resources, 11:30am to 12pm (ASC Fishbowl & Zoom)
- September 1 – EdTalks: You Belong Here... Building a College Success Mindset, 12:30 to 1pm (Zoom)
- September 1 – EdTalks: Bridging the Gap... Transitioning from High School to College, 7 to 7:30pm (Zoom)
- September 5 - Campus Closed (Labor Day Holiday)
- September 10 - Football vs. Contra Costa, 1pm – Stadium
- September 13 – Men's Soccer vs. Mendocino, 2pm – Soccer Field
- September 17 - Football vs. Laney, 2pm – Stadium
- September 19 – Constitution Day
- September 20 - National Voter Registration Day
- September 20 – Monthly Board of Trustees Meeting, 4pm – Board Room
- 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, 4pm (Men) & 2pm (Women) – Soccer Field
- October 1 – Football vs. Delta, 1pm – Stadium
- October 7 – Volleyball vs. Shasta, 6pm – Gym
- October 12 – Volleyball vs. Butte, 6pm – Gym
- October 14 – Soccer vs. Butte, 2pm (Men) & 4pm (Women) – Soccer Field
- October 15 – Football vs. Sierra, 1pm – Stadium
- October 22 – Brewfest fundraiser at Mount Shasta Brewery
- October 25 – Soccer vs. Shasta, 2pm (Women) – Soccer Field
- October 28 – Soccer vs. Redwoods, 11am (Men) & 2pm (Women) – Soccer Field

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

# Administrative Services

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## Facilities and Maintenance:

### Completed Projects:

- The Football Stadium Road replacement is complete.
- Fire Academy road repair and seal is complete.
- Lodges fascia and roof replacements are complete.
- Daycare (DCDC) flooring project is complete.
- The football scoreboard paint project is complete.
- The Soccer Field has a new fence around it to protect the turf.
- The carpet replacement in Ponderosa Lodge is complete.

### Upcoming Projects:

- The kitchen will be having HVAC installed.
- LRC Bathroom Floor abatement and replacement project will be completed over Thanksgiving break and will include new countertops and touchless sinks.
- SSS/Trio side of building 6 will be having HVAC installed beginning on September 13<sup>th</sup>.
- The Lodges new material painting project will begin on September 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Additional safety railing will be installed on the new Fire Tower.
- The Weed Campus Center will be having sidewalks replaced.
- The Yreka campus will be having flooring replaced in the Welcome Center and some classrooms.
- The Student Center will be having the boiler replaced.
- Eddy Hall will be having carpet replaced.

### Projects in Design:

- HVAC for the Gymnasium.
- Life Science Football half will be having HVAC added.
- Replacing the damaged track.

### In-House Projects:

- Adding a water line and service to Eddy Hall North.

## Technology Services:

- The department has completed the migration of virtual servers to the Microsoft Azure cloud as of the end of August. This will improve the level of service while also reducing costs and the College's carbon footprint.
- Several departments within the College currently use Zipwhip as a mass texting solution. This software will no longer be available after October. To prepare for this, the College formed a committee which evaluated several options and selected Podium as the replacement. Departments currently using Zipwhip will need to migrate to this solution before the end of October. Any department looking to implement a mass texting solution will need to use this solution as well.

- Beginning in November, the department 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. We will be reaching out to all departments to schedule times to implement this standard that minimizes disrupt to their operations.



### Bethany's Tech Tips

*GROUP TABS!* Do you have a million tabs open in your browser right now? (You know who you are!) Group them together to save space! In Chrome and Edge, you can right-click a tab, *Add tab to a new group* and name it, then drag any other tabs next to the first one to put them in the group. Then, click the group name to shrink or expand it! *Bonus tip: right click the group name for even more fun stuff, like color coding!*

## Student Services

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*Submitted by Patrick Walton, Vice President of Student Services*

Our community has had to endure what we hoped to never endure again. I lack for words how to express my sorrow for those that have lost so much. Some of these have been our own students and many of our own employees were affected as well. We are doing our best to let students know of the resources we have to help and also giving them some grace in regards to deadlines that occurred during the week of the closure. We stand with those students and non-students alike in supporting our community. I have been humbled to see the response by so many as they have provided support and resources in a variety of ways. I am also grateful for those fire and emergency personnel for all that they have done. They are true heroes.

Student Services is ready and able to help and will do all we can to minimize the negative impacts on our students. Basecamp supplies, extension of deadlines, personal counseling, and replacement of academic supplies are just some of the ways we plan to assist. We have been assisting throughout the week as best as we can. Truly, there are some that went “above and beyond.” I know those names have been shared already in various other communications but I also want to echo my gratitude for them. I appreciate it and so did our students. Thank you!

### **Admissions and Records:**

August was a very busy time for Admissions and Records. We participated in Summer Bridge and Week of Welcome. We processed 239 applications, received 20 transcript evaluation and awarded 33 degrees or certificate of achievements. We are currently working on census and late start registrations.

We have a new student worker in our office by the name of Grace Crawford. Grace is a second year Siskiyou Promise student who is majoring in Liberal Studies and intends to transfer after graduation to get her elementary teaching certification.

**EOPS/CARE/CalWORKs:**

EOPS staff and counselors offered five Zoom orientations to new and returning EOPS students in August, as well as online and one on one orientations for students who were not able to attend the scheduled Zoom orientations. At orientation, students learn many things including EOPS program benefits and services, how to calculate your GPA, the importance of the college catalog, and what other resources are available on campus to help them succeed. After orientation, the students receive a \$25 gas card, \$400 book voucher and semester starter kit filled with school supplies!

The EOPS counselors have been busy meeting with students for their 1<sup>st</sup> Counselor contact where they create or update their Education plans, as well as address any other academic needs/questions that the students have.

The CARE program continues to accept applications throughout the semester to students who are an active participant in EOPS and are receiving CalWORKs or TANF benefits.

CalWORKs students are continuing to be accepted and staff is working closely with Siskiyou County Health and Human Services to make sure that no students are overlooked. These students receive \$50 per month in transportation assistance, as well as school supplies and a book voucher to cover their textbooks and supplies for classes.

The EOPS, CARE, and CalWORKs staff would like to let everyone affected by the recent fires know that our hearts are with you and if you need anything, please don't hesitate to reach out! We are here for you!

**Financial Aid:**

We want to send sincere thanks to our Firefighters, first responders and all COS staff that saw to campus safety during the evacuation and provided extra services to those affected!

Financial Aid Staff are working diligently to catch up on communications after the Mill Fire closure. Some processes such as appeals are slightly delayed but disbursements are on schedule to go out Friday. First time loan borrowers, Cal Grant and SSCG recipients will receive their normally scheduled payments at the end of the month.

We are excited to announce that the Student Success and Complete Grant (SSCG) has been nearly doubled for each recipient this year and the State of California is planning more grant opportunities in coming school years. This is a great benefit to those completing 12 units a semester or 30 credits in the school year (includes Winter and Summer terms).

The 2023-24 FAFSA opens in just a few weeks. This will use 2021 income and tax information so Students and parents are encouraged to complete the FAFSA as soon as they can. This meets all State Grant and scholarship deadlines.



### **What's new with SAS – Student Access Services (formerly known as DSPS):**

We are happy to announce, although most already know, that Karen Zeigler has agreed to help out part-time as Interim SAS Director/Counselor for the Fall 2022 term, or until we fill the position. For those of you who might not know Karen Zeigler, she worked with disabled students and taught classes for COS off-campus for 10 years prior to coming to DSPS in 1980. She built the DSPS program at College of the Siskiyous from the ground up. It was a flourishing program with well over 300 students annually and the entire Eddy Hall building was dedicated to disabled students, complete with computer stations and alt media services and tutoring. It evolved into Learning Services that included the Re-entry Guidance program with campus-wide tutoring and DSPS, until she retired.

If you haven't already, please stop by to say "Hello". Karen is available to our students for face to face meetings as well as Zoom or by phone. Spread the word!

Yet another familiar face to some who've been here awhile, is Kathi Williams who is helping us with editing in Kurzweil. You will see her here from time to time.

SAS is currently serving over 80 students for Fall 2022 with some applications pending (waiting for documentation) and new applications coming in daily.

Karen Chandler is currently assisting students with new applications, drop-ins, documentation, appointments, Kurzweil requests (a text-to-speech accommodation), notetakers, and the SAS budget. As you can see, we are very busy and very happy and excited to see students back on campus face to face. Welcome to Fall 2022 from all of us at SAS!!

## **Academic Affairs**

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*Submitted by Mark Klever, Interim Vice President of Academic Affairs*

The last ten days has been so overwhelming for many. First and foremost, to those who lost their homes or loved ones in the Mill Fire, my heart breaks for you. Words cannot express how sad and sorry I am that you had to endure such a devastating event. For those of you that went through similar circumstances in 2014, I know this had to be so difficult reliving it all over again. So many of us have so much to be thankful for. I am thankful that we in Academic Affairs came together with faculty and kept our online and "essential" programs moving forward last week. Thank you to so many who worked during the turmoil while still caring and showing concern for everyone affected both from this college as well as the community.

For those who helped on Friday afternoon to quickly and safely move some of our lodge students to Yreka. Thank you for going above and beyond for our students to make a temporary home away on the Yreka Campus the best of an experience as possible. Thank you to our local Yreka YMCA for opening their doors for us as a last-minute favor to me. That truly represents what community means to us in Siskiyou County. As we try to assess and start again, please continue to give grace to those around you.



Each one of us has been or continues to be impacted by what has happened and is still continuing with the Mountain Fire.

Our doors are opened back up and we strive to press ahead. Although the load feels heavy, we will endure again.

### **Library News:**

Student use of the Library has started out strong, with over 500 library visits in the first two weeks of the semester. About 50 students have checked out 113 books, primarily textbooks, while others have come in for computers, printing, and study space. The Library still has textbooks available for semester-long checkout, so please refer students in need to the Library or to Basecamp for a book voucher (which gives them funds to purchase materials at the Bookstore). Based on a student request in the Spring, the Library also now has web cams that can be checked out for Zoom classes.

The California Legislature set aside \$155 million to fund the development and implementation of Zero Textbook Cost (ZTC) community college degrees and/or Open Educational Resources (OER) with the goal of reducing the overall cost of education and decreased time to completion for students. The release of these funds was announced in August. Phase 1 funding (September 2022) is for the planning the development of ZTC programs and every college will receive \$20,000. If we accept the funds, we are expected to develop a minimum of one ZTC degree within 3 years. Phase 2 funds are available by application for the actual development and implementation of ZTC degrees/programs that must be offered by Fall 2024. The details of Phase 3 funding have yet to be released.

OER are free, openly-licensed, online materials (usually textbooks). In general, studies show that in addition to reducing costs, use of quality OER textbooks reduces student equity gaps while allowing students to successfully achieve course learning objectives. OER can be time-consuming for faculty to implement, however—assuming that there is even an adequate OER option available. This state funding is an exciting opportunity to support faculty in the adoption of OER materials, which in turn will support our students!

## **Academic Senate**

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*Submitted by Dr. Andrea Craddock, Senate President*

Hi everyone,

Obviously, the Mill fire that hit Weed and Lake Shastina on Friday, Sept 2<sup>nd</sup> is top of mind. I am thinking of my co-workers and students who had to be evacuated and lost power for several days these last couple of weeks. I am also praying for those who lost homes in the fire. It's tragic all the adversity we have faced these last few years with fires and the pandemic. We are a resilient campus community, though. I am continually amazed how we come together to help each other and our students. I know Dr. Perlas sent out an email recognizing staff that have helped the campus in the midst of the Mill fire. I also wanted to give a shout-out to Jayne Turk, Patrice Thatcher-Stephens, Emkay Sikora, and our

coaches who helped provide hot meals to our students early last week. It makes me proud to work with individuals who show such dedication to our students.

An advantage to being Academic Senate President is that I have more interactions with my co-workers and I'm a bit more knowledgeable about campus activities. A disadvantage of being President is that I've had more opportunities for miscommunication and having my intentions misconstrued. I've been thinking about the etiquette (or netiquette) rules I give my students the first day of class. These rules generally ask for them to be kind, tolerant, and respectful of each other. These rules of how we treat each other are important to remember. Let's give each other the benefit of the doubt. Let's not jump to conclusions or assume that someone's intentions are negative. We are such a small, intimate campus that it's important that we support each other and not tear each other down.

Thanks for listening,  
Andrea Craddock  
Academic Senate President