

Office of the President

Submitted by Dr. Char Perlas, Superintendent/President

March is Women's History Month!

The 2023 National Women's History Theme is "Celebrating Women Who Tell Our Stories". In celebration of Women's History Month, I would like to acknowledge our female student athletes who have demonstrated their stories through their academic, athletic and personal achievements. Kudos to our female athletes!

22-23 Softball Roster: Kristina Lesher, Shyla Mead, Alexis Figueroa, Leea Brown, Hannah Stone, Halliday Hubbard, Olivia Dedmon, Juliana Penuel, Eva Versloot, Abigail Wolf, Gracie Copeland, Alicia Chavez, Abigael Marines, Maddalyn Fullenwider, Samantha Ray, Katelyn Weber, Elyse Benson, Nevaeh Atchley, Breanne Cox **Head Coach:** Jon Cox **Assistant Coaches:** Chief Burcell and Kendall Moser

22-23 Basketball Roster: Jazmyne Wells, Karli Reynolds, Breanne Hands, Asia Hendrix, Megan Bennett, Lani Jackson, Teya Amidei, Kayana Woodard, Halliday Hubbard **Head Coach:** Noelle Collier **Assistant Coaches:** Tom Powers and Jake West

22-23 Volleyball Roster: Karli Reynolds, Linda Avila, Kenna Biagi, Kaitlin Estes, Kayana Woodard, Jade Crawford, Ashley Quizon, Alexis Goodson, Cristal Perez, Dani Pace, Grace Lee **Head Coach:** Lyndi Scholl **Assistant Coach:** John Durney

22-23 Soccer Roster: Jessica Wright, Teya Amidei, Sofia Iampolskaia, Grace Bradley, Makenna Maldonado, Zaria Rocchild, Harlee David, Asia Hendrix, Claire Tobin, Guinevere Robinson, Natalia Paredes, Bianca, Miranda Quintana, Evelyn Vasquez, Kamohelo Mofokeng, Isabella Escobedo **Head Coach:** Ed Kephart **Assistant Coach:** Jake Leiffer





22-23 Track & Field Roster: Teya Amidei, Christine Bangert, Frances Fleener **Head Coach:** Julius Jones **Assistant Coach:** Steve Pyles

If you are 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 Branch Website](#) or email cperlas@siskiyous.edu.



Congratulations to our newest Tenured Faculty!

Ann Womack, Biology Instructor - Ann earned a Bachelor in Sciences degree in Microbiology from Southern Illinois University and a PhD in Biology from the University of Oregon (UO) at the Institute for Ecology and Evolutionary Biology. She discovered her love of teaching while at UO, where she taught many laboratory courses as well as a microbiology lecture course. Prior to joining COS in winter 2019, Ann was a Postdoctoral Researcher with the USDA Agricultural Research Service in Adams, OR where she worked educating farmers about the importance of soil biology and advances in the field of soil microbiology.

At COS, Ann teaches a variety of Biology courses including Introduction to Life Science and Microbiology. A new course, Ecology and Evolution in Society, which is closely related to her research interests and expertise is in development and planned for debut in fall 2023. In addition to teaching, Ann is active in several committees on campus including the Open Educational Resources Workgroup, Equivalency, and other short-term taskforces and hiring committees. She is also the current Academic Senate Secretary.



Carly Zeller, Academic Success Center Coordinator and Instructor - Learning assistance is at the core of Carly’s career in higher education. Her appreciation for the discipline began in 2006 in a ‘cramped, glorified closet’ at Cuyamaca Community College called ‘The Writing Center’ when she took a position as a staff tutor. There, she witnessed what could have been ‘perceived’ as boundaries of culture, socio-economic standing, and age crumble to create strong communities in which the process of learning was supported and celebrated. That experience led Carly to seek a career as a community college instructor.

Carly has worked in community college public relations; as an adjunct English instructor for Cuyamaca College and College of the Siskiyous (COS); in interim roles as College of the Siskiyous’ ASC Coordinator; as the COS Basic Skills Initiative Coordinator; and as an @ONE Course Facilitator. She holds a Master of Fine Arts degree in Writing from Pacific University and a Bachelor of Arts degree in English from California State, Long Beach as well

as a @ONE for Training Online Teaching Certificate. Additionally, Carly holds a National College Learning Center Association Leadership Level III Certificate, which exemplifies her commitment to the power of learning support to help students realize their worth, recognize their strengths, and empower them to start thinking of themselves as academic insiders rather than academic outsiders.

Siskiyou County has been Carly's home since 2007. She met her husband through a COS connection and was married with COS colleagues by her side. She and her husband love this community and feel fortunate to have the opportunity to raise their children in this paradise of outdoor adventures. Carly and her family can be found skiing and ice skating in winter and rafting, paddle boarding, and backpacking in the summer. This is where the Zeller family is meant to be!

Reach University Partnership - I am happy to announce Siskiyous has recently collaborated with Reach University, which gives our employees the opportunity to pursue a Bachelor's in Liberal Arts degree at a minimal cost.

Program Eligibility:

- Currently employed at College of the Siskiyous (in any position)
- Associate's degree (in any discipline). Siskiyous graduates are guaranteed 100% transfer of credits towards the Bachelor's Degree.
- Access to technology (to attend synchronous classes offered after work hours)
- Ability to dedicate 15 hours/week towards on-the-job experiences related to instructional activities (tutoring, mentoring, coaching, etc...)

After obtaining the Bachelor's Degree, graduates have the option to pursue a credential that would allow them to teach at one of our local schools. Reach University has also partnered with Siskiyou County Office of Education. For more information and/or to enroll, email apply@reach.edu.

Public Relations & College Foundation:

35th Annual COS Foundation Scholarship Fundraising Dinner and Auction - The 2023 Scholarship Fundraising Dinner will be held at the Sons of Italy Memorial Hall in Weed on Saturday, April 29. Tickets are now on sale - \$30 per person and may be purchased from staff in Building 95 at the Weed Campus or from COS Foundation and Scholarship Committee members. Proceeds from this event support the COS Foundation Scholarship Program. The members of the Weed Sons of Italy will provide the catering. Please help us support our students by attending this fun event.

Graduation 2023 – The [Petition to Graduate](#) deadline has been extended to April 14. Please continue encouraging students who may be eligible to graduate to submit their petition. Students who have petitioned will be receiving information about the upcoming event soon. If you have questions about [Graduation 2023](#) or would like to help with the event send an email to pio@siskiyous.edu. Graduation will be held at the Weed Campus Football Stadium on Friday, May 19 beginning at 5pm. All students



who plan to participate in the ceremony should also plan to attend rehearsal to be held earlier in the day at 1pm.

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

March 2023

- March 21: Monthly Board of Trustees Meeting, 4pm – Board Room
- March 21: Outreach Activity – Grocery Bingo Night, 6pm – Student Center
- March 22: First day of Ramadan / Outreach Activity - Clothing Drive, 11am to 1pm - Bring your lightly used clothes to donate to those in need in the spirit of Ramadan.
- March 23 and 23: Student Access Services (SAS) Open House, 10am to 4pm – Eddy Hall
- March 27-31: Spring Break – No classes

April 2023

- April 1-7: National Public Health Week – Outreach Activities all week featuring exercise and obstacle courses
- April 14: Last day to drop class w/o a grade
- April 16-20: National Volunteer Appreciation Week
- April 18: COS Board of Trustees Monthly Meeting, 4pm – Zoom
- April 21 and 22: Performing Arts Department Presents “Peter and the Star Catcher”, 7pm – Theater
- April 22: Earth Day – various activities
- April 23: Performing Arts Department Presents “Peter and the Star Catcher”, 3pm - Theater
- April 24 – 28: Black Student Success Week
- April 26: Outreach Activity – Glow in the Dark Dodgeball, 5 to 7pm – Gym
- April 28: Outreach Activity – Kickball Tournament (TBA)
- April 28 and 29: Performing Arts Department Presents “Peter and the Star Catcher”, 7pm – Theater
- April 29: COS Foundation Scholarship Fundraising Dinner and Auction, 5:30pm – Sons of Italy Hall, Weed
- April 30: Performing Arts Department Presents “Peter and the Star Catcher,” 3pm - Theater

Come Join Our Team: The Foundation is 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 Nest. If you know of anyone who is interested in volunteering, have him or her call (530) 938-4663 or stop by the Eagle’s Nest to speak with Angel Keen, Shop Supervisor.

Research and Evaluation: The Research and Evaluation office has been hard at work and the webpage has been revamped to a new level! If you were ever interested in ‘deep-diving’ into our College or data-informed decision-making, this posting may be of interest to you. Staff have been busy installing interactive charts into the website regarding information on the fall 2022 cohort. The campus community is encouraged to interact with the data, learn, and ask questions, as this is what the department of Research and Evaluation does every day. The ultimate aim of this ongoing project is to establish broader connections, both at College of the Siskiyous and in our community. Check out the new webpage at <https://www.siskiyous.edu/research/>.

Athletics: Basketball season has officially ended. Congratulations to our student athletes and coaching staff on a successful season. Check the [Athletics webpage](#) for Track & Field, Baseball, and Softball game schedules, scores, and photos from the events.

Student Services

Vice President of Student Services: This month I was able to attend the Chief Student Services Officer Conference in Los Angeles along with JonJon Junpradub, Austin Toney, and Maggie Crowder. As we met with Student Services personnel from across the state, we were able to gain valuable insight into how to serve our students well and where we can improve. There are areas of Student Services that we have opportunities to capitalize in how we serve our students. We have a truly marvelous team at Siskiyou and I know that together we will continue to meet the needs of our students and continually evaluate where we can improve. I look forwarding to bringing home ideas and knowledge gained from this important conference. In the future, I will look for more opportunities to take more Student Services staff and faculty to these important gatherings.

We are midway through the semester now and we have accomplished much. We have reduced our non-resident tuition rate, reduced costs for our Oregon Exchange students, and reduced tuition for students from out of state taking fewer than six units. We are currently implementing ConexED and are excited for what it will add to our student experience. Thank you, Regina Weston, for your leadership on this project. The Transfer Center is starting to flourish again and Liz Jungermann has held our first transfer event for this semester. Staff are attending professional development opportunities across the state. We continue to evaluate how to create and structure our new housing project. We are busy and we are actively engaged in helping students. We are grateful for the opportunities we have each day to serve. It is truly a blessing to work in Student Services.

EOPS, CARE, CalWORKs:

- EOPS held five group orientations this semester, as well as six one-on-one orientations, and ten students completed their orientations online.
- With one week to go, 89% of students have completed their first Counselor contact and calls have been made to the remaining 11% in order to schedule their appointment.
- All students who completed orientation received a semester starter kit that includes a backpack full of school supplies as well as a planner and a \$25 gas voucher.
- First Progress Check-ins are happening now and 73% of students have already completed theirs and received another \$25 gas voucher. Students who are receiving an unsatisfactory grade in any of their classes will meet with their EOPS Counselor to create an Academic Success Plan.
- CalWORKs currently has eight participants who received a book voucher ranging from \$195 to \$490. These students also receive \$50 per month in gas vouchers as well as a backpack full of school supplies and ongoing school supplies as the semester goes on.

Lodges: Lodge staff are working with Campus Food Services to provide better meal availability during campus closures and holidays. Recruitment and hiring for a new Resident Assistant and Lodge Government Representative is also underway.

Outreach and Recruitment: Last month, during the week of February 13-16, Outreach and Recruitment hosted a variety of activities in the Student Center recognized 'Week of Happiness.' Students were able to paint rocks, create essential oil bracelets, decorate donuts, and get tips on happiness or community resources for assistance.



The campus community is encouraged to visit the John Mantle Student Center and view the new Tribal display generously on loan from the Karuk Tribe. The display will be updated every three months and the Karuk Tribe is sending a map of northern California tribes to place above it. Things like this assist in making our indigenous students feel welcome on campus and increases retention. Also, while you are in the Student Center, be sure to check out the new digital display highlighting upcoming events, activities, and important dates. The display screen is located in next to the water fountain.

Administrative Services

Facilities, Maintenance, & Operations: A number of projects are underway and several are scheduled to begin soon. New carpet in Eddy Hall will be completed during Spring Break, March 27-31. During this time, counseling staff will work remotely. Also during Spring Break, the final portion of the LRC restroom remodel will take place. Both restrooms will be closed during construction. Countertops will be replaced and new sinks with touchless fixtures installed.

The Theater Arts Project preliminary plan has been submitted to the Chancellors Office for review. The review process can take up to six months for approval to move forward with working drawings.

The Student Housing Project team continues to work on designing an acceptable space within our grant-funded budget. Information from recent discussions with the Department of Finance will be shared with the campus community very soon.

Coming soon... a new Welcome Center will be constructed in the RHSI building on the Yreka Campus giving students better access to registration services.

Academic Affairs

Liberal Arts – Submitted by Val Roberts, Jude Baldwin, Amanda Thomas, Amy LaMachia, and Emkay Sikora

Library: The Library held a Celebration of Women in Science event for Women's History Month on March 15. The event started in late afternoon with a showing of the documentary 'Picture a Scientist.' It was followed by a lively panel discussion with our fabulous full-time Science instructors who shared their experiences as women in the sciences and answered questions from seventeen audience members. It was a wonderful event! Many thanks to our Science faculty Jenny Heath, Alison Varty, Ann Womack, and Shannamar Dewey, as well as Liz Jungermann for helping to coordinate and Ido Isler for helping Library student assistants Tabitha DiDomenico and Jerome Saverimuttu choose props for the Library's accompanying book display (designed by Tabitha). The display featuring fiction and non-fiction books by and about women scientists will be up until early April. If you missed the event, and would like to watch the film shown, you can watch [Picture a Scientist](#) anytime in our Academic Video Online database.

Fine Arts: The 2nd Dimension is an exhibition of new work from the current class of Beginning and Intermediate Painting students at COS. The exhibition features both observational and intuitive works, painted in oils. The exhibition will run from March 15 through April 5 in the COS Art Gallery, located in the Learning Resources Center. The Gallery is open during regular Library hours. Please make a point to stop by and see the work of our talented students!

Academic Success Center (ASC) - Rumor has it that magic will be happening at the ASC at the end of April. We have no idea what this means, but it certainly sounds exciting! Stay tuned for updates.

Performing Arts - COS Performing Arts Department will present its spring production of *Peter and the Star Catcher* next month in the Kenneth W. Ford Theater.

A young orphan and his mates are shipped off from Victorian England to a distant island ruled by the evil King Zarboff. They know nothing of the mysterious trunk in the captain's cabin, which contains a precious, otherworldly cargo. While at sea the boys are discovered by a precocious young girl named Molly, a star catcher-in-training who realizes that the trunk's precious cargo is star stuff, a celestial substance so powerful that it must never fall into the wrong hands. When the ship is taken over by pirates led by the fearsome Black Stache, a villain determined to claim the trunk and its treasure for his own, the journey quickly becomes a thrilling adventure.

Cast and crew have been hard at work to put together this show for the community. Performances will be held Friday and Saturday evenings on April 21, 22, 28, and 29 at 7pm, and Sunday afternoons on April 23 and 30 at 2pm. We hope you will come support the ARTS!

Career and Technical Education (CTE) / Fire Technology – submitted by *Jesse Roberts, Fire Technology Instructor*

It was a busy month for the Fire Program. The 44th Fire Academy completed their Fire Control 3/Live Fire Phase. The Cadets are put through rigorous live-fire scenarios in which the Mike Wilson Fire Tower becomes a building involved under a 5-Alarm fire. The Cadets operate to extinguish the fire in real-time scenarios. This is when all the training they have learned up to this point comes together. They completed all of their manipulative testing and are now moving into the Wildland Module.

The Fire Technology Program also recently hosted the Two-In, Fire-Out group and conducted an Engine Company Operations class. The course focuses on basic fire-ground engine company hose-line functions. Many of the local fire departments participated.

COS Performing Arts Department Proudly Presents

PETER AND THE STARCATCHER

A Play By Rick Elice

Based on the Novel by Dave Barry and Ridley Pearson

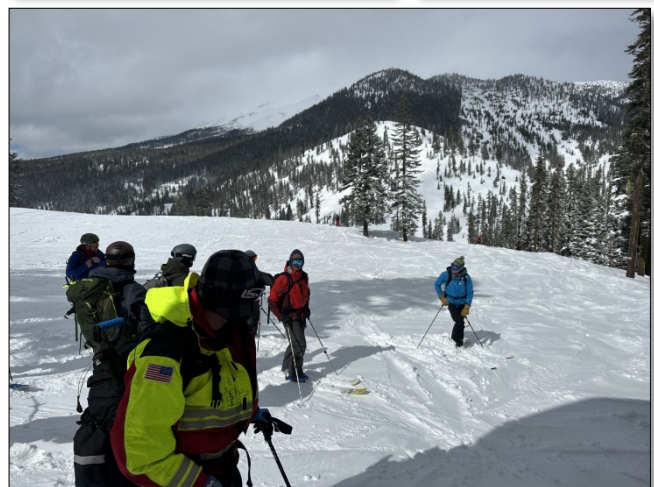
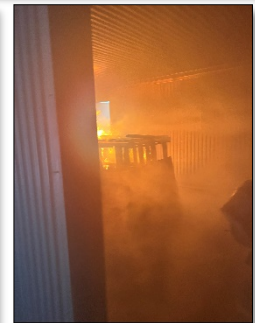
Directed By
Kathryn Young and Neil Carpenter-Altig

April 21, 22, 28, 29 @ 7pm
April 23, 30 @ 2pm

COS Ford Theatre 800 College Ave. Weed, CA

Suggested donation \$10

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Despite the incredible snowstorm, the Level 1 Avalanche Course still commenced and experience epic conditions! We are starting to build an enrollment list for the 45th Academy Class for the 2023-2024 school year.

Academic Senate

Submitted by Dr. Andrea Craddock, Senate President

Hello Everyone.

This month our faculty spotlight is recognizing two amazing women who have earned their tenure this year...Ann Womack and Carly Zeller. Congratulations Ladies! I cannot say enough good things about them. They both are great colleagues who really care about their students.

Dr. Ann Womack is a full-time Biology Instructor on campus. She is passionate about her job and helping students. I recently featured Ann in the January 2023 Campus Connection when she volunteered to absorb students from another biology class into her class when the part-time instructor could not complete their course. This ensured students could complete their biology course and not be 'left in the lurch.' Aside from being a great teacher, Ann also serves on a bunch of committees. One of her many committee responsibilities is serving as the Secretary of the Senate Exec. She is phenomenal in this role. She takes comprehensive notes, diligently meets her obligations, and, most importantly, gives great advice to the Senate Exec (me in particular 😊). I am grateful that I get to work with her closely in this capacity because I value her support and guidance.



Carly Zeller is the Academic Success Center (ASC) Coordinator and Instructor. Under her leadership, the ASC has transformed into an AMAZING student-centered hub of learning support. With the help of the Tutor Coordinator (Emkay Sikora), the ASC provides students with comprehensive in-person and remote tutoring services. In addition, the ASC offers EdTALKs to students on various subjects including academic (i.e., writing essays, how to do research), mental health (i.e., how to de-stress), and financial (i.e., how to fill-out your FAFSA). I encourage my students to attend these EdTALKs because I believe they will all benefit from the information shared. Carly also assists our student athletes by overseeing "grade checks" that let our coaching staff know early if their athletes are struggling in classes. Carly's (and the ASC staff's) ability to reliably offer broad services has helped countless students succeed at College of the Siskiyous.

Aside from being the ASC Coordinator, Carly teaches English courses and is involved in many committees. She brings invaluable information to these meetings and her queries often facilitate the committee (including me!) to consider things from a different perspective. Carly and Ann have shown themselves to be incredible assets to our college community and we are lucky to have them 😊

In addition to recognizing our newly tenured Faculty, the month's Faculty Member Spotlight is focused on the entire Life and Physical Science department. In celebration of Women's History Month, the Biology instructors, Ann Womack, Shannamar Dewey, and Alison Varty, along with the Chemistry instructor, Jenny Heath, participated in a panel discussion hosted by the Library on March 15 focusing on "Women in Science." This talk

highlighted women's contributions to the scientific fields and encouraged girls/women to pursue STEM careers. Jude Baldwin and Liz Jungermann also faculty, helped in the coordination of this Women's History Month event.

The Academic Senate has been busy addressing many items including Program Review/Annual Update processes, ILO/ GELO Assessment Calendar, Credit for Prior Learning (CPL) AP 4235 and its applications, Faculty Diversity Internship Program (FDIP), College Diversity Statement, and more. I appreciate the work of so many (e.g., faculty, staff, and administrators) in getting things done and working through the many items listed on our Academic Senate meeting agendas.

I would also like to give a gentle reminder of the 'Golden Rule' – "to treat others how you would like to be treated." Recently it was brought to my attention that some of our campus family have been perceived as being "rude" or "harsh" in meetings or in email communications. I know many of us are passionate about helping our students, but please remember that we are all on the same team. It does not advance our students' needs by being short and disrespectful to one another.

Thanks for listening,
Dr. Andrea Craddock
Academic Senate President