

Superintendent / President



What a packed month September has been! Classes in full swing; a welcome clearing of the air quality and the start of cooler evenings and crisp mornings; an early theatrical performance of *Walking with Walt*; a fun-filled Scholarship Dinner (congrats to Zack for getting to wear the Coat of Many Colors); and the joyous celebration of 50 years of Eagles football (complete with a homecoming game win against a formidable opponent) are just a few of the highlights! Below please find a few more highlights of what has been happening on campus and interactions in the community for the past month:

- On September 13, several of us from the College went to the North State Together launch of a Siskiyou County component of this five county effort funded by the McConnell Foundation. As a result of this meeting the **Siskiyou Education and Business Alliance (SEBA)** was begun. SEBA is the second of two, emerging, large-scale projects focused on strengthening communities throughout Siskiyou County. The first project is the Siskiyou Occupational Advancement Roadmap (SOAR) is an ongoing grant-funded strategic planning project that will convey Siskiyou County's five-year vision for the future of careers and the local workforce. The plan is designed to be a living document, with the implementation of the most impactful opportunities occurring while the plan is in development. Information gathering sessions are in the planning process to bring synergy to a vision of our County's future and build momentum to the implementation phase of our next steps in the coming year. SEBA is a new project that represents a key set of opportunities for rejuvenation of the economic vitality and sustainability of local business

and industry sectors through collective impact partnerships between local educators and businesses to prepare the workforce today needed for today and tomorrow. SEBA will play a critical role implementing the SOAR plan and is part of a five-county effort to address career and workforce needs, share successes and resources, and take advantage of regional funding opportunities to implement new projects. SEBA is supported through the [North State Together](#) project.

- September 17 was a day spent with my fellow CEO colleagues from Area 1 (the Far North community colleges). In the morning we spent time with our Athletic Directors reviewing important policies and issues for our Athletic Conference. Dennis did a great job representing the College at this meeting. In the afternoon, several of us from the College met with our counterparts at Shasta College to discuss partnership opportunities with two projects: Complete College America, and the Lumina Foundation North State Talent Hub. From these conversations we found a lot of synergy around Guided Pathways and these two efforts, as well as ways to enhance opportunities for adult students to return to college studies at College of the Siskiyous and complete degrees.
- I was pleased to attend McCloud High School's "Back to School Night" on September 19 to complete my first round of "Listening Tour" visits throughout Siskiyou County. I was allowed to speak with the parents and students gathered in the gymnasium before they dispersed to the various classrooms for their evening's activities. We also set up a table and many of the senior students – as well as several underclassmen students – stopped by and asked thoughtful questions about their interest in attending College of the Siskiyous once they graduate. Now that the "Listening Tour" is completed, we are planning the second set of visits to Siskiyou County communities to share what was learned in the "Listening Tour" visits, and to engage in further conversations connecting the College with all the communities in our service area. By continuing to extend myself into their communities, we are forming, rebuilding, and/or strengthening bridges between the population of Siskiyou County and the College as "THE" place for advancing their education goals, preparing for the workforce, engaging in lifelong learning opportunities, and enhancing skills for job promotion or job advancement.
- On September 10th (Weed) and again on the 20th (Yreka) I held the first round of "Sessions with Stephen" on both campuses. These will be monthly opportunities for faculty, staff, students, and community stakeholders to gather with me as we share updates, ideas, concerns, questions, and further the communication within the College community and the community at large. I encourage you to place these events on your calendar and try to attend. Not only are they a great chance to mingle with one another, there is also FOOD at these sessions! 😊

Overall during the month progress was made with both the Chinese Educators' visit to College of the Siskiyous later this fall (dates still being finalized) and our relationship with FIELD as we mapped out the year. As always, I wish to thank each and every one of you for the efforts you make each and every day to help the College and the District fulfill our mission to transform students' lives through learning and success. You make a huge difference in the lives of our students which resonates throughout our communities and region.

Quote of the Month:

"Do not (merely) measure success by today's harvest. Measure (sustaining) success by the seeds you plant today." – Robert Louis Stevenson

Public Relations & College Foundation

COS Preview Day and College Fair: On September 12, approximately 350 high school seniors, parents, and staff, attended the College Fair and COS Preview Day event at the Weed Campus. High school seniors were able to meet many of our faculty and staff, view demonstrations, receive information about COS academic programs; and take campus tours.

Scholarship Dinner: I want to thank our Faculty, Staff, Administration, Board of Trustee members, Foundation Board members, Scholarship Committee members and the community for attending and participating in the Scholarship Dinner held September 15th. If you weren't there, you definitely missed out!!

Each year just continues to get better and better!! Everyone had a lot of fun, the food was delicious, we had lots of yummy desserts, and my personal favorite part of the evening was the Coat Auction! We also presented our 2018/2019 Foundation Scholarship recipients with their awards for the fall semester during the event. It was so great to be able to meet the students and their families.



The highlight of the evening is always the auction of the Coat of Many Colors. If you have been to the dinner, then you will know – NO ONE IS SAFE!! This year the coat was tried on by many lucky individuals. At the end of the auction, it was Sheila Grimes, on behalf of the ASM group who waved her blue napkin and submitted the final bid of the night that "sealed the deal" of the Coat of Many Colors landing on the back of Dr. Zweigle!! He will be wearing the coat to Instruction Council, Board of Trustee meetings, and Academic Senate meetings until next years' event.

We are still counting up the proceeds from the event, but are expecting to clear over \$10,000 which will support our Siskiyou Promise program. Thank you again to all who attended, purchased tickets, and supported this very important program.

Holiday Craft Fair: The 21st Annual COS Holiday Craft Fair will be held on Friday evening, November 30 (5 to 8 p.m.) and Saturday, December 1 (9 a.m. to 3 p.m.) at the COS Weed Campus in the gym. This craft fair celebrates the finest of hand-crafted products produced by local and regional artisans and crafters. Vendor registrations are currently being accepted, however spaces are filling quickly. For more information or to request a registration packet, call (530) 938-5373.

October Events

- October 1: Admissions Application for 2019/2020 Opens
- October 2: Soccer vs. Lake Tahoe College, 2PM (Women) & 4PM (Men) – Baseball / Soccer Field
- October 2: COS Board of Trustees Monthly Meeting, 6PM – Yreka Campus RHSI
- October 3: History and Political Science Departments present "*Mean Girls Day*" a celebration of all things pink, "*fetch*," and drenched in butter. We will have an exclusive showing of the film "Mean Girls" in McCloud Hall 4-103 at 3PM.
- October 5: Last Day to Petition Pass/No Pass
- October 5: Soccer vs. Feather River College, 2PM (Men) & 4PM (Women) – Baseball / Soccer Field
- October 6: Football vs. Fresno, 1PM – Stadium
- October 8: Psychology Club Speaker Presentation: Dr. Alan Cooper, 3:30PM – DLC 3
- October 10: Volleyball vs. Butte College, 6PM – Gym
- October 11: Leading for Equity Institute (Day 1), 8:30AM-4PM – ASC Loft
- October 12: All Campus Meeting, 8:30AM – Theater
- October 12: Leading for Equity Institute (Day 2), 9AM-4:30PM – ASC Loft
- October 12: Volleyball vs. Shasta College, 6PM – Gym
- October 16: Soccer vs. Redwoods, 11AM (Women) & 1PM (Men) – Baseball / Soccer Field
- October 19: Cross Country GVC Preview Meet – Campus, TBA
- October 19: Paramedic Graduation, 6PM - Theater
- October 20: COS Football vs. Butte College, 1PM – Stadium
- October 24: Flu Shot Clinic for COS Employees, 12 to 4PM – Board Room
- October 25: Volleyball vs. Redwoods, 6PM - Gym
- October 27: Cross Country GVC Championships, TBA – Weed Campus Bear Trail
- October 28: Cross Country Hosts: Monster Mountain 5k– Campus, TBA
- October 31: Volleyball vs. Lassen, 6PM - Gym

Administrative Services

At the September Board of Trustees meeting the Final Budget was approved and is now posted on our website under Administrative Services. Work on Program Plans, CQIPs and budgeting will begin shortly and continue over the next few months. It has been recommended by Integrated Budget and Planning Committee that the Open Hearing sessions for all areas take place during the month of April with a schedule to be shared with the campus in the coming weeks. We hope that everyone has a pleasant and safe October!

Food Services: The Eagle Café is open Monday thru Friday 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. with the Fryer/Grill shutting down at 3 p.m. Grab & Go, drinks, sandwiches and wraps will be available until 4 p.m.

The Eagle Café is open Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Breakfast is served from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., Lunch/Dinner from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. The Dining Hall is serving Lunch Monday thru Friday from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. and Dinner, Monday thru Friday from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. For Dinner we now offer the option to "Go Large." For an additional \$4.25 one may add an extra serving of the dinner entrée plus increased servings of the veggies and/or sides offered on the menu. We are also offering a la carte pricing during lunch and dinner. There is a posted sign with prices in the Dining Hall area.

Facilities Update:

- The Fire Tower equipment replacement, repair and training were completed September 27.
- Repairs from the July 24 lightning damage in Yreka are now complete.
- The new soccer field design continues to move forward. Another open forum for the campus and community will be scheduled in the next few weeks to share the draft final design.
- The in-house installation of electronic FOB operated locks at the Weed gym is 80% complete with more locks coming online each week.
- The replacement of the gym heating plant equipment is complete. The final commissioning began September 25.
- The installation of additional electronic FOB locks, funded by the endowment in RHSI classrooms and entries is scheduled for late October.
- The Science bldg. emergency shower drain repair is in design. The repair is scheduled for January Winter Break 2019. Rooms 112, 120, 121, 122 and 215 will be closed the month of January 2019.
- An evaluation of the scope of repair for the leaking fire sprinklers in Science was completed on April 21. The administration is reviewing the data and options.
- The new kiln burner system is scheduled to be installed this month funded by the 2018/19 Scheduled Maintenance and Instruction Equipment Grant.
- The parts are being ordered to wire the five new CNC machines in the Yreka Industrial Tech building. Phase II is already in the planning stage as more equipment arrives each week.
- The 2018/19 State Space Inventory has been updated. We have been increasing utilization of Temp 30, rooms 101 and 102, the TV studio, Life Science rooms 1, 8, 8A&B and 12. This improves our space utilization percentage and increases the amount of rooms and square feet we actively use.

Technology Update:

- Microsoft Office 2016 - During the next few weeks, IT will be upgrading your PC to Microsoft Office 2016.

- In October, we will be migrating email accounts from Microsoft Exchange to Microsoft Office 365 Outlook. Office 365 Outlook is very similar to our current Exchange Outlook email, but it resides in the cloud rather than in our server room.
- Banner Revitalization Schedule
 - Week of October 1 – ODS Training
 - Week of October 15 – Banner 9
 - Week of November 12 – ODS Training
- New Help Desk software will be rolled out Soon! Move information and training will be available in a few weeks.

Instruction

It has been a productive month as I devote time each day in service to our Instruction efforts. The staff in the office are exceptional to work with, and I want to thank them publicly for helping me learn and get oriented to where things are and the status of multiple projects and efforts within the Division. While I have served as Vice President of Instruction for more than six years prior to my first presidency, I am still learning the California ways of things! 😊

Much of this month has been devoted to grants housed within Instruction that have excessive balances and needs for sound, strategic planning to ensure that expenditures strengthen and enhance our overall academic programs, and are not wasted efforts. As I continue to learn more, rest assured that the team within Instruction administration will be developing and implementing sound planning to continue our progress in support of effective teaching and learning.

Dennis Roberts and I, along with the outstanding support from Weblinks staff Anne Marie Kuhlemann and Mike Reetz, were able to re-establish Athletic webpages that include avenues for interested student athletes to contact coaches about attending College of the Siskiyous next year. This is a vital aspect of the College's overall enrollment strategy so I am extremely grateful for the work done by all involved to get these pages working again. Hopefully in next month's Campus Connection we will be announcing new pages that instantly update athletic scores and stats! Stay tuned!!

A quick update on Curriculum and using e-Lumen... I wish to thank Mike Graves, Elaine Eldridge, and all the members of the Curriculum Committee as they have helped me learn the e-Lumen system as we all work together to move curriculum through the review and approval process. I think we have been able to open up some of the clogged pipelines in the process, and I work diligently not to let anything stay in "my queue" too long.



I was able to observe two classes on September 27. The first was Mike Read's class as they tested the student's homemade rockets out on the football and track and field area. I also visited a Transition Education class (being told I was the first president to ever visit their classroom to anyone's knowledge). Another valuable effort we provide as a College to students in our area.

Dean of Instruction - Year One:

September 2018 marked the end of my first year and the beginning of the second year. I have truly

enjoyed my time at COS. Coming from a Midwest Community College, I had no idea how much of a learning curve there was with Title V and Ed Code. I want to thank all of my faculty and staff (especially the wise sages) for their advice and counsel over the past year. The next few months in the instruction division will be busy as we conduct observations and evaluations, prepare the program reviews and CQIPs, lay out the 365 schedule of courses, and organize our portions of the budget for next fiscal year.

- Scholarship Dinner:** As most of you know, I am the proud wearer of *The Coat of Many Colors™*. I knew it was coming, and though I attempted multiple times to bid it off my shoulders, Sheila Grimes and the ASM saw fit to fit me with the coat. In all seriousness, what a great event! Last year, I had been at the College for only week when I attended the dinner; though I was nervous to meet all these new faces at the dinner, I was moved by the College's support for the students. This year was no different. Plus, it was great to see so many colleagues and friends out of the office for the evening.



- Academic Success Center:** Earlier in September, in the wake of Lorinda Meyer's retirement, I was asked to take charge of the Academic Success Center. Lorinda and her

staff did a great job with the remodel over the last two years. The space is clean, colorful, and very functional. The laptops that were purchased for the basic skills classes have added a valuable component to the learning environment. And while I cannot thank Lorinda enough for her efforts, her retirement, as well as Denise Mannion's retirement, left holes in the ASC staff that need to be filled. For the interim period, I am serving as the ASC coordinator. I have asked Carly Zeller, who was the coordinator (once upon a time), to return and help for the next few months. I want to thank Rita Browne, Debra Chambers, Jim Corcoran, Lindsey Dawson, Galen Ferrel, John Tomlinson, Michael Tonge, and our student workers Josh Dye, Josh Grimes, Cole Hickey, and Brenden Short for being so patient, helpful, and supportive as I struggled over the last few weeks to get up to speed.

- **High School Preview Day:** I want to thank Sean Kenny, Mike Wilson, Jenny Heath, Christian Richards, Neil Carpentier-Alting, Ron Slabbinck, Mark Beaulieu, Mike Graves, Michelle Korkowski, Alison Varty, Amanda Thomas, Chris Vancil, Ted Helard, Jayne Turk, Mandy Twitchell, Cassie Hansen, and Patrick McDougall for opening up their classrooms and sharing their disciplines with the high schools from Modoc and Siskiyou Counties. Pictured is Patrick McDougall talking with a future student as he shares his passion for physics.



- **Nursing:** COS Nursing will participate as a presenter and panelist in the county-wide 8th grade Health Careers Fair on October 9, at the Siskiyou County Fairgrounds. This had been an annual event to introduce 8th graders from throughout the county to possibilities of health careers. Presenters come from all aspects of health care and from educational institutions to provide the students with hands-on experiences in their field. A panel of experienced practitioners in their field presents to the 8th graders in the afternoon, sharing their stories about the development of their personal career. The event is very well attended, with 8th graders coming via school bus from as far as Butte Valley and throughout the northern part of Siskiyou County. Several hundred students generally attend.
- On October 1, from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., California State University Chico will share the transfer path from RN to BSN for all current LVN to RN students and for any RN in the community. COS Nursing has worked with CSU Chico to develop a streamlined "road map" for COS nursing students to transfer into the BSN program.

Student Services

Student Services had a very exciting and outstanding start to another academic year. Our students are starting to get settled-in and high school recruitment season begins.



- **GEAR UP/COS Partnership:** We met with Kory Hayden from GEAR UP to discuss possible partnerships with her and COS. They are in the last year of their grant, and want to serve former GEAR UP students who are currently attending College of the Siskiyous. More discussions will take place as COS identifies areas that will allow us to utilize her services, such as providing Financial Aid information nights.
- **High School Preview Day:** September 12 was High School Preview day and once again, we had approximately 300 Siskiyou County High School seniors on campus. This was our best event ever, as we had a myriad of that ranged from demonstrations in various venues around campus, a Ford Foundation Scholarship Presentation among other information sessions, and drop-in visits to various classes in session. Special thanks to all who participated but especially: Mark Beaulieu, Neil Carpentier-Alting, College Options, Eagles Football Team, Ford Foundation, Sunny Greene, Cassie Hanson, Jan Harris, Jenny Heath, Ted Herald, Sean Kenny, Michele Korkowski, Pat McDougall, Christian Richards, Dr. Stephen Schoonmaker, Ron Slabbinck, Jayne Turk, Chris Vancil, Alison Varty, Mike Wilson, Brian Witherell. And the entire workgroup: Josh Collins, Doug Haugen, Becky Hobbs, MaryAnn Munson, Stacy Reed, Val Roberts, Dawnie Slabaugh, Meghan Witherell, Stephanie Wroten, Zach Zweigle and the Student Ambassadors and Student Leaders.
- **Gloves, Scarves, and Coats:** As you unpack your winter clothes, please consider donating your gently used (or new) gloves, scarves and winter coats to the Welcome Center. We make these available to our students on a take-one-leave-one basis. As you know, some of our students have never experienced our brisk winter weather and don't come prepared for the first cold day – or cannot afford to purchase them at all. Last year we received a lot of donations and the items went fast – students are taking and using them! Thank you in advance for your generosity.
- **Coming Together North State:** Shannon Eller, Regina Weston and I attended a meeting with Dr. Schoonmaker on the Siskiyou County Coming Together North State funding, hosted by a team from Shasta College, Kevin O'Rorke, Kate Mahar and Sharon Strazzo. This is a tremendous opportunity to improve county prosperity and educational success of our community. More meetings will follow.
- **Complete College America :** Dr. Schoonmaker, Maria Fernandez, Dr. Zach Zweigle and I then traveled to Shasta College to meet with President Dr. Joe Wyse and other Shasta College representatives to talk about the Complete College America initiative. The activities

identified in this initiative fit perfectly with our Guided Pathways and California Promise plans and will provide additional resources to meet initiative goals.

- **Hispanic Heritage Month:** We close September and begin October with Hispanic Heritage Month, September 15 through October 15. Activities include Latin music in the Student Center over the lunch hours, a taste of Pan Dulce for students, and Hispanic Heritage Month information and related artifacts in the Display Case in the Student Center.

Some October multicultural events for your consideration:

- **October 2: Simchat Torah**, a Jewish holiday, marks the end of the weekly readings of the Torah.
- **October 8: Canadian Thanksgiving**
- **October 8: National Indigenous People's Day**, an alternative to Columbus Day.
- **October 11: National Coming Out Day.** For those who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgender.
- **October 19: Dussehra (Dasera)**, the beginning of a ten-day festival celebrated by Hindus
- **October 31: Halloween**

Admissions & Registration: We currently have 1,934 students registered for the Fall term. Registration continues with add & drops and we have started the admissions follow up for the Winter and Spring terms. The application for the 2019-2020 academic year will be opening on October 1, 2018.

Student Ambassadors: Student Ambassadors had a great time working the COS Preview Day on September 12. Activities for October include a Voter Registration booth, Hayfork HS tour, and a potential murder mystery activity. Please contact the Recruitment Office if you are interested in participating.

Counseling and Advising: The COS Counseling and Advising staff and Christina Van Alfen met with high school counselors and other staff that were on campus for the Preview Day/College Fair event. Updates on AB 705 and placement, the various "Promises" (California College Promise Grant, California Promise, and Siskiyou Promise), and Dual Enrollment were provided. The high school folks expressed appreciation for our on-site high school SOAR sessions, for our improved communication, and frequency of visits to their campuses.

Beckie Hobbs attended the North Coast College and Career Expo at Eureka High School on September 20. Over 1,000 students from all over Humboldt County attended this event! Beckie said there was a lot of interest in COS from students, parents, and county high school staff and counselors.

September was the month for students interested in transferring to a UC campus to submit a TAG (Transfer Admissions Guarantee). We have had a few students come in with questions and ask for assistance in this process.

The Counselors have been spending time with students doing financial aid appeals, EOPS check-ins, DSPS meetings, answering transfer questions, and assisting students with schedule changes for fall and registration for winter and spring. Advisors have been busy with students changing schedules and registered for winter and spring, updating their majors, and needing minor tweaks to their education plans. Josh Collins and Marlena Shaffer have also been busy entering MIS data for Chancellor's Office reporting.

Counselors and Advisors are happy to assist students with questions about the transfer applications and process for CSU and UC campuses. CSU campuses accept applications for incoming fall 2019 students from October 1 through November 30. UC campuses accept applications for incoming fall 2019 students from November 1 through November 30. Low income students may be eligible for a waiver of their application fees.

- **Student Support Programs:** This is the season of "Year End" reports for the Chancellor's Office. Year End reports for DSPS, CalWORKs, EOPS/CARE, and SSSP/SSSP Match were completed and submitted within the last two weeks of September.
- **CalWORKs:** CalWORKs orientations with fall semester students were given late August through the month of September. Valerie Roberts attended a CalWORKs Director training in Sacramento. More local decisions and flexibility in spending (within guidelines, of course) is being allowed. It is the hope of the Chancellor's Office that this will allow colleges to provide the services to these students that are needed with the uniqueness of the area and student demographic in mind.
- **DSPS:** The DSPS office staff is thrilled to announce that the Program Assistant position has been filled. After months of support from temp workers, and for many other reasons, we are very happy to welcome Cyndi Leonard to our staff!
- **EOPS/CARE:** EOPS students completed their first check-ins (census), and seem to be doing well overall. This semester we had a new recommended timeframe for first counselor contact (Oct. 19), and students have been good at trying to meet before then.
- **Foster Youth Success Program:** On Wednesday, October 17, at least ten 5th-8th grade students and three chaperones will be attending the Foster Youth Success Program's "VIP Day" we're hosting. Siskiyou County Office of Education is helping to make this day happen. There is a lot of paperwork to be completed for these students, but we're hoping for even more to attend. The FYSP VIPs will get behind the scenes access, including a chemistry demo by Jenny Health and the opportunity to sit in on Ron Slabbinck's Jazz Ensemble class. If you see these VIP students around campus on the 17th (look for their VIP badges), please welcome them to campus. Remind them college is possible and that we'd love to have them attend COS when they are ready in a couple of years. The support and encouragement is important for this population.

- **TRiO – Student Support Services and Upward Bound:** UB has been fundraising for their trip to Disneyland as part of Summer Program College Tour. The students are currently selling chocolate bars and will be selling holiday wreaths. Look for the wreaths at the COS Craft Fair.

The first Saturday School of the fall semester will be October 13. The TRiO Study Center will be open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for all UB students – those students earning 74% or lower in one or more of their high school classes are required to attend.

Student Support Services (SSS) has six students signed up for Chico Preview Day on October 20th. We expect more students to sign up before that date. A few Upward Bound students will also be attending.

Tyler Morrison will be staffing an information table in Student Center on October 9th and 16th. Send students his way if they have questions about SSS eligibility, transfer, and/or how SSS can help support them in the attainment of their educational goal – at COS and beyond. Tyler is beginning to meet individually with SSS students intending to transfer. As mentioned above, CSU and UC campuses accept applications for incoming fall 2019 students through November 30. CSU applications can be submitted starting October 1, and UC applications can be submitted starting November 1.



Financial Aid: Fall is in the air!! And of course, financial aid has been busy as usual! We've been down two staff but have managed to keep up with the work load, and most importantly, disbursing federal and state aid to our students! So far, 434 students have received Pell grants for a total amount of \$514,536.00. We are very close to our numbers at this time last fall 2017. We have disbursed Federal Direct loans to our returning students on September 21 and loans will be disbursed on October 12 to our first time borrowers (per federal regulations, students who have never borrowed a Federal Direct loan must wait 30 days).

Cal Grants disbursed on September 28. This will include the new Student Success Grant – students who are eligible to receive a Cal Grant B or Cal Grant c and are enrolled in 12 to 14.9 units, will receive an additional \$649 per semester. If these students are enrolled in 15 or more, they will receive \$2,000.00 per semester.

On September 20, Jan Harris gave a FAFSA presentation at the High School Counselors Workshop held in Yreka for all of our Siskiyou County high school counselors. This workshop is held throughout the state of California and is sponsored by California Community Colleges Student Financial Aid Administrators Association (CCCSFAAA), the California Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (CASFAA), ECMC and the California Student Aid

Commission (CSAC). We talked about the 2019/2020 FAFSA application and the new mobile app that will allow students and their families to complete their FAFSA on their phones. We also discussed Siskiyou Promise, the California College Promise Grant (BOGW) and the new California Promise (AB 19). Of course it got a little confusing, but we were able to make sense of it all!

Jan Harris also visited Choices again located in Yreka. Choices is located in Mt. Shasta and Yreka and they offers assistance and support to families who are in need. Patty Leal, the coordinator, was excited to show me their College of the Siskiyous display!! They are always happy to have visits from COS! Several of their guests are completing their GED's in order to be enroll in spring 19 classes and apply for financial aid.

Financial Aid has just posted two positions! Located on our COS Job Opportunities page is the Financial Aid Technician and Student Services Specialist, Financial Aid. We are very excited at the prospect of being fully staffed!!

Remember!! The 2019/2020 FAFSA will be online beginning October 1! Students and their families will be using 2017 income information. Students can still apply for the 2018-2019 aid year and in addition, get a head start on 2019/2020. If in doubt, complete BOTH years!!

Student Equity: The month of September has flown by, and each day has been filled assisting students with a variety of needs. Our food pantry is getting used regularly, and students are very happy to have sack lunches, and snacks available if needed in a pinch. We also have been putting out our snack baskets twice weekly at various locations throughout campus to give students a boost between classes.

We are very excited to have been one of the community colleges awarded a three-year CalFresh Outreach Subcontract. CalFresh is California's Supplemental Nutrition Program which provides eligible students with a monthly allotment on a card that can be used to purchase food. This contract will begin in October, and will allow us to partner with the CSU, Chico Center for Healthy Families and our local Human Services office to provide CalFresh application assistance to our students. If you know of someone who may be eligible for CalFresh, please have them stop by the Welcome Center and set up an appointment for application assistance.

Associated Student Body (ASB): The Senators of the Associated Student Board meet each Friday afternoon. This past month the Senators selected their executive officers for the year. The officers are: Syhanna Hocker, President; Javonee Bynum, Vice President; Zari Peres; Secretary; Dayan Avery; Treasurer; Jared Cederlund, Parliamentarian. These student leaders are now reaching out to other members of the student body to fill vacant senator positions. Having more students involved in student government creates to student participation in the District's participatory governance process. Please provide recommendations for Student Senators to the ASB by emailing asb@siskiyous.edu.

Behavior Intervention Team (BIT): The District wide Behavior Intervention Team is meeting weekly to review and support students and staff who are referred through email. The Team

rates each student on a threat assessment tool and identifies ways local resources and recommends follow up contact with the person. This fall, Weed City police department has assigned one POST certified police officer to attending BIT meetings each week. Officer, Tim Green has attended each meeting this fall and has provided valuable insight for our team as we look to support each person’s needs. Follow up by a counselor is a frequent recommendation as these faculty members training allows them support students psychosocial development also.

Human Resources

Recruitment	
Position	Status
Food Services Assistant (2 Positions)	Job Offer Pending
Associate Director, Fiscal Services	Complete: Jeannine Greenslade
Director, Non-Credit, Community & Contract Education	Complete: Kim Freeze
Program Assistant, DSPS	Complete: Cynthia Leonard
Dual Enrollment Coordinator	Checking References
Police Academy Coordinator	Screening
Student Services Specialist, Admissions & Records	Screening
EMS Instructor/Coordinator	First Review 9/28/2018
Student Services Specialist, Financial Aid	First Review 10/2/2018
Information Systems Technician II	First Review 10/8/2018
Applications Manager	First Review 10/11/2018
Financial Aid Processing Technician	First Review 10/18/2018
Biological Sciences Instructor	First Review 10/29/2018
Counselor	First Review 10/31/2018
Dean, CTE & Yreka Center	Initial Meeting Scheduled

Flu Shot Clinic

The flu shot clinic will be on October 24, from 12 to 4 p.m. in the Board Room. An email will be sent out next week with additional information.

Classified Senate

The Classified Senate is pleased to announce at their last Board Meeting held August 7, the Board voted and approved the addition of a Classified Senate. Dr. Schoonmaker was very instrumental in helping us create our new senate. Officers of the Senate include: Debbie Dutcher – President; Crystal Fahey – Vice President; Karen Chandler – Secretary.

We have been well represented by CSEA and are well populated on the College committees, but this brings a new voice on shared governance. Special thanks to all who helped with the creation of the Bylaws and Constitution, especially Dr. Schoonmaker, Chris Vancil and the Academic Senate, and especially CSEA members.

Academic Senate

Before the semester began, Dr. Schoonmaker and I were discussing the amount of money



individual faculty members spend on work materials and I shared that although COS had never supplied me with a stapler, I'd purchased more than a dozen. We brainstormed a list of must-have back-to-school items. Together, we purchased the items that I assembled into the specialty tote bags and I was able to give these bags to faculty on our Orientation Day. A big thank you to Dr. Schoonmaker for investing his own money to make these bags worthwhile, including spending extra money to give each full time faculty member a heavy-duty stapler! Also, a shout out to Mechanic's Bank for supplying the extra-large water bottles! (P.S. I have lots of extra tote bags, so if you would like your very own, please ask!)

Watching a variety of our sports teams compete over the past several weeks and seeing the hundreds of former football players who came back to celebrate 50 years of football reinforced the importance of athletics as part of



our college curriculum. Research shows that student athletes are more likely to be homeowners five years after college than students who do not compete. Our Faculty Coaches do an excellent job of teaching perseverance. Win or lose, our coaches and student athletes do not give up! Once an Eagle, always an Eagle!

No other reports were submitted.