

# College of the Siskiyous The Campus Connection February 2023

# **Office of the President**

Submitted by Dr. Char Perlas, Superintendent/President

**Celebrating Black History Month!** The 2023 theme of Black History Month is Black Resistance. 'African Americans have resisted historic and ongoing oppression, in all forms, especially the racial terrorism of lynching, racial pogroms, and police killings since our arrival upon these shores. These efforts have been to advocate for a dignified self-determined life in a just democratic society in the United States and beyond the United States political jurisdiction.' - Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH)

Systematic oppression has and continues to have a negative impact on advocacy efforts driven by leaders such as Dr. Martin Luther King, Rosa Parks and Medgar Evers. 'By resisting, Black people have achieved triumphs, successes, and progress as seen in the end of chattel slavery; the dismantling of Jim and Jane Crow segregation in the South; increased political representation at all levels of government; desegregation of educational institutions; the passage of Civil Rights Act of 1964; the opening of the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History in DC; and, increased and diverse representation of Black experiences in media.' - <a href="https://asalh.org/black-history-themes/">https://asalh.org/black-history-themes/</a>

In celebration of Black History Month, the Continuous Learning Institute is offering a series of Student Success Podcasts listed below:

- Dr. Darla Cooper, Community College Researcher, Planner, and Nonprofit Executive, <u>The RP Group</u> (two episodes):
  Factors that increase the likelihood of African American students transferring to four-year universities. Link: <u>https://lnkd.in/dEeebxk8</u>
  Unpacking the "Six Student Success Factors." Link: <u>https://lnkd.in/d68nMbk</u>
- Dr. Michael Baston, President, <u>Cuyahoga</u> <u>Community College -</u> How to implement transformational change to improve student success & equity. Link: <u>https://lnkd.in/gEjuMZtQ</u>
- Dr. Mordecai Brownlee, President, <u>Community College of Aurora</u> <u>-</u>Addressing student success during this historic and volatile times. Link: <u>https://lnkd.in/gNyuSpXX</u>

# Celebrating Black History Month Learning from Educational Leaders Student Success Podcast



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- Prof. Lisa Ratchford, Faculty, <u>Diablo Valley College -</u> How to onboard faculty to the equity work. <u>https://lnkd.in/gqyjM8J</u>
- Pascale Charlot, JD, Executive at <u>The Aspen Institute</u>; former College President The next evolution of community colleges and how to serve high academic achieving disproportionately impacted students. Link: <u>https://lnkd.in/gaGWYchq</u>
- Dr. Frank Harris III, Racial Equity Researcher, <u>San Diego State University</u> Strategies to address racial equity and anti-blackness in higher education Link: <u>https://lnkd.in/gtqheRQk</u>

Accreditation Peer Review Team Visit - We are very excited to welcome our ACCJC Accreditation Peer Review Team to our campus on Tuesday, February 28 and Wednesday, March 1, 2023. Our Peer Review Team Members are:

- Dr. Brent Calvin, Superintendent/President College of the Sequoias
- Dr. Tawny Dotson, President Yuba College
- Dr. Marilyn Brock, English Professor Coastline Community College
- Ms. Jennifer Tejada, Acting Senior Dean Diablo Valley College
- Ms. Michelle Batista, Vice President Student Services Lake Tahoe Community College
- Dr. Gohar Momjian, ACCJC Staff Liaison

The current draft agenda has campus forums scheduled on Tuesday, February 28 between 8:30 - 9:30 a.m. and Wednesday, March 1 between 1 - 2 p.m. in the Weed Campus Theater. All are welcome!



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## **Public Relations & College Foundation:**

**2023-2024 Foundation Scholarship Applications Now Available:** Scholarship applications for academic year 2023-2024 are now available for Siskiyou County high school seniors (graduating spring 2023) and current COS students who plan to attend COS during the 2023-2024 year. Scholarships range from \$250 to \$5,000. The application is due March 15 and is online at <a href="http://www.siskiyous.edu/foundation/scholarships.htm">www.siskiyous.edu/foundation/scholarship.htm</a>.

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

#### February 2023

- February 20: Washington Day Holiday (Campus Closed)
- February 21: Monthly Board of Trustees Meeting, 4pm Board Room
- February 25: Paramedic Class (21/22) Graduation, 1pm Theater
- February 28: Accreditation Team Visit, All Day Weed and Yreka Campus
- February 28: Grocery Bingo (Sponsored by Outreach)
- February 28: COS Foundation Mini Grant Applications Due by 4pm

## March 2023

- March 1: Accreditation Team Visit, All Day Weed and Yreka Campus
- March 3: Baseball vs. Feather River, 1pm Baseball Field
- March 4: Baseball vs. Feather River, 11am Baseball Field (DH)
- March 10: Baseball vs. Lassen, 1pm Baseball Field
- March 11: Baseball vs. Lassen, 11am Baseball Field (DH)
- March 15: COS Foundation Scholarship Applications Due by 4pm
- March 17: Baseball vs. Shasta, 1pm Baseball Field
- March 21: Monthly Board of Trustees Meeting, 4pm Board Room
- March 24: Softball vs. Feather River, 12pm Softball Field (DH)
- March 25: Softball vs. Shasta, 12pm Softball Field (DH)
- March 27-31: Spring Break No classes
- March 31: Baseball vs. Butte, 1pm Baseball Field

**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.

## Athletics:

Basketball season has just ended and we are waiting to hear if both teams will receive playoff slots. Congratulations to our student athletes and coaching staff on a successful season. Check the <u>Athletics webpage</u> for game schedules, scores, and photos from the events.

# **Student Services**

**Vice President of Student Services** - The start of the semester has been full of activity. We thank all who were involved in Week of Welcome (WOW) activities. WOW events are beneficial in helping to retain students and provide an environment that fosters success. The beginning of the semester has also had a number of challenges in regards to dealing with unique situations with students. These situations can challenge the way we react, the ability to serve our students, and how we deal with the aftermath. We are in awe of and absolutely amazed by both Student Services staff/faculty and those outside Student Services who have handled these situations with composure, empathy, and grace. Thank you to our amazing staff and faculty who constantly go "over and above" to serve all our students.

The Student Services team and College of the Siskiyous is happy to welcome the three newest members of our team. JonJon Junpradub, new Director of Student Housing & Student Life; Shannon Donaldson, Office Assistant in Admissions & Records, and Jeffrey Williams, Program Specialist in Upward Bound. Welcome to our Team! We are thrilled to welcome you.

Finally, we would like to wish Vice President of Administrative Services Dave Vigo farewell. He has only been here for a short time, but his presence was felt, and he will be missed. Kelly Groppi is also departing and it has truly been enjoyable working with her this past year and a half. There are only kind words to say about her and we all wish her the best in her retirement...she deserves it. Thank you, Kelly, for your many years of service to the college and our students.

**Basecamp:** The month of January was very busy between preparing for the start of the spring semester, and welcoming students back to campus. It is great to see everyone and the energy that students bring to Basecamp HQ. During Week of Welcome, Basecamp hosted a couple of fun events that students enjoyed, and of course, they involved food! Students were excited for the annual pizza lunch that is provided during the first week, as well as a CalFresh event that we call "Donut you want more \$ for Food," where donuts are served and students are proceeding the calFresh eligibility. Over the uncoming menths, Basecamp will

are prescreened for CalFresh eligibility. Over the upcoming months, Basecamp will be hosting monthly Basecamp Ambassador led events, which we hope will involve the entire campus community... so be on the lookout for those events!

**TRIO:** Staff had an awesome time during WOW working the "Ask Me" booth and sharing information with students about the TRiO Program during the Program Highlight Fair!

On February 2, TRiO collaborated w/Basecamp and Financial Aid to hold the first annual FAFSA Fryday. Staff were available to speak with students about competing their FAFSA and offered a delicious loaded Fry Bar.

Later, on February 4, TRiO sponsored a trip to the Black College Expo in Oakland, California. Upward Bound



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and COS students enjoyed talking with numerous HBCU representatives and attending sessions featuring speakers from around the country. In the upcoming weeks, TRiO plans to offer FAFSA assistance opportunities and a campus tour to both Southern Oregon University (SOU) and Oregon Institute of Technology (OIT). If you know of students interested in these campus tour opportunities, send them to TRiO!



## **Financial Aid:**

- February collection for IPEDS survey successfully locked for submission by the Chancellor's Office.
- During the Week of Welcome, TRiO organized a FAFSA Fryday event. Attendees were able to finish the FAFSA process with assistance from both departments. A follow-up event will be held on February 22 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. with tacos served. Many thanks for the TRiO and Basecamp assistance!
- All students are encouraged to fill out their **2023-2024 FAFSA** before **March 2, 2023**, in order to be eligible for 2023-2024 Cal Grant awards.
- One-time grant for HEERF funding housing grant to lodge residents will be applied to new 'move-ins' at census.
- Last day to submit a 'spring only' or 'combined attendance' for fall and spring attendance is April 25, 2023.
- Cal Grant and Student Success Completion Grants are scheduled for disbursement on March 3, 2023.
- First-time borrowers who started in spring 2023 will have loan disbursements go out on March 17, 2023.

**Outreach and Recruitment:** This past winter/holiday season was very busy in the Outreach and Recruitment office. On November 29, 2022, the campus had the experience of beading with the Karuk Tribe. They have asked to have events on campus monthly and will assist with tribal items for the John Mantle Student Center this month.

On December 7, COS students and staff were treated to a Holiday Luncheon and a Holiday Party. Mt. Shasta Supermarket provided the food and the events were co-sponsored by the Associated Student Board (ASB) and the COS Foundation. COS Administrators were on hand to help serve the lunch and students received a surprise visit by 'Santa Claus' during the Holiday Party. Each of the constituent groups on campus also contributed to the fun by providing funds for the many activities showcased at the event. It was great to see so many of our campus community participate and students enjoying the craft tables in the evening. Eddy the Eagle was also in attendance and assisted students with Kwanzaa beading. Highlight of the evening were the students singing Christmas carols.



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It is the policy of College of the Siskiyous not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, age, national origin, sex or disability in its educational programs and its employment practices. <u>https://www.siskiyous.edu/humanresources/nondiscrimination.htm</u> and <u>https://www.siskiyous.edu/mainfiles/titleIX.htm</u>

During the end of semester finals week, hot cocoa and coffee were provided to students in the John Mantle Student Center. Students could also choose a stress fidget when they stopped by the new Student Ambassador's desk in the Student Center.

Spring semester 'Week of Welcome' students had the opportunity to participate in events all week long, including Grocery Bingo, Macramé, Bowling, free pizza from Basecamp, and many other activities.

Retention and Public Relations/ Foundation have been working on "refreshing" the Student Center.



Part of this was donating a TV (staff donation) and DVD player for the student-side of the Eagle Café (Dining Room) so students are able to watch TV during meals or hold special events in the area for sporting events or other similar activities.

# **Administrative Services**

**Facilities, Maintenance, & Operations -** Hello Campus Community! School Dude is used for maintenance work requests and is your quickest and most efficient way to receive action for a campus related deficiency. Please use the steps below to help you navigate your way to helping us help you.

Directions for submitting a work order:

- Open up your My Siskiyous page.
- Under Work Request, click on Maintenance & Facilities. This will take you to School Dude page.
- Click link for Maintenance Service Requests.
- Log in. If you do not have a login, please call maintenance to set you up in the system.
- Click New Work Order tab.
- Select status as new request.
- Select your Priority.
- Next, select your location, building and write a description of your request.
- Add your contact information from the drop-down list.
- For Assigned to drop down, if your work order request is custodial (cleaning, tables, paper, etc.) you can pick Maria Ferrasci. All other requests you pick Veronica Rivera and we will assign the request to a maintenance tech.
- Once your request is complete, the submittal password is "password."

**Technology Services:** The department is working with the Academic Senate to launch a Classroom\Lab Improvements project. This project will (1) define the classroom\lab service within the Technology Services Portfolio, (2) define and deploy classroom\lab standard(s), and (3) refresh all classroom\lab technology equipment over the next 3-4 years. The department is currently imaging 90 new laptops to upgrade existing systems in the Academic Success Centers (60 will be deployed in Weed, 30 in Yreka).

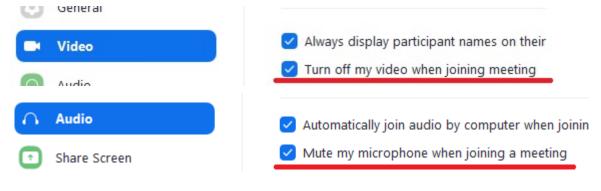
Working with Facilities, we have completed an upgrade to a server-based system for managing the College's HVAC system.

We are currently recruiting for three of our four vacant positions: Network Administrator, Business Analyst I, and Business Analyst II.

## **Bethany's Tech Tips**



STOP ZOOM AUDIO & VIDEO WHEN JOINING! Are you tired of having to scramble to stop your audio and video every time you join a Zoom meeting? Worry no more! Click the gear icon in the top right of your Zoom window, and under the **Video** and **Audio** tabs respectively, scroll down and click the checkboxes to turn off your video and mute your microphone when joining a meeting.



# **Academic Affairs**

# **Career and Technical Education (CTE)** – *submitted by Mark Klever, Dean of Career & Technical Education*

The Career and Technical Education division is doing some wonderful exciting things this spring. Please join me in celebrating what we have accomplished and what we have in store for the future. Great job to all the staff and faculty. I appreciate all of you very much.

# Career Center – submitted by Brenda Collins, Coordinator

The College of the Siskiyous launched a pilot Career Center at the beginning of the spring 2023 semester. The Center is located in the Learning Resources Center (LRC 3) and is open Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Brenda Collins is providing coordination services for students, while Erin Kangas, the Assistant Director of Employer Partnerships, is developing opportunities for our students with our local employers. The Center is currently providing services including career exploration, job preparation, on-campus job board, and coordination with the work experience program. Additionally, Brenda and Erin are currently working on developing programs and the capacity to offer paid and unpaid internships related to students' educational and employment goals- providing them the opportunity to earn while they learn! We will keep you informed as we continue to expand our services. For more information, contact Brenda at (530) 938-5941 or send an email to Brenda.collins@siskiyous.edu.

## Welding Program – submitted by Thad Wallace, Welding Instructor

Welding classes are starting out strong this semester. In Advanced Welding, there is a great group of strong and talented welders and we are expecting the Program will turn out a large number of 1" vertical and overhead AWS stick certifications this semester. This semester we were able to add an Adult Education – Introduction to Welding class. The first-time offering was held as a three-week class that netted four (4) students to enter the Program. The



College is fortunate to have a great adjunct instructor who is teaching a 'Tig' class this spring semester and she has helped several local students get employment locally in the field. Here are some pictures from the fall semester Fabrication class (one is a bumper for a Toyota pickup and the other is a rack for a pickup).

### **Fire Technology** – submitted by Captain Chris Delcour, Fire Technology Coordinator/Instructor

The Fire Program has been very busy over the last month. Fire Academy #44 is entering its 'live-fire' phase. This past week, the Cadets learned how to deal with liquid and gas fires. Cadets have already participated in the following Firefighter training classes: State Fire Training Certified Testing for Firefighter 1 and Firefighter 2 for our surrounding Departments, Rapid Intervention Crew Class (Firefighters rescuing Firefighters), and Rope Rescue Awareness/Operations. We have also begun our Fire Technology classes for those working towards a Fire Science Degree, and are happy to announce Fire Technology now offers an ONLINE option.

## **Administration of Justice (ADJ) Program** – *submitted by Leigh Moore, Administration of Justice Instructor*

The online courses for the Administration of Justice (ADJ) Program seem to be a popular option, as many new students have stated their major is ADJ! These courses appeal not only to those majoring in Criminal Justice, but those who are pursuing a law degree. Administration of Justice courses include an in-depth study of legal concepts, rules of evidence, Constitutional considerations, and California law. Instructor, Leigh Moore reports, "It is very exciting to have a broad depth of interest. Our courses have students interested in law enforcement, those who intend to pursue a law degree at the university level, and students considering if Criminal Justice is the major for them! Classes are large (averaging over 20 students) and include numerous high school students interested in learning more, as well as those who are currently in the justice field. This provides students a wonderful experience because each student enriches the learning environment, and we learn from each other as we explore and research the many concepts in this discipline. I couldn't be more excited about the new semester!"







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# Early Childhood Education (ECE) Program – submitted by Patrice Thatcher-Stephens

The Discovery Child Development Center (Building 9) began a new era with the 2022 fall semester. The Child Development, Family and Education Program "ECE@COS" is collaborating with Siskiyou Child Care Center to offer a full or part day early education program to local families and a Lab School Observation and Practicum site for our students.

The SCCC-DCDC is licensed by the State of California and offers California State Preschool spaces. As we enter Spring Semester 2023, we welcome back our returning program students as Student Workers, and prepare to provide Practicum experience for some of those enrolled in ECE 2502, offer Observation opportunities for ECE 1501, a beautiful learning environment for evening ECE 1500 students, and space for ECE 2510 students to scaffold creative art activities for young children.

ECE@COS continues to work with California's amazing early education network as SCCC-DCDC staff is coached locally by experienced early educators through the Siskiyou County Office of Education's Local Planning Counsel and First 5 Siskiyou as part of Quality Count Siskiyou. Mentor teachers, funded through the California Early Childhood Mentor Program, will work with any Practicum students placed at SCCC-DCDC.

We are working locally with the Siskiyou County Office of Education (SCOE) on the Universal Preschool Advisory Committee to align courses and pathways offered at COS with the changes that will support the development of fully qualified Transitional Kindergarten-TK teachers and align with California Community College classes supporting requirements for the upcoming Preschool to Third Grade- P3 credential. We will start to put this new set of classes in place as soon as SCOE adopts this Commission on Teacher Credentialing recommended pathway.

Carl Perkins funding, as well as yearly District funds, provided financial support for some necessary improvements in our almost 30-year old DCDC building. Most importantly, we were able to invest in a developmentally appropriate and beautiful redesign of the environment. The COS Maintenance Department went above and beyond in assisting our work! Future planning includes work with COS IT to create a multi-use space that includes a Smart Classroom as we appropriately reimagine our long time, pre-COVID, Face-to-Face/Video conference classes meshing with online classes to meet the needs of our students. Teaching, in the evenings, from an actual early education program will expand and support our curriculum and degree process.

It truly does take caring individuals, a supportive CTE Area and college, a dedicated community, a resilient state and a country that values its children and families to get us all through. Thanks to all in the COS community and beyond who continue to support ECE@COS.

### Nursing Program – submitted by Hallie Coppi, Dean of Health Sciences and Director of Nursing

We are happy to introduce our two new LVN Nursing Instructors to College of the Siskiyous, Dawn Jacobson and Linda Crisman. Welcome Ladies!





Dawn Jacobson (top left) began her Nursing career in 1996 as a CNA. She attended the LVN program at Feather River College (2011-2013) and then attended and graduated from the LVN to RN Step Up program at College of the Siskiyous (2019). She is currently in an RN to MSN Program at Western Governors University, having recently obtained her BSN in October 2022. Dawn and her husband have four children and one grandchild. Her family enjoys spending time together, especially the outdoors. She looks forward to working with staff and students at College of the Siskiyous and building new relationships in the community.

Linda Chrisman (bottom left) is so happy to be at COS, and to be a part of re-starting the Nursing Program. In 2008, she obtained her BSN from Southwestern College in Winfield, Kansas and began her career as an RN at Mercy Hospital in Independence, Kansas, on Med-Surg. A year later, she relocated closer to her hometown, spent the next 14 years as CAH Charge RN, at Sedan City Hospital (SCH), and pursued other positions such as Weekend Triage Hospice RN covering several counties in the SE corner of Kansas and then a full time position in Wichita, as home-side Hospice RN with the same group. After a year, she returned to Sedan, where she worked as Special Needs RN for the school co-op, filled in one summer with Home Health when their staffing was low, then returned to full time at SCH, where her responsibilities included Out-Patient IV Therapy, Cardioversions & Treadmills, Med-Surg, Skilled Care, Observation, Urgent Care and ER, to name a few. Prior to coming to Siskiyous, Linda's most recent job was Wound Care with Restorix Health, contracted through SCH for the Wound Care Clinic.

Linda enjoys painting, illustration, and writing in her down time, as well as performance and directing Community Theater. She wrote, and is currently illustrating a children's picture book to be published later this year. Linda and her husband have seven children, six grandchildren, and are caregivers to her 92-year old

mother. Her youngest son, Zach, is currently a student at COS.

Paramedic Program – The community is invited to attend the Paramedic Program Graduation (Class 2021-2022) to be held Saturday, February 25 at 1 p.m. in the Weed Campus Theater. Congratulations to our students!

We are happy to announce the Paramedic Program at our Mendocino satellite program has successfully completed the first class, and is halfway through the second class.



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## Law Enforcement Academy (LEA) – submitted by Sergeant Lou Mero, COS Law Enforcement Academy Director

Things are happening at the Police Academy! We are just completing the first of three (3) modules for Class 10, with the students who are due to graduate in mid-June. The students are progressing well and are excited about the challenges that await them and the opportunity to invest in their communities and make a difference.

Earlier this month, the LEA hosted 16 agencies at the first of two Recruitment Days. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students to meet face to face with local agencies seeking applicants. Agencies from all over California were represented, as well as Arizona, who came to speak with our students.

The LEA hosted a series of Advanced Officer Training courses for local agencies serving 44 students. These high quality, local trainings are a great opportunity for local agencies to receive excellent training, the opportunity to network with partner agencies, all while stretching their training dollars.

During the spring semester Week of Welcome, we had an opportunity to collaborate with the Siskiyou County Sheriffs' Department, engage with students, and talk about ADJ opportunities with "Cookies with Rookies." A recent COS Academy graduate was invited to attend and share their experience of attending the COS Law Enforcement Academy. We shared cookies and had great conversations with a wide variety of





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students and staff as they joined us in the Student Center. Special thank you to all who took the time to talk with program staff/instructors and offer words of encouragement.

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# **Academic Senate**

# Submitted by Dr. Andrea Craddock, Senate President

Hello Everyone. Welcome to the Spring Semester!

I would like to recognize outgoing VPAS, Dave Vigo. During the last IPB meeting, Dave gave an engaging presentation on the status of the Hold Harmless provisions; the state of the 50% Law; and proposed an outline for the budget timeline going forward. His presentation on these issues was refreshing because he was transparent and open. His presentation provided firm numbers on the current State of the College and what we can expect going forward. Dave expertly explained the cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) and how these adjustments in funding accumulate over time (i.e., they do not go away after one year). In addition, there had been fears among many at the College that we would experience a financial crisis when the hold harmless provisions expire in 2025-26. Dave explained the "funding floor" established in the fiscal year 2025-2026 would not result in a dramatic change in funding. In addition, he was straightforward about the College's 50% Law issue and indicated that the Administration is working with the Faculty Union to remedy this issue. Finally, he presented a clear vision of how he wanted to approach budgetary planning and allocation for the year. Dave welcomed any questions we had and addressed each one. At the end of the meeting, attendees were thanking Dave for his presentation and people came away feeling informed about our current financial standing at the College. My colleagues and I were sad to learn that Dave has resigned. We hope the interim VPAS recently hired will continue this transparency and openness on the College's financial matters.

This month's Faculty Member Highlight is Jenny Heath, Chemistry Instructor. Jenny has been working with Butteville Elementary to introduce second graders to Chemistry. On February 10, she gave a Chemistry demonstration during their Science period. Coming up, on February 17, the students will be taking a field trip to the Science building at COS to learn more about Science and Chemistry. Thank you, Jenny, for making connections with other local educators and introducing young people to Science and our College.

Finally, I am pleased to announce the College has received 279 responses on the Course Modality Student Preference Survey, thus far. Notably, the students who prefer online courses vs those who prefer face-to-face courses is closer than I expected. Currently, 53% of our students report they prefer online courses, whereas 44% of students say they prefer in-person courses (only 2% preferred Zoom courses). These survey results confirm our students want robust online offerings, but also opportunities to take face-to-face courses. I hope we are able continue to expand our in-person offerings because we have students who want face-to-face classroom interactions and experiences.

Thanks for listening, Dr. Andrea Craddock Academic Senate President