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Good morning Siskiyous and Happy Diwali!

Diwali has been signed into law as an official State holiday starting in 2026. Diwali is the most important holiday of the year in India, a vibrant "Festival of Lights" whose name, Deepavali, translates to "a row of lamps." The festival's enduring tradition is lighting clay lamps (deepa) outside homes, a powerful act symbolizing the triumph of the inner light over spiritual darkness.

For Hindus, Diwali holds a significance similar to that of Christmas for Christians. Beyond Hinduism, the festival has become a unifying national celebration. Other communities observe the day with their own profound meanings: Jains celebrate the attainment of nirvana by Lord Mahavira, while Sikhs commemorate the release of Guru Hargobind Ji from prison. Indian Buddhists also partake in the festivities, underscoring Diwali's role as a unifying cultural event. *(source: National Geographic)*

This week's updates

- **Enrollment Report:** Can be accessed by visiting the [Enrollment Report Webpage](#).
- **Maintenance and Facilities Updates:** This week the Deadwood Crew will be on campus Tuesday and Wednesday cleaning the irrigation ditch across College avenue and through campus. Woods Pest control may be at the lodges this week (dates are in the process of being confirmed).
- **Campus Climate and Professional Development Survey:** As part of our Institutional Effectiveness Partnership Initiative (IEPI), we are soliciting information regarding current campus climate perceptions as well as professional development needs. Please attempt to complete the survey prior to our IEPI Visit scheduled on Friday, Oct. 31, 2025. The survey can be accessed [here](#). Thank you!
- **UC Davis Financial Aid Webinar:** Wed. Oct. 21, 2025 at Noon. Join the UC Davis School of Education for a webinar where these experts will shed more light on the current state of financial aid in California Community Colleges. Presenters will draw on surveys of high school seniors, interviews with current college students, and quantitative analysis of administrative data to offer insights that policymakers, community college leaders, and student aid advisors can leverage in their efforts to increase higher education access and strengthen degree attainment. To register, click [here](#).
- **Nominate a Colleague of the Month!** It's that time of the month to submit your nomination for Colleague of the Month. To submit, visit the following link (also found in mySiskiyous in the 'Professional Development & Training' Card): [Colleague of the Month](#)

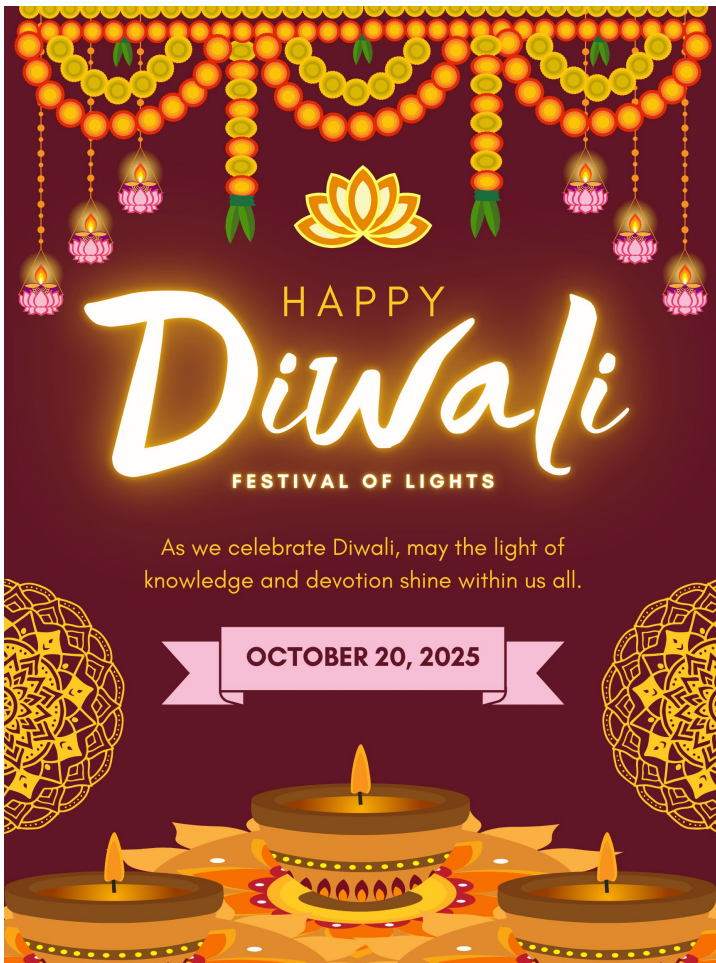
[Nominations.](#)

- **Reminder: Complete the Mission Statement Survey:** In order to ensure all voices are represented, we are extending the deadline to complete the Mission Statement Survey. The deadline is now Oct. 27th. To complete the Mission Statement Survey click [here](#).



- **WebAIM Accessible Documents Training for California Community Colleges:**
Registration is open for WebAIM Accessible Document Trainings, sponsored by the California Community Colleges Accessibility Center. This training program is designed to equip participants with the skills to create, evaluate, and optimize accessible documents in Word, PowerPoint, and Adobe PDF. Additionally, participants have access to a bonus module focusing on Excel accessibility. Join the following cohort: Nov. 3, 2025 – Feb. 2, 2026. For more information, and to register, visit the [event registration page](#).
- **Native American Student Club:** A Native American Student Club is in the process of being formed and they are looking for a club advisor. If you're interested and/or would like more information, please feel free to reach out to me (cperlas@siskiyous.edu).

This week, I will be off campus on Wed. Oct. 22 (traveling to present the closing keynote at the CSSO Conference scheduled on Oct. 23) and then taking vacation days on Friday, Oct. 24 and Monday, Oct. 27, 2025. The following have been assigned as Acting President during my absence: Wed. Oct. 22 - Dean Val Roberts. Thurs. Oct 23 - Mon. Oct 27 - VP Melissa Ericsson. I hope to send next week's All-College email on Tue. Oct. 28, 2025.



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