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Hello Siskiyous and Happy Lunar New Year!

This year marks the transition into the Year of the Fire Horse. In the Chinese Zodiac, the Horse represents energy, independence, and rapid progress. Because the 12-year animal cycle pairs with a 5-element cycle (Wood, Fire, Earth, Metal, Water), a "Fire Horse" year only occurs once every 60 years (the last was in 1966). It is considered a year of high intensity, bold transitions, and "double fire" energy.

This week's updates

- **Enrollment Report:** Can be accessed [here](#).
- **Maintenance, Operations & Construction Updates:** Construction Updates are posted [here](#). Ray Mac mechanical will be in the Science Building tomorrow morning working on refrigerators. Please watch for snow removal equipment around campus. Walkways and parking lots may be icy so, please walk and drive with caution. As a reminder, inclement weather/emergency FAQs can be accessed [here](#).
- **Educator of the Year!** It's that time of year! Please share the following nomination link with students. This will also be sent to all student mailboxes: [2026 Educator of the Year Nomination Form](#). Deadline: March 1, 2026
- **Human Resources Office Hours - Update:** In efforts to meet weekly time sensitive deadlines, the office of Human Resources will be closed every Friday starting this week.
- **Yreka Campus Update:** City Manager, John Elsnab, as informed us that the City of Yreka continues to clean the hill adjacent to the Yreka Campus. They are hoping to secure a CalRecycle grant to expedite efforts. In the meantime, Siskiyou Day Crew will continue to perform weekly cleanup of the hill.
- **Community Colleges and Climate Futures Webinar Series | High Impact Climate Pedagogy:** Thurs. Feb 19, 2026 at 11am. Faculty from community colleges in New York, Arizona, and California will discuss how they are integrating climate themes into their curricula. For more information and to register, click [here](#).
- **The Family Food Security and Nutrition 8-Week Workshop:** Equips families with the skills and confidence to create nourishing, nutrient-dense meals while building lasting, sustainable food habits. The theme for 2026 is "Fast Affordable and Healthy Meals". Participants learn hands-on techniques for food storage, meal prep, and cooking that preserve freshness, boost nutrition, and minimize waste. For more information and to register, click [here](#).
- **Author ,Karen Hao, Presentation :** Wed. March 4, 2026 8:30a - 10:30a - Join award-

winning tech journalist Karen Hao for a powerful conversation on the future of artificial intelligence and its impact on democracy, power, and society. Drawing from her bestselling book *Empire of AI*, Hao will share insights from inside OpenAI and around the world, revealing what's at stake and how we can shape the future. This presentation will be live streamed: youtube.com/@santiagocanyoncollege8726. Flyer attached.

- **A Life of a Public Servant: Dr. Anthony Fauci on Medicine and Public Service:** Fri Mar 6, 2026 from 2p - 3:30p. Drawing on his decades at the NIH as Director of NIAID (1984–2022), his role advising seven U.S. presidents, and his current appointment at Georgetown University, Dr. Fauci will discuss what a life of service looks like in real time: choosing missions, leading teams, communicating science, and staying grounded when the stakes are national. To learn more and to register, click [here](#).



- **Caring Campus:** Thank you to those who were able to attend the Caring Campus webinar. One of our speakers, Chris Westbay, was hoping to share the following video but we ran out of time. Feel free to check it out: [Butte College Caring Campus Video](#). Thanks Sara Montgomery for forwarding the message!
- **The Equity Shift: Transforming Theory into Practice:** A professional development series focused on bridging the gap between research and practice. These webinars aim to empower all community college employees with evidence-based strategies that enhance student support, equity, and institutional servingness. First webinar is *Equity & Reentry: Serving Formerly Incarcerated and System Impacted Students* Wed. Feb 25 at 12pm. For more information and to register, see attached flyer or click [here](#).
- **Webinar: What does campus belonging actually look like for LGBTQIA+ people of color across the country?** Feb. 26, 2026 at 11am. Join Dr. Gabriel Reif, Viewfinder® Campus Climate Surveys Vice President of Research and Evaluation, as he shares new national findings on the perceptions and experiences of LGBTQIA+ people of color (QPOC students and employees) in higher education. For more information and to register, click [here](#).
- **SJEDI Brown Bag Series:** 1st and 3rd Tuesdays from 12p - 1p starting March 3, 2026 - In this series, we will take a deep dive into social justice, diversity, equity, and inclusion as living commitments. We've all heard these words before. They carry different meanings, shaped by context, experience, and sometimes by harm. And yet, as a college committed to becoming an ecosystem of belonging, it is necessary that we build shared language, language sturdy enough to hold complexity, and spacious enough to hold difference. Sessions are open to all! The first session is *Foundations of Social Justice*. Schedule can be accessed here: <https://www.siskiyous.edu/committees/diversity/documents/brownbagseries.pdf> and

attached. Please note: Session reflections can be applied to the DEIA section in employee evaluations.

This week, our team is attending the Association of California Community College Administrators (ACCCA) 50th Anniversary Conference. We are there to honor Executive Director Susan Bray at her final conference before she retires. We are also proud to celebrate several individual achievements: Amy Snodgrass is graduating from the [Social Justice and Career Advancement Institute](#); JT is being inducted into the [ACCCA Mentor Program](#); and VP Melissa Ericsson is attending in her role as the Region 1 [ACCCA Campus Representative](#). Finally, I will be concluding my service on the [ACCCA Board of Directors](#) and as Chair of the Communications & Marketing Committee at the end of this academic year.

In my absence, Patrick Walton will be serving as Acting President from Wed. Feb 18 - Fri. Feb 20, 2026.



Have a great week everyone and stay safe!

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