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Hello Siskiyous!

As April begins, we recognize Sexual Assault Awareness Month and its 2026 theme, '25 Years Stronger.' This anniversary is an opportunity to honor the history of this movement and recommit to a future rooted in prevention and healing. We are proud to partner in spirit with the Siskiyou Domestic Violence & Crisis Center (SDVCC), which offers essential resources for impacted individuals in our region. Detailed information on their services can be found at <https://sdvcc.org/>.

This week's updates:

- **Enrollment Report:** Can be accessed by visiting the [Enrollment Report Webpage](#).
- **Maintenance, Facilities and Construction Updates:** The Human Resources parking lot will be closed beginning today until further notice due to construction trenching. The Gymnasium floor replacement project phase two installation will continue this week. The facilities department is planting flowers in the grass quad area to add a little beauty to the campus. We are also working on bringing the irrigation/ cooling system on line after the Thursday snow prediction. The Ponderosa shower project is complete.
- **March 27, 2026 All-College Meeting:** For those who missed the All-College meeting, the slides can be accessed [here](#).
- **Eagle Excellence Webpage:** There are exceptional things happening at College of the Siskiyous, and we now have a dedicated platform to showcase our collective success! I invite you to visit our new [Eagle Excellence webpage](#) to celebrate the hard work and achievements of our team. To further highlight our commitment to lifelong learning, I would like to add a featured section for employees currently pursuing advanced degrees. If you are working toward an Associate's, Bachelor's, Master's, or Doctorate (PhD/EdD), please [email](#) me directly so we can recognize your dedication to professional growth. Additionally, if you would like to add content to the webpage, feel free to reach out to me!
- **LVN to RN Program:** We just received official notice that the Board of Registered Nurses has approved the re-opening of our Licensed Vocational Nursing (LVN) to Registered Nursing (RN) Step-Up Program!! HUGE Kudos to Dean Coppi and our Nursing Faculty and Staff. This is a tremendous accomplishment! The official Press Release can be accessed here: <https://www.siskiyous.edu/publicrelations/pressreleases/2025-2026/pressrelease-021.htm>
- **Ronny J. Coleman Award for Academy of Excellence:** We are proud to announce that

our fire academy program has been awarded the Ronny J. Coleman Award for Academy of Excellence by State Fire Training, a distinguished honor recognizing outstanding leadership, innovation, and commitment to excellence in fire service education across California. This annual award is presented to an Accredited Regional Training Program (ARTP) or Accredited Local Academy (ALA) that demonstrates exceptional dedication to developing high-quality training programs, fostering student success, and advancing best practices within the fire service community. The official award presentation took place at the Fresno Training Chiefs Symposium on the evening of Wednesday, March 18, 2026. Kudos to our remarkable Fire Academy Faculty and Staff for this prestigious award. Special acknowledgment goes to Veronica Coots (who served as Interim Dean of Career & Technical Education) and Monique Gonzalez (CTE Administrative Assistant), whose dedication and expertise were instrumental in preparing and submitting the award application. To read the official Press Release visit:

<https://www.siskiyous.edu/publicrelations/pressreleases/2025-2026/pressrelease-019.htm>

- **AB 1555:** Our proposed legislation, AB 1555 (Hadwick, R-Alturas), successfully passed the Assembly Higher Education Committee on Tuesday, March 17th. This bill authorizes the College of the Siskiyous to provide nonresident tuition exemptions for students residing in the neighboring Oregon counties of Jackson, Josephine, and Klamath. Having cleared this primary policy committee, the bill now advances to the next stage of the legislative process.
- **New Student Housing Complex - Naming Contest!** We are officially soliciting name recommendations for our new student housing complex. This contest is open to all currently enrolled students. Deadline to submit is Friday, April 10, 2026, at 12:00 PM. The student whose submission is selected will receive a \$350 cash prize. The form can be accessed [here](#). Feel free to share with students. This message is also being sent to all Student Mailboxes.
- **AACC Federal Policy Update: Focus on Pell:** Thurs. April 2, 2026 at 11am. The Pell Grant program faces a funding shortfall of nearly \$17 billion in the coming fiscal year after years of running surpluses. This webinar will review how and why we got here, potential options Congress has for addressing the problem, and the critical need for community college advocacy on this issue. To register, click [here](#).
- **AI Policy & Practice Series for Community College Leaders:** A three-part, interactive series designed to support those actively shaping AI strategy, governance, and institutional guidance. First session is scheduled on Tuesday April 7 at 3pm and will explore: Framing AI policy conversations across stakeholders, Reviewing existing policy models and institutional approaches, Identifying core values, guardrails, and guiding principles and building inclusive, cross-functional leadership teams. To learn more and to register, click [here](#). Flyer is also attached.
- **Weed Rotary Casino Night:** Sat. April 18, 2026. 5pm Social and Spaghetti Buffet. 6pm Gaming Begins. Sons of Italy Hall (155 Clay Street Weed, CA). \$50 Entry for Blackjack,

Craps, Roulette & Bingo. \$75 Entry for Poker Tournament. For tickets, email cperlas@siskiyous.edu.

- **Faculty Tenure Reception:** Tue. April 21, 2026 at 4pm in the Science Building, 2nd floor. Please join us as we celebrate seven faculty members receiving tenure! Invitation attached.



- **New ADA Title II Regulations & Resources:** Dawnie and the Weblinks team have successfully developed an [Accessibility Webpage](#) for our institution. This webpage contains resources that can assist with coming into compliance with the new ADA Title II regulations. Thank you to all of those who reviewed and provided feedback in creating this page. In consultation with the California Community College (CCC) Accessibility Center, it is recognized that while 100% compliance is an ongoing challenge for all CCCs, our continuous efforts related to the Accessibility Capability Maturity Model (ACMM) are key. Furthermore, the Accessibility Center informed me that legal scrutiny is being directed at colleges with visible accessibility errors on public-facing webpages. Weblinks has been doing a remarkable job ensuring that our website content is accessible which allows us to mitigate institutional risk while staying committed to our long-term accessibility goals. The Accessibility Center also has resources related to AB 2821 which can be accessed [here](#).
- **Statement from COLEGAS:** [Statement On Recent Events: El Movimiento Sigue](#)
- **LGBTQ+ Initiatives & Student Support Webinar - World of Credit:** Fri. April 10, 2026 at 12pm. Learn about credit bureaus and credit scoring as well as how to improve your credit score. Find out how to dispute credit report inaccuracies and deal with identity theft and fraud. To register, click [here](#). Please share with students!

Introducing our Colleague of the Month for the Month of April: Crystal!

Crystal serves as the District's CSEA Union Vice President and Coordinator of the Yreka Campus. Crystal has been employed with College of the Siskiyous since 2012. What colleagues say about Crystal: *Crystal is a mainstay at our Yreka Campus managing the Welcome Center. She is typically the first-person students and visitors meet when they arrive at the campus, greeting everyone with a smile. She wears many hats including helping students register for classes, obtain their textbooks and supplies, and ensuring they receive their gas cards and other support. She makes sure our students' basic needs are met by providing snacks and managing the vending machines. During Welcome Week, and other times during the semester, Crystal can be found cooking for the students (and staff) on her Blackstone grill.* Thank you for everything you do Crystal!!

Today, Monday, March 30, VP Walton, VP Ericsson, JT, and I are representing College of the Siskiyous at the Institutional Effectiveness Partnership Initiative (IEPI) North/Far North Regional Convening at Butte College sponsored by IEPI. We are especially proud to share that

JT is a featured presenter, delivering a session titled 'AI That Works: Lightweight Tools, Big Outcomes for Community Colleges.' Our team will return to campus tomorrow, Tuesday, March 31. In the meantime, Dr. Fields is serving as Acting President today.

Have a great week!

Dr. Char Perlas's email Contact Card

