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Hello Siskiyous!

May is Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander (AANHPI) Month! The Federal Asian Pacific American Council (FAPAC) has announced that the 2026 theme for AANHPI Heritage Month is "Power in Unity: Strengthening Communities Together." This year, FAPAC is challenging local and national government agencies to transform this sentiment into action by actively investing in the AANHPI workforce. By fostering an environment of continuous learning and upward mobility, institutions can ensure that "Unity" translates into tangible, systemic empowerment for the AANHPI community.

Additionally, this week is Peace Officers Memorial Week. In 1962, President Kennedy proclaimed May 15 as National Peace Officers Memorial Day and the calendar week in which May 15 falls, as [National Police Week](#). In 2026, the names of 111 officers killed in the line of duty were added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, DC.

Many of our colleagues here at Siskiyous currently serve, have previously served, or have friends, spouses, and family members who have served this noble profession. Thank you for honoring those who made the ultimate sacrifice while serving our communities.

This week's updates:

- **Enrollment Report:** Can be accessed by visiting the Enrollment Report Webpage.
- **Maintenance, Facilities & Construction Updates:** Dead Crew will be cleaning the fields on May 13th and 14th to prepare for graduation. Gymnasium work will finish this week. We are moving forward with the weight room repairs, which are now quoted at \$30,000. Initial estimates were significantly lower because we discovered the flooring is 3 inches thick. To ensure long-term durability and prevent future damage, the team is prioritizing a high-quality, 'correct' fix. Given that the current state poses a legitimate risk, we will be utilizing safety funds to cover the costs.
- **Strawberry Cart:** Wednesday May 13, 2026 8:30a - 10a (or while supplies last). Your administrators are BERRY excited to serve you this Wednesday! Special thanks to VP Patrick Walton for planning and picking up the food for the majority of our Strawberry Cart events, Dr. Fields who brings the tasty treats to the Yreka Campus and VP Melissa Ericsson who consistently helps serve and/or pick up items!
- **Commencement is FRIDAY!** May 15, 2026. Rehearsal begins at 12:45p. Commencement starts at 6p. Your assistance in making this an amazing event is greatly appreciated! Details on where to park on the day of the event as well as live stream link

are forthcoming. I look forward to seeing all of you there and celebrating our students!

- **COOKING UP CAREER PATHWAYS: A Healthy School Food Pathway Program Webinar:** Thursday May 14, 2026 at 12pm. In this session, participants will get a first look at the work of the Community College Coalition, a group of colleges that have been collaborating to develop practical, college-led models that can be adopted across California. Participants will also learn how institutions and partners like you can join the coalition and become part of this growing statewide effort. To learn more and to register, click [Cooking Up](#).
- **ID Verification and Student Account Security:** Thur. May 14, 2026 Noon - 1p. Join the Technology Center for an interactive webinar focused on identity verification and student account security in the fight against fraud in the California Community Colleges. This webinar is restricted to college and district personnel only. The link to join the meeting will be sent via email on the day of the event. To learn more and to register, click [ID Verification Webinar](#).
- **Reminder: Dogs, with the exemption of Service dogs, are prohibited on campus:** For more information visit [Administrative Procedure 3440](#), Service Animals.
- **May Revise:** We expect the Governor's May Revision to be released this week. Once it is available, I will share a summary along with a document addressing questions from the Joint IPB/College Council meeting. This will include a clarification of our ending fund balance and an explanation of why our current allocation is lower than in previous years despite our stability status.



- **TODAY! Missing Murdered Indigenous People (MMIP) Event:** Mon. May 11, 2026 from 11:30a - 1p. Flyer attached.
- **Global Accessibility Awareness Day Workshop:** Thurs. May 21 from 9a - 4:30p. Celebrate Global Accessibility Awareness Day (GAAD) by joining the California Community Colleges Accessibility Center's annual workshop. This year's theme is Raising the Floor: Building a Culture of Access and Equity with a focus on moving from compliance to commitment. The workshop will highlight accessibility efforts throughout the California Community Colleges. For more information and to register click [Global Accessibility Day](#).

A survey was recently distributed to all Faculty, Classified, and Administrative Support Management staff to evaluate the current Executive Cabinet. We welcome constructive feedback as a means to identify our shortcomings and strive for continuous improvement. Since joining as Vice President of Academic Affairs in 2019, serving alongside the previous leadership team of Superintendent/President Dr. Stephen Schoonmaker, Vice President of

Student Services Melissa Green, Vice President of Administrative Services Darlene Melby, and Vice President of Human Resources Theresa Richmond, I have observed a positive shift in how employees are treated. It is my hope that our current team is seen as accessible, respectful, and responsive; if that is not the consensus, we need to understand those perspectives so we can do better.

Thank you and have a great week!

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