

The Campus Connection January 2020

Office of the President

Dr. Schoonmaker will provide his updates from January in the next Campus Connection.

Public Relations & Foundation: The start of a New Year is also the start of a new semester. Lots of press releases are being drafted and sent to the media for publication. In addition to the 'regular' line-up of spring semester classes, there are great new offerings. We recently worked with Weblinks and the VP of Instruction to create a new "Featured Classes" webpage. Instructors who would like to 'boost' enrolment in their classes are encouraged to send low enrolled classes to Weblinks for posting. This is also a great way to promote classes that are new or have not been offered in many semesters.

The spring schedule of noncredit and community education classes was distributed to all Siskiyou County mailboxes in early January. If you did not receive a copy and would like one please let us know. The booklet features all the classes offered as noncredit this spring. Additional classes may be added to the schedule, so check the website often to see if anything new has been posted. www.siskiyous.edu/continuinged.htm.

In case you missed it, here are some of the recent articles / feature stories that were published by local media:

- Legend Tom Powers Wins 900th Hoops Game https://www.siskiyoudaily.com/sports/20191225/legend-tom-powers-wins-900th-hoops-game
- Memorable Year for South County Sports in 2019 Part 1
 https://www.siskiyoudaily.com/sports/20200107/memorable-year-for-south-county-sports-in-2019-part-1
- Memorable Year for South County Sports in 2019 Part 2
 https://www.siskiyoudaily.com/sports/20200113/memorable-year-for-south-county-sports-in-2019-part-2
- COS Students Learn the Art of Pottery https://www.siskiyoudaily.com/news/20191231/cos-students-learn-art-of-pottery
- COS to Send Fledgling Officers into the Wold Today <u>https://www.ridgecrestca.com/news/20191221/cos-to-send-fledgling-officers-into-world-today</u>

Reminder: Spring Semester Registration is Open: Just a quick reminder open registration for the 2020 Spring Semester is open. Remind students to register early to get the classes they want and need. The schedule is available online. Spring semester will begin January 27.

Together We Make A Difference: It's that time of year again when we "kick off" the campus Payroll Contribution Campaign. The amount of monthly contribution is not as important as the fact that you participate. Donations range from as low as \$5 to as much as \$50 or more, and all donations are tax-deductible. I hope you'll consider participating. To participate in our Employee Payroll Deduction Program click on the link: http://www.siskiyous.edu/foundation/forms/PayrollDeductionForm.pdf

2020-2021 Foundation Scholarship Applications Now Available: Scholarship applications For academic year 2020/2021 are now available for Siskiyou County high school seniors (graduating spring 2020) and current COS students who plan to attend COS during the 2020-2021 year. Scholarships range from \$250 to \$3,000. The application is due March 13 and can be found online at www.siskiyous.edu/foundation/scholarships.htm.

New Foundation Board Officers: On January 21, 2020 the Auxiliary Foundation Board elected the following individuals to serve as 2020 Foundation Board Officers:

- President: Bruce Deutsch, Dunsmuir Retired, U.S. Navy Commander and high school social studies teacher. Mr. Deutsch joined the Foundation Board of Directors in 2016. An active member of the Dunsmuir community, Mr. Deutsch has served as member of the Dunsmuir City Council since June 2015 and served as Mayor of the City of Dunsmuir in 2018 and is the former Executive Director of Siskiyou Media Council. He previously served two terms as the Foundation Vice President (2018 and 2019), and is Chair of the Foundation Alumni Enrichment Committee.
- Vice President: David Gault, Mt. Shasta Retired Senior Systems Analyst/Programmer at College of
 the Siskiyous. Mr. Gault joined the Foundation Board in October 2016. Before coming to COS in
 2014, Mr. Gault worked with Oracle Database Administration at Expershare in Mt Shasta and Yahoo
 as a Search Service Engineer. He also spent time as a Linux Administrator at the Governor's Office of
 Emergency Services. This is Mr. Gault's first term as the Vice President of the COS Foundation Board
 of Directors. He also serves as the Chair of the Donor Development Committee and as member of
 the Investment Due Diligence Committee.

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

- Registration for Spring Semester is Open
- January 24: COS Theater Presents "The Perils of Pusher" & "Bigfoot's Revenge", 7PM Theater
- January 25: COS Theater Presents "The Perils of Pusher" & "Bigfoot's Revenge", 7PM Theater
- January 25: Winter Intersession Ends
- January 26: COS Theater Presents "The Perils of Pusher" & "Bigfoot's Revenge", 3PM Theater
- January 27: Spring Semester Begins
- January 27: Basketball vs. Butte, 5PM (Men) & 7PM (Women) Gym
- January 29: Basketball vs. Feather River, 5PM (Men) & 7PM (Women) Gym
- February 4: Board of Trustees Meeting, 6PM Board Room
- February 6: Basketball vs. Redwoods, 5PM (Men) & 7PM (Women) Gym
- February 6: Speaker's Series Event, 7PM (Location TBA)
- February 7: Campus Closed Lincoln Holiday
- February 8: Basketball vs. Shasta, 5PM (Men) & 7PM (Women) Gym
- February 11: Facility Master Plan Open Forum, 2PM Yreka Campus TC 1/2
- February 14: All College Meeting, 8:30AM Theater
- February 17: Campus Closed President's Day Holiday
- February 19: Basketball vs. Lassen, 5PM (Men) & 7PM (Women) Gym

Administrative Services

Administrative Services: The month of January for Administrative Services will be centered on Program Review, CQIPs and the start of budget development for 2020-2021. On January 15, Vice President Melby attended the Governor's Budget Workshop in Sacramento where the Governor's proposed budget was presented along with other initiatives which directly impact the California Community College System. This will be another interesting year for community colleges as we enter our third year of the Student Centered Funding Formula (SCFF).

Business Services:

- Payroll Office: With the calendar year end behind us, the payroll office is preparing the year-end payroll reports and W-2s for District employees and will be sending out information detailing the steps necessary to elect to receive W-2s electronically. If you already receive your W-2 information electronically, there is nothing more you need to do. We will notify the campus when they become available.
- **2019 Year-End:** In addition to the W-2 preparation, the Business Office will be preparing other tax forms for students (Form 1098-T) and vendors (Form 1099) to meet the January 31st filing deadlines.
- Additionally, now that we are halfway through the fiscal year, it is a great time to review your budgets to see that you are on track with spending and to make any necessary adjustments to either budgets or expenses as we move forward into the remaining six months of the fiscal year.

Facilities Update:

- Phase one of the Memorial Flag Pole Project is complete. Three beautiful new flagpoles are in place at the Student Center entrance on the Weed Campus.
- Facility Master Plan Forums are underway! Number 2 forum is scheduled for Tuesday, February 11 beginning at 2 p.m. in TC-2 on the Yreka Campus. A Zoom video-conference will be available on the Weed Campus in the ESTC room 107. Everyone is encouraged to attend.
- Painting and wallpaper repairs were completed in the Lodges over the winter break. A fresh coat of
 paint in all bathrooms and stairwells will be a welcoming sight for students returning to the Lodges
 for the spring semester.
- A quote for new front door electronic locks for the Lodges has been accepted and parts for installation are expected to arrive soon.
- The Baseball Program Office has been relocated to the former Football Program Office located in the Gym Annex next to the Facilities Office (building #11).
- The Soccer Program Office is now located in the former Baseball Program Office located in the Athletic Training Center (building #14).
- A quote to install three Safety Speed Tables on Weed Campus roadways has been accepted and approved. This project is funded through safety dollars. Work is to begin in the spring.
- Repairs to the Temporary Classroom Building 30 water-heating system has begun. Gino Peruzzi and Josh Simas are installing a new energy efficient tank-less water heater for instant on-demand hot water.
- Phase III of the Manufacturing Lab Project is beginning this month on the Yreka Campus. In-house
 addition of airlines to machines for additional hydraulic features will make this program a state of
 the art teaching lab.

• Slippery conditions exist on both campuses during this time of year. Please report icy areas or any unsafe conditions to Ext. 5233, Monday thru Friday between 7 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Please feel free to use the ice melt located at entry doors if icy conditions are a problem outside of the reporting hours.

Food Services: The Eagle Dining area will resume weekend hours following the start of the spring semester. Please note:

- On February 7, Lincoln Day, the Eagle Café Grill will be open from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. and the Eagle Dining Hall will serve dinner from 5 to 7 p.m.
- On February 17, Washington Day, the Eagle Café Grill will be open from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. and the Eagle Dining Hall will serve dinner from 5 to 7 p.m.

Information Technology:

- After serving the District for 3.5 years as the Director of Information Technology (IT), Wayne Keller retired January 15. COS is grateful for his service and we wish him all the best in his future endeavors.
- Matt Donaldson has come on board as the new Director of IT. He has a Bachelor's degree in IT as
 well as a Master's degree in IT Management and is a certified Project Management Professional
 (PMP). He brings over 25 years of experience in IT, with 15 years in management.
- A reminder that, with the implementation of the Single Sign-On (SSO) solution, student email addresses now end with @siskiyous.edu rather than @ins.siskiyous.edu.
- The IT department continues its efforts to strengthen the security of the College's technology infrastructure. We are in the process of implementing a new firewall to enhance protection from Internet threats. We are also getting ready to deploy a Data Loss Prevention (DLP) solution to provide additional protections for the College's data from potential internal and external threats.
- To ensure the continued stability, performance, and security of the College's phone system, the underlying software was upgraded to the current version.

Student Services

We're off to a great start this New Year, getting ready for our students to return for the spring semester. Basecamp HQ continues to accept food donations (such as cereals, soups, ramen, and frozen burritos) as well as money to purchase snack and food items in order to keep the pantry stocked all semester long. Donations can go directly to the Business Office for "Hunger-Free Campus" or be submitted to Regina Weston in HQ.

The Lodges are full for the spring term 2020. Over the break, Resident Advisors cleaned, buffed and polished the student rooms to get ready for 28 new residents. Half of these new residents are made up of students enrolled in the Police Academy with a couple of Fire Academy students included. The remainder of new students are enrolled in general education courses. The flip side of the influx is that 28 students left the campus. Reasons for leaving are primarily "decline to state," the next most frequent reason is for transfer, and we have four students who have relocated off campus. The Lodges annual license is for the full academic year, which means students who leave are responsible for their fees, except when we need the bed space. Each student who left at the term had their spring 2020 room and meal fees removed in order to make room for the incoming students.

COS Alum, Amanda Greene, has begun working in the Lodges as the Interim Assistant Director. Thank you to Amanda for stepping into this role until we are able to fill the permanent position! Also, Axel Hernandez has been appointed as the Interim Assistant Director of Financial Aid as we move forward in the search for a new Financial Aid Director.

Over a year ago, Ashley Sadler, brought Rameses to College of the Siskiyous as a Service Dog in Training. We are happy to report that Rameses is "graduating and moving on to his next level". While this is great news for Ramses, we are all so sad to see him go.

In closing... "When ordinary people decide to step out and be part of something big, that's when they become extraordinary." —

Brett Harris



Spring 2020 Observances:

<u>February:</u> Black History Month February 5: Lunar New Year February 18: Presidents Day,

February 19: Lantern Festival, the first significant feast after the Chinese New Year,

March: Women's History Month.

March 5: Mardi Gras

March 17: St. Patrick's Day,

April: Celebrate Diversity Month

April 22: Earth Day

April 20, Denim Day – Sexual Assault Survivors Support Day & Take Back the Night

<u>May:</u> Asian Pacific American Heritage Month May is Jewish American Heritage Month May 15, Commencement

Instruction

New Featured Classes Webpage: Siskiyous has a new 'Featured Classes' webpage! It can be accessed in the 'Academics' drop down menu as well as the A-Z index. This site lists classes that may be of interest to students. We encourage students to speak with an advisor or counselor to confirm major and/or GE applicability. Check out the new page at

http://www.siskiyous.edu/instruction/featuredclasses.htm.

Welcome our new Director of Noncredit, Community and Contract
Education! Please welcome Suzanne Clark! Suzanne started her position at
COS as Director of Noncredit, Community and Contract Education on January
13. She has served in the Workforce Development and Post-Secondary Education
fields for the past 15 years. Her previous experience includes developing and

implementing the first Utility Scale Wind Turbine Technician Program in the California Community College System and the first nationally certified Photovoltaic Technician Program in the Far North





Fast Forward Your Education! Register Online at www.siskiyous.edu

For more information about attending COS, or to schedule an appointment with an advisor or counselor, call the Counseling and Advising Office at (530) 938-5353.



Region. Director Clark has held positions at San Jose/Evergreen Community College District, Shasta College and CED/SBDC. We are fortunate to have Director Clark's expertise and experience to help enhance our Noncredit, Community and Contract Education programs! She is located at both the Yreka campus in the Welcome Center as well as at the Weed campus in the Office of Academic Affairs. Stop by and say hello!

Spring 2020 Condensed Schedule! COS has provided students, near and far, with the opportunity to 'finish faster' through this condensed schedule. The schedule features fully online classes offered within two, 8-week sessions. All classes are general education applicable!

Olympic Weightlifting Course: Get a great workout and learn fundamental techniques, concepts and skills in competitive Olympic Weightlifting. Proper technique in the' Clean and Jerk' and the 'Snatch' will be the primary focus along with other assistive exercises as well as building these exercises into other sport specific training programs. Space is limited. Enroll today!

Arts Happenings from 2019 to 2020: As the old year gave way to the new, College of the Siskiyous celebrated the arts beginning in early December.

On December 5, the Art Club presented a Holiday Sale of ceramics and other work to the college community.

The Music Department presented a series of Holiday Concerts at the Ford Theater. We swung into action with the Jazz Concert on December 6, featuring our two vocal jazz ensembles, Siskiyou Vibe and SV II, and the Jazz Band. A near-capacity crowd warmly applauded the student performers.

The next week featured three holiday musical events. On December 10, individual performers were showcased at the Student Recital. The following night, holiday carols and other festive sounds resonated as the Band and Chorus

presented their annual Winter Concert. The Jazz and Winter Concerts were led by music faculty members Ron Slabbinck and David Blink.

Finally, on December 13, the COS Orchestra presented a "Concerto Extravaganza," featuring voice, saxophone, and violin soloists accompanied by the orchestra. Chiharu Sai conducted this concert, assisted by Douglas Benton, who also provided the saxophone solo.

After our semester break, the Theater Department is welcoming 2020 with a production of two melodramas written by former Theater professor James Witherell, *The Perils of Pusher* and *Bigfoot's Revenge*. This thrilling and uproarious theatrical treat features six performances, on the evenings of January 17, 18, 24, and 25 and in matinee presentations on the 19 and 26. This show is a great way to welcome the new semester and New Year, and is the first of three Theater productions to take place this semester. More art and music are on the way also!

Nursing - For COS Nursing, the spring semester brings the start of a new cohort of thirty students in the Vocational Nursing Program. Students begin the program by learning the fundamentals of nursing, and spend five weeks in the labs before entering the hospitals. The 2019-2020 LVN to RN students will be in their second semester, and in March, the 2020-2021 LVN to RN cohort will be arriving to start their first LVN to RN course in role transition from LVN to RN.

No other reports were submitted.