



College of the Siskiyou

The Campus Connection

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Office of the President

Submitted by Dr. Char Perlas, Interim Superintendent/President

Updated COVID Safety Protocols!

After review of feedback and consultation with constituency groups, the College's COVID safety protocols have been updated as follows:

- Face coverings are not required for students, faculty, and staff who are fully vaccinated. By entering a building on a College of the Siskiyou campus not wearing a mask, you are self-attesting that you are fully vaccinated.
- Face coverings are required for those who are not fully vaccinated.
- Social/physical distancing requirements have been removed, with the exception of major outbreaks.
- Unvaccinated, or partially vaccinated, students and employees need to wear face coverings indoors and when in vehicles with more than one person.
- N95 masks will be available for those that would like one upon request.
- When necessary, employees may get tested for COVID during work hours.
- The HealthScan app will continue to be required for all employees as well as Athletic personnel and students.

The College continues to promote vaccinations, social distancing, extra cleaning and use of physical barriers. Updated safety protocols can also be accessed on the following site:

<https://www.siskiyous.edu/health/covid19.htm>

College of the Siskiyou – Incident Command Center

On June 30, College of the Siskiyou became an Incident Command Center for hundreds of firefighters who were working tirelessly to protect our communities from the Lava and Tennant wildfires. Many of our employees were forced to evacuate their homes not knowing if they will have a home when they returned.



As a result of the strategic efforts implemented by the Incident Management Teams and numerous fire personnel, many homes were saved. Words cannot express how grateful we are to the Forest Service, CalFire and all of the Fire Company personnel who assisted in these efforts.

Although the Lava and Tennant fires are largely contained, we are not free from harm. The recent heat waves and critically dry fuels have sparked a number of fires including Southern Oregon's Bootleg Fire which is being referred to as the mega fire. It is more important now than ever to be prepared. The Red Cross has developed a wild fire checklist which can be accessed on the following page or via this link:

Be Red Cross Ready

Wild Fire Safety Checklist

More and more people are making their homes in woodland settings, rural areas or remote mountain sites. There, residents enjoy the beauty of the environment but face the very real danger of wild fires. Wild fires often begin unnoticed. They spread quickly, igniting brush, trees and homes. In a wild fire, every second counts!

Supplies to take with you if you need to evacuate:

- Water—one gallon per person, per day (3-day supply)
- Food—non-perishable, easy-to-prepare items (3-day supply)
- Flashlight
- Battery-powered or hand-crank radio (NOAA Weather Radio, if possible)
- Extra batteries
- First aid kit
- Medications (7-day supply) and medical items
- Multi-purpose tool
- Sanitation and personal hygiene items
- Copies of personal documents (medication list and pertinent medical information, deed/lease to home, birth certificates, insurance policies)
- Cell phone with chargers
- Family and emergency contact information
- Extra cash
- Emergency blanket
- Map(s) of the area
- Other essential items that could not be replaced if they were destroyed

What should I do to prepare ahead of time?



- Learn about wild fire risks in your area.
- Talk with members of your household about wild fires—how to prevent them and what to do if one occurs.
- Post emergency phone numbers by every phone in your home.
- Make sure driveway entrances and your house number or address are clearly marked.
- Identify and maintain an adequate water source outside your home, such as a small pond, cistern, well or swimming pool.
- Set aside household items that can be used as fire tools: a rake, ax, hand saw or chain saw, bucket and shovel. You may need to fight small fires before emergency responders arrive.
- Select building materials and plants that resist fire.
- Regularly clean roofs and gutters.

Plan ahead and stay as safe as possible during a wild fire.

- Plan and practice two ways out of your neighborhood in case your primary route is blocked.
- Select a place for family members to meet outside your neighborhood in case you cannot get home or need to evacuate.
- Identify someone who is out of the area to contact if local phone lines are not working.

What should I do if there are reports of wild fires in my area?



- Be ready to leave at a moment's notice.
- Listen to local radio and television stations for updated emergency information.
- Always back your car into the garage or park it in an open space facing the direction of escape.
- Confine pets to one room so that you can find them if you need to evacuate quickly.
- Arrange for temporary housing at a friend or relative's home outside the threatened area.

Limit exposure to smoke and dust.

- Listen and watch for air quality reports and health warnings about smoke.
- Keep indoor air clean by closing windows and doors to prevent outside smoke from getting in.
- Use the recycle or re-circulate mode on the air conditioner in your home or car. If you do not have air conditioning and it is too hot to stay inside with closed windows, seek shelter elsewhere.
- When smoke levels are high, do not use anything that burns and adds to indoor air pollution, such as candles, fireplaces and gas stoves. Do not vacuum because it stirs up particles that are already inside your home.
- If you have asthma or another lung disease, follow your health care provider's advice and seek medical care if your symptoms worsen.

Returning home after a wild fire ...



- Do not enter your home until fire officials say it is safe.
- Use caution when entering burned areas as hazards may still exist, including hot spots, which can flare up without warning.
- Avoid damaged or fallen power lines, poles and downed wires.
- Watch for ash pits and mark them for safety—warn family and neighbors to keep clear of the pits also.
- Watch animals closely and keep them under your direct control. Hidden embers and hot spots could burn your pets' paws or hooves.
- Follow public health guidance on safe cleanup of fire ash and safe use of masks.
- Wet debris down to minimize breathing dust particles.
- Wear leather gloves and heavy soled shoes to protect hands and feet.
- Cleaning products, paint, batteries and damaged fuel containers need to be disposed of properly to avoid risk.

Ensure your food and water are safe.

- Discard any food that has been exposed to heat, smoke or soot.
- Do NOT ever use water that you think may be contaminated to wash dishes, brush teeth, prepare food, wash hands, make ice or make baby formula.

Let Your Family Know You're Safe

If your community has experienced a wild fire, or any disaster, register on the American Red Cross Safe and Well Web site available through RedCross.org to let your family and friends know about your welfare. If you don't have Internet access, call 1-866-GET-INFO to register yourself and your family.



For more information on disaster and emergency preparedness, visit RedCross.org.

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New Vice President of Student Services - Welcome Patrick Walton!

Patrick Walton comes from a family of educators. Helping students achieve their goals and dreams is one of his biggest passions and he looks forward to doing so at College of the Siskiyous.

Patrick was born and raised in Northern California in the small town of Biggs, California. He comes from a family of farmers and educators. Patrick attended California State University, Chico and received a Bachelor's Degree in Public Administration. Following his undergraduate schooling, Patrick continued his education at CSU, Chico and received a Master's Degree in Public Administration. While enrolled in school, Patrick would substitute teach in the K-12 system to support his family. During this time, he knew he wanted to pursue a career in education.



Following his completion of his graduate degree, Patrick would accept a job as an Instructional Support Specialist in Basic Skills at Lassen Community College. After eight months, Patrick was asked to serve as the Interim Associate Dean of Student Services. Following one year in that role, Patrick served as the Interim Dean of Student Services/Chief Student Services Officer. Patrick then applied for the permanent position of Dean of Student Services/Chief Student Services Officer. He would serve in that capacity for the next five years.

Patrick loves working in Student Services. He specializes in working at small, rural, California Community Colleges. He is passionate about all areas of Student Services, however, he specializes in orientation, counseling, policy and procedure, event planning, student activities, enrollment management, and being a champion for all students. He believes in the power of education and the opportunities and doors it can open.

Outside of Patrick's professional life, he stays very busy and finds great joy in his family. He has been married for over 16 years to his wife and together they have four wonderful children. His children take up most of his free time with sports, school, and extracurricular activities. He would not have it any other way. Other activities he loves to enjoy are date nights with his wife, hunting, fishing, reading, traveling, and enjoying a good meal.

Patrick is excited for this new opportunity and adventure to join College of the Siskiyous. He knows and understands the challenges that face small colleges and also knows being small gives small colleges the benefit to serve students in ways the bigger colleges cannot. He has an open door policy and looks forward to working with all at COS to help students. Anyone is always welcome to visit in his office or wherever they come across him to share a good laugh, a warm smile, or to receive a listening ear.

Mark Klever selected as Interim Vice President of Academic Affairs - Congratulations!

Mark Klever has served as the Dean of Career and Technical Education (CTE) and Yreka Campus for the College of the Siskiyous since 2018. Mark is passionate about looking to make differences in people's lives from young children in the foster care system to helping others in skill building, career development and degree opportunities. Much of this passion comes from



his roots at Cal Poly where he received his Bachelor's degree in Agri-Business Management and a Master's degree in Agriculture. He also worked in the College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences for over 20 years. After leaving Cal Poly in 2011, Mark moved his family to Siskiyou County to become President/General Manager of a 22,000 organic farming and ranching operation.

Mark brings with him over 25 years of experience in various roles in the California State University and Community College systems. Over the last 5 years specifically with College of the Siskiyous, he has been a Part-Time Faculty, Interim Director of the Yreka Campus and Dean of CTE and Yreka Campus. In the CTE area, COS has many career training programs such as: POST Law Enforcement Academy, Fire Academy, EMS Paramedic Program, Licensed Vocational and Registered Nursing Programs, Early Childhood Education, Welding, Advanced Manufacturing, Alcohol, Drug and Human Services, Business and Computer Science, and a new Agriculture Program. Under his direction, COS continues to successfully train students to not only gain workforce skills but also gives students the needed opportunities to develop everything to obtain fantastic careers in Siskiyou County and beyond.

At COS, Mark has served as North Far North Regional Consortium voting member, President's Cabinet, College Council, Instruction Council, Enrollment Management Council, District Negotiation Team, Curriculum Committee non-voting member, Standard II Accreditation Steering Committee, Guided Pathways Steering Committee, Incident Management Team and multiple hiring committees. Mark also sees the value in the "community" portion of community college. He serves on numerous boards including Siskiyou Economic Council, Siskiyou County Farm Bureau, and Rockside Ranch and has volunteered coaching as well as being a foster parent to over 25 young Siskiyou County children.

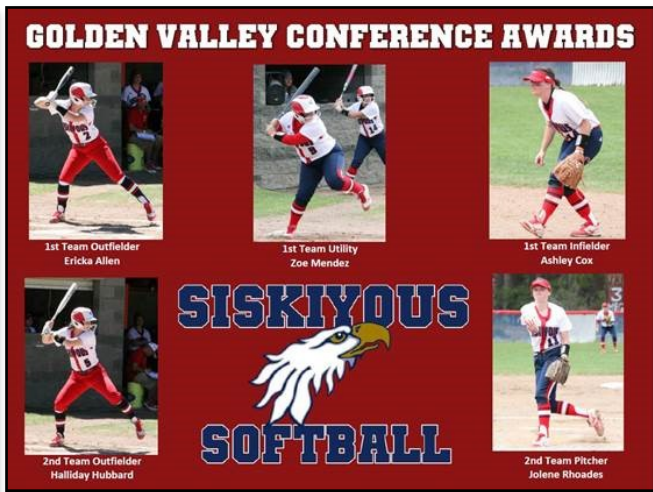
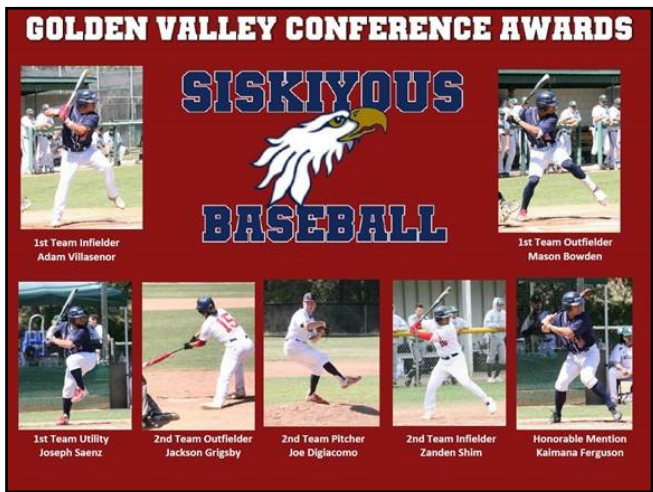
Today, Mark with his wife of over 23 years, continue to raise their family in the rural Far North of California. They keep agriculture as part of their lifestyle and upbringing of their children and value the moto of "Learn by Doing". Together they want to pass on the legacy in which they were so fortunate to be raised and the love for sustainable agriculture.

Public Relations & College Foundation: Well folks... we've made it to the middle-mark of summer! We are eagerly looking forward to the start of the fall semester and being able to re-connect with our students, faculty, and staff. If you have a class or an activity you would like or need to promote, now is the time to send information to the Public Relations Office. Students are ready to register! Let's let them know what we will be offering this fall. Are you teaching a new, never before (or has but it's been a long time) offered class? Let us know and we will get the word out.

Speaking of preparation for the fall semester, a tremendous amount of work has gone into getting the campus ready for re-opening. We would like to send a HUGE SHOUT-OUT to our Maintenance & Facilities Crew for all their hard work and tireless effort to keep the college clean and safe! We would also like to recognize and thank YOU... our COS Family for 'hanging in there' and keeping up on work, prep, and energy these past several months. Thank you!

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

- July 20 – COS Board of Trustees Meeting, 6 p.m.
- August 5 – Summer Session Ends
- August 23 – Fall Semester Begins



Athletic Department: Congratulations to our spring semester student athletes who received special honors!

Baseball had six players selected to the Golden Valley All Conference Team.

1st Team - Adam Villasenor – Infield; Mason Bowden – Outfield; Joseph Saenz - Utility

2nd Team

Joe Digiacomo – Pitcher; Zanden Shim – Infield; Jackson Grigsby - Outfield

Honorable Mention - Kaimana Ferguson - Infield

Softball had five players selected to the Golden Valley All-Conference Team.

1st Team - Ashley Cox – Infield; Ericka Allen – Outfield; Zoe Mendez - Utility

2nd Team - Jolene Rhoades – Pitcher; Halliday Hubbard – Outfield

2021 All-State Softball Team - Erick Allen – Outfield (College of the Siskiyou)

Back to Campus: Athletics is looking forward to having students back on campus! Volleyball reports back August 1, Football reports to campus August 7, and Soccer reports to campus August 9.

Snack Shack gets a face lift! Thank you to volunteers Jon Cox, Tyler Knudsen, Steve Pyles, and Charlie Roche



SISKIYOU'S VOLLEYBALL SUMMER CAMP



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VOLLEYBALL

~ August 2 – 6, 2021 ~

COS Weed Campus Gymnasium
Group 1 (elementary school): 9-11 am
Group 2 (middle and high school): 1 – 3 pm

\$60.00 Full Camp (Best Price) or \$20.00 One Day Fee
Sign up at the Door! Parents you need to sign waivers.

Face Coverings: No mask if fully vaccinated.

Otherwise, face mask required. Masks will be provided as needed.

Questions, contact Lyndi Scholl, Head Coach Siskiyou's Women's Volleyball
Email: lscholl@siskiyous.edu

Administrative Services

It has been a busy summer for Administrative Services and Human Resources so far, but very productive as we enter the month of July. Thank you to everyone for supporting the campus during the LAVA fire evacuation, campus closure, and the 1,500 plus fire personnel who joined us on June 30. Amazing job!! We hope that everyone continues to remain safe and healthy!

Facilities: Update on projects currently in progress.

- The new Soccer Field Construction Project will be completed on August 1 and will be ready for our fall semester sports season. Irrigation on the new field began July 16 and will be followed by the installation of 88,000 square feet of new sod.
- The new Fire Tower Prop Project will begin on July 19. The west side fire tower training area will be off limits to vehicle and foot traffic until construction is complete.
- All of the Maintenance staff have worked extra hard the past three weeks to accommodate the 1,500 + Lava Fire Camp personnel and we want our crew in maintenance and custodial to know we appreciate all their tremendous work and time spent in helping the fire personnel feel welcome at our campus. Excellent job!

Fiscal Services: With the 2020-21 fiscal year end just past, please do a final review of your department activity and make any necessary changes before July 31.

- Check your budgets and expenditures. If you have any final budget or expenditure changes, please submit the approved form(s) to the Business Office. If you have any questions, please e-mail Desiree in the Business Office.
- Review any outstanding purchase orders and submit any invoices as soon as possible. If you need to cancel a purchase order or if you have any questions, please e-mail Courtney in the Business Office.

Some reminders:

- During the summer months while the campus is on a four-day work week, all approved payment vouchers must be submitted to the Business Office by 5 p.m. on Tuesday in order for them to be paid that week. With the shortened work week, the weekly accounts payable check run will be processed starting Wednesday morning in order to make payment by Thursday.
- Employees who would like to receive their paycheck via direct deposit can access the Direct Deposit authorization form through mySiskiyous/Employee/Pay. Once the form is completed submit to Human Resources.

Food Services: As summer conference season is coming to an end, the staff in food services are working with Human Resources staff to fill vacant positions and get ready for the start of the fall semester. Finding applicants is a challenge, with so many jobs available in the hospitality industry.

Human Resources: HR continues to recruit on the average 12 positions a month with several of these vacancies being filled within the next 30 days. HR will be meeting with representatives from the Faculty Association, CSEA, ASM and CVT to share a presentation and information on what has impacted the new medical coverage rates which go into effect on October 1. At the start of the Fall Semester we will be reviving the HWB Committee which will include a membership from constituent groups across the

campus in an effort to do a full review of the plan designs currently offered by the District for medical, dental, and vision coverage.

Technology Services: The Department successfully executed a re-architect of the data network that included the upgrade of the College’s virtual private network (VPN) from Cisco AnyConnect to Palo Alto Global Protect.

An upgrade to the HappyFox ticketing system was also successfully completed. This upgrade includes an improved user interface and a simplified ticket entering process that will support the department’s efforts to implement Information Technology Service Management (ITSM).

Residence Life & Housing: Student lodging has received an application for every bed space available in the fall of 2021. A room waiting list has started because some of the lodging applicants may change their minds about attending our college. Lodge staff accept waiting list applications and refer students to off-campus housing options. Our staff has received feedback that local rental options are unavailable. Student housing staff continue to look for ways to help students find safe and secure housing.

Associated Student Board: The District's student government is looking for new members to join the student leadership team for the fall. We have a little help... ASB Senators in the spring sent invitations to all enrolled students inviting them to join the National Society of Leadership and Success. Working with NSLS staff will allow COS students to develop leadership skills and network with other leaders from around the country. ASB Senators anticipate some of the NSLS participants will join the ASB team to use their skills learned from the NSLS program.

Student Services



Admissions and Records: We are so happy to introduce our new Transcript Evaluator, Samantha Dean. Originally from Sonoma County, Sam and her family recently moved from Lake County to Siskiyou County. She has a myriad of experience in education having worked in K-12, Alternative Education, Behavioral Health, Student Access Services at Santa Rosa Junior College, and Admissions at Sonoma State. If you have a chance, drop by the Admissions Office and say, “hello!”



Basecamp HQ: We at Basecamp HQ are very excited to have Maggie Crowder join us as our Interim Student Equity Technician. Maggie is a COS graduate and she is very familiar with the programs and services provided by the college. She has really hit the ground running and we appreciate having her!

As we prepare to welcome our new 2021-2022 cohort of Siskiyou Promise Students we have been busy reaching out and making sure that they have completed their SOAR Orientations, registered for classes and completed their Financial Aid files. This is a very time consuming process, but the results are worth it! Each week more of our incoming Siskiyou Promise students are checked off our list as complete and ready to start classes in the fall.

Academic Affairs

Submitted by Mark Klever, Interim Vice President of Academic Affairs

Nursing Department: Congratulations to Hallie Coppi, new Nursing Director. Hallie has worked at COS for eight years as nursing faculty but has been a member of the COS family all of her life.

I was born and raised in Siskiyou County and truly love living in this beautiful area. I have lived all over the world, but I never feel settled unless I am here. I can't recall a time in my life when COS was not a part of it. My first memory of COS is when I danced my heart out as a ballerina chicken on stage in the theatre after a COS dance camp at age 3. Unfortunately, my dancing career only went downhill after that, but I am thankful to still be part of COS so many years later.



Before attending nursing school, I worked locally as a Wildland Firefighter with the US Forest Service for 6 years. While working as a firefighter I met my wonderful husband who is also deeply rooted in our community, graduated from COS's fire academy and currently works as a local firefighter. We have two amazing sons who are my whole world.



My nursing experience before becoming a nurse educator includes Inpatient Pediatric Psychiatric nursing, Cardiac Intensive Care nursing and the Director of Nursing of a Skilled Nursing Facility and Critical Access hospital. I have worked as a nurse in various hospitals spanning from Philadelphia to California. I have a BA in Business Administration from Gonzaga University, a BS in Nursing from Drexel University, a MS in Nursing from Walden University, and I am currently working on my dissertation to complete my PhD in Nursing from Walden University. I am looking forward to helping our highly ranked nursing programs not just rebuild, but also once again thrive. It has been an honor to have been a part of so many nursing students journey at COS so far. I am hopeful we can continue to provide the opportunity for students to transform their lives through our nursing courses for years to come. I know the job as Director of Nursing will be full of challenges, but I am ready to meet those challenges because our students and our community deserve to have access to high quality education and healthcare.

Summer Nursing: The Nursing Department is currently running a CNA course with 13 students. This program is always in high demand, but the class size had to be cut in half this year due to COVID restrictions in the clinical facility. Our energetic students are halfway through their course and will take their state examination the second week of August to become licensed Certified Nursing Assistants in the State of California. Many of these students have plans to continue into our LVN and LVN-RN Step Up Programs that we are working hard to fortify. We are thankful we were able to move forward with the CNA course this year and are very proud of this small group of dedicated students! We will hold a pinning ceremony for them on August 10 at the Weed Community Center.

Distance Learning: Maria Fernandez has accepted the position of Interim Distance Education and Instructional Design Coordinator. Congratulations Maria!



Maria Fernandez – Interim Distance Education and Instructional Design

Maria Elena Fernandez earned her M.A. in English and Creative Writing from CSU, Sacramento. She has also completed post-baccalaureate interdisciplinary studies in the Humanities at CSU, Dominguez Hills and in Theater at CSU, Sacramento. Maria Elena has been at College of the Siskiyous since 1994, serving as a full-time faculty member in the English and Humanities departments. She designed and delivered her first online course in 2003 and teaches at least two courses online per semester.

Since 2016, Maria Elena has been Chair of the COS Distance Learning Committee and has served as the Distance Learning Faculty Coordinator, providing instructional design support and training for the faculty. In 2016, she coordinated with essential campus personnel to facilitate the campus transition from Etudes to the Canvas LMS. In 2018, she led the college efforts to successfully apply to the CVC-OEI Consortium/Equity Cohort. She continues to serve the campus as a member of the Canvas Admin team.

Maria Elena is a certified Peer Online Course Reviewer (POCR) for the California Online Education Initiative (CVC-OEI) and serves as the CVC-OEI Exchange Project Lead and POCR Lead for the COS campus. She continues to pursue distance education-related professional development in online pedagogy and accessibility, has successfully completed the OEI course design academy, and is currently completing the @One certificate in Online Teaching and Design.

Before arriving at COS, Maria Elena was an education consultant with the California Department of Education, Vocational Gender Equity Division, providing multicultural, vocational gender equity, and workforce diversity training at both the state and national levels. She is the author of the 1995 textbook, *Mariposa: A Workbook for Discovery and Exploration*, written specifically for young Latinas and published by the California Department of Education. Her poetry has appeared in the journal *Moving Mountain* and *Jefferson Monthly*, and she was a guest poet on NPR's *West Coast Live*.

Maria Elena lives, works, and writes in California's far north. She and her family spend their free moments exploring the west.

Non-Credit, Submitted by Susan Clark, Director Noncredit and Community Education

Mary Poppins Jr: College of the Siskiyous Noncredit and Mount Shasta Children's Theatre will present the 2021 Broadway Summerstage Production of "Mary Poppins Jr" August 6, 7, and 8 at the Jefferson Center for the Arts (JCA) in Mt.

Shasta. Thirty students, ages 8 to 18 years, are spending the month of July learning all aspects of putting on a show including singing, dancing, character development, and more in preparation for the show in August. Wendy James is directing these performances by the Theatre Summer Camp registrants. Evening performances will be held August 6, 7, and 8 at 7 pm. Two matinee performances are scheduled for Saturday, August 7 and Sunday, August 8 at 2pm. The show will be held at the Jefferson Center for the Arts located at 1124 Pine Grove Drive, Mt. Shasta and advance tickets may be purchased from the COS Bookstore. For more information about the JCA, visit <https://jeffersoncenterforthearts.com/>.



Parent Academy: COS is proud to be partnering with Weed Elementary School on a pioneering project. Parents will take COS classes to become part of the education delivery system. The first class is Communication in the Workplace for interaction with their students. Parents will also be taking Beginning Computer Science class and learning the various software programs their students use. If you have a student at Weed Elementary, check out this program. Dinner and childcare will be provided. Contact Anna Christie (530.938.6107) at Weed Elementary for more information.

Emergency Medical Services Program - Submitted by Kirk Thomsen – COS EMS Director

Siskiyou / Mendocino College Paramedic Program: College of the Siskiyou and Mendocino College have collaborated and are bringing the Paramedic Program back to Mendocino College. The program at Mendocino College will be a satellite program of COS. Orientation was held on July 14, 2021. COS President, Dr. Char Perlas and VPAA, Mark Klever, welcomed the students via zoom, while representatives VPAA Debra Polak, CTE Dean Dennis Aseltyne and Mendocino County Supervisor John Haschak expressed words of wisdom and encouragement.

The community support for this program has been incredible, the program is full. The official class start date is August 6th. The newly hired part time COS faculty are working hard to get ready to welcome the 28 students.

The partnership between College of The Siskiyou and Mendocino College has allowed us to fulfill a need for the community while doubling the size of the Paramedic program to help meet the nationwide shortage of Paramedics. COS is providing oversight, staffing, equipment, and curriculum while Mendocino is providing space and onsite support.

No other reports submitted.