



# College of the Siskiyou

## *The Campus Connection*

### May 2022

## Office of the President

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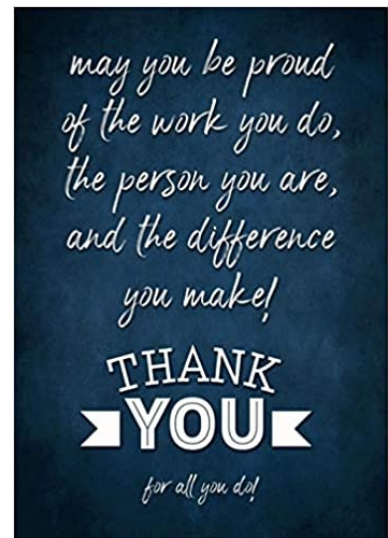
*Submitted by Dr. Char Perlas, Interim Superintendent/President*

There's a lot to celebrate during the month of May! Click on each of the links below to learn more! Each link contains valuable resources, scheduled events/webinars and information on how you can participate in the acknowledgements. Additionally, some of the links provide discounts and freebies! For those populations being celebrated, I want to thank you for your invaluable contributions to society!

- [Asian American Pacific Islander \(AAPI\) Heritage Month](#)
- [National Military Appreciation Month](#)
- [National Law Enforcement Month](#)
- [National Mental Health Awareness Month](#)
- [Nurses Appreciation Week: May 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>](#)
- [47th Annual National EMS Week - May 15<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>](#)

### **Celebrating all of our Classified Professionals... Classified Professionals Appreciation Week: May 15–21, 2022!**

Many thanks to our classified professionals who are at the frontlines of campus operations! We are so appreciative of your resiliency and dedication during this tumultuous pandemic period. I hope to see many, if not all, of our classified professionals at the May 20, 2022 Employee Appreciation Event so we can personally celebrate you!



### **California Community College Chancellor's Office (CCCCO), Office of Civil Rights Site Visit**

The CCCCCO has scheduled a site-visit at College of the Siskiyou to confirm the College's compliance in meeting the Perkins V requirements for the Office for Civil Rights (OCR). The site visit is scheduled from **Monday, June 13 to Friday, June 17**. In preparation for the visit, we have a Siskiyou team gathering the requested documents. During the site visit, there will be individuals assessing facilities and materials. So, if you see an unfamiliar face with measuring tools, feel free to wave hello!

### **Public Relations & College Foundation:**

**Win This CFMOTO ZFORCE 800EX UTV!** You have a 1 in 500 chance of winning! Tickets are \$50 each. We accept cash, check, or credit card. Drawing will take place in August, 2022. Call the Foundation office at (530) 938-5373 to purchase a ticket. This is a COS Foundation fundraiser to support student scholarships, grants, and other student-centered projects and activities. The UTV has been purchased from HRF Powersports in Yreka, CA.



**Come Join Our Team:** We are looking for new volunteers to join the Eagle’s Nest team. Volunteers work three to four hour shifts per week, or more. Volunteers work as cashiers, screen items as they come in, price merchandise, repair items, research antiques, etc. There is never a dull moment at the Eagles Nest. If you know of anyone who may be interested in volunteering have them call (530) 938-4663 or stop by the Eagle’s Nest.

**College of the Siskiyous  
Recognized as one of 40  
California Community  
Colleges to Excel in  
Equitable Course  
Placement:**

On Thursday, May 11, College of the Siskiyous was recognized as one of the top 40 California Community Colleges to be honored as a leading campus in the implementation of AB 705, legislation to improve student access and success in transfer-level English and math coursework.



Dawnie Slabaugh, Director of Public Relations/College Foundation, attended the event and accepted three awards on behalf of the college. In attendance at the event were equitable course placement champions California Lieutenant Governor, Eleni Kounalakis and Assemblymember, Jacqui Irwin. The inaugural [Excellence in Placement](#) award ceremony was hosted by The Campaign for College Opportunity. Learn what honoree campuses shared about receiving their awards [here](#). To learn more about how the honorees are selected, [click here](#). A recording of the ceremony will be available [here](#).

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

- May 17: COS Board of Trustees Monthly Meeting, 4pm –Board Room
- May 19: Grilled Cheese Social, 10:30am-12pm – Basecamp HQ
- May 20: Commencement Rehearsal, 1pm - Stadium
- May 20: Commencement, 5pm – Stadium (Line up begins at 4:30pm)
- May 20: Employee Appreciation at Mt. Shasta Brewery, 7pm – 360 College Avenue, Weed
- May 22: Youth Soccer Clinic, 9am-12pm – Soccer Field
- May 23-26: Finals Week
- May 26: Spring Semester Ends
- May 28: Fire Fighter I Academy Graduation, 1pm - Theater
- May 30: Memorial Day Holiday (Campus Closed)
- May 31: Summer Session Begins

## Athletics:

### Former Eagle Football Player Drafted in the NFL!

Former College of the Siskiyous OLB Daniel Hardy is selected in the 7th Round / Pick 235 of the 2022 NFL Draft. Hardy played just one season for COS in 2017. After his freshman season he received 1st Team All-Conference, 1st Team All-Region, and Scholar Athlete Honors. Daniel received several offers after his freshman season and settled on Montana State University.



### ALL GOLDEN VALLEY CONFERENCE (SPRING 2022)

#### SOFTBALL:

Ashley Cox - 1<sup>st</sup> Team Infield  
Zoe Mendez - 1<sup>st</sup> Team Infield  
Halliday Hubbard - 2<sup>nd</sup> Team Outfield  
Alexis Figueroa - 2<sup>nd</sup> Team Infield



#### TRACK & FIELD:

Aiden Ellis

- 1st Place - Men's Javelin
- 1st Place - Men's Triple Jump
- 2nd Place - Men's Pole Vault
- 3rd Place - Men's Long Jump

Zane Lueth

- 2nd Place - Men's Triple Jump
- 2nd Place - Men's Long Jump

Teya Amidei

- 2nd Place - Women's Javelin

Hunter Davis

- 3rd Place - Men's 110M Hurdles



#### BASEBALL

Mason Bowden - 2nd Team Outfield  
Makael Shaw - Honorable Mention Outfield  
Stephen Perry - Academic All-Conference  
JuanLuis Jimenez - Academic All-Conference  
Kaimana Ferguson - Academic All-Conference  
Kameron Saucedo - Academic All-Conference  
Logan Findlay - Academic All-Conference



Check the [Athletics webpage](#) for current schedule, scores, and photos from the events.

# Administrative Services

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*Submitted by Darlene Melby, Vice President of Administrative Services & Human Resources*

As we come to the close of another Academic year, Administrative Services would like to congratulate all our Graduates. We wish you the best as you step forward towards new challenges in life. Congrats!

Congratulations to Desiree Kaae who recently accepted the position of Director of Fiscal Services. Desiree has been with the college for almost four years and most recently held the position of Associate Director of Fiscal Services.

Finally, a 'shout out' to all the Departments under Administrative Services. Thank you for the amazing work you have done this past year. "Every dream and idea are achieved because a team is supporting the vision and goal for the good of the whole." Great job everyone!

**Facilities and Maintenance:** The Maintenance and Custodial crews have been working very hard to prepare the stadium for our first outdoor commencement ceremony. A huge thank you to our very own David Harris and Personal Preference hire, Andy, for cleaning underneath the stadium seats. They did a fantastic job. The Maintenance crew continues to make vast improvements to the area reducing fire danger and cleaning up unsightly landscape that was overdue for change and rehabilitation. Great work team!

Dangerous tree removal is scheduled for May 16-17. This will affect the staff located in Eddy Hall, Building 95, McCloud Hall, and the Theater. Thank you to all for your patience while this work is being completed.

Fire Alarm testing is scheduled for May 31 on the Weed Campus and June 1 on the Yreka Campus. A reminder email will be sent out to remind staff of the audible alarm they may hear during this time.

## **Fiscal Services:**

**2022-23 Budget Season!** A big thank you to all of the Budget Managers and their staff for all the work done to provide information for the FY 2022-23 Budget Development. The Business Office is preparing the FY 2022-23 Tentative Budget, which is taken through the governance committees in May and presented for approval at the Board of Trustees Meeting in June.

At this time for the FY 2021-22, Departments should be wrapping up any purchases, closing Open Purchase Orders, and making any adjustments to finalize their 2021-22 Budgets. Please contact the Business Office for any questions, or if any assistance is needed.

**Business Office Staffing Update** - We would like to extend our congratulations to Kent Gross, Director of Fiscal Services, who is retiring after 19 years with College of the Siskiyous. Business Office staff and Administration are working closely with Kent to ensure a smooth transition for when he leaves. Kent will be missed by all.

The College, through the hiring process, has hired Desiree Kaae for the position of Director of Fiscal Services, and she will start her new duties beginning in June.

Human Resources is starting the recruitment process for the Associate Director of Fiscal Services position.

Also, a shout-out to Mai Yang, our new Account Clerk II in the Business Office. If you haven't met her yet, please feel free to come by our office to say "Hi." She's been here several months, and she is doing a fine job getting up to speed. We are thrilled to have her as part of the Fiscal Services team. Please be sure to copy her on any emails regarding Accounts Payable or Cashiering ([myang@siskiyous.edu](mailto:myang@siskiyous.edu))

**Human Resources (HR):** The Department continues to recruit for several faculty and staff positions... great job Beverly, Andrew, and Kelly!

We have just recently completed the six-month recruitment process for the new Superintendent/President. Thank you to all the Search Committee members, the Board of Trustees, Beverly Muelrath, and Monique Gonzalez for your time and service during this process.

**Technology Services:** The department has completed its upgrade of both the network video recorder (NVR) and video management system (VMS) for the College's security cameras. The new solution will provide the same level of service at reduced cost.

The College continues to formulate plans to implement two-factor authentication for employees who are accessing COS resources from outside the COS network. This will greatly improve the College's cyber security. The implementation of this requirement is currently scheduled for August 8. Additional information will be provided as we get closer to implementation.

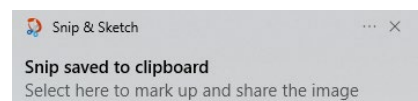
The department is continuing the process of migrating most of the virtual servers currently hosted on-premise to the Microsoft Azure cloud. This will improve the level of service while also reducing costs and the College's carbon footprint.

Beginning this summer and carrying through the end of the calendar year, the department will be implementing a workstation standard on all employee computers. This standard will ensure that all systems are running current software, properly secured, and easily recoverable. We will be reaching out to all departments to schedule times to implement this standard that minimizes disrupt to their operations.

### [Bethany's Tech Tips](#)



**SCREENSHOTS!** Need to send a screenshot of one thing, not your entire screen(s)? Use the Snipping tool by pressing **Windows + Shift + S!** You can drag a box around something specific, copy the one window you have open, copy everything on all of your screens, or even freeform draw around something. This copies to your clipboard, and you can even save it to use it later!



# Student Services

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*Submitted by Patrick Walton, Vice President of Student Services*

The end of the spring semester is here and that means commencement is upon us. We are elated to be holding commencement outdoors this year. We don't know what the weather will be like but we intend to move forward and have a wonderful event regardless of the circumstances. We are excited to celebrate our students' achievements. There is no more important event each year than commencement. We are grateful for the many individuals and departments that have contributed so far. This truly is a campus-wide endeavor and we wouldn't be able to accomplish it all without support. Thank you!

On April 27, the college hosted over 300 eight graders from across the County. The students were able to tour, view instructional demonstrations, gain valuable information, fill their bellies and minds with nourishment, and have a fun time. It was a spectacular day and we had such positive feedback from students, K-12 staff and our own COS employees. Thank you to all involved and that list is long. A big thank you to Regina Weston and Christina Wiglesworth for making it all happen.

Siskiyous staff recently attended a College and Career Day event held in Hayfork for all of Trinity County. It was a nice day and even though these students are served by another community college district, there are many that are planning on attending COS. It is a goal of Student Services to not just make our presence felt more throughout our college district service area, but also in the surrounding areas. COS has so much to offer to any student from any part of the world.

As the semester wraps up and registration for summer and fall have already begun, I want to acknowledge the efforts of the Student Services team. This is a spectacular group of individuals who are dedicated to COS and its students. They serve our students with compassion, enthusiasm, and dedication. Thank you to each of them!

**Basecamp HQ:** Basecamp was busy as usual during the month of April and we were very excited to receive several donations of food and clothing from the community and staff worked hard to get those donations directly into the hands of our students quickly. Two of our of Eagle Ambassadors were in the spring theater production of *Almost, Maine*, and we enjoyed watching to show our support.

Basecamp will continue to host the Grilled Cheese Social every other Thursday through the end of the semester, with TRiO providing a Pancake Social on alternating weeks. These activities have been a hit amongst the students and we enjoy having them in our spaces enjoying a meal.

In April, Basecamp worked in conjunction with Smoke Free High Country to plan an Earth Day event held April 20. Due to the weather, the event was held in the Student Center. The weather definitely put a damper on the event but it made us excited at the possibility of hosting more events in the Student Center in the future to encourage students to start utilizing the space again. Now we look towards a very busy month of May and are ready to celebrate our Graduates!

**Financial Aid:** The FAO staff looks forward to assisting students with their summer FSA awards! Even students who did not attend Fall and Spring this school year, can still receive a Pell Grant. However, the FAFSA system stops accepting new 2021-22 applications as of June 30, 2022. Please encourage new

students to have their initial FAFSA with student and parent (if needed) signatures in by then. Corrections and verification can be completed up to August 1.

*150% Year-Round Pell:* Students who received Pell funds earlier in the year (at COS or another school) may still have Pell eligibility during summer! We can let them know if they contact us. If 100% was already disbursed during the year (full-time Fall and Spring, up to \$6,495), they need to take 6.0 credits in summer to receive additional Pell funding.

## Academic Affairs

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*Submitted by Mark Klever, Interim Vice President of Academic Affairs*

First off, Congratulations to Dr. Char Perlas on being named our next Superintendent/President! I, too, want to thank everyone from College of the Siskiyous and the community for the wonderful outpouring of support through the process last week. It was a very positive, professional experience that I truly enjoyed.

Now as we get to look forward to a new chapter, we now can come together as a united front to support our leader and Superintendent/President. As we all know, we face some challenges in the near future, but together we can accomplish great things. I'm excited that we have some light at the end of the tunnel that we have been in and look forward to continuing to serve our Siskiyous students and potential students.

It seems like each month an unprecedented number of tasks weigh on each of us at this institution. I think for this month, it represents a time of completion for a very long year. I am very thankful that we will be able to look back on this past year and learn from it, embrace it, and move on from the struggles that it presented. I am hopeful that the fall of 2022 will be a new season that we can cross off some of the challenges that we have faced. I genuinely appreciate all the hard work that our staff, faculty, and fellow administrators have put into this school to continue to serve our students.

From the bottom of my heart, thank you to everyone.

*No other reports submitted.*