



College of the Siskiyous The Campus Connection July 2022

Office of the President

Submitted by Dr. Char Perlas, Interim Superintendent/President

College of the Siskiyous Awarded \$32 million Student Housing Grant!

Late Thursday, June 30, Governor Newsom signed the 2022-2023 State Budget. The 2022-2023 budget included one-time awards to selected community colleges for housing projects deemed eligible for funding in the first round of applications submitted in October 2021. College of the Siskiyous is one of four eligible community colleges and was awarded \$32 million to build a new, on-campus, 76 unit/252 bed student housing complex! We are beyond excited to commence construction and look forward to serving more students with this new housing complex!

Theater Renovation Proposal – Approved!

The College’s Theater Renovation proposal has been approved and we are preparing to move forward with the proposed renovations. Weekly meetings with ALMA Strategies, the College’s Facilities consultant, are scheduled to commence on July 12, 2022.

\$18.13 Million Dollar K-16 Education Collaborative Grant Awarded

In collaboration with North State Together, the North State Community Economic Resiliency Fund (CERF) area, which includes Siskiyou County, was awarded the K-16 Grant totaling \$18.13 Million. Through Cradle to Careers for Siskiyou, the College of the Siskiyous Foundation will be receiving \$1.1 mil over four years.

California Medical Scholars Grant

College of the Siskiyous is one of eight UC Davis partner colleges eligible to send students through UC Davis’s pathway to medical school. The newly form pathway, named Avenue M, provides students with the required support and resources needed to successfully achieve a medical degree. To learn more, click [here](#).



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.

Visit us at the Fair - The 2022 Siskiyou Golden Fair will be Wednesday, August 10 through Sunday, August 14. We need HELP!! COS will have a booth and we need people to volunteer to help out. The Fair offers us a SUPER OPPORTUNITY to promote the College, our classes, and the many wonderful programs and services we offer students. Sign up to work a shift with a partner, or by yourself and meet someone new. The shifts are 2.5 hours long. Sign up is first-pick, first-get.

This year, those who sign up to help will be offered the opportunity to flex their work schedule (working with their department supervisor/manager) or will receive overtime (as deemed appropriate) for their time. You will also **receive two tickets for free admittance** to the fair (one to be used on the day you work - or if you volunteer to work more than one day...a ticket for each day, the other(s) to be used as you like). The sign-up sheet is currently located in Building 95. Stop by to sign up, send an email (pio@siskiyous.edu), or call extension 5373.

Can't help out in August... No worries... we will also have a COS information booth at the Tulelake Fair in September. 😊

Last Chance to 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 August 16, 2022 and the winner will be announced via Facebook Live! 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 is on display at HRF Powersports in Yreka, CA.



Come Join Our Team: We are looking for new volunteers to join the Eagle's Nest team. 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. We are also looking for student workers. If you know of anyone who may be interested in volunteering or working as a paid student worker, have them call (530) 938-4663 or stop by the Eagle's Nest Shop to speak with Angel Keen, Shop Supervisor.

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

July:

- July 15: Campus Closed
- July 19: Board of Trustees Regular Monthly Meeting, 6pm – Board Room
- July 22: Campus Closed
- July 26-28: Volleyball Camp, 9-11am (Elementary/Middle School) & 1-3pm (High School) - Gym
- July 29: Campus Closed

August:

- Registration Continues for Fall 2022
- August 1-5: Summer Bridge Week 1
- August 4: Summer Session 2 & 3 End
- August 5: Campus Closed
- August 8-12: Summer Bridge Week 2
- August 10-14: Siskiyou Golden Fair, Yreka (COS Information Booth – Volunteers Needed)
- August 16: Board of Trustees Regular Monthly Meeting, 6pm – Board Room
- August 18: Convocation / Mandatory Flex Day
- August 18: Siskiyous President Welcome Reception, 4:30-6pm – The Quad at Weed Campus
- August 19: Siskiyous Family Fun Day & Back to School Barbecue, 3-6:30pm – The Green at Weed Campus
- August 21: Siskiyou Promise Welcome Reception, 4pm – The Quad at Weed Campus
- August 22: Fall Semester Begins
- August 27: Weed Chamber Car & Bike Show and COS Foundation Flea Market, 9am – Bel Air Park, Weed
- August 27: Volleyball vs. SWOCC, TBD – Gym
- August 29: Volleyball vs. UCC, TBD – Gym

Athletics: Check the [Athletics webpage](#) for game schedules, scores, and photos from the events.

Administrative Services

Facilities and Maintenance: Update on current and future projects.

- The Football Stadium road replacement project is half complete and looking good. The Fire Academy access road repair and sealing will begin soon after the Stadium road replacement project is complete.
- Speed Tables have been installed and are a great reminder to slow down when you pass the Discovery Child Development Center facility.
- Fascia replacement on both lodges is complete. Many areas of dry rot were discovered during the removal of the old fascia and were repaired during the process. Repair and coating of the lodge roofs is scheduled to take place the week of July 11-15.
- The LRC roof coating project is complete.
- Yreka building 85 - Technology Center painting project is complete. New forward throw lights for better illumination of the area have been added and the building looks great.
- Physical Science and Eddy Hall exterior painting projects will begin before the end of July.
- The Air Conditioning project in the kitchen area is in the bidding process.
- The Student Center boiler replacement project is moving forward and will begin in approximately four to six weeks upon the delivery of the new boiler to the campus.



- The Discovery Center and Ponderosa Hall flooring projects will begin soon and are estimated to be completed before the end of July.
- The Theater Project timeline is listed below, upon state approval and receiving the DF14.
 - Preliminary Plans: August 1 – December 1, 2022
 - Working Drawings: December 1, 2022 – December 1, 2023
 - DSA Review: July 5, 2023 – March 1, 2024
 - Construction: July 1, 2024 – December 1, 2025

Technology Services: In an effort to improve the College’s cyber security, Technology Services will be implementing two-factor authentication for employees who are accessing COS resources from outside the COS network on August 8. We will be sending out information concerning this change and how to prepare for it in the month of July. We will also be providing training during the FLEX training prior to the fall term.

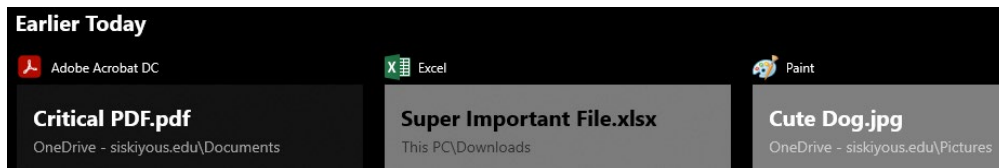
The department has started the process of migrating most of the virtual servers currently hosted on premise to the Microsoft Azure cloud. This will improve the level of service while also reducing costs and the College’s carbon footprint.

Beginning this summer and carrying through the end of the academic 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 disruptions to their operations.



Bethany’s Tech Tips

FILE HISTORY! Do you know when you *just* had a file open yesterday, but now you can’t find it? Try **Windows Timeline!** Press **Windows + Tab** to open Timeline, which shows you your open windows on the top and your history on the bottom.



Student Services

Submitted by Patrick Walton, Vice President of Student Services

As summer continues on so does the work in Student Services. Student Services staff and faculty are busy helping our summer students and preparing for the fall. We have some new projects happening this summer.

Summer Bridge will be occurring the first two weeks of August. Christina Wiglesworth has been actively engaged in preparing for this fantastic event. Students will be engaged in a week-long event where they will be housed, fed, given valuable information, and provided opportunities for fun and networking. Many on campus will be involved and we are excited to offer this for the first time ever at COS. Traditionally, this type of event

would be offered to first time students but as this is our first time doing it, it will be open to all students. We are so excited. Thank you to Christina and many others that will be part of the event.

Student Services will be hiring a number of new and important positions throughout various departments. We look forward to growing our team and continuing to provide high quality support and services to our students. If you know someone looking for a rewarding and exciting career, please encourage them to go to the college's job opportunities webpage and apply.

Admissions and Records: Certificates and Associate Degrees awarded for the 2021-2022 year are listed below: A total of 189 students were awarded.

Associate of Arts	Associate of Arts for Transfer	Associate of Science	Associate of Science for Transfer	Certificate of Achievement	Total
141	17	59	14	146	377

Basecamp HQ: Basecamp is spending the summer working on lots of projects to better prepare the space to serve students in the fall. We are having our floors redone, and also changing up the space to allow for more areas for students to hang out, and room to house even more basic needs items. We cannot wait to welcome students back to Basecamp in the fall. Speaking of fall, we have also begun planning our fall events, starting with "Week of Welcome." Our hope is to bring back a vibrant menu of trainings and events that students can enjoy in the coming semester!

Financial Aid: The FAFSA system has stopped accepting new applications for the 2021-2022 school year, but existing FAFSA students attending summer can still be paid.

That means the Financial Aid Office is ready and rearing to go for the 2022-2023 aid year! We are happy to assist students with anything they may need, and we encourage anyone who has not yet completed their 2022-2023 FAFSA application do so!

Our office is fully staffed for the first time in a long time, so if you need any help please feel free to reach out! You can set up an appointment with any of the specialists via Zoom or in-person for any financial aid needs. On that note, we are now accepting 2022-2023 loan and appeal application.

For our late start summer semester students: you will be receiving any disbursements you are eligible to receive before the end of July. All Cal Grant students are encouraged to check in with the Financial Aid office to ensure eligibility.

Academic Affairs

Submitted by Mark Klever, Interim Vice President of Academic Affairs

The Office of Academic Affairs is welcoming the summer session. Although life on campus does not stop, this summer has been a much welcomed time to get caught up and refresh plans for the fall semester.

With numerous challenges still facing the college, it feels good to have more solid approaches to the next academic year. As individuals settle into their roles and as we strategize to improve communication, strengthen trust and relationships, and ultimately work toward our common goal of effectively educating our students, this next year is critical in so many ways. I look forward to the work at hand and see this Academic Affairs team striving to improve from the progress that was laid last year.

I am so appreciative of the work we get to do and the individuals I get to work with daily. Thank you for the opportunity.

Charlie Roche, Patrick Walton and I are attending the Enrollment Management Academy in San Diego. Together, we are looking for ways to recover our enrollment from the loss during the pandemic. Fortunately, we have been given hold harmless; but it is critical we look at every opportunity to bring students to our institution whether in person or online. We look forward to the ideas we will bring back to implement immediately.

Career and Technical Education (CTE): Things never slowdown in the CTE Department! We are in full swing with online summer Alcohol, Drug and Human Services, Early Childhood Education, Computer Science, Accounting, and Economics courses. Our Paramedic students are participating in their clinicals throughout the state before heading into their internships in fall. Our Law Enforcement program, in collaboration with the Siskiyou County Probation Department, just completed the two-week Juvenile Correction Officer to Deputy Probation Officer Transfer Academy with 24 participants from all over California. And finally, on July 5th, the Administration of Justice program began the next Police Academy.

In August, Siskiyou Childcare Council will be moving into the Discovery Child Development Center (DCDC) on the Weed campus. DCDC is a collaboration between the College of the Siskiyous Early Childhood Education Program and Siskiyou Childcare Council. The Center will offer a full-day preschool for children three years through kindergarten aged, and surround care program for the families of College of the Siskiyous and the surrounding communities. The DCDC program is subsidized for qualified families. In addition to the preschool program, DCDC serves as a California State Mentor Teacher site and Lab School for the COS Early Childhood Education program and meets NAEYC Accreditation Standards. DCDC is licensed through the State of California Department of Social services. In addition to being the Lab School for the early childhood education program, the DCDC will also be used as a "site" to meet the LVN's pediatric growth and development hours. College of the Siskiyous License Vocational Nursing Program requires 18 hours per student of Growth and Development observation in a Preschool or Nursery School setting. This is equivalent to two full days of observation for our second semester LVN students at an approved facility.

In other exciting news, the CTE department, in partnership with local community partners and other COS programs, including SiskiyouWorks, SMART, and Siskiyou Adult Education, have been collaborating on the development of the College of the Siskiyou Career Center. The Career Center, to be piloted in the fall, will offer career exploration services, work readiness, work-based learning opportunities (including paid/unpaid internships), and job placement for students, either directly or by referral to a partner organization. We are excited to be able to offer students these expanded services to assist in meeting their career goals.

Non-Credit & Community Education: Noncredit - English as a Second Language (ESL) is being offered during summer session and will be offered during the fall semester as well. The instructor, Ignacio Bucio, works well with the students and develops a strong bond with them. We anticipate this will be an ongoing class. This class is not limited to Spanish speakers. Contact Suzanne Clark at extension 5834 with any questions.

Community Ed - Just a reminder to contact the Community Education (COME) office if you would like to attend/teach a class not offered through Credit or Noncredit. We are always looking for community interest classes. Share this information with anyone you think may be interested. Contact Suzanne Clark at x5834 with any questions.

Contract Education - Contract Education (CE) works with employers so their workforce is trained. Sometimes that means training and other times it involves doing an assessment, developing a training plan, finding funding assistance, and training the employees. Keep that in mind and share the information. Feel free to contact Suzanne Clark at x5834 with any questions.

Library: The Library is testing three new databases for AY22-23. Two are article databases covering science topics: *Science Full Text Select* and *Environment Complete* (both from EBSCO). The third database is ProQuest's *Research Companion* with video tutorials on research and information literacy topics such as choosing a topic, incorporating and citing sources, and evaluating sources. These videos can be used as a database, streamed during in-person classes, and embedded into Canvas courses. All are available from the Library's [Articles & Databases page](#) and videos from the Research Companion are being incorporated into the [Research Help page](#) as well.

Library staff assisted researchers from the [Mt. Shasta Sisson Museum](#) for one of this summer's new displays, "*Celebrating 100 Years: Sierra Club Foundation Shasta Alpine Hut.*" Stop by the Museum this summer to check it out! The Mount Shasta Collection's books, articles, photos, and other materials frequently support the Museum's new exhibit development.

Academic Senate

Submitted by Dr. Andrea Craddock, Senate President

Hello Everyone,

As of June 1, I became the new President of the Academic Senate. Also recently elected to Senate Exec are: Patrice Thatcher-Stevens (Vice President), Ann Klein (Secretary), Jayne Turk (At Large), Tyler Knudsen (At Large), and Ron Slabbinck (Past President). I'm excited to be working with such great people this next academic year 😊

I want to recognize the outgoing President, Dr. Ron Slabbinck, and the other Senate Exec members for their service these past two years. They took over the Academic Senate during a difficult time at the college. They have helped traverse the uncertainty of the Pandemic and our changing administrative landscape. Under Dr. Slabbinck's tenure, faculty relations with many constituencies improved on campus and we accomplished several important goals (e.g., developing an onboarding process and new faculty handbook for new faculty members; advocating for new faculty hires; highlighting equity issues on campus; and more). I appreciate the last Senate Exec for putting us on a good path as we head into a new academic year.

At this time, would like to take a moment to introduce myself. I'm Dr. Andrea Craddock or "Andrea" for short. I joined the faculty in 2016 and am the full-time Psychology and Sociology Instructor. Before coming to Siskiyous, I was a part-time instructor at Modesto Junior College (MJC). I've spent most of my life in the Central Valley (i.e.,

growing up in Fresno, and more recently living in Turlock) so I'm used to living in hot, smoggy cities. I feel incredibly lucky that I now call beautiful Siskiyou County home.

I also feel grateful to work at College of the Siskiyous (Siskiyous). Being an instructor at a community college is my dream job and I appreciate the fact I get to do what I love. I also like working at a small, intimate campus where you get to know the students and your fellow co-workers. It's nice to be a part of a college that is geared towards helping students achieve their dreams. I am inspired by my colleagues, both faculty and staff, who show dedication to helping our students on a daily basis.

These last few years have been a challenge, in terms of enrollment and leadership changes at the college. However, I feel optimistic of where the college stands today and feel hopeful we can continue on an upward trajectory. I definitely want to do my part to help the college grow and thrive into the future.

As President of Academic Senate, my role is to advocate for faculty interests and build relationships with the Board and other constituency groups on campus. However, we all have the same goal of serving our students. Thus, given this common purpose, every decision should be viewed through the prism of helping students and increasing enrollment. Any decision that is contrary to these goals should be reconsidered. I look forward to working with others in making our college better for students.