

## Office of the President

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



**Celebrating Juneteenth** - Monday June 19, 2023 is 'Juneteenth', which is considered our country's second independence day. Juneteenth is recognized as a Federal holiday and commemorates Black American resiliency and our commitment towards eradicating systemic racism. To learn more about the Legacy of Juneteenth, visit [The National Museum of African American History and Culture](https://www.nmnh.gov/learn/visit/locations/nmaahc).

In honor of Juneteenth, College of the Siskiyous will be closed on Monday, June 19, 2023.

**ASM Appreciation Week June 11 – 17, 2023!** At the May 16, 2023 Board Meeting, we presented the resolution which designates the third week of June as Administrative Support Management week. It is the intention of this annual designation of a week of recognition to celebrate Administrative Support Management employees and their numerous contributions to the College.

Words cannot express how grateful we are for all of your efforts and your dedication to the success of our students and our College as a whole.



**Siskiyous Receives Three Excellence In Placement Awards** - College of the Siskiyous (Siskiyous) was named a 2023 Champion for Excelling in Equitable Course Placement! Siskiyous was recognized as a top performer in the following categories:

- *Campus wide English Enrollment:* Successfully supported 100% of Siskiyous students to enroll directly into transfer level English coursework.
- *Latinx English Enrollment:* Successfully supported 100% of Siskiyous Latinx students to enroll directly into transfer level English coursework.
- *Latinx Math Enrollment:* Successfully supported 100% of Siskiyous Latinx students to enroll directly into transfer level Math coursework.

On Wednesday, May 31, 2023 at the California Endowment Center in Downtown Los Angeles, College of the Siskiyous was recognized during the annual award installation ceremony, *Excellence in Placement: Honoring Community Colleges Excelling in Equitable Course Placement for Students*. Chancellor Select Sonya Christian, California Community College honorees, and other guests attended this special event. While there, I had the opportunity to congratulate Dr. Luke Wood, former Siskiyou County resident and McCloud High School graduate and previous Siskiyous Graduation Keynote Speaker, on his appointment as the ninth President at Sacramento State University. I also had the opportunity to congratulate fellow CEOs who were present to receive their colleges' award. This is our second *Excellence in Placement* recognition.



Pictured on the right, top photo – Dr. Luke Wood and Dr. Char Perlas. Pictured on the right, bottom photo - Dr. Claudia Habib, Porterville College President; Dr. Julius Sokenu, Moorpark College President; Dr. Dan Walden, Victor Valley Superintendent/President; and Dr. Char Perlas.



**Public Relations & College Foundation:** Seems like the month of May was so long ago. There is always a lot of activity happening on campus during the month of May, from Graduations, to Concerts, to State Finals for our athletic teams, and so much more! It is always so much fun to see the many successes of our students as they prepare for their next adventure.

A lot is happening at College of the Siskiyous. Your help in spreading the word out about the College, our classes, and the great services we provide our students so very appreciated! In addition, have you visited our Social Media platforms recently? Our new Social Media Coordinator has been with us for one month and in this time, our likes and followers have more than doubled! Our community is engaging more and we can see it in the clicks, shares, reactions, impressions, and more.

Follow us on Social Media:  
Facebook - College of the Siskiyous (COS) & COS Foundation  
Twitter - @COS\_InfoNow  
Instagram - @siskiyous\_eagles  
Snapchat - @siskiyous\_eagle

**Summer Clinics:** Holy Cow! Its summer time. This summer, we are offering a variety of youth summer clinic options - [www.siskiyous.edu/camps/](http://www.siskiyous.edu/camps/) Forms and more information available online.

- Soccer Clinic was held June 12-15 for youth ages 9-14
- Summer Show Choir and Jazz Clinic will be held at the Weed Campus in the Theater, June 25-July 1 for youth in grades 5<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Basketball Clinic will be held June 19-22. Two camp sessions will run each day, one for ages 6 to 13 and the other for ages 14-18.
- Volleyball Clinic will be held July 25-27. Registration is open.

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

**June 2023:**

- June 16: Campus Closed
- June 19 – Juneteenth (Campus Closed)
- June 19-22: Basketball Camp, 8:30am-2pm – Gym
- June 20: COS Board of Trustees Monthly Meeting, 4pm – Board Room
- June 23: Campus Closed
- June 25-July 1: Vocal Jazz & Show Choir Clinic, Daily 9am-5pm – Theater
- June 29: Summer Session I Ends

**July 2023:**

- July 1: Vocal Jazz & Show Choir Clinic Community Performance, 12pm – Theater
- July 3: Summer Session 2 Begins
- July 4: Independence Day Holiday (Campus Closed)
- July 7: Campus Closed
- July 14: Campus Closed
- July 18: COS Board of Trustees Monthly Meeting, 4pm – Board Room
- July 21: Campus Closed
- July 28: Campus Closed

## Student Services

**Submitted by Patrick Walton, Vice President of Student Services:** Spring semester is over and summer is here. It has been an eventful year full of highlights, successes, challenges, departures, and new additions to the Student Services Team.

We are very sad to be losing Amyanne Groppi within our division but we are happy she will not be leaving the college. Thank you Amyanne for your service and being such an awesome member of our team. You will be missed in the Financial Aid department.



Our second Commencement Ceremony was held outdoors and was yet again another outstanding success! It took almost the entire campus to pull it off and I would like to say thank you again to all who contributed. Thank you especially to our Public Relations Office (Dawnie, Emily, Carrie, and Kaci) for being the driving force behind organizing and championing it all. I would also like to congratulate our students. This was the end of my second academic year at Siskiyous and there were students who graduated that I was able to be a part of the start of their journey. It was a genuine pleasure to watch them walk across the stage and be celebrated, as they deserve. Congratulations to our newest COS alumni! To view photos from the event, visit the [College of the Siskiyous \(COS\) Facebook page](#).



### Financial Aid:

- The 2022/23 FAFSA application period closes on June 30 for Summer Programs beginning before the end of June.
- The Financial Aid Office is moving forward with posting a Financial Aid Technician position.

**EOPS, CARE, and CalWORKs:** The end of a semester and the school year always brings much excitement to the campus. We are always excited to end the school year by celebrating our graduates with a joint EOPS, CARE, CalWORKs, TRiO, SAS, and Veterans Graduation Brunch!

During this year's special event, the students were able to visit with staff from the programs, grab a bite to eat, pick up their program cords and certificates, and get ready to brave the heat of graduation practice. The brunch was "open house" style so our students were able to come and go as their schedule for the day permitted. With a few of them driving over two hours to get to graduation, they were thankful to have the brunch right before rehearsal so they could have a cool drink and rest before practice and an exciting and busy evening!

Special thank you to Dr. Char Perlas, Patrick Walton, and Valerie Roberts for taking time out of their hectic graduation day to stop by, say hello to the students and congratulate them! EOPS had 25 graduates, CalWORKs had two (2) graduates and CARE had one (1) graduate, we are very proud of all of their hard work!



### Student Housing:

- The following programs are currently occupying space at the Lodges during the summer: Upward Bound, NOLS, Summer Bridge, and Law Enforcement Academy students
- Student Housing employs Summer Conference Workers during the summer. These students assist with summer programs, cleaning, set up, and after-hours phone assistance.
- The Lodges are currently hiring and interviewing prospective Resident Assistants for the 2023-2024 academic year.
- The department is also actively recruiting for the Lodge Government Representative (LGR) Program for the 2023-2024 academic year.

**Outreach and Retention:** The month of May was busy for the Outreach and Retention Office with lots of projects, events, and visits to schools. Staff were excited to attend the PNACAC College Fair in Portland Oregon and visit with nine (9) high schools in the Portland area to meet with staff and provide Siskiyous materials.

On May 5, Outreach and Retention sponsored a Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women (MMIW) awareness event on campus featuring resource booths, guest speakers, and drumming. The event was well-attended and brought awareness to an important issue in our communities.

KinderCaminata was held May 10 with 356 Siskiyou County Kindergartners and TK-ers in attendance. This event brings students to campus at the start of their education to look at saving for college, learn about Cesar Chavez, and to start envisioning what they can do in College. Feedback from the schools who attended was excellent and we look forward to next year's event!

The Trinity County Career Expo was May 12 in Weaverville. Community members and all area high schools in the Shasta/Trinity area were invited to attend the Expo. College of the Siskiyous was one of six (6) colleges and universities that attended the event.

Coming up... Summer Bridge, a new Virtual College Tour, and so much more! If you know anyone who is interested in attending College of the Siskiyous and may like a Campus Tour, let us know or let your friends know – call (530) 938-5847 or email [info@siskiyous.edu](mailto:info@siskiyous.edu) or submit our [tour request form](#).



## Administrative Services

**Facilities, Maintenance, & Operations:** School Dude, the system we use for facilities and maintenance project management is going away and will be replaced with Facilities Management Express (FMX). An email will be sent out later this month (around June 26) with information for user registration and training video.



Project updates:

- The DLC Heating and Cooling valve replacement project will begin July 5.
- The Science Building Five 95) year sprinkler inspection and construction investigation project began June 8 and will continue through the month of July.
- Fire Alarm testing took place at the Weed Campus June 6-7 and the Yreka Campus on June 8.
- Fire Sprinkler testing is scheduled to take place at the Yreka Campus on June 21 and Weed Campus on June 20.
- Fire Extinguisher testing took place at the Yreka Campus on June 15, and will take place at the Weed Campus on June 29-30.
- Repairs to the Student Center Fireplace chimneys will begin in July and will not disrupt activities in the area.

- New outdoor seating areas located behind Base Camp and on the North side of DLC will be developed later this summer. These new seating areas will be non-smoking seating areas.
- We continue our work on the Office of Civil Rights corrections, which include ongoing concrete and asphalt construction around the exterior of the Lodges.
- The Fire Mitigation / Timber Operation Project will be completed by the end of June. We are grateful to have been the recipient of a grant that drove this project, and will aid in the renewal of our non-industrial timber management plan while also creating defensible space on our campus.
- The Student Housing Project is waiting for approval from the Chancellor's Office for a reduced bed count of 178 total beds to keep the project within budget and manageable when complete.
- The Theater Arts McCloud Hall Reconstruction Project underwent geological testing on June 13. We have been State approved for the next phase of working drawings, and the project is on schedule and expected to be in construction by January 2025.

Reminder - No dogs are allowed on either campus except for certified service animals. This policy will be enforced.

Huge Shout Out - Thank you to all of our Maintenance and Custodial Crew for a productive year! Your efforts and hard work do not go unnoticed. I appreciate you all... Veronica.

**Food Services:** The Grill section in Food Services has increased hours! The Grill will be open Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. until 5 p.m. to make Grab-and-Go meals all day. Hot Lunch service is from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Dinner begins at 5 p.m. From lunch to dinner, the door will remain open but only Grab-and-Go meals will be available.