

Office of the President

Submitted by Dr. Char Perlas, Superintendent/President

Year in Review

This past academic year has been a memorable one. Although College of the Siskiyous (Siskiyous) was fraught with challenges relating to staffing shortages, fires and inclement weather, Siskiyous persisted and made notable achievements. The graphic below represents a snapshot of some of the 22-23 academic year highlights. Thank you to our amazing students and employees for these milestones!

Introducing our new Interim Vice President of Administrative Services! Christina Van Alfen was appointed as the new interim Vice President of Administrative Services on June 20, 2023.

Christina holds a Master's Degree from Humboldt State University in Sociology and a Bachelor's Degree in Anthropology from New Mexico State University. She began her career at College of



the Siskiyou managing Career and Technical Education grants and as an Adjunct Sociology Instructor before transitioning to Interim CTE Dean. Prior to her roles at College of the Siskiyou, she was a consultant for the Associate of Oregon Centers for Independent Living, the Executive Director for SPOKES Unlimited, Director of Programs at Area 1 Agency on Aging, and the Project Serve Advisor for Eureka City Schools.



Please join me in welcoming Christina to our Executive Team!

Public Relations & College Foundation:

Well folks... we have 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 has been a long time) offered class? Let us know and we will get the word out.

Visit us at the Fair

The 2023 Siskiyou Golden Fair will be Wednesday, August 9 through Sunday, August 13. We need HELP! COS will have an outreach booth and we need people to volunteer and help. 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 by yourself and meet someone new or sign up to work with a campus colleague. The shifts are 2.5 hours long. Sign up is first-pick, first-get.

This year, those who sign up to help are 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 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 outreach booth at the Tulelake Fair in September (9/7-11). ☺

Follow us on Social Media:

Facebook - College of the Siskiyou (COS) & COS Foundation

Twitter - @COS_InfoNow

Instagram - @siskiyous_eagles

Snapchat - @siskiyous_eagle

Upcoming Activities & Events

Event dates, times, and locations based on information available at the time of publication and are subject to change.

July 2023:

- July 14: Campus Closed
- July 18: COS Board of Trustees Monthly Meeting, 4pm – Board Room
- July 21: Campus Closed
- July 25-27: Volleyball Camp, 9-11am (Elementary/Middle School) & 1-3pm (High School) – Gym
- July 28: Campus Closed

August:

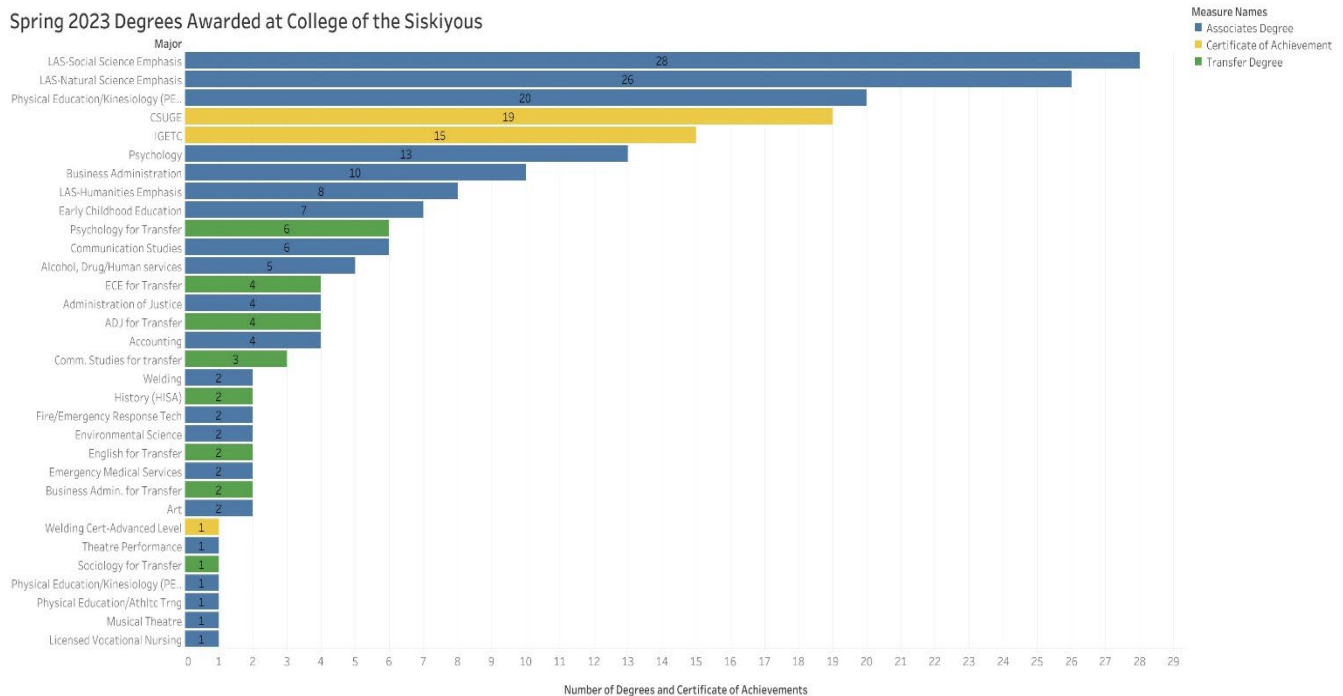
- Registration Continues for Fall 2023
- August 3: Summer Session 2 & 3 End
- August 4: Campus Closed
- August 9-13: Siskiyou Golden Fair, Yreka (COS Information Booth – Volunteers Needed)
- August 15: Board of Trustees Regular Monthly Meeting, 6pm – Yreka Campus
- August 17: Convocation / Mandatory Flex Day
- August 18: Volleyball vs. UCC (Scrimmage), 2pm – Gym
- August 18: Volleyball vs. Lane (Scrimmage), 6pm – Gym
- August 20: Siskiyou Promise Welcome Reception, 4pm – The Quad at Weed Campus
- August 21: Fall Semester Begins (Week of Welcome Activities Daily thru August 25)
- August 21: Siskiyou Family Fun Day & Back to School Barbecue, 3-6:30pm – The Green at Weed Campus
- August 26: Weed Chamber Car & Bike Show and COS Foundation Flea Market, 9am – Bel Air Park, Weed
- August 30: Volleyball vs. Yuba College, 5pm - Gym

Research and Evaluation:

The Research Department wanted to share award data for spring of 2023. We had 129 unduplicated students earning 205 associate degrees and/or certificate of achievements. The top three awards given out were:

- 1.) Associates Degree - Liberal Arts & Science - Social Science Emphasis – 28 awards
- 2.) Associates Degree - Liberal Arts & Science – Natural Science Emphasis – 26 awards
- 3.) Associates Degree - Physical Education/Kinesiology – 20 awards

We have published the breakdown of awards by major to the [research page](#) that can also be viewed below:



Student Services

Submitted by Patrick Walton, Vice President of Student Services:

Hello Siskiyous! I will keep this short and sweet this month. Summer is rapidly disappearing but that does not mean anything has slowed down. Student Services remains as busy as ever with numerous special projects, filling of vacancies, special events, summer camps, and much more.

I would like to offer my gratitude to Rick Bennet, Interim VPAS, for his time at COS. Rick was not here long but he accomplished much and was a joy to work with. I would also like to welcome Christina Van Alfen, our new Interim VPAS. I look forward to working with her.

The Student Services team would like to welcome Julia Franco, Administrative Assistant II in EOPS/CARE/CalWORKs. We are thrilled to have you join our Team. Welcome!

Basecamp:

At Basecamp we pride ourselves on the relationships we build with our students, which can make graduation that much harder. As happy as we are to see our students walk across the stage to receive their diploma, it is bittersweet because we know we will not be seeing them each day! This year was probably one of the toughest, as we saw five of our Basecamp Ambassadors graduate. Congratulations to Noah Silverthorne (Lead Ambassador), Jenna O'Flynn, Lauren Matlock, Ignacio "Nacho" Karanicolas, Alec Clark and Conner Olson. We wish you all nothing but the best and we have no doubt that you all have very bright futures ahead. We cannot wait to see what you accomplish next!

Outreach and Retention:

Public Relations and Outreach offices are working hard to finish the new College of the Siskiyous Virtual Tour. We cannot wait to share the final product with the campus community!

During the Fourth of July weekend, our offices participated in the Mt Shasta 4th of July Street Fair. It was a great opportunity to provide outreach and information materials to all who were in town for the holiday weekend and meet potential students who were visiting the area and catching up with many of our Alumni.

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 department has wrapped up its first round of hiring and interviewing prospective Resident Assistants for the 2023-2024 academic year.
- The department is also actively recruiting for the LGR (Lodge Government Representative) Program for the 2023-2024 academic year.
- Director of Student Housing and Student Life, JonJon Junpradub, has been invited to San Diego Comic-Con 2023 to speak on a panel representing the College of the Siskiyous within the Comic Conference for Educators & Librarians | GeekED Panels for Higher Education in San Diego.

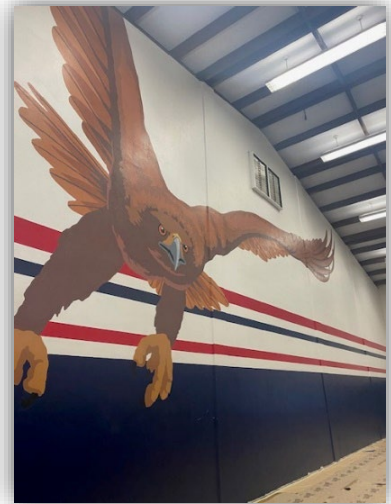
Administrative Services

Facilities, Maintenance, & Operations:

We are excited to announce the new facility scheduling and work order software portal that, FMX that has replaced SchoolDude. This new software portal will allow the user to easily schedule maintenance requests, request rooms for events, and includes many other new features. Our District-wide launch took place on June 29. Look for the email that was sent out that same day with instructions on how to access this new portal. For any questions regarding this transition, contact the Michael Huffstetler or Ronnie Rivera in the Facilities Office by calling (530) 938-5233.

The Maintenance and Facilities department has been extremely busy this summer working on projects around campus:

- The Gym and Weight Room have received a fresh coat of paint. Only a couple of walls remain to be painted and this project will be complete.
- The Science Building sprinkler repair project is moving along smoothly. All sprinkler heads in the building have been replaced and all glycerin was removed from the system. Next steps are to remove all sprinkler heads exposed to freezing temperatures and replace with dry heads. A small glycol loop will also be created for the second-floor finished lobby ceiling.
- The McCloud Hall project has had its share of issues as we try to navigate the fascia removal and replacement project. Many areas showing water damage were identified and are now being repaired with new materials. There are several remaining items to be addressed in this project, including roof recoating, reconstruction of the north east, repair of pest damage and exterior painting.
- The Distance Learning Center (DLC) project has been delayed, as we have not received the valves in a timely manner (even though they were ordered in early May). Staff are working with the manufacturer directly at this time regarding concerns and project timeline.
- New outdoor seating area construction has begun. Locations include the north side of the DLC at the creeks edge, the rear entrance to Basecamp, the location of the old kiosk in the center of campus, the lawns in front of the Police and Fire Academy, and the LRC quad.
- The Student Center fireplace work will begin this month, in addition to an interior paint after the fireplace project is complete.
- The main gas valve to the Weed Campus is not actuating correctly and will be replaced during the week of July 31 - August 2. A campus update will be sent out when we are closer to the start of the project
- The new Welcome Center in Yreka is complete. We will begin moving the bookstore items and office equipment over to the new space later this month.



Campus Gift & Book Shop:

We are thrilled to announce some exciting updates from the Campus Gift & Book Shop! Read on to find out about our new offerings, upcoming events, and exclusive discounts.

- *Expanded Selection of Refreshments and Snacks* - We are pleased to inform you that we have expanded our inventory to include a small selection of beverages, snacks, candies, and bars. Whether you need a quick pick-me-up or a tasty treat between classes, we have got you covered. Swing by our shop to check out the new options!
- *New Merchandise Orders on the Way* - Get ready for a fresh wave of style! We have recently placed new merchandise orders from renowned vendors, including Adidas clothing and other top brands. We expect these exciting additions to arrive at the beginning of this month. Stay tuned to be the first to browse our latest collection.
- *Employee Discount and Back-to-School Sidewalk Sale* - We value our loyal customers, and to express our gratitude, we will be hosting an exclusive employee discount and back-to-school sidewalk sale in the upcoming weeks. This is your chance to grab fantastic deals on various items and make room for our incoming stock of Eagles swag. Keep your eyes peeled for announcements around campus, as we will be sharing the sale dates soon!
- *Connect with Us on Facebook* - We are excited to announce the launch of our official Facebook page dedicated to the Campus Gift & Book Shop. Join our online community and stay up-to-date with the latest news, promotions, and events happening at our shop. To connect with us and receive updates directly in your feed, simply visit our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/Siskiyouus>. Do not forget to hit the "Like" button to show your support and be part of our growing online community.

Join us at the Campus Gift & Book Shop to experience the best of campus life and show your school spirit with our new arrivals. Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to serving you soon!

Technology Services:

The Client Services Team has completed the workstation refresh for Fiscal Services and Maintenance. We are currently performing the refresh for the Bookstore and Food Services to wrap-up the Administrative Services division. We will be executing the refresh for Athletics through the summer and then begin with the Student Services division in the fall with a goal of completing but the end of the calendar year.

We are happy to announce that Bethany Golly has taken the position of Business Analyst I. She will be providing much needed assistance on our Enterprise Applications team. One of her assignments will be to document all of the business processes that run through our ERP system, which will be a multi-year effort.

The Enterprise Application team is currently setting up data integration between Banner and the new ConexED student services platform. This integration will allow information in the Banner system to be written into ConexED and vice versa. At the end of the month, the Enterprise Application team will be rolling out a new security model for Banner permissions. Under this model, permissions will be assigned to positions, not to individuals. This will strengthen the security of our ERP system and simplify the process of assigning and removing permissions as personnel changes.

Prior to the start of the fall term, the Infrastructure team will be migrating virtual private network (VPN) users to a new portal that will only be accessible from COS-issued computers. As a result, users will no longer be able to connect from personal computers. By eliminating this potential vulnerability, this restriction will significantly strengthen the security of the College's information systems.

Academic Affairs

Academic Success Center (ASC):

Following the fall 2023 Week of Welcome (WOW), the fun will continue at the Learning Resources Center (LRC)! During the second week of the semester, the ASC and Basecamp are collaborating to host a weeklong event designed to provide our students with opportunities to start building relationships with each other and with our helpful support staff. We are not ready to spill the beans just yet . . . stay tuned for more exciting information!

Police Academy:

Cadet Class 10 graduated on June 23, 2023 with 12 newly minted officers who will be working for a variety of agencies including Modoc Sheriff's Department, Lassen Sheriff's Department, and Alturas Police Department. Our cadets were heavily recruited by agencies from thorough the state. Thank you Sam Dean for the graduation photo and a shout out to POST Academy Director Lou Mero and his staff for successfully preparing these students for public safety careers. Academy Class 11 started July 5 with 17 students.



Basketball Camp:

We welcomed over 100 kids to our Basketball Camp in June. See the outstanding coverage of the camp on the @siskiyous_eagles Instagram page (thank you Kaci Masson).

Zero Cost Textbook:

The College received a \$20K mini-grant to facilitate the adoption of ZTC in our courses. Thank you to Jude Baldwin for assisting with the project and the faculty members who signed on to spend their summer working with us. We have additional funding so stay tuned for additional ZTC opportunities.

Personnel:

We welcome back **Elaine Eldridge** who we coaxed out of retirement to help us as the Interim Academic Programs Analyst until we can recruit for a permanent position. Maria Fernandez has removed the "interim" from her title and is our permanent Distance Education and Instructional Design Coordinator. Thank you Maria for all you do for our DE programs.

Academic Senate

Submitted by Dr. Andrea Craddock, Senate President

Hello everyone.

I hope you are enjoying summer. To me, summer is a state of mind. It is the season of slowing down and pursuing fun. The joy of summer is that it invites us to be present in the moment and open to new adventures. It is about being outside, whether at a populated venue or in nature.

I know many faculty continue to engage in work activities during the summer, such as teaching summer courses, going to professional conferences/seminars, and getting our classes ready for the fall semester. It is important for all of us to disengage from work for a bit for our well-being. So, embrace summer and make some new memories, even if that just includes taking naps, reading outside, sleeping in a tent, or floating in a pool. Many of summer's pleasures are simple and inexpensive but give the greatest rewards.

This week a few faculty will be attending the Curriculum Institute sponsored by the ASCCC. As we have mentioned in a few Academic Senate meetings last year, there are many legislative changes coming down the pike and some will need to be implemented by the following academic year (i.e., 24 – 25 AY). The Academic Senate has been tasked with amending our local COSGE pattern to include a category for the Ethnic Studies requirement. We will also discuss if we want to make additional changes to our GE pattern to align more with Cal-GETC, which establishes a singular lower division GE transfer pathway to the CSUs and UCs (The Cal-GETC will be implemented in the 25 – 26 AY).

I will end this blurb with a summer quote, *“A perfect summer day is when the sun is shining, the breeze is blowing, the bird's are singing, and the lawnmower is broken.”* – James Dent

Thanks for listening,
Andrea Craddock, Ph.D.
Academic Senate President