



REPORT TO BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SUPERINTENDENT/PRESIDENT – KEVIN TRUTNA, ED.D.
AUGUST 14, 2013

1. STUDENT AND EMPLOYEE ACHIEVEMENTS

The Nursing Program, led by **Judy Mahan**, held their Pinning Ceremony on August 3rd where 19 students officially finished the LVN class. These graduates are mostly employed in area hospitals and clinics, providing a needed workforce in the local healthcare field.

Seven Enactus students, Youth Entrepreneurship Coordinator **Tiffiney Lozano**, and **Amy Schultz** attended the 4th Estate Leadership Summit at UCLA from August 8-11. This highly selective conference, including 1500 peers from 27 different countries, focused on social justice and social entrepreneurship. Speakers included US Ambassador to the United Nations Samantha Power (her first public speaking engagement in this role), Dan Pallotta whose TED talk on charity has been viewed over 2 million times, and many others. Our students stayed in the UCLA dorms which was a great experience. The students who attended were **Brad Marquette, Chris DeHart, Kambel Kenaston, Kathryn Hewitt, Alesha Lindsey, Naoki Matsumoto** and **Jessica Lamons**.

In August, **Margaret Garcia** became contributing editor and representative for *Hip Mama* magazine and managing editor for *Girl Body Pride* online magazine. Her new poetry chapbook, *Alzheimer's Cul de Sac*, was released last week on Burning Ideas Press.

The FRC Volleyball team had a very successful team camp with over 70 kids in attendance. Teams from Quincy High, Westwood High, Dayton High from Nevada, Battle Mountain High from Nevada, Durham High, and three teams of mixed players all enjoyed the camp activities. Lots of fun was had by all!

Merle Trueblood received a thank you letter from the Lions All-Star Game for our hosting the team at FRC dorms and using our facilities in preparation for the game. The graduating seniors enjoyed their experience at FRC and were impressed with the friendliness of our staff.

2. PREVIOUS MONTH'S ACTIVITIES REPRESENTING FRCCD

- a) July 23-24 – vacation with family
- b) July 31 – phone conference with Kindred Murillo from Lake Tahoe CCD regarding update and strategy for Good Neighbor Policy legislation
- c) July 31 – along with Derek Lerch, met with Paul Niemer and Chris Skinner at Sierra Pacific Mill to discuss potential training classes for employees interested in moving into higher level skilled positions

- d) August 1 – attended Plumas Economic Recovery Committee meeting, including leadership from Doug LaMalfa’s House of Representatives Office
 - e) August 5th – attended Rotary and brought Assistant Football Coach Mike Haydon
 - f) August 9th – welcomed fall student athletes during orientation meeting
 - g) August 9th – visited FRC Student Services Retreat
 - h) August 12 – attended Rotary and brought Assistant Volleyball Coaches Amanda Sbragia and Brittany Hall
 - i) August 13 – FRC Institution Day
 - j) August 13 – attended FRC Foundation showing of *The Follies* video
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3. Institution Day Activities and Flex Week

Several activities were planned for Institution Day and these were integrated into an overall theme with Flex Week. Student Services personnel held a retreat on Friday, August 9th under the leadership of Karen Pierson to discuss the ways that they can better serve students throughout campus. Part of the discussion included reflecting upon the RP Group’s recent study titled *Student Support (re)Defined*. This landmark study included interviews and focus group discussions from almost 800 community college students to determine the factors that the students believed influenced their successful goal achievement in education. The findings from the study were incorporated into activities germane to Student Services at FRC.

Institution Day included several items of information including updates on accreditation, budget, human resources and college goals for 2013-14. One of the authors, Dr. Darla Cooper, was the invited speaker and she presented the actual findings from the *Student Support (re)Defined* study. As a follow-up activity, all employees at FRC were asked to personally commit to at least one activity from the information presented to help improve student success at FRC. These commitments will be returned to each individual in a few months to help gauge the lasting effect of the Institution Day presentation.

During the afternoon, Dr. Cooper presented information on *Completion by Design*, a process where colleges systematically look for specific points where students drop-out of college. These momentum points are studied and addressed to proactively implement actions or events to help prevent drop-out.

Safety training was held during the afternoon as well for all new employees. This was presented to promote a “culture of safety” due to our unusually large number of worker’s compensation accident claims. A representative from Keenan & Associates was on hand to train new employees in another proactive approach to help our employees and students avoid accidents on campus.

On Wednesday, August 14th, the Academic Senate held their retreat and focused on, among other items, *The Yellow Birds* common book project for FRC. Chris Connell and Margaret Garcia presented the book to fulltime and adjunct faculty and discussed how it could be used in other courses throughout campus.

Thursday, August 15th brought a *Reading Apprenticeship* presentation to campus. This program was developed by faculty members who were frustrated by student’s lack of reading comprehension in particular academic subjects.

Overall, there were several activities designed to engage faculty, staff and administrators in focusing on Student Success. Follow-up reports will gauge the effectiveness of the week's activities and the lasting impression of the material presented. Nevertheless, I am happy to report that I have had several positive comments about the week's professional development activities and the useful information that was presented.

4. GOLDEN EAGLE AWARD FROM GRADUATING STUDENTS

During graduation ceremonies, students were asked to name the person who contributed the most to their education. The *Golden Eagle Award from Graduating Students* was presented to anyone who was named by three or more individual graduates. This unique award is special because it comes from the students and includes specific comments that the students made about the person being nominated. The following people were given this award:

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| Michael Bagley | Sarah Ritchie |
| Gretchen Baumgartner | Amanda Sbragia |
| Katie Desmond | Jesse Segura |
| Brittany Hall | Anna Thomson |
| Chuck Mills | Haley White |
| Joan Parkin | Josh White |
| Beth Reid | |

5. UPCOMING CAMPUS EVENTS AT FEATHER RIVER COLLEGE

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| August 15 | Board of Trustees Meeting (LR 105) | 3:00 pm |
| August 15 | Reading Apprenticeship Program Presentation (LR 103) | 9:00 am |
| August 16 | New Student Orientation and Community Connection (MPB) | 9:00 am |
| August 17 | FRC Volleyball team 7 th annual car wash fundraiser after the Fair Parade (Les Schwab parking lot) | 12:00 pm |
| August 19 | First day of classes | |
| August 22 | Athletic Department welcome bonfire, BBQ, meet the teams | 7:00 pm |
| August 28 | FRC Foundation BMC meeting (Dorms) | 4:30 pm |
| August 31 | Women's Soccer vs. Yuba (soccer field) | 11:00 am |
| September 2 | Labor Day – no classes | |
| September 3 | Volleyball vs. Southwestern Oregon (gym) | 5:30 pm |
| September 7 | Football vs. Butte (FB Stadium) | 6:00 pm |
| September 11 | Board of Trustees Retreat – Longboards (Graeagle) | 9:00 am |
| September 12 | Board of Trustees Meeting (LR 105) | 3:00 pm |
| September 18 | College, Career & Transfer Fair (MPB) | 9:00 am |