



REPORT TO BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SUPERINTENDENT/PRESIDENT – KEVIN TRUTNA, ED.D.
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This report leads off with the great work of the Career & Technical Education and Education/Workforce Development programs lead by **Amy Schultz** and her incredible staff. Read about all of their accomplishments, including national recognition generated by FRC activities. Also, April 22nd is Earth Day. FRC has many activities planned for this important event and these are highlighted through the Student Environmental Association update.

1. STUDENT AND EMPLOYEE ACHIEVEMENTS

Judy Mahan reports that LVN students are participating in the county-wide Kindergarten Roundup this month at locations in Quincy, Chester, Greenville, and Portola. The students help with physicals, blood work, vital signs, paperwork, and anything else that needs to be done as children register for Kindergarten.

Also, the last few people have finally completed state board examinations for Nursing. The FRC pass rate so far for the students that graduated in August of last year is over 90%, which is 10 percentage points over the state average. Many of the graduates have stayed in the area and are working locally.

It has been a busy month for CTE, EWD, and Enactus. Enactus sponsored the Quincy Blood Drive on March 11th where 83 pints of blood were donated, one short of the Quincy Blood Drive record.

Ten Enactus Students attended the Social Entrepreneur field trip to San Francisco, which included tours and meetings with Google, Kiva, Samasource and KidMob. The students were exposed to different work environments and the importance of finding meaning in work. Student **Lauren Cancilla** said, "I'm so inspired by the opportunities and types of work available to do."

CTE & EWD co-sponsored Plumas Business Summit on March 28th with Eastern Plumas Chamber of Commerce. Over 120 people attended, including guests from Chico, Mount Shasta and San Francisco. The Coleman Foundation funding supported keynote speaker **Joanne Steele** who guided business owners to identify and market to their perfect customer. YEP funding supported entrepreneur **EJ Carrion**, who was the closing keynote speaker and high school business plan competition moderator.

CTE & EWD hosted the Plumas Business Plan Competition, which included the High School and College & Community categories. **Cari O'Reilly** from Shoofly Farms won the college division, winning \$1000 to invest in her business. Sasquatch Farms took second place and third place went to Sunberg Growers. In the High School division, Quincy High's Q-Web took first (\$500). Prize money was donated by Coleman Foundation, Plumas County Board of Supervisors, West End Theatre, and others.

Representatives from the SamaUSA team from San Francisco visited students in *Virtual Entrepreneurship with SamaUSA* and attended the Plumas Business Summit. Students are working on launching their

freelance enterprises in conjunction with the Rec & Tech initiative. **Amy Schulz** is working with **Audrey Ellis** from the Eastern Plumas Chamber of Commerce to match students with local work contracts to build their online reputations and eventually land remote work contracts without having to leave Plumas County. SamaUSA and Feather River College were featured in nationally recognized, NationSwell article: <http://www.nationswell.com/samausa-harnesses-power-internet-lift-low-income-students-poverty/>

Here is a video, produced by SamaUSA student **Diego Lozano**, about the program at Feather River College: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E5rYP01Pv0s>.

SAMAUSA Feather River College - YouTube

Feather River College partners with SamaUSA to teach digital skills that can translate to on-line work opportunities for college students and rural America.

[Watch now...](#)

Amy Schulz became a KivaZip Trustee and launched a loan with **Amy Carey** from Carey Candy Company for a \$5000 loan to purchase a shaved ice machine to supplement summer revenue. The loans are crowdfunded and repaid within two years. Lenders can lend as little as \$5. The long term goal is to create a local revolving loan fund as more loans are funded and repaid in Plumas County.

A Communication Workshop on “Harmony in the Workplace” was presented by **Marianne Bartley** on April 2, 2014. The three hour workshop for CalWORKS students was very interactive and informative. All students who participated received a Certificate of Completion and a personal invitation to contact the presenter for assistance with any questions related to professional development.

Audrey Peters happily reports that Upward Bound took 14 local high school student participants on a field trip to the University of Nevada Reno and the Nevada Museum of Art on Saturday, March 15th. This field trip was part of the many opportunities Upward Bound offers students to help them explore college options and expand their cultural experiences.

Students were shown around the UNR campus by **Bryon Hutchins**, a Quincy High school graduate currently studying Engineering. Bryon answered many questions about UNR in general and shared his experience as an engineering student coming from Plumas County. Upward Bound students also participated in a docent led tour of the Nevada Museum of Art where they got to see original works by **Marurice Sendak**, author, artist and illustrator of the well-known children’s book *Where the Wild things Are*, iconic landscape paintings by Tahoe artist **Phyllis Shafer**, and American realist paintings by **Patricia Chidlaw**.





Upward Bound students at the University of Nevada Reno with QHS Alumni and current UNR student tour guide Bryon Hutchins (middle). (students in picture from Chester, Greenville, Quincy and Portola communities)



Upward Bound students pose for shot in the Maurice Sandek *Where the Wild Things Are* exhibit at the Nevada Museum of Art.



Chester High School Upward Bound Student Alex Hartline takes in the artwork by Patricia Childlaw at the Nevada Museum of Art.



Greenville High School Upward Bound student Georgia Tomaselli poses next to Maurice Sandek's original artwork from *Where the Wild Things Are*.



Chester High School Upward Bound students Michelle Branch and Haylee Potter pose next to Maurice Sandek's original artwork from *Where the Wild Things Are*.

2. SUPERINTENDENT/PRESIDENT PREVIOUS MONTH'S ACTIVITIES REPRESENTING FRCCD

- a) March 17 – Quincy Rotary meeting
 - b) March 20 – Quincy Downtown Merchants meeting
 - c) March 22-25 – Northern California CEO Conference – Yosemite
 - d) March 27 – Plumas Tourism Council meeting
 - e) March 28 – Plumas Business Summit & PUSD Business Plan Competition – Grizzly Creek
 - f) March 29-30 – FRC Foundation Quincy Star Follies all-cast rehearsal
 - g) March 31 – Quincy Rotary meeting
 - h) April 1 – FRC Foundation Executive Board meeting
 - i) April 7 – Quincy Rotary meeting
 - j) April 8 – FRC Chili Cook-off
 - k) April 9 – ACCCA Mentor Program Retreat – Los Altos
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3. EARTH DAY ACTIVITIES AND STUDENT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSOCIATION

The Student Environmental Association (SEA) has been busy this month! They burned 11 piles of biomass on campus, which completes the pile-burning project directed by Darrel Jury (a total of 176 piles burned total) to help reduce fire danger on campus. They also picked up two loads of ponderosa pine and Douglas-fir firewood from a thinning project on a close neighbor of FRC's property – Robert Morton – in preparation to sell it to refill SEA Foundation Fund coffers.



SEA has been investing in campus improvements through the purchase of two bear-proof recycling and trash containers, as well as three filtered water bottle filling stations/drinking fountains. One has been installed (thanks to **Tim Neff** from Facilities) in the Science Building, and the other two are scheduled to be installed before Earth Day on April 22nd.

SEA and the Sustainability Action Team are hosting Earth Day events on Tuesday, April 22nd. Meet in the green near the flagpole at noon for a drum circle lead by **Nathan Tharp** (bring your own percussion instrument if you have one - two sticks work!), hear **Nick Boyd** describe FRC's energy picture, followed by the unveiling of the bear-proof trash containers and water bottle filling stations. At 1:00 pm, there will be a team trash pick-up contest with great prizes. Bring your gloves!



These activities are part of a number of community-wide Earth Week activities that FRC students and faculty have been part of planning.

4. FEATHER RIVER COLLEGE'S SERVICE TO INDIAN VALLEY

Evolving from K-12 districts, California community colleges still share many traits with local schools, including a defined service area for offering educational programs. Feather River College (FRC) officially serves Plumas County, which in turn, provides the tax base for college operations along with locally-elected officials in charge of the overall trusteeship for the district. As such, FRC strives to provide higher education services and opportunities to all residents of Plumas County. One of the Board of Trustees objectives for the Superintendent/President in 2013-14 is to improve outreach activities to the local communities served by FRC. In the fall semester, the FRC Board met with invited community leaders in Portola, and in March, a similar meeting was held in Greenville with over 30 invited community educational leaders from throughout Indian Valley.

FRC is happy to serve the entire Plumas County region. While it is not financially possible to establish a college center in every town, there are significant outreach activities and educational opportunities offered throughout the county. Due to this emphasis on outreach communications, FRC has now produced a specific report to the residents of Indian Valley.

The first question FRC tried to answer in this community-specific report was: how many local students attend FRC? Since Fall 2009, students who listed a permanent address from Indian Valley in the 95934, 95947 or 95983 zip codes took between 195 and 291 courses on the Quincy campus every semester. For example, in the current Spring 2014 semester, Indian Valley residents enrolled in 225 distinct courses on campus (some students took multiple courses, so it is not a headcount). This equates to an average of 15 full-time students each taking a full load of 15 units each semester. Indian Valley area

students signed up for an additional 24 courses offered online and 16 students enrolled in a special program such as Veterans, EOPS, CalWorks, or Disabled Students Programs and Services.

The enrollments remained steady each semester without large increases or decreases; showing that residents are driving to Quincy to take between 195 and 291 courses every semester with between 24 to 72 additional courses taken online every semester. On the average, this equates to about 20 full time Indian Valley students taking a full college course load each semester split between campus offerings and online classes. The impact of Indian Valley residents on the FRC campus is significant. Funded by FRC student fees, a monthly average of 455 riders used Plumas Transit from the FRC campus to/from the Chester and Indian Valley areas. This is in addition to those who rode to campus in individual vehicles.

Besides the enrollment patterns and figures, the *Feather River College Report to Indian Valley* shows that local students are progressing and earning similar GPA's when compared to the entire campus (2.68 vs. 2.78 in 2013-14). Since 2008-09 for Indian Valley residents, an average of two degrees and/or certificates have been awarded yearly in addition to the students who transferred to a four-year university. Upon further examination, of the 22 Indian Valley students who graduated during the 2013-14 year and are currently attending FRC, 16 have completed pre-college mathematics, two have completed college level mathematics, and three have completed pre-college English courses. Having only one full semester at FRC, these statistics show that Indian Valley residents are progressing toward degree/certificate requirements and are on track for university transfer.

FRC also provides multiple activities to help businesses and community development in Indian Valley. Three current high school students are practicing with the FRC Rodeo Team so that they can compete in high school rodeo competitions. Environmental Studies classes utilize the Crescent Mills Wetland Mitigation Site as a laboratory experience and Anthropology students are helping to preserve the Maidu culture through oral history projects. FRC athletes have made presentations at Greenville High School this year where the most common questions involved living in a dormitory with a roommate. The AccuPlacer placement test is given to all juniors and seniors to assist in college planning. The recent Plumas County Business Summit and Plumas Unified School District Business Plan Competition are further examples of FRC leadership to develop entrepreneurs, create local businesses, and produce jobs in Plumas County.

Speaking in my role as Superintendent/President, Feather River College takes our responsibility seriously to support all residents of our service area. The full *Feather River College Report to Indian Valley* can be obtained by contacting the FRC President's Office. Community colleges exist as an avenue for social change and upward mobility through an educated workforce. FRC is proud to serve all of Plumas County, and in particular, offer the above noted activities, opportunities, and services for Indian Valley residents.

EARTH DAYS 2014



Schedule of Events

For more info: www.frlt.org

Sierra
Valley

April 12th Maddalena Ranch Volunteer Work Day

10am-2pm, lunch provided

Bring work gloves, water, a hat & sunscreen. Call Vanessa for carpool & other info (530)283-5758

April 21st Local Kids Earth Day Celebration

1:45-3:45pm Alder St. Garden @ Quincy Elementary

All K - 6th graders welcome! Free fun for the whole family.

Garden activities, recycled crafts, games, nature walks, Earth Day Pledge, snacks! Drop in anytime.
Contact Jennifer Kaufmann at (480) 620-7852 for more information or to volunteer.

April 22nd *Treading Water* film & Community Sustainability Awards

7pm West End Theatre

(FREE ~ Donations accepted)

Conversation with director/producer & local water activists following film.
Learn about drought & groundwater issues in NorCal

Quincy

FREE!

April 22nd FRC Earth Day Celebration

Noon-1:00pm Earth Day Assembly

✔ Drum Circle ✔ Campus Energy Strategy with Nick Boyd
✔ Unveiling of Bear-Proof Trash Containers & Water Bottle Filling Stations

1:00-2:00pm Get Your Hands Dirty!

Keep FRC A Beautiful Place to Learn. Campus Clean-Up Contest: Which team can pick up the most, heaviest, or most unusual trash? Team prizes! Bring gloves!

April 23rd Family Walk at FRLT Leonhardt Learning Landscape

5:00pm at the Quincy High School parking area

Fun, guided walk showcasing public use of the Leonhardt property.
Contact Vanessa at 530-283-5758 for more info.

FREE!

April 24th Community Stewardship Project Greenhorn Creek in American Valley

4:30 - 6:30pm, Sponsored by Plumas Corporation. Learn about stream restoration & help with willow planting & weeding. For more info & directions to project site, contact Gia (530)283-3739.

*All activities brought to you by your local Earth Days Committee,
a collection of community-minded, Earth-loving individuals.*

To participate next year, contact Darla DeRuiter at dderuiter@frc.edu, (530)283-0202 x262.

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5. UPCOMING CAMPUS EVENTS AT FEATHER RIVER COLLEGE

April 10	Board of Trustees Meeting (LRC 105)	3:00 pm
April 12	Baseball vs. Lassen College (baseball field) - DH	1 & 3 pm
April 22	Earth Day activities – Drum Circle Campus Clean Up	12:00 pm 1:00 pm
April 23	SB 1070 Grant is sponsoring regional LaunchBoard training (Butte College)	10:00 am
April 24	Baseball vs. Shasta College (baseball field) - DH	1 & 3 pm
April 26	Enactus Spaghetti Feed for student travel to Uganda with Karaoke by Naoki (Quincy Elks Lodge)	6:00 pm
April 26-27	ORL Annual Gear Sale (lawn across from Quincy Natural Foods)	9:00 am
April 26	Plumas Paddlefest (Oakland Camp Rope Swing Swimming Hole)	All day
April 28	Day in the Mountains	8:30 am
May 1	Purchase Cut-off Date	
May 2	<i>Listen to Your Mother</i> Show - Cast Members: Pamela Noel, Shawna Lindsey, Michelle Fulton, Elizabeth Woods and Co-producer/co-director: Margaret Garcia (Town Hall Theatre)	TBD
May 5-9	Bike to Work Week	
May 7	Student Recognition Ceremony (BBQ Green)	1:00 pm
May 7-11	FRC presentation of Disney's <i>Beauty and the Beast</i> (Town Hall Theatre)	TBD
May 10	Upward Bound Academy at FRC - SAT and STAR Test Preparation	TBD
May 15	Board of Trustees Meeting (LRC 105)	3:00 pm
May 16	Internship Showcase (Gallery)	12:00 pm
May 16-17	FRC Foundation presentation of <i>Quincy Star Follies</i> (Fairgrounds)	TBD
May 22	SamaUSA Completion Ceremony (West End Theatre)	6:00 pm
May 23	FRC Graduation Ceremonies	5:00 pm

