



**REPORT TO BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**SUPERINTENDENT/PRESIDENT - KEVIN TRUTNA, ED.D.**  
**OCTOBER 16, 2014**

This has been an emotional week for many FRC students, employees, and the Quincy community. Our thoughts go out to the Holland family as they deal with the loss of their daughter Grace. I am thankful for our campus community who have pulled together and offered the support necessary. FRC is planning events to mourn, show support, and celebrate the life of this incredible person and these will be announced when appropriate. At this time, we need to provide support and remember that there are services available for everyone as they personally deal with the situation.

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### **1. STUDENT AND EMPLOYEE ACHIEVEMENTS**

The Educational Talent Search grant took twenty 9<sup>th</sup> grade students to Grizzly Creek Camp for an overnight stay on September 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. This camp, just outside of Portola, provided the venue for activities and discussions on a variety of low ropes and high ropes elements. The visit had several aims:

- For students to learn to support each other throughout the upcoming high school years and to accept the support of their peers
- For students to increase their self-confidence and self-esteem
- For students to understand the importance of their high school years, to plan accordingly and make the most of their education whilst still in high school
- For students to understand the post-secondary opportunities available to them and how to access these opportunities
- For students to see that barriers to their future dreams can be overcome and how to plan for the future
- For students to learn how ETS can assist them whilst they are in high school

FRC hosted a recent blood drive. LVN students not only provided logistical support and shadowed the medical workers, but 20 of our students were also blood donors. It was very successful reports **Judy Mahan**.

Recruiter/Athletic Advisor **Greg McCarthy** was recently contacted by the Athletics Department at Western Oregon University, where he played 4 years of college baseball under head coach **Terry Baumgartner**, to be invited to a ceremony to induct him into the Athletics Hall of Fame. Greg still holds several records at WOU including the #1 spot in RBI's, number of hits in a single game, doubles, base hits and remains in the top 10 in many other areas including, home runs, batting average and runs scored. The ceremony will take place in Monmouth, Oregon in January.

The FRC volleyball team is ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> in NorCal and 4<sup>th</sup> in the State. They opened GVC play this week.

The College, Career & Transfer Fair on September 17<sup>th</sup> was a total success. The final numbers are in, and FRC proudly served the following:

- 60 Career representatives
  - 22 Colleges/Universities represented
  - 376 juniors and seniors from 11 different high schools
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| Westwood HS                 | 19  | Loyalton HS           | 43 |
| Indian Valley Academy       | 20  | Jim Beckwourth HS     | 2  |
| Portola HS                  | 66  | Chester HS            | 61 |
| Plumas Co. Community School | 1   | Plumas Charter School | 15 |
| Westwood Charter School     | 5   | Greenville HS         | 22 |
| Quincy HS                   | 122 |                       |    |

The Incarcerated Students Program just held its second graduation ceremony at Pelican Bay with the Warden and all of the Associate Wardens in attendance along with educational staff.

Men and women's soccer are undefeated in Golden Valley Conference play. FRC women are ranked #8 in NorCal and **Sherifa Sumaila** leads the state with 18 goals and 17 assists. Sherifa has been invited on official visits to UCLA, North Carolina, Florida State, Santa Clara and Notre Dame.

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## 2. INCARCERATED STUDENT PROGRAM COURSE REVIEW AND STANDARDIZATION PROJECT – JOAN PARKIN

**Dr. Joan Parkin** started a very impressive review of the ISP courses and program over the past few months. She has provided the following information as this review is designed to ensure collegiate-level teaching and outcomes from students who take ISP correspondence courses.

### OBJECTIVE

The ISP office is moving towards greater course format standardization, and wants to be ready to showcase these courses to state and peer institutions. This is the second major course revision project since the ISP's inception in 2007.

### BACKGROUND

The first ISP course revision process began in 2009 when FRC created a seven learning module template for all ISP courses. Prior to 2009 all courses were individually formatted according to instructor preference. The standardization of the ISP's curriculum was deemed necessary to promote greater readability and comprehension of student learning outcome objectives in the absence of face-to-face instruction.

### RATIONALE

After a careful review of the ISP courses last year, it became apparent that although all courses followed the seven learning module pattern, a standard format was still lacking. For example, not all of the courses contained lecture notes, SLOs were not always introduced at the beginning of every module, headers and pagination was sometimes missing, the fonts for headers and text was irregular, course topic outlines were not always consistently aligned with course content, and plagiarism statements were sometimes missing.

For many years Feather River College's Incarcerated Student Program was a lower priority for state the Office of Correctional Education, an administrative organization under the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation. With only five colleges in the state offering courses to California's incarcerated, providing college-level education was previously not an OCE nor a CDCR priority.

Today, this scenario is no longer the case. The passage of Assembly Bill 109 in 2009 and the signing of Senate Bill 1391 last week represents a seismic shift in OCE's and CDCR's prioritization of college for the incarcerated. AB 109 forced the release of tens of thousands of inmates in response to a federal mandate for over-crowding and health care issues in California's prisons. In the absence of a recidivism reduction plan, it was practically assured that state recidivism rates would remain at a staggering 67%, the highest in the nation. This grim reality led to the promotion and passing of SB 1391, a bill that would allow California Community Colleges to gain state apportionment for face-to-face instruction without regard to the Open Admissions policies. In other words, community colleges could now receive apportionment from closed classes offered inside state prisons.

In the wake of the passage of AB 109 and SB 1391, FRC's ISP is now a priority for CDCR. A few facts have led to this state-wide recognition: The recent Chowchilla graduation when the Superintendent of OCE, **Dr. Brantley Choate**, noted that the FRC was responsible for a third of the AA degrees for inmates in the state, the OCE's principal's conference last spring where Dr. Parkin was asked to promote the ISP, the Best Practices FRC ISP clerks training at Pelican Bay in May 2014, the inclusion of FRC's ISP in OCE's eReader pilot project, and the ongoing consultation and training with Lake Tahoe Community College education administrators who are creating their own ISP modeled after the FRC cohort system.

FRC has been contacted by the Attorney General's office and the Superintendent of OCE, Dr. Choate, to help plan and lead a state-wide consortium, along with other colleges, that will use the FRC cohort model to train California Community Colleges interested in developing their own ISP now that SB 1391 has passed. Dr. Choate visited **Dr. Trutna** and **Dr. Lerch** to gain support before visiting with the CCC's Chancellor's office last week.

#### PROJECT

**Dr. Katie Desmond** agreed to be the point person in the ISP review process to evaluate the ISP courses for proper collegiate level and to ensure sufficient rigor in the correspondence courses. Every course will be evaluated for rigor and appropriate college level material, citations, expectations, etc. Dr. Desmond has begun contacting each of our ISP instructors to begin the process of evaluating the course materials that are used to teach the ISP's correspondence courses. The Course Review Project will take two years (10 courses per year, 20 courses in total). The review is to ensure proper collegiate-level work and student expectations; Dr. Desmond is not working as a content expert reviewer.

#### CONCLUSION

In summation, these are very exciting times to be in the business of educating the incarcerated. The ISP courses now have the opportunity to become the academic bedrock of the reentry process. Statistics show those who earn an AA degree reduce their recidivism rates from 67% to 17%. The ISP review project will safeguard that FRC courses are at an appropriate college level, SLOs are incorporated into the teaching/learning process, and the students maintain standard expectations from courses throughout their degree programs.

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### 3. SUPERINTENDENT/PRESIDENT PREVIOUS MONTH'S ACTIVITIES REPRESENTING FRCCD

- a) September 12 – attended ACCCA Mentor Program Northern California meeting
- b) September 16 – breakfast meeting with **Trustee McNett**
- c) September 16 – attended FRC Foundation Community Host reception for host families
- d) September 17 – welcomed PUSD and Loyalton juniors and seniors to College/Career Fair
- e) September 17 – introduced 2000 Sydney Olympic Gold Medalist **Dain Blanton** to meet with FRC students
- f) September 18 – attended Plumas County Emergency Preparedness meeting where we worked through different emergency health-related scenarios
- g) September 22 – Quincy Rotary meeting
- h) September 23 – met with **Dr. Brant Choate**, Superintendent Office of Correctional Education, California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation
- i) September 23 – FRC Foundation BMC meeting
- j) September 24-26 – attended Rural Community College Alliance Conference, Prescott, AZ
- k) September 29 – phone meeting with **Seth Grossman**, Chief of Staff, University of California Office of the President
- l) September 29 – Quincy Rotary meeting
- m) September 30 – attended men's soccer game vs. American River College
- n) October 2 – met with UNR President **Dr. Marc Johnson**; Lassen College President **Dr. Marlon Hall**, and Lake Tahoe CC President **Dr. Kindred Murillo** regarding the Good Neighbor Policy
- o) October 3 – attended women's soccer game vs. Shasta College
- p) October 6 – Quincy Rotary meeting
- q) October 7 – attended FRC Foundation BMC meeting
- r) October 8 – met with **Student Trustee Paul Mayes**
- s) October 8 – attended **Senator Gaines** Community Leaders Breakfast
- t) October 8 – attended FRC Foundation Community Host potluck
- u) October 11-12 – attended National Association of Community College Entrepreneurship Conference in Phoenix, AZ with **Amy Schultz**, **Rajinder Gill**, and **Leah Goold-Haws**
- v) October 13 – Phone conference with **Meaghan Allred** from Senator Gaines' office and Dr. Kindred Murillo, President LTCC, regarding Good Neighbor Policy
- w) October 14 – held all-campus information meeting regarding **Grace Holland** passing
- x) October 15 – attended volleyball game vs. College of the Siskiyou
- y) October 15 – welcomed attendees to Grace Holland vigil

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**4. HENRY MARTIN RETIREMENT RESOLUTION**

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE  
FEATHER RIVER COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT**

**RESOLUTION # 14/15-01**

*Whereas,* Henry Martin began his employment with the Peralta Community College District as a custodian in September 1977 and became a groundskeeper in 1996; and

*Whereas,* Henry Martin has trained many student workers in custodial services and his grounds-keeping expertise; and

*Whereas,* Henry Martin serves his community through his attendance and support of community events including Relay for Life and local youth activities; and

*Whereas,* Henry Martin served Feather River College and the Classified Senate by participating on numerous hiring committees; and

*Whereas,* Henry Martin showed personal ownership and pride in the buildings that he was responsible to clean and made them presentable spaces for staff, students, and the public; and

*Whereas,* Henry Martin has worked under every Superintendent /President that Feather River College has had since it was founded and has seen this campus grow from a small three building campus to the diverse campus that it is today; and

*Whereas,* Henry Martin is and will forever be known for his friendliness to everyone on campus and who always had a "Hello" and a smile for everyone that he would encounter on campus; and

*Whereas,* Henry Martin has truly been the Ambassador for Feather River College for the past 37 years.

*Now, Therefore Be It Resolved,* that the Board of Trustees, Superintendent/President, faculty, and staff of the Feather River Community College District of Plumas County, California, recognizes and honors Henry Martin for his exemplary service to Feather River College and wishes him well in his retirement.

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John Sheehan, President  
FRCCD Board of Trustees

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Kevin Trutna, Ed.D. Secretary  
FRCCD Board of Trustees

Dated: September 11, 2014

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## 5. CAREER/TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND ECONOMIC/WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT UPDATE – AMY SCHULTZ

### Enactus Presents Uganda Projects at Southern Wine & Spirits and Joseph Enterprises

FRC Enactus was invited to present at the corporate headquarters of Southern Wine & Spirits in Union City and Joseph Enterprises. Enactus partnered with Joseph Enterprises, famous for iconic products including the Chia Pet and



Clapper from October 4-6, 2014. The team featured the progress of the Uganda projects, including the village water pipeline, village business plan competition and microloan program and the chia seed partnership with Joseph Enterprises. Nearly two years ago, the team connected **Joe Pedott**, President of Joseph Enterprises, with subsistence farmers in Northern Uganda to provide a desperately needed crop for export, chia seeds. This summer the Enactus team returned to Uganda for project evaluation with the farmers, and the results are great.

FRC Enactus students who presented were **Brandon Boykins, Lauren Cancilla, Christopher Dehart, Brad Marquette, Naoki Matsumoto, Reuben Nwando, and Manroop Sandhu**. The team also hosted special guest, **Esther Mbabazi** who is from Mabare, Uganda (the main Enactus project village) and attends Sierra College. While in the Bay Area, FRC Enactus met with the Enactus team from Skyline College to discuss collaboration projects. FRC Enactus Chia Seed video: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T5gIDGFT\\_Rs](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T5gIDGFT_Rs)

### Dain Blanton Speaks to Area High Schools about Career Success

Olympic Gold Medalist **Dain Blanton** spoke at all four PUSD high schools and the FRC College & Career Fair to launch the new *Get Focused...Stay Focused* college and career planning curriculum, funded by FRC CTE Pathways grant (SB70). CTE & EWD Program Staff Specialist **Tanya Meyer** coordinated Dain's 2-day speaking tour through Plumas County, and hundreds of high school and college students were touched by his inspiring Olympic story and tips for success. In the *Get Focused...Stay Focused*, 9<sup>th</sup> grade students will develop a 10-year career and education plan which they will revisit every year throughout high school. Upon entering college, they will have a fully vetted Student Education Plan. This program has seen huge success in increasing post-secondary education and decreasing dropouts around the country and the state. It is being widely adopted throughout California. FRC CTE & EWD is funding PUSD to offer this course at three high schools this fall.

## Far North Export Survey Listening Session

**Leah Gould-Haws**, Deputy Sector Navigator in Global Trade and Logistics (DSN GTL) hosted by FRC, held a listening session to share the results of her Export Survey for the Far North. The survey revealed that over \$300 million in goods is exported annually from the 10 counties that make up the Far North, and the study found ample opportunities for export. The event was held on September 24<sup>th</sup> in Redding, and the panel attendees include representatives from the Governor's Office of Business & Economic Development (GO-Biz), Mariani Packing Company and RaboBank. Leah plans to host a similar session in Plumas County. The survey is located at [http://www.coecc.net/documents/GlobalTrade\\_Survey\\_KeyFindings.pdf](http://www.coecc.net/documents/GlobalTrade_Survey_KeyFindings.pdf)

## Quincy Collective Born out of FRC Entrepreneurship Courses

Entrepreneurship students attended the launch networking event of the Quincy Collective, Plumas County's first co-working space. The co-working space, which is partially office space and partially business incubator, was launched after co-owner **Katie Bagby** took an entrepreneurship class at FRC in spring 2014. Katie took the class to figure out what to do with a semi-vacant office building she and her husband owned. Through the class, she learned about co-working spaces and the local demand. The Quincy Collective will become an important part of the local entrepreneurial ecosystem, providing a place for remote workers and entrepreneurs to access high speed broadband, as well as the meaningful collisions of working next to like-minded people.

**Tiffiney** and **Diego Lozano** were the featured speakers at the event. They are preparing to launch their travel abroad business at the end of the month. They are also alumni of the FRC entrepreneurship program.

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## 6. UPCOMING EVENTS

October 22<sup>nd</sup> - **Communication Skills in the Workplace** workshop for CalWORKS students.

October 29<sup>th</sup> - **How To Connect with Online Freelancers to Increase Your Business Potential**, free workshop hosted by SamaUSA & FRC Entrepreneurship at 4:00 p.m. at Quincy Collective

October 30<sup>th</sup> - **WEB Focus Film Festival** sponsored by Enactus, FRC Diversity Committee, DSPS, ASFRC, and Plumas Arts at the Town Hall Theatre

November 2<sup>nd</sup> - **Honorable Reverend Hamlet Mbabazi visits Quincy Rotary** (Enactus Uganda project partner and former Member of Parliament)

November 7<sup>th</sup> - **Global Edu-preneurs Summit** in Chico, co-hosted by FRC CTE & EWD, Shasta College, and Deputy Sector Navigator for Global Trade and Logistics

**ALL OF US AT FRC SEND OUR CONDOLENCES  
TO THE FRIENDS AND FAMILY OF GRACE HOLLAND**

