



REPORT TO BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SUPERINTENDENT/PRESIDENT – KEVIN TRUTNA, ED.D.
JULY 16, 2015

1. STUDENT AND EMPLOYEE ACHIEVEMENTS

Former Golden Eagle **Cody Anderson** made his Major League Baseball debut with the Cleveland Indians and has been featured in many stories including ESPN.

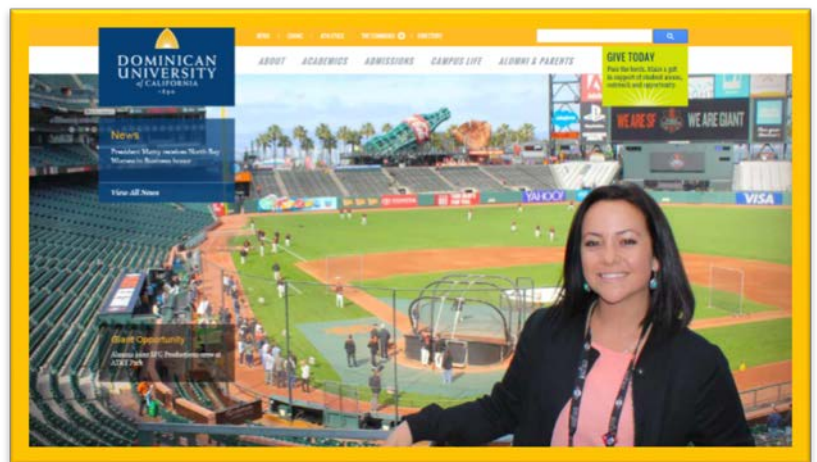
If the pitching rotation holds, Cody will pitch against the Oakland Athletics during the July 30th - August 2nd series. FRC may sponsor a student activities bus to watch the game - watch for an announcement as the series approaches.



http://espn.go.com/blog/statsinfo/post/_id/107398/cody-anderson-pitching-like-an-all-star-so-far

The LVN Class of 2015 would like to invite you to their pinning ceremony to be held on July 25th at 1:00 pm on the grass field in front of the Allied Health building. This pinning ceremony is the culminating activity to celebrate two years in the nursing program, 12 months a year, plus all of the work the students completed to get into the program.

Former Feather River College and Dominican University volleyball star **Katy Batchelder** is working for the San Francisco Giants at AT&T Park. She was also recently featured on the Dominican University website and in the *Plumas County News*. Emmy Award-winning announcer **Barry Tompkins** was her class instructor when he helped Katy secure an internship and eventually a FT position as production assistant for San Francisco Giants Productions.



<http://www.dominican.edu/dominicannews/communications-class-leads-alumnae-to-job-at-at-t-park>

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

- a) June 22 – BOT Retreat, Cy Hall Memorial Museum, Greenville
- b) June 24 – BMC meeting
- c) June 25 – presentation at Plumas County Republican Women luncheon, Blairsden
- d) June 29-July 2 – personal vacation
- e) July 6 – Quincy Rotary meeting
- f) July 7 – public testimony before California Assembly Higher Education Committee meeting regarding SB 605 (Gaines), Sacramento
- g) July 9 – ACCJC chair training, Sacramento
- h) July 13 – personal vacation

3. CALIFORNIA ASSEMBLY HIGHER EDUCATION COMMITTEE TESTIMONY FOR SB 605 GOOD NEIGHBOR POLICY

On July 7th, I attended the California Assembly Higher Education Committee to give public testimony regarding SB 605 (Gaines) which grants Good Neighbor status to Lake Tahoe Community College students from six specific communities in Nevada near Lake Tahoe. This was my first time personally testifying in front of a legislative committee. The process was as follows: after the bill was presented from the both author and an official spokesperson for the opposition (none in this case), then public speakers were allowed to come to a microphone in front of the committee where they are only given the opportunity to state their name and support or opposition to the bill. I was able to slip in the following highlighted comments before my time was over. The bill did pass unanimously without any amendments and will move onto the Assembly floor for a final vote (it has already passed the Senate floor vote) before going to the Governor for possible signature.

http://leginfo.ca.gov/cgi-bin/postquery?bill_number=sb_605&sess=CUR&house=B

Dear Honorable Chair Medina and Members of the Higher Education Committee,

My name is Dr. Kevin Trutna and as the Superintendent/President of Feather River College in Quincy, California, I have been asked to represent the Board of Trustees and students of Feather River College, as well as residents of Plumas County.

This current restriction in the proposed SB 605 neglects the other cross-border economic and academic influences outside of Lake Tahoe and only provides one college with the special treatment, while neglecting previous beneficiaries. It does not work for all border colleges in the statewide system.

I am not here to advocate for FRC. To be clear, Feather River Community College District officially supports SB 605. We are asking that it be amended so that proximity to Lake Tahoe is not the only “unique circumstance” where border residents should benefit for restoring the Good Neighbor Policy. We are asking that SB 605 be amended to include all border communities.



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June 29, 2015

Dr. Kevin Trutna
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Dear President Trutna:

The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges, at its meeting June 3-5, 2015, reviewed the Midterm Report submitted by Feather River College. The Midterm Report was certified by district and college leadership, including the chair of the governing board, the college president, Accreditation Liaison Officer, and leaders of the faculty and staff organizations.

Based on the College Midterm Report and evidence submitted, the Commission finds that the College has sustained the work accomplished after the last comprehensive evaluation and has maintained compliance with Standards previously identified in the comprehensive team report and linked to Recommendations 1 through 7. The Report also included the Self-identified Improvement Plans from Standards I through IV in the Self Evaluation Report of 2012.

Institutions are expected to meet Eligibility Requirements, Accreditation Standards, and Commission policies at all times during the six-year cycle. It is expected that the changes and improvements noted in the Midterm Report will continue forward in College policies, procedures, practices and outcomes. This will be verified at the time of the next regularly scheduled visit. The College will submit its Institutional Self Evaluation of Educational Quality and Institutional Effectiveness Report in preparation for the comprehensive review in **spring 2018**.

The Midterm Report submitted in spring 2015 will become part of the accreditation history of the College. The Commission requires that you give the Midterm Report and this letter appropriate dissemination to your College staff and to those who were signatories of your Midterm Report. This group should include the campus leadership and the Board of Trustees. The Commission also requires that these documents be made available to students and the public by placing a copy on the College website. *Please*

Dr. Kevin Trutna,
Feather River College
June 29, 2015

note that in response to public interest in disclosure, the Commission now requires institutions to post accreditation information on a page no more than one click from the institution's home page.

On behalf of the Commission, I wish to encourage your continued work to ensure Feather River College's educational quality and to support students' success. Professional self-regulation is the responsibility of an accredited college and the accreditor. Thank you for sharing in that responsibility.

Sincerely,

Barbara A. Beno, Ph.D.
President

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5. ON THE HORIZON

Items of interest that are upcoming in the next few months.

Faculty Resignation

Jerry Hoover has resigned his FT position at FRC although he will continue to teach an online course. I will be asking the Senate to discuss hiring a replacement position because Jerry had the unique strength of developing both Administration of Justice and Anthropology programs. Jerry's expertise will be missed as he brought much to FRC. He is relocating with his wife who was offered a position in Las Vegas.

AB 86 - Adult Education Grant Funding

Expanded funding is Included in the statewide budget for AB 86 - Adult Education Programs. FRC is the fiscal agent and will continue to develop this program for adult education opportunities throughout Plumas County. With the continued funding secured, FRC will be looking to hire a FT director to lead these efforts. More information will be forthcoming; be aware that a position may be available in the upcoming months for those interested.

Helping Students with Mental Health Issues

A training opportunity is being provided on July 21st to assist faculty and staff that work with students who might be at risk. This training comes highly recommended from FRC employees who attended an earlier session. Contact **Dr. Karen Pierson** to sign up for this important training.

On a related topic, specific training will be included during Institution Day related to the new Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), including individual employee responsibilities.

Staffing Update

Interviews have concluded for the following positions: Fish Hatchery, Child Development Center Director, and Academic Advisor/Outreach. Reference checks are being completed and official offers will be extended in the next few weeks.



Sometimes, first aid isn't a bandage, or CPR, or the Heimlich, or calling 911.

Sometimes, first aid is YOU!

Someone you know could be experiencing a mental illness or crisis. You can help them. You are more likely to encounter someone — friend, family member, coworker, neighbor, or member of the community — in an emotional or mental crisis than someone having a heart attack. Mental Health First Aid teaches a 5-step action plan to offer initial help to people with the signs and symptoms of a mental illness or in a crisis, and connect them with the appropriate professional, peer, social, or self help care. Anyone can take the 8-hour Mental Health First Aid course — first responders, students, teachers, leaders of faith communities, human resources professionals, and caring citizens.

Sometimes, the best first aid is you. Take the course, save a life, strengthen your community.



Mental Health First Aid
8:00 am- 5:00 pm July 21, 2015
Feather River College
In the Gallery
Quincy CA 95971

No Charge – Breakfast and Lunch
See back for registration and contact information.
This course brought to you by Plumas County Mental Health - an MHSA funded program.