



**REPORT TO BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SUPERINTENDENT/PRESIDENT – KEVIN TRUTNA, ED.D.
MARCH 17, 2016**

1. STUDENT AND EMPLOYEE ACHIEVEMENTS

Rick Stock happily reports that the ORL Program has received a grant for \$24,000 for the purchase of equipment used to teach FRC boating safety curriculum. It will be used to purchase rafts, kayaks, stand up paddle boards, and supporting gear.



California State Parks have asked the ORL Program to assist them with the production of a safe whitewater boating video. Production crews will be on hand to videotape rafts and kayaks on the river. Additionally, FRC students will be the actors who read the script. The final product will appear on the California State Parks website.



With help from **Alyia Pilgrim**, this semester was the first time that FRC used the Burton Book Fund, a textbook assistance program through the John Burton Foundation for foster youth. FRC successfully awarded over \$2,000 to help foster youth purchase textbooks. This additional resource is now available on campus for qualified students.

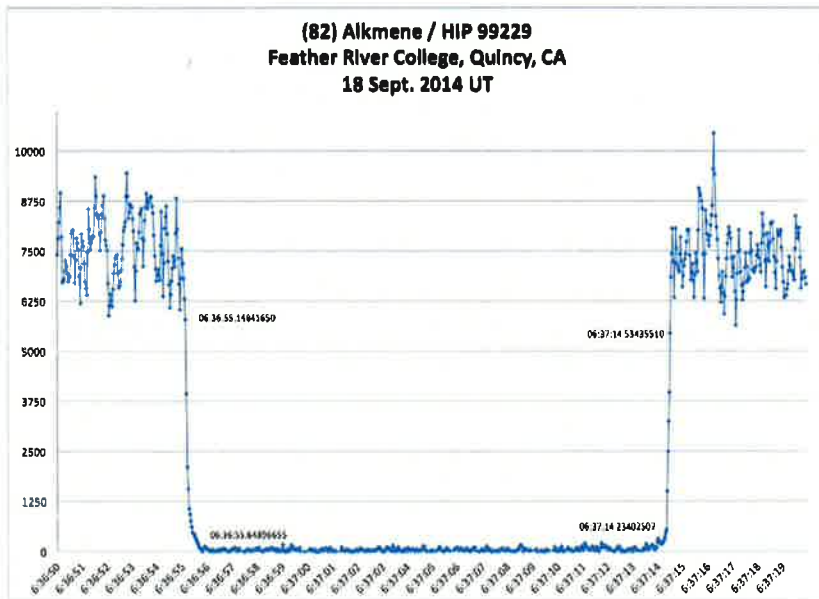
Sarah Ritchie and the Sand Volleyball team are off to a great start of the season. **Nina Holmes** and **Morgan Hughes** won the gold bracket at the Coast Conference Beach Kickoff out of 30 doubles team. **Ariana Cortez** and **Stacey Witt** won the Silver bracket for FRC as well.

Governor Jerry Brown's Civil Service Improvements (CSI) initiative was created as a means to "ensure the state has a strong and nimble civil service system." The CSI Project 5.7C was commissioned to identify and recommend the State of California's adoption of a foundational set of competencies, or core skills, that would apply to all of the state's workforce both existing and incoming. Through the CSI project, the New World of Work 21st Century Skills curriculum was reviewed and determined to be a model of reference as CalHR creates the new state foundational guidelines for competencies. This is another kudos in the long line of accomplishments of **Rajinder Gill** and her leadership of this effort.

Pamela Crespin has been busy as Director of the Adult Education Grant. The preliminary allotment schedule for the California Adult Education Grant Program (AB 104), which was released last week, shows the Feather River Consortium is scheduled to receive \$773,016 in 2016-17. (The 2015-16 total was \$750,000) The Consortium recently released the following schedule of related events and deadlines to the public, and the 2016-17 Request for Applications will be distributed this week.

- **March 23:** Public meeting to explain the 2016/2017 RFA guidelines and funding requirements
 - 10:00-11:30 am in the Mineral Building of the Plumas-Sierra Fairgrounds
- **March 24:** Public grant writing workshop, specific to the AEBG RFA;
 - 11:00am-12:00 pm in the Plumas Public Library conference room (445 Jackson Street, Quincy)
- **March 29:** Public grant writing workshop, specific to the AEBG RFA;
 - 2:00-3:00 pm in the Plumas Public Library conference room (445 Jackson Street, Quincy)
- **March 30:** Public grant writing workshop, specific to the AEBG RFA;
 - 11:00am-12:00 pm in the Portola Public Library meeting room (34 3rd Avenue, Portola)
- **April 1:** Public grant writing workshop, specific to the AEBG RFA;
 - 3:00-4:00 pm in the Community United Methodist Church (212 Pine Street, Greenville)
- **April 8:** Deadline for detailed Letter of Intent from potential Grant Applicants
- **May 16:** Deadline for Grant Applications

The American Astronomical Society has featured an [article on their website about the RECON project](#) which includes, among other things, a light-curve from one of our occultation observations at Feather River College. **Charley Arrowsmith** reports the complete [original paper by Marc Buie and John Keller](#) was published in *The Astronomical Journal*.



In addition to Charley, the RECON teams in Plumas County include science teachers at Quincy High School, Plumas Charter School in Greenville, and Portola High School, as well as other community members including current FRC student **Will Anderson**. These teams were all part of the original RECON pilot project involving citizen-scientists in a dozen communities. The full RECON project now includes teams in 56 communities stretching from the Canadian to the Mexican border.

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

- a) February 16 – meeting with **Traci Holt**, Alliance for Workforce Development
- b) February 16-17 – FRC Foundation Quincy Star Follies
- c) February 29 – Quincy Rotary meeting
- d) March 2 – meeting with Trustee **Dana Ware**, Supervisor **Sherrie Thrall**, and PUSD Board Member, **Traci Holt**
- e) March 7 – meeting with **Scott Lawson**, Plumas County Museum
- f) March 8 – meeting with Trustee **Guy McNett**
- g) March 9 – breakfast meeting with **Thelma Dyrr**
- h) March 9 – Quincy Chamber of Commerce Executive Committee meeting
- i) March 10 – meeting with Trustee **Jim Meyers**
- j) March 12-15 – California Community College CEO Symposium, Fish Camp

3. THE FUTURE OF ACCREDITATION AT CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES

On Monday, March 21st the Board of Governors will be asked to consider the recommendations from the Chancellor's Office Accreditation Task Force, which includes, among other items, to explore alternate regional accrediting bodies instead of relying on ACCJC. Recent legislation has been presented to allow California community colleges to utilize a different accrediting body. It is important to note that each college is a member-college and it is the college's decision to be accredited by any entity – albeit the legislature language currently requires all CCC's to be under the same entity of ACCJC.

At the recent California Community College CEO Symposium, there was a very detailed and informative discussion by college presidents about the Task Force recommendations, recommendations from the CEO board, and other options for the future of community college accreditation in California, Hawaii and the Pacific Islands. Part of this discussion involved the movement of community colleges to offer limited bachelor's degrees and part of this discussion included the expansion into Adult Education through AB 86 and high school concurrent enrollment options.

The results of the Board of Governors meeting might dictate the future direction for our state system. Time will tell where these decisions will lead FRC and other colleges. Regardless, the pledge is to insist upon a peer evaluation process that is free from legislative and political influence for accreditation decisions. Whether a new model and a new accreditor is utilized, or if we remain under ACCJC, it is important to note that such transitions may take several years to a decade. Be on the lookout for a press release early next week about the Board of Governors decision as the first step in this undetermined process.

4. APRIL IS SUSTAINABILITY MONTH AT FRC

Last year, the Board of Trustees passed a resolution establishing April as Sustainability Month at FRC. The purpose is to:

Remind all students, faculty, staff, and administrators that April is the month when Earth Day is celebrated,

Note that April 22, 2016 is the 47th Earth Day, which was founded by Senator Gaylord Nelson in 1970 to raise awareness about the state of the environment,

Stress the value of each individual striving to reduce one's ecological footprint,

1. Challenge everyone to take a small step such as:
 - chair a paperless meeting
 - carpool once a week
 - eat an all-California sourced meal
 - participate in the Earth Week trash pick-up contest,
2. Encourage our campus community to acknowledge the importance of spending time outdoors in natural settings as a way to sustain body, mind, and spirit.

5. PTK NEWS

There are 85 members of FRC's Alpha Psi Zeta chapter as of March 10, 2016.

Alpha Psi Zeta Vice President **Will Anderson** has been named a semifinalist for the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship. This year the Cooke Foundation received over 2,300 applications from students across the country, from which 85 will be chosen. Being a semi-finalist is a significant achievement and we are keeping our fingers crossed for Will!

Alpha Psi Zeta is proud to announce its first ever transfer scholarship. Due to generous contributions of faculty, administrators, alumni, and community members, this year a graduating PTK member who will be enrolled in a higher degree program in Fall 2016 may apply for this \$1,000 award. Applications are due to the President's Office by April 18 and the recipient will be announced at the Spring award ceremony and graduation. Contributions to this scholarship account can be sent to Alpha Psi Zeta at Feather River College, attn. Transfer Scholarship.

Matt Dougan has officially confirmed his candidacy for President of the NV/CA PTK Region. Elections will take place on April 2nd in Las Vegas. His candidacy has really put FRC in the regional spotlight! Good luck Matt!

On March 26, members of the Butte College PTK chapter will be in Quincy to help our chapter with the Hospital Garden Project. This Chapters United event is a component of Alpha Psi Zeta's 5-star chapter goal. Our members are looking forward to a sunny day to get some work done!

The Spring induction ceremony will be held in the Gallery at 1:00 on April 15. All are invited!

6. AUDIT RESPONSE – STUDENT FEE AND DEBT COLLECTION

This semester, a series of reports will be presented in response to the December audit finding regarding student fee collection.

1. January Board Report – where/how a student enrolls
2. February Board Report – description of the different ways a student can pay for FRC
3. March Board Report – presentation of the timeline of how we work with students: payment, notices for past due accounts, and collection of past due accounts
4. June Board Report – update on collections, bad debt, activities to date

Payment Notice Process for Past Due Accounts

- Students who owe past due fees of any kind (enrollment, housing, library, parking) have a hold on their account and are not allowed to enroll in subsequent semesters or request official transcripts.
- Due to Ed Code regulations, students cannot be dropped from classes due to nonpayment once the semester has started.

Timeline of activities to notify students of past due accounts during the 2015-16 Academic Year:

- May 23 – instruction begins Summer 2015
- June 29 & July 29 – hard copy of student past due statements mailed
- August 15 – email past due statements
- August 24 – instruction begins Fall 2015 semester
- September 1 - email past due statements
- October 7 - hard copy of student past due statements mailed
- October 19 – notice to students with past due accounts about hold on upcoming registration
- October 23 – priority registration begins for Spring 2016 semester
- November 4 - hard copy of student past due statements mailed
- December 8 - email past due statements
- January 11 – instruction begins Spring 2016 semester
- January 19, February 24 & March 21 - hard copy of student past due statements mailed
- March 28 – notice to students with past due accounts about hold on upcoming registration
- April 4 - priority registration begins for Fall/Summer 2016 semester
- April 26 - hard copy of student past due statements mailed
- May 24 - email past due statements

Dear President Trutna,

Congratulations! Your student nominee, **William Anderson**, has been selected as a **2016 Coca-Cola Community College Academic Team Gold Scholar**! Selection as a Coca-Cola Gold Scholar was based on scores the student earned in the All-USA Community College Academic Team competition, for which more than 1,900 applications were received this year. This program is sponsored by the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation and is administered by Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society. We encourage you to publicize information regarding your student's selection as a **Gold Scholar**. An accompanying press release is attached to be shared with your college's public relations department.

Phi Theta Kappa will recognize the **2016 Coca-Cola Community College Academic Team Scholars on stage at this year's Annual Convention, April 7-9 in National Harbor, MD**. While Phi Theta Kappa will not be able to assist students with the cost of attending the Convention, we hope your college will assist with the necessary funds to ensure attendance. Please refer to the attached award details for additional information that will be requested from scholars.

As a Coca-Cola **Gold Scholar**, your student will be requested to provide verification documents as well as complete a survey late this summer in order to receive the scholarship disbursement of \$1,500.00 in September 2016. Funding for the scholarship is provided by the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation. Throughout the spring, thirty-eight states host All-State Academic Team Recognition ceremonies, where Coca-Cola Gold Scholars are recognized. If your scholar has not already been presented a Gold medallion at your All-State Recognition Program, your student will receive this soon. If your state does not offer such a program, the medallion will be mailed to your student at a later date.

Again, congratulations to you, your college and your student on this special recognition. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact our Scholarship Operations Department at 601.987.5741 or scholarship.programs@ptk.org.

Sincerely,



Lynn Tincher-Ladner, Ph.D
President and CEO
Phi Theta Kappa



J. Mark Davis
President
Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation

Attachments: 2016 Coca-Cola Gold Scholar Template Press Release
2016 Scholar Award Details

cc: Phi Theta Kappa Contact Advisor and All-USA Nominator Dr. Katie Desmond