REPORT TO BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SUPERINTENDENT/PRESIDENT KEVIN TRUTNA, ED.D.
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Feather River College

1. STUDENT AND EMPLOYEE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Beach Volleyball Earns Prestigious CCCAA Scholar Team Award

The 2022 Feather River College beach volleyball team has been awarded the California Community College Athletic Association (CCCAA) Scholar Team Award. Criteria for the award requires that all team members who competed must have excelled academically with a total team GPA of 3.0. Also, 80 percent of the team members must have completed 12 or more units for the semester. Athletically, the team shall have demonstrated better than average accomplishments in intercollegiate athletic competition.

The fifteen member beach volleyball team completed the spring 2022 semester with a 3.6 cumulative team GPA, with 86% of the team earning a GPA of 3.0 or above and four student-athletes earning a perfect 4.0 GPA. The team took an average class load of 17.66 units in the semester.

On the sand, Feather River amassed a 17-5 record, finishing the season ranked 2nd in the State of California. In addition to the team, two pairs qualified for the CCCAA State Championships. Team success transferred over to individual accolades as the Golden Eagles had eight players receive All-Conference selection.

The team will receive their Scholar Team Award on March 29th at the annual CCCAA Convention at the Sheraton Grand Hotel in Sacramento. Link to the rest of the award winners can be found here.

Women's basketball finished the year earning a playoff spot, winning a first-round game, before falling to Folsom Lake College. **Coach Keshawn Johnson** sends in postseason Golden Valley Conference awards:

All-GVC: 1st Team: **Alyssa Barnard** and **Megan Donnelly**
All-GVC Honorable Mention: **Kylee Cox**, **Natalie Richards**, and **Margaret Canseco-Rodriguez**
GVC All-Freshman Team: **Jersey Tsosie**

Men's basketball also earned several post-season awards
All-GVC Defensive Team: **Robert Lee III**
All-GVC: 1st Team: **Robert Lee III** and **Terry Williams III**
All-GVC Honorable Mention: **Fabian Cox**

PHI THETA KAPPA
HONOR SOCIETY

Dear Dr. Kevin Trutna,

Phi Theta Kappa's REACH Rewards program recognizes and rewards Phi Theta Kappa chapters that excel in membership development. We created this program because we believe strongly in the mission of Phi Theta Kappa and want as many students as possible to receive the benefits of membership - including scholarships and increased opportunities for engagement with peers and faculty on campus, which lead to higher rates of completion.

I am happy to announce that your Phi Theta Kappa chapter at Feather River College has been named a 2022 REACH Chapter and will receive special recognition in the form of 6 Phi Theta Kappa graduation stoles that will be sent directly to your chapter's advisor. These stoles can be distributed to chapter officers or members to be worn during graduation and to keep in celebration of their college completion milestone. Read the full announcement.

Congratulations and thank you for your support in furthering Phi Theta Kappa's mission of providing recognition and opportunity to students on your campus. The dedication of both you and your chapter advisors to enhancing the college experience and the lives of students is truly appreciated and more important than ever before.

Sincerely,

Lynn Tincher-Ladner, Ph.D
President and CEO

The Outdoor Recreation Leadership program received a $20,000 grant from California State Parks and Recreation for our boating safety education program. **Saylor Flett** writes that this grant will be used to purchase instructional equipment for our boating program as well as send ORL faculty to the annual Aquatic Center Directors Conference.

Celebrating Dr. Seuss birthday with **Greg McCarthy.** Campus and community connections are amazing! says **CDC Director Kinderlin Hoznour.**

2. Superintendent/President Activities Representing FRCCD

a) February 15-17 - California Community College Baccalaureate Association, Palm Springs
b) February 21 – Allan Hancock College Accreditation Team Chair Pre-Visit, Santa Maria
c) February 22-24, Association of California Community College Administrators, Rancho Mirage
d) February 25 – attended women's Basketball playoff game at Folsom Lake College, Folsom
e) February 27-March 1 – campus closed due to weather
f) March 3 – FRC Foundation meeting
g) March 6 – Emergency Operations Plan development kick-off meeting
h) March 7 – breakfast meeting with **Trustee Guy McNett**
i) March 8 – Quincy Chamber of Commerce meeting
j) March 8 – Allan Hancock College Accreditation Team meeting

3. FRC Receives Final State Approval for new Ecosystem Restoration & Applied Fire Management Bachelor's Degree

Quincy, CA - Feather River College (FRC) announces approval of the Bachelor's Degree in Ecosystem Restoration and Applied Fire Management from the California Community College Board of Governors. This important approval allows final development of a new applied bachelor's degree intended to serve residents of Northern California in forest management techniques for the prevention of future wildfires, as well as reforestation and riparian restoration from recent catastrophic events in the Northern Sierra. FRC is excited to receive the final state approval for the degree that brings together many local, regional, state, and private partners with a goal to provide a trained workforce skilled in wildfire prevention techniques, along with watershed and forest restoration practices.

California State Senator, Brian Dahle, noted, "We have learned from hard experience that Northern California's forests need much better management. Accomplishing that work will take well-trained people. I appreciate Feather River College's leadership toward building this vital workforce for the North State."

Feather River College is appreciative for the support of statewide leaders and industry employers in approving this essential degree. Environmental Studies Program Co-Coordinator, Dana Flett, commented, "The faculty at FRC are thrilled to learn about the decision to approve the bachelor's degree program in Ecosystem Restoration and Applied Fire Management. We are incredibly grateful for the vocal support from our partners and community throughout this process and are excited to welcome our first cohort of students! Most importantly, we look forward to working together towards making a meaningful impact on the resilience of our beloved Sierra Nevada ecosystems."

Michael Hall, the District Manager of Feather River Resource Conservation District , has been instrumental in supporting the degree. He states, "Our organization provides a wide range of ecological restoration services to the upper Feather River watershed. One of our biggest challenges is finding employees with a diverse skill set to address the problems posed from the current wildfire crisis. Feather River College is uniquely situated in a region that has experienced numerous high severity wildfires in recent history. Our work is predominantly tied to dealing with both the fire recovery and reforestation elements, as well as the preventative work that goes into preserving the remaining unburned landscape. A local program with curriculum directly related to this will benefit not only our District, but all Californians. In order to create a robust pipeline for a motivated and qualified workforce we need to invest in the training and education for the next generation of land managers."

While serving its Million-Acre Classroom located throughout the Sierra Nevada ecosystem, Feather River College graduates from this new bachelor's degree will learn to restore and reforest some of the areas destroyed in Northern California over the past decade. A California State University professor commented on the degree application, "Feather River College is appropriately located in the heart of the northern Sierra, which is ground zero for where this type of restoration work is most desperately needed." The degree combines unique skills in management of the Sierra ecosystems, federal NWCG certifications required to use prescribed fire to reduce wildland fuels and mitigate future risks, restoring riparian areas, reforesting burned landscapes, and striving to prioritize indigenous perspectives in sustainable land management.

There is an urgent need for a skilled wildfire restoration workforce. Colleagues from Chico State University, Sierra Pacific Industries, CAL FIRE, the US Forest Service, Sierra Institute, Plumas Corp, Feather River Resource Conservation District, Plumas Fire Safe Council, and many others have collaborated and provided essential input to identify the skills and knowledge that will be incorporated into the new bachelor's degree. In a letter of support for the degree application, a CAL FIRE training supervisor commented, "This degree represents a first-of-its-kind effort to offer students an educational toolkit for the State's effort to increase the pace and scale of prescribed fire and forest restoration, as articulated by the Governor and the Wildfire and Forest Resilience Task Force." The bachelor's degree is one component of an FRC Environmental Studies Department that also offers associate degrees and certificates of specialization in fields such as forestry, fire and fuels management, environmental studies, and fish hatchery management.

"Graduates will focus on the unique Sierra Nevada ecosystem, its watershed restoration, and learn how to proactively manage forests with prescribed fire and other practices," stated Dr. Kevin Trutna, Feather River College Superintendent/President. The majority of students surveyed indicated they were not likely to leave the area to earn a bachelor's degree, so this degree provides a unique opportunity for them to gain additional education and training to be part of the solution to our ongoing wildland fire issues. Dr. Trutna added, "This unserved population is a perfect match to help counteract the catastrophic fire impact we have encountered recently. FRC is very excited to continue our work with the UC, CSU, federal, state, and local employers as the approved degree is one effort to protect and restore natural resources in Northern California."

Feather River College offers a variety of unique degrees and certificates that feature hands-on learning components. The campus is home to the million-acre classroom that provides intimate access for its students and faculty. Based in the heart of the northern Sierra Nevada mountain range, FRC is continuing to pioneer programs and certificates, as is evident with this recent award of its second bachelor's degree offered through the rural yet robust College. For more information on the variety of programs and offerings at Feather River College, please visit its website at www.frc.edu.

A prescribed burn is underway at the Feather River College campus, led by the Environmental Studies department, to help make our campus forests more resistant to wildfires.

Alex Saunders, FRC graduate, participates along with classmates and faculty in a TREX (prescribed fire-training exchange) event held on the FRC campus

Chico State students, CAL FIRE, and state and local partners assisting in a prescribed burn at the FRC campus

4. Golden Eagle Spotlight - Jason Gay Assistant Head Coach/HES Instructor

Describe your position in a few sentences

I assist in all areas for the baseball team. My focus is coaching infield play and hitting.

Other positions at FRC

HES Instructor, Facilities Department including Campus Dorms, Fitness Center, and other areas.

How long have you been at FRC?

20 years overall. Including being a volunteer my first year.

Where did you work before coming to FRC?

Data Entry Specialist at St. Mary's Hospital in Reno. I stared at a computer screen all day long.

What do you find rewarding about your role at FRC?

Seeing our student-athletes go on to succeed in life.

Tell me about one student that you remember. Why do you remember them?

I remember one in particular for his success in our program and beyond after he graduated. How he overcame the struggles in his life and showed what a quality human being he is overall.

When you're not working, what do you enjoy doing?

Hanging out with my family. Then fishing. Family is first, but I do love to fish.

What is a little known fact that people may not know about you?

I believe that I was the first male ever hired by the Polka Dot when I worked there in high school.

Please send me an email with nominations of people who you feel should be recognized for their contributions and who epitomizes the culture we want to be at FRC.

Feather River College Student Learning Outcomes						
1. Communicate effectively	2. Demonstrate critical thinking skills	3. Locate, evaluate, and apply information	4. Demonstrate a sense of personal and professional ethic	5. Develop a clear sense of self, purpose, and ability to achieve goals	6. Demonstrate relationship skills through interpersonal communication, compromise, teamwork and collaboration	7. Value their education, understand its privilege, and become responsible citizens