



Feather River College Recognizes Dr. Hannah Mirrashed in Fighting the COVID-19 Pandemic

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Feather River College recognizes the contributions of Dr. Hannah Mirrashed and the entire clinical laboratory staff from Plumas District Hospital (PDH) toward detecting and fighting the spread of the COVID-19 in Plumas County. Dr. Mirrashed is the Clinical Laboratory Director at Plumas District Hospital in Quincy, and through her work, PDH offers multiple COVID-19 testing capacities that are unparalleled in hospitals serving rural areas the size of Plumas County.

Dr. Mirrashed was recently selected as the featured speaker at the October American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science (Region VIII) Inter-Mountain States Seminar. In its 57th year, the IMSS works to bring clinical laboratory personnel together to better their profession. This honor was awarded to Dr. Mirrashed for her work during the COVID-19 pandemic where she successfully established a COVID testing laboratory at PDH that, in part, provides community surveillance testing and rapid result testing for contact tracing. She is also active in local efforts, such as recently presenting information to the Quincy Rotary Club.

The support from PDH laboratory in returning FRC students to campus was extraordinary. “When FRC made the decision to return a limited number of students into the dormitories and on-campus labs this semester, we knew we needed a healthcare partner to provide support and rapid COVID testing to make this a reality,” stated FRC Superintendent/President Dr. Kevin Trutna. FRC, and Plumas County, are extremely fortunate to have the dedication of Dr. Mirrashed and a clinical laboratory staff that has the capacity and equipment to make this partnership work. “It is because of her work, and the entire healthcare community, that FRC is able to function with any on-campus classes this fall,” added Dr. Trutna. “Other colleges have contacted me and asked how we were able to bring back students. I told them that it started with the PDH laboratory and we built our collaboration with the Public Health Department upon testing capacities.”

FRC honors the work of Plumas District Hospital, the clinical laboratory, Plumas County Public Health, and the leadership of Dr. Hannah Mirrashed in fighting the COVID-19 pandemic.

About Feather River College

Feather River Community College District, located in Quincy, California, is a small, rural public community college offering courses in transfer programs, career and technical training, basic skills education and celebrated its 50th Anniversary during the 2018-19 academic year. In May 2018, FRC awarded California’s first community college

bachelor's degree in Equine and Ranch Management as one of only 15 community colleges statewide authorized to offer a bachelor's degree. FRC offers small classes where students receive individual attention from faculty and staff in its location known as "the million acre classroom." Unique programs in equine studies, outdoor recreation leadership, fish and wildlife hatchery, and environmental studies enhance traditional transfer programs and technical training. Student dormitory housing is available. FRC boasts an accomplished athletic program with several men's and women's championship sports supported by the local community. The Board of Trustees recently adopted an ambitious plan ensuring that FRC is a leader in environmentally sustainable practices. Academically, FRC ranks at the top for transfer, graduation, and retention rates amongst small California community colleges. For further information, contact (530) 283-0202 or visit www.frc.edu.