

Organizational Accomplishments

Accreditation: College of the Redwoods' accreditation was reaffirmed by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) for seven years, the longest period of time allowed by the Commission for colleges to maintain accredited status. The nineteen-member commission based its action on a comprehensive report issued by a team of community college presidents, administrators, and faculty who visited CR in October and evaluated district wide every aspect of the college, from the quality of education to financial management to facilities planning to student support services. The team's report included several commendations for excellence and some recommendations for improvements.

The Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs awarded continued accreditation to our Emergency Medical Services—Paramedic Program.

Strong Workforce Stars: Several of CR's Career Technical Education programs were named as Strong Workforce Stars because they demonstrate strong outcomes, based on Strong Workforce Program LaunchBoard data.

Bronze Stars (attained threshold outcomes on one metric)

- Welding Technology: 83% increase in earnings
- Electrical: 75% of students attained the regional living wage
- Mill and Cabinet Work: 83% increase in earnings
- Administration of Justice: 91% of students attained the regional living wage

Silver Star (attained threshold outcomes on two metrics)

- North Coast Paramedic: 90% of students attained the regional living wage and 100% of students are employed in a job similar to their field of study

Gold Star (attained threshold outcomes on all three metrics)

- Registered Nursing: 118% increase in earnings, 88% of students attained the regional living wage and 100% of students are employed in a job similar to their field of study

Mental Health Counseling on the Eureka Campus: The Eureka campus contracted with the Student Health Center provider to add mental health counseling to the services offered at the Center. The mental health counselor is a licensed therapist and will be available two days a week for a total of ten hours.

Datatel Migration: The IT department completed the two year migration from an obsolete operating system onto a triple-redundant system.

Reformation of Basic Skills (AB 705): Faculty started discussions about implementing AB 705 by the required fall 2019 deadline. This legislation, requiring colleges maximize the probability that a student will enter and complete transfer-level English and math within a one year

timeframe, will have a wide-ranging impact throughout the District. AB 705 also requires the placement of students into English and math using high school performance in addition to a placement test.

College Access Program: Staff worked hard to implement the College Access Program where first-year students can get their enrollment fees waived for fall 2018 and/or spring 2019. A student must be enrolled in 12 or more units, be a California resident, and fill out the FAFSA or Dream Act application.

Community Education: The staff of the Community Education (CE) offered Fireline Safety for Hired Vendors classes in Del Norte, Eureka, Fortuna, Ruth Lake, Garberville and Hoopa; collaborated with local logging companies and the Redwood Logging Conference to make a change to attract employees to the industry; and offered Mindfulness and Women's Health through the Ages classes at the Garberville site. CE also collaborated with several business to offer contract training to their employees including Security Training for Hospital Engineers at St. Joseph's hospital, and Microsoft Access and Storytelling/Presentation for Humboldt County Department of Health and Human Services.

CE collaborated with the Humboldt County Workforce Development Board to provide short-term vocational options for the AB2060 participation in high-demand fields.

Outreach: Lupita Martinez conducted 18 outreach workshops and events, seven senior CR application workshops, six senior testing workshops, two career events, and three Redwood Days. Rachel Callahan worked with Kathy Moxon, Green-Way Partners and Morgan Family Grant to increase the entrepreneurship culture in the Del Norte community and Del Norte campus. Rachel also interviewed business leaders to determine their entrepreneurship education needs.

Computer Information Systems: For the first time ever, students in Professor Chris Romero's introductory class competed in the National Cyber League Regular Season. Sean Fitzgerald achieved a Gold Bracket ranking after the Preseason Competition and placed 124 out of more than 3,000 students Nation-Wide. You can read more about the NCL and the competition at: <https://www.nationalcyberleague.org/about>

Physical Education/Kinesiology (PE/KINS): The PE/KINS division, in collaboration with HSU Leisure and Recreation Administration faculty, created two leisure courses with one additional course still in consultation. The goal is to attract students who are initially interested in the various sub-disciplines of the kinesiology field to realize that the field of Leisure, Recreation and Recreation Administration are viable career options.

The PE/KINS division also created a new course titled "Principles of Personal Training". Students who complete this course will have the option to write for a national certification in personal training. This course has received Board of Trustees approval and is currently being reviewed at the Chancellor's Office. Spring of 2019 is the tentative timeline for first offering.

Marketing/Outreach: Anna Gaines collaborated with the Far North Deputy Sector Navigators to create and publish a Career Education marketing “magazine” which was recently inserted into 20,000 copies of the North Coast Journal and 13,000 copies of the Times-Standard. Anna also worked with faculty and marketing team to completely update and produce the new Career Technical Education marketing booklet.

Early Childhood Education: The Early Childhood Education Department hosted an all-day regional Technology Summit at the Eureka Campus Child Development Center. A total of 18 participants included attendance from ECE faculty, CDC Directors and ECE/CDC teachers from Shasta and Butte Colleges as well as CR’s own ECE faculty, IT Department, CTE Grants Manager and Instructional Technology representatives. This collaborative event was a result of the ECE Strong Workforce funding in which CR was able to demo the ECE classroom technology upgrades, showcase software/hardware, implementation strategies with students and share best practices and pitfalls learned in year of the project. Overall, the summit was a big success and has strengthened our Far North ECE Regional collaboration further.

Yurok Language Class: The College will offer a Yurok language class at the Klamath Trinity site during the 2018-19 academic year. The community has wanted this class for a long time, and we are excited to have approved the curriculum and see it finally on the schedule.

Carole Lewis will be teaching Yurok 1A, and is interested in creating and teaching a Yurok 1B class, so students can earn a full year of language credit should they choose to do so. This important milestone wouldn't have been possible without the support of George Potamianos, Carole Lewis and Professors Kristy Carlson and Erin Wall.

Multicultural Center (MCC): The MDC has overseen important social justice internships for three students: Joshua Parker to facilitate men of color meetings, set up open mic comedy night, develop a "Dress for Success" presentation, and promote MCC graduation promotion; Florentina Phillips to set up comfort booths during midterms, conduct outreach by introducing counseling opportunities to students via visits to five classrooms, organize and lead projects and activities related to organizing student lobby efforts, and develop presentations honoring masculinity and femininity; and Roman-Maceda to introduce and represent the MCC to the larger CR community, advocate for and serve as liaison with CR staff and faculty by conducting monthly outreach to students of color, design and coordinate marketing materials and social media for MCC events and programs, and lead LatinX Club meetings and outreach efforts by attending monthly meetings and the Social Justice Summit.

The MCC also conducted several events including: taking students to the Social Justice Summit at HSU and holding St. Patrick’s Day Potluck, Cesar Chavez Celebration, conversational Spanish Hour, evening counseling, Mia McKenzie author presentation, undocumented student ally training, men of color discussions, and an API discussion on Japanese interment and the Chinese Exclusion Action.

TRIO Student Success Program, Eureka Campus: Eureka’s TRIO program served 150 low-income, first-generation or students with disabilities students in 2016-17. Based on program

review data, TRIO had 89% of their students were in good standing and achieved an 85% persistence rate.

TRIO's graduation rate for the 2015-16 cohort (first cohort) by end of summer 2018 will be 37% and the transfer rate will be 29% by fall 2018.

Award for Innovation in Higher Education: CR just received a competitive 1.2 million dollar Award for Innovation in Higher Education to support educational programming at Pelican Bay State Prison. This award will provide resources in the form of professional development, technology, and most importantly, dedicated faculty and staff.

Agriculture Program: The Agriculture program hosted a Future Farmers of America (FFA) field day.

Individual Accomplishments, Appointments and Honors

Political Science **Professor Ryan Emenaker** was the featured guest on the KHSU radio show to discuss the role of the Fair Housing Act in reducing segregation during Black History Month. Professor Emenaker's research and teaching focuses on judicial politics and constitutional law. He has written numerous pieces on the history and role of the Supreme Court including an article on why the Supreme Court should uphold the Voting Rights Act, which appeared on SCOTUSblog, the premier news and research site on the Supreme Court.

The second edition of Professor Emenaker's textbook *Current Debates in American Government* is being published by the Oxford University Press. The first edition was published in 2015. The textbook introduces students to important political debates to help them understand how those issues and debates influence their lives.

Jennifer Bailey poured her heart, soul, and grief into a new story. *Standing Sideways* follows the ups and downs of protagonist Livia Stone as she navigates life after the death of her twin brother, Jasper. All of the proceeds from *Standing Sideways* were donated to the Jason Dale Triumphant Return Scholarship at College of the Redwoods.

Professor Cindy Hooper exhibited her work "Cultivated Ecologies: An Interdisciplinary Video and Essay Project" at the Third Street Gallery on January 29-March 4.

Jesse Wiedel had his artwork displayed at the Richmond Plaza Metaspaces Gallery in San Francisco on March 3-31, 2018. Pictures of his artwork are attached to this informational Board report (see attachments Jesse 1.jpg and Jesse 2.jpg).

Professor Karen Reiss graduated another 10 University of California certified California Naturalists in Fall 2017.

Professor Ken Letko had his 2017 book of poetry, *Bright Darkness*, published by Flowstone Press.

CSEA Chapter President Tami Engman completed her Associate Degree in Liberal Arts: Business.

Professor Shemya Vaughn published a textbook called *Transgender Youth: Perceptions, Media Influences, and Social Challenges*.

Professor Trish Blair presented on Autistic Spectrum Disorders and ADD at the Foster Kinship Care Conference.

Dominic Ratter, Adaptive PE Instructor, completed his Master's Degree in Kinesiology at HSU.

Five of **Brian Van Pelt's** gymnasts qualified for state competition. He coaches Redwood Coast Gymnastics' Competitive Team. And he's on TV! <http://kiem-tv.com/2018/01/29/eureka-gymnastics-team-qualifies-state/>.

Garry Patrick and **Steven Roper** obtained final approval for the UIR project (\$34,347,000) and also gained approval for the final Project Plans for a new Creative Arts building (\$25,276,600) and Gymnasium complex, including a new Field House, Gym and 2 new Fields (\$55,927,000).

Student-athlete freshman **Angelo Flores** who competes both as a football player in the fall and track & field in the spring won the prestigious Stanford Invitational in the javelin with a 206'11" throw beating Division I PAC-12, SEC and community college competition. With the CR record and personal best throw, he currently ranks first among all junior college athletes in the state and second in the nation. In the classroom, Angelo earned a perfect 4.0 GPA this past fall in his first semester while competing on the football team.

Ten CR student-athletics have signed letters of intent with scholarships to continue their collegiate careers at the university level: Women's Basketball—**Sophie Northern** (Sonoma State University); Men's Baseball—**Dylan Campbell** (Mount Mercy University) and **Hunter Jury** (Bellevue University); Football—**Jon Charles McDonald** (Sterling College), **Kerrick Myrks** (Sterling College), **Terry Tims III** (Sterling College), **Montrice Johns** (University of Nevada Las Vegas) and **Bradley Bretzing** (University of Laverne); Men's Soccer—**Samuel Licon** (Chico State University) and **Miguel Ramirez** (Chico State University).

Two of our colleagues have been accepted into HSU's master's program. **Anna Gaines** has been accepted into HSU's Educational Leadership Master's Degree program. Anna is involved in a children's choir and will conduct a chamber orchestra with her choir in mid-May. **Jordan Walsh** will start the Master's Program for Applied Anthropology. Jordan is the Student Development Advisor in the Extended Opportunity Program and Services department.

Ray "Skip" Hunter, CR Associate Faculty and City of Brookings City Planning Commissioner, won the Elk Valley Casino tournament. Ray's win gives him a seat at the World Series of Poker in Las Vegas in July. He was mentioned on the Elk Valley Casino website: <https://www.elkvalleycasino.com/poker>.

Alexis Bowen, a Welding student in 2014-16 has been accepted to join The Gold County Artist Gallery. Her metal work will be displayed beginning Mary 1, 2018. She was hired and welded for Fortuna Iron in Carlotta for a time. You can see some pictures of a few of her pieces via attachments titled Alexis Bowen.jpg and Alexis Bowen druid.jpg included in this information report. You can also go to the Facebook page: [Alexis' Art and Accessories](#).

Rachel Callahan obtained an Entrepreneurship Specialist Certification from National Association of Community College in Entrepreneurship (NACCE).

Professor Darius Kalvaitis presented at the California Association for the Education of Young Children (CAAEEYC). The title for the presentation was “Preparing Early Childhood Professionals with iPads Using Mobile Internet Apps.”

David Wilson, an associate faculty member Digital Media and Art, entered two photographs into the juried photography exhibition “*Images of Water*,” an annual photography competition hosted by the Humboldt Arts Council. Last summer a photograph of his won second place in California Representative Jared Huffman’s district landscape photography competition. The image was photographed down at Women’s Federation Grove off of the Avenue of the Giants. Also last summer another of his Milky Way-with-redwoods photographs won a small honor for “Unique Vision” at the July Redwood Arts Association Photography Exhibition. David Wilson’s photography work is attached as David Wilson 1.jpg, David Wilson 2.jpg, and David Wilson 3.jpg.

Two CR students, **Lauryn Brawley and Ivy Gordon**, received Live Your Dream Awards from the Soroptimists International of Eureka. Lauryn is completing her Associates Degree in Science Exploration and plans to pursue a Biology degree from Humboldt State University. Ivy is pursuing a degree in Addiction Studies and plans to be a substance abuse counselor. I know that our faculty have given both Lauryn and Ivy a wonderful foundation for success. Congratulations to both of them!

CR students **Heather Saylor** received a Women's Re-entry Award and **Danielle Jenkins** received a Live Your Dream Award from Soroptimist International of Humboldt Bay. Heather and Danielle are true profiles in courage and are testaments to the strength and resilience of so many of our students. Heather and Danielle are described in the Times-Standard article: <http://www.times-standard.com/lifestyle/20180403/soroptimists-honor-women-teens>.