



REPORT TO BOARD OF TRUSTEES
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This month's report stresses the amazing accomplishments of our students, our former students, and our dedicated employees. I do a monthly call asking for accomplishments and activities to highlight in this report; I continue to be impressed with what FRC produces. What an exemplary role model we are for our past, present, and future students! I want to commend the staff and faculty for their role in these great achievements.

1. STUDENT AND EMPLOYEE ACHIEVEMENTS

The Feather River College Enactus Team was victorious at the Regional Competition in Orange County and brought home the Regional Champion trophy. The team presented information on the Uganda Project, Capital Arts Center, and Sierra Park Homes Energy Start housing development. They will be competing at the Enactus USA National Exposition in Kansas City, MO on May 21-23. Last year we placed in the Top 20 (out of over 500 teams in the US). The following students were on the presentation team:

- **Brad Marquette**
- **Chris Dehart**
- **Kambel Kenaston**
- **Kathryn Hewitt**
- **Brandon Boykins**
- **Tiffany Lozano**
- **Dominick Myers-Oliver**



Please congratulate the students when you see them. In addition, alumna **Gina Rangel** served as a judge in a different league. Gina and Dominick Myers-Oliver interviewed for and were offered paid summer internships in the Sam's Club Management Trainee Program. Feather River College Enactus (formerly SIFE) has won every regional competition since 2004. Due to a structural change in the organization, there will be no more Regionals after 2013 -- all teams will compete at Nationals. Advisor **Amy Schultz** is proud to say that we were undefeated regionally for 10 years running.

As members of the California Mathematics Council for Community Colleges (CMC³), **Dr. Jeanette Kokosinski** and **Dr. Michael Bagley** nominated Feather River College student **Kristin Jacobs** for a 2012-2013 CMC³ scholarship. Kristin received the scholarship this past week for her demonstrated strong skills in STEM-related courses (science, technology, engineering and math). Kristin plans to transfer to the University of California at Davis and study food science while also participating in track.

The FRC SSS/TRIO program had 14 students win scholarships recently – 13 received \$1000 and one received \$700. They wrote wonderful personal essays as part of the grant application process.

Don Williams reports that soccer has for more athletes that have signed scholarships with 4-year schools.

- **Douglas Williamson** and **Mauricio Fernandez** will be playing soccer for McPherson College in McPherson, Kansas - an NAIA school with a strong athletic and academic tradition.
- **Kali Fallow** received a large soccer scholarship and academic scholarship and will be attending Nyack College in New York, an NCAA Division II affiliate school with very strong academics and she will be studying nursing.
- **Shelby Moore** has received a scholarship to attend Prairie View A&M in Texas - they are an NCAA Division I school.

Upward Bound reports that the cohort of 10 students slated to graduate from high school this spring have received acceptance letters from the following colleges: George Fox University, University of Nevada Reno, Chico State, Humboldt State, CSU Monterey Bay, Sonoma State, University of Oregon, University of Portland, Sacramento State, CSU Stanislaus, and Cal Poly Pomona. Of the 10 students slated to graduate, three of them plan to attend Feather River College and are in the process of registering for classes.

One of our gifted Upward Bound participants, currently in his Junior year at Chester High, applied to the elite Stanford University high school summer college program (with the help and encouragement of the UB Advisor) and was accepted to the program. He has been offered a scholarship and he is currently fundraising to help pay for the remainder of the cost of attendance. This program allows him to take transferrable Stanford University courses so he can get a jump start on his college education.

3-D Art students have been reviewing works from professional artists prior to creating their own pieces. They recently had a critique of their work and provided some samples from our student artists.



On May 25, FRC hosted the 1st Annual Great Chili Cook-off Contest. Brian Plocki made a custom wooden trophy for the occasion. Darla DeRuiter and Darrel Jury also constructed a trophy from “recycled” treasures they had found. After the spoons (aka votes) were counted, Darla DeRuiter and Rick Stock won first place with their ORL “Squirrel-Tail Chowder” and Chef Mike Miller won second place. Recipes are currently being tested so that we can take the trophy back from Rick and Darla next year. A great time was had by all and the students, who served as judges, really won because they were served a free meal.



Financial Aid initiated contact with the Independent Living Program Coordinator (Foster Youth) housed in the Plumas Crisis Intervention and Resource Center and the Foster Youth Liaison from Plumas County Unified School District. Our initial need was to find resources in the community who could make appropriate contact with potentially homeless students. The outcome of our contact has become much broader. Not only have we found the resource we need, Student Services has found a way for these two women to have a weekly presence on campus to serve students. Starting later this month, **Kelly Holland** and **Cathy Rahmeyer** will be available to students and staff once a week in the DSPS facilities. They will be here to assist foster youth attending FRC as well as to be a general resource for students who are in crisis.

Yesterday, April 17th in the gymnasium, the Volleyball team held a Scholarship Signing Party. Parents, fans, reporters, and players were in attendance to watch eight sophomores sign full-ride scholarships.

- **Marilyn Agae**- Grand Canyon University
- **Amber Hall**- Cal State East Bay
- **Callie Aberle**- University of Hawaii, Hilo
- **Stacey Witt**- University of Hawaii, Hilo
- **Jessica Voyles**- University of West Alabama
- **Lindsey Ball**- university of West Alabama
- **Jeanette Van Sickle**- Lynn University
- **Carolann Warren**- Newberry University

The women's Basketball team took advantage of the recent nice weather to do some team bonding and hike up the hill above campus. Haley White sent the attached photo with some of her returning players on the hike.



Jessie Segura and the rodeo team have been doing quite well. They recently won their region and are ranked 6th in the nation (one above my alma mater Montana State University). **Chant DeForest** is 15th overall in Men's All-around and 4th in Tie Down Roping, **Dane Browning** is 25th overall in Men's All-around and 19th in Tie Down Roping, **Grant Denny** is 7th in Bareback Riding, **Joshua Garner** is 15th in Steer Wrestling, and **Hanna Hundsdorfer** is 8th in Breakaway Roping. You can track our standings on the web at www.collegerodeo.com/Rodeos/National_Standings.asp

2. PREVIOUS MONTH'S ACTIVITIES REPRESENTING FRCCD

- a) March 22 – attended and welcomed the gathering of the Eastern Plumas Business Summit at Nakomo Resort
- b) March 25 – hosted 1st Annual Great Chili Cook-off Contest on campus
- c) March 26 – visited Quincy High School to work with Randy Kelsch regarding Automotive Technician Advisory Board and Welding articulation
- d) March 27 – participated in CurricuNet conference call regarding possible grant sponsorship for CurricuNet curriculum tracking software
- e) March 27 – met with US Representative Doug LaMalfa in Graeagle
- f) April 1-5 – Spring Break on campus
- g) April 5 – met with NTD architects regarding FRC Facilities Master Plan
- h) April 7-9 – attended Chris McCarthy Napa Vineyard President's Symposium presented by the Community College League of California
- i) April 17 – connected Yuba College Veterinary Technician students with FRC Equine Program to provide both hands-on training for large animal care to Yuba Vet Tech students and program collaboration for FRC Equine students
- j) April 17 – made presentation at ACCCA Mentor Program Retreat regarding leadership styles

3. Student Success Scorecard

The California Community College Chancellors Office recently released the Student Success Scorecard, a new accountability tool that measures student performance at each community college in a clear and concise way. The purpose is to help educational leaders focus on improving student success and give communities and students the ability to see student success factors for each college. The performance metrics creates a transparent and accountable system of higher education.

The results demonstrate how important preparation for college is to student success, showing that if students come to college well prepared, they complete certificates and degrees and/or transfer rates in excess of 70%. However if they are in need of remediation their success rate drops below 50%.

The report also gives clear data regarding student success by race, ethnicity, gender and age to help leaders make informed decisions on closing performance gaps. Because two-thirds of all jobs in California by 2018 will require some level of college education, it is imperative that the California Community College System focus on student success and achievement.

Specifically, Feather River College had some impressive numbers in the success rates of our African American and Native American students, both of which were above the state average. There is obviously some work to do as 59.4% of our “college prepared” students and 39.3% of “unprepared for college” students end up completing a degree, certificate, or transfer to a four-year college. On the other hand, recent educational decisions have been made in response to these success factors; including the opening of the new Learning Resource Center, dedicated tutoring center and open computer lab. New curriculum offerings in Digital Technology and recent initiatives in requiring Student Education Plans all are decision made in response to improving completion and persistence rates.

A detailed demonstration will be presented at the April Board of Trustees meeting and Feather River College’s results can be found at <http://scorecard.cccco.edu/scorecardrates.aspx??CollegeID=121>.

4. FRC Student Loan Default Rates Improve

FRC’s ability to participate in Federal student loan programs depends upon many factors, including our student default rate. Yes, we are held partially responsible for our student default rate on loans made in the course of paying for education. **Barbara Cormack** proudly announced that FRC’s draft 2-year default rate for FY2011 and our draft 3-year default rate for FY 2010 are both lower than the prior years.

Several actions have been taken by Financial Aid staff to help students become informed about the loan process, the necessity of paying back loans, and educating students about options for paying for school:

- (1) Financial aid staff talks at length with students about taking out loans. Also, we require them to do an extra step the Feds have made available online (Financial Awareness Counseling) which

goes a bit farther than the Entrance Counseling and Promissory Note exercises do in asking what they expect to earn in the future and looks at repayment rates.

- (2) WISS is working diligently by contacting our lenders and getting them to sign up for a forbearance, income based repayment plan.

On the challenging side is FRC's reliance on out-of-state students who rely on financial aid to pay their expenses – meaning that they have no choice but to take out loans. And in doing so, they still struggle with having sufficient funds to pay for any food or books since all of the available aid goes towards enrollment fees and housing.

5. UPCOMING CAMPUS EVENTS AT FEATHER RIVER COLLEGE

All Month	Earth Day Library Display	
April 18	Board of Trustees Meeting (LR 105)	3:00 pm
April 19	Women's Basketball sponsors "Kids Night Out" for ages 4 and up (gym)	6:00 pm
April 20	Softball v. Shasta DH (SB field)	12:00 pm
April 22	Earth Day Events - Educational Showcase for Campus & Community <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome & grab a tasty treat (Darla DeRuiter) – meet at Hatchery • Hatchery Tour (Zach Parks) • Campus Forestry & Fire Plan (Darrel Jury) • Greenhouse Projects & Tour (Terri Rust) • Kill trees with Darrel (forest thinning project) or Plant trees with Terri (fire restoration project), or campus Trash Pick-up with Darla 	12:00 pm 12:05 pm 12:20 pm 12:40 pm 1:00 pm
April 22	Student Environmental Association Campus Trash Contest (Greenhouse)	1:00 pm
April 24	Film <i>Chasing Ice</i> presented by Student Environmental Association (Town Hall Theatre)	7:00 pm
April 25	ENVR 102 class (taught by Bridget Tracy) will be doing a Waste Audit: sorting a week's worth of FRC trash to see what is recyclable, compostable, paper, other, and what is actually trash. This is the 4 th waste audit conducted by the ENVR program, providing valuable information for how we can improve our practices (last year, 55% of our waste could have been diverted from the landfill and composted or recycled instead!).	
April 26	Student Art Reception (Pangea Café)	5:00 pm
April 28	ORL students are hosting a recruiting day for new students, free boat demos and paddle instruction for the community, and a gear sale to raise money for student scholarships and student programming	
April 29	Day in the Mountains	All day
May 4	Upward Bound Saturday Academy – Test Prep (SAT/STARR/Accuplacer)	
May 15	<i>Listen to Your Mother</i> Show including live reading by local writers and performances including Associate Faculty members Michelle Fulton, Elisa Adler, Roxanne Valladao, Margaret Garcia, and student Tiffany Lozano. For more information see http://www.listentoyourmothershow.com/plumascounty/	
May 16	Board of Trustees Meeting (LR 105)	3:00 pm