



REPORT TO BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SUPERINTENDENT/PRESIDENT – KEVIN TRUTNA, ED.D.
DECEMBER 12, 2013

As we enter the holiday season, I personally give thanks for the effort that each and every one of you puts forward to help our students achieve their educational goals. I wish everyone a joyous holiday season and prosperous new year. Spend precious time with your family and friends and come back rejuvenated to help students next year.

I conclude this report with a letter that FRC recently received. While our official mission from the California Community College Chancellor's Office is to provide instruction in transfer, basic skills, and vocational courses, what we really do is change lives. This letter provides a glimpse into how Darla and her Natural History students impacted one person's life outside of the classroom; solidifying the fact that what we do with our students does matter. Please read this incredible letter as it reflects the season of giving, it reflects our commitment to helping others, and it shows the great attitude prevalent in our FRC family.

1. STUDENT AND EMPLOYEE ACHIEVEMENTS

Sarah Ritchie reports that volleyball player **Nina Holmes** was recently voted All-American, All-State, and All-NorCal volleyball honors.

Jim Scoubes is happy to report that there were no findings in our recent audit. He says he has never seen an audit with zero findings. Congratulations to our Business, Financial Aid, Admissions, and Instruction offices, and for all of the people who worked so hard to achieve this unheard of honor.

New from the Fish Hatchery - students **Tyler Marshall, Dylan Beck, Paul Astles, Dakota Johnson, Will Brooks,** and **Kyle McCammon** in the Introduction to Fish class have been working with **Zach Parks** where they successfully spawned 56,000 brown trout eggs on November 22nd. The eggs are the offspring of brown trout that FRC is holding to stock trophy trout in Bucks Lake in the spring of 2014. After the eggs hatch, FRC will raise them until they are 12 inches and stock them in Bucks Lake as part of a ten year partnership with Kokanee Power, Project Kokanee, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Plumas County Fish and Game Commission, Bucks Lake Fishing Coalition, and FRC Hatchery.

Men's Baseball Coach **Terry Baumgartner** was awarded the "Northern California Pro Scouts Association Junior College Coach of the Year" for 2013. Congratulations Terry!

Terry updates us on one of our former players, **Cody Anderson**. Cody was named Outstanding Pitcher in the Cleveland Indians organization this year by winning the Bob Feller Award. Cody is also listed as the #6 prospect in the Indians organization. If he stays healthy he could be pitching in the big leagues as early as next year. http://cleveland.indians.mlb.com/news/article/cle/joe-wendle-cody-anderson-named-indians-top-minor-leaguers?ymd=20131121&content_id=64102280&vkey=news_cle

Environmental Studies students and Zach Parks helped move 60 yards of wood chips at Sierra Cascade Family Opportunities Head Start School. The wood chips were placed around the play equipment at the school. The students spent three hours on Friday, December 6th endured cold, wind, and three inches of fresh snow while moving the wood chips. Students **Tyler Marshall, Kyle McCammon, Fernando Conchas,** and **Dakota Johnson** helped **Zach Parks** and his wife **Chelsea** on this project.

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

- a) November 25-27 – personal vacation
- b) November 30 – attended Volleyball playoff game in Fresno vs. Fresno City College
- c) December 2 – Rotary meeting
- d) December 2 – met with **Derek Lerch** and **Micheline Miglis** regarding grant opportunities for Plumas County Adult Education
- e) December 4 – provided welcome for Town Hall Debate as part of **Joan Parkin’s** debate class
- f) December 5 – attended FRC Foundation Executive Council Meeting
- g) December 9 – Rotary meeting

3. FULL TIME FACULTY HIRING TIMELINE

During the December meeting we will be discussing with the Board about an upcoming faculty retirement and subsequent vacancy. While it is not finalized which position will be replaced/hired, I present the tentative timeline for the length of time we will need to hire a FT faculty member.

- 1/15/14: Academic Senate reviews job description.
- 1/31/14: HR reviews and finalizes job description and advertisement. Job ad released.
- 3/31/14: Job ad runs for a period of 6 to 8 weeks and closes.
- 4/11/14: Committee reviews and selects candidates to interview. Spring Break 4/14-18.
- 4/28/14: Interviews likely to take place this week.
- 5/09/14: Background/reference checks completed.
- 5/15/14: An employment offer should be made in mid-May.
- 8/01/14: New faculty reports to FRC.

4. UPCOMING CAMPUS EVENTS AT FEATHER RIVER COLLEGE

December 12	Board of Trustees Joint Meeting with FRC Foundation Board (LRC 103)	2:00 pm
December 13	FRC Holiday Party Potluck (Mineral Building)	5:30 pm
January 3	Women’s Basketball vs. Simpson College JV (gym)	3:00 pm
January 9	Institution Day (Gallery)	8:30 am
January 11	Women’s Basketball vs. Shasta College (gym)	5:30 pm
January 11	Men’s Basketball vs. Shasta College (gym)	7:30 pm
January 16	Board of Trustees Meeting (LRC 105)	3:00 pm

January 18	Women's Basketball vs. College of the Siskiyous (gym)	5:30 pm
January 18	Men's Basketball vs. College of the Siskiyous (gym)	7:30 pm
January 22	Women's Basketball vs. Butte College (gym)	5:30 pm
January 22	Men's Basketball vs. Butte College (gym)	7:30 pm

5. FRC MAKES AN IMPACT – RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS

Kevin,

My Sierra Nevada Natural History class was hiking to Gold Lake in the Bucks Lake Wilderness Area on November 7th, studying the plants of the montane chaparral community, when some of the students in the group noticed a single older man hiking toward our group. We spontaneously formed a "London Bridge" with our arms, allowing him to pass underneath, cheering him along as he went.

He later contacted Scott Koeller to find out who we were, and sent the very nice note (attached), which I'll read to my class this morning before they take my final. It is a lovely example of what random acts of kindness can mean to people.

Best,
Darla

E-mail: I would love for you to pass onto your students how meaningful their 'action' was on the trail, if you feel it is worthwhile. I put together a Word document to try and explain the impact they had on me. I tried to be as concise as possible, but you might find it a little long, as I needed to give a bit of the history as to why I was there. To be sure, this is not so much about my brother and me. It is more about letting your students know what kind of an impact they can have upon other peoples' lives through random acts of kindness.

December 8, 2013

Darla DeRuiter and Sierra Nevada Natural History and Outdoor Recreation Leadership Class,

I am writing you to thank you for your "random act of kindness" a few weeks ago on the narrow trail above Silver Lake. Sometimes people do not realize what might seem to be an 'insignificant act' can have a meaningful and profound effect on another's life. Your spontaneous "flash mob" tunnel of outstretched arms for me to walk through was one of the most meaningful events of my life, and I would like to thank you for that. Without boring you too much, let me explain:

Seven years ago I organized a back-packing trip with 8 friends, one of which was my brother Doug. Camping and canoeing has been in our blood since we were born. That was the last time I was able to enjoy the outdoors and hiking with him. Later, friends had mentioned they heard my brother "clearing his throat" on numerous occasions during that trip. Six months later he called me and told me he had Tonsil Cancer. He passed away 2 years later (5 years ago), but we were fortunate enough to be able to spend the last few months of his life together, including "camping next to each other in the hospital" ... him in a hospital bed, and me on a roll-away bed provided by the hospital.

I have been wanting to go back to Rock Lake for the last five years and quietly revisit the last hiking and camping trip we shared together. A few weeks ago I was finally able to do so, and packed the canoe for Silver Lake and a day pack for Rock Lake. As I pulled up to Silver Lake, I was disappointed to see that the lake had been drained for repairs, so canoeing was out of the question ... I was also very surprised to find that I was the only one there. I knew that my more important mission of re-visiting my last hike with my brother lay ahead at Rock Lake. I hiked up to Rock Lake and spent some time reflecting on that special summer seven years ago and raising a 'toast' and a few special words to my brother in the skies above Spanish Peak. I packed up and headed back down the trail toward my truck at Silver Lake, knowing that I had fulfilled my wish to re-visit the site and reconnect with my brother. With my mission complete, I headed back down the trail with mixed emotions and sadness that my brother wasn't with me. And here's where your group comes in!

There had been no one around when I first arrived at Silver Lake, and I hadn't seen or heard anyone in hours. As I came over the little hump in the trail I could see your class in the distance. I thought to myself, "wow, where did they come from?" I know we have all been in a position of hiking on a narrow trail with two or three people, coming upon a group of two or three other people heading in the opposite direction, and the inevitable question of "who is going to step aside?" At that point, I am thinking to myself: "Okay, it's 20 of them and one of me." "How am I supposed to weave myself through this group of college students without causing havoc or getting razed?" Closer and closer ... 50', 40', 30', 20', 10' WALLA!!!! Like magic, your group divided in two, each occupying an opposite side of the trail and raised all your arms to form a "tunnel" for which me to pass through. As I passed into your "tunnel of arms," you all began to cheer. As I exited your "tunnel of arms," the significance of your random act of kindness hit me ... it was exactly the kind of thing my brother Doug and I would have enjoyed doing unto others.

I could not have dreamed of a better "closure" for such an important event. I want to thank each and every one of you for what you did that day. It might have seemed like "just a fun thing to do to this guy hiking alone," but it meant the world to me. I entered your tunnel solo, but I could swear that my brother came out of the other end with me. I will never forget your flash mob and random act of kindness that day. Thank You.

Sincerely,
Scott Hewett
Roseville, California

The picture is of my brother Doug above Rock Lake on our last backpack trip together 7 years ago ... I loved the picture because the silhouette resembled a "bat" with his trekking poles and all black attire. I have an 8x10 of it on my wall. After returning home from my encounter with your group, I looked at the picture and it struck me ... That is exactly what your class members did. They raised their arms like that and created a tunnel for me to go thru. I like to think of it as more of a "passage". Happy Holidays to all of you!



THANK YOU ALL &
HAVE A GREAT
HOLIDAY SEASON!
Kevin