



**REPORT TO BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**SUPERINTENDENT/PRESIDENT – KEVIN TRUTNA, ED.D.**  
**MAY 15, 2014**

In the final few weeks of the semester, this report describes several capstone projects, efforts, and accomplishments of our students, faculty, and staff. Powerful messages come from reports of student-led efforts in areas such as sustainability, food production, responsible citizenry and professional ethics. Please read about these activities that are truly remarkable in their achievements.

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## 1. STUDENT AND EMPLOYEE ACHIEVEMENTS

Community Involvement: **Judy Mahan** reports that five LVN students participated in the Plumas District Hospital Health Fair this month.

College Outreach: The Educational Talent Search grant recently sent 67 Greenville Jr/Sr High School students from grades 6-12 to visit CSU Chico on April 10<sup>th</sup>. **Jan Prichard** also states that 22 ninth graders from Chester High School also a campus visit to CSU Chico on April 24<sup>th</sup>.

Scholarship Signings: It is that time of the year when our student-athletes sign scholarships and make a commitment to transfer universities. In the past month, FRC has the following to report:

<b>Lavaree Chavez</b> (women's soccer)	William Jessup University	\$40,000/year
<b>Eli Davidann</b> (baseball)	University of Hawaii	\$5,000/year
<b>Jordan Desguin</b> (baseball)	Florida Gulf Coast University	\$15,000/year
<b>Jordan Gill</b> (men's soccer)	Union College	\$46,000/year
<b>Oliver Hitch</b> (men's soccer)	Florida International University	TBD
<b>Kayla Irmen</b> (women's soccer)	Cardinal Stritch University	\$30,000/year
<b>Katelyn Johns</b> (volleyball)	Holy Names University	\$27,000/year
<b>Chadwick Kaalekahi</b> (baseball)	Lewis & Clark State College	\$25,000/year
<b>Daniel Martinez</b> (men's soccer)	St. Ambrose University	\$10,000/year
<b>Joe O'Neill</b> (men's soccer)	Erskine College	\$36,000/year
<b>Kelsey Phipps</b> (volleyball)	University of Great Falls	\$15,000/year
<b>Leslie Raygoza</b> (women's soccer)	Southern Oregon University	TBD
<b>Seon Ripley</b> (men's soccer)	Seton Hill University	\$41,500/year
<b>Anthony Santo</b> (men's soccer)	York College	\$20,000/year
<b>Patty Sylvester</b> (women's soccer)	York College	\$15,000/year
<b>Elizabeth Volz</b> (volleyball)	Simpson University	\$24,600/year
<b>Jermaine Worley</b> (basketball)	Simpson University	TBD

Community Involvement: The recent Listen to Your Mother was truly an FRC event. Not only did five of FRC members take the stage but eight students helped set up and break down the set in record speed! While the final counts for things are still coming in, a small nest egg was raised to help bring in fall literary speakers, reports **Margaret Garcia**.

Athletic Accomplishments: The baseball season has ended and FRC has won several awards.

Golden Valley Pitcher of the Year: **Jordan Desguin**, sophomore

Golden Valley Coach of the Year: **Terry Baumgartner**

All-Conference 1<sup>st</sup> Team: **Skylar Haynes**, sophomore pitcher, unanimous selection

All-Conference 1<sup>st</sup> Team: **Kody Kuhlman**, sophomore relief pitcher

All-Conference 1<sup>st</sup> Team: **Chadwick Ka'Alekahi**, sophomore catcher

All-Conference 1<sup>st</sup> Team: **Michael Sanderson**, freshman infielder, unanimous selection

All-Conference 1<sup>st</sup> Team: **Nathan Reynolds**, freshman infielder, unanimous selection

All-Conference 1<sup>st</sup> Team: **Bronson Aiwohi**, sophomore infielder, unanimous selection

All-Conference 1<sup>st</sup> Team: **Eli Putnam**, freshman outfielder, unanimous selection

All-Conference 2<sup>nd</sup> Team: **Kaimana Perreira-Alquiza**, sophomore outfielder

All-Conference 2<sup>nd</sup> Team: **Kila Zuttermeister** sophomore outfielder

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## 2. SUPERINTENDENT/PRESIDENT PREVIOUS MONTH'S ACTIVITIES REPRESENTING FRCCD

- a) April 14 – Quincy Rotary meeting
- b) April 14-18 – Spring Break
- c) April 21 – Quincy Rotary meeting
- d) April 28 – Day in the Mountains welcome
- e) April 29 – *The Hurt Locker* at Town Hall Theatre with Chris Connell for *Yellow Birds* Book in Common project
- f) May 2 – baseball playoff game vs. Mission College
- g) May 5 – Golden Valley Conference Athletic Program Review meeting
- h) May 6 – FRC Foundation Executive Council meeting
- i) May 7 – Plumas County Special District Association meeting
- j) May 8 – Quincy Chamber of Commerce Executive Committee meeting
- k) May 13 - *American Military Mission in Iraq & Perspectives on Combat* with Jerry Hoover for *Yellow Birds* Book in Common project
- l) May 13 – *History of War Protest Music* at Town Hall Theatre by Dr. Robert Mathews for *Yellow Birds* Book in Common project
- m) May 15 – Quincy Downtown Merchants meeting
- n) May 15 - *Literary Analysis of The Yellow Birds* with Dr. Joan Parkin and Dr. Chris Connell for *Yellow Birds* Book in Common project

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## 3. FRC STUDENTS FIND THEIR WAY TO SUSTAINABILITY!

On March 7<sup>th</sup>, Dr. **Katie Desmond** and Professor **Bridget Tracy** chaperoned 16 FRC students to the CSU, Chico campus for the student organized “This Way to Sustainability Conference IX.” Students attended panels hosted by regional and national professionals on composting; sustainable construction and energy planning; using social networking for student organizing; student activism; sustainability in the curriculum; international collaboration



of farmers; sustainable agriculture; water management/vineyards/and hops; and mushrooming 101, along with many other fascinating topics. A highlight of the day was the world premier screening of *Treading Water*. Students introduced themselves to the filmmaker who showed this film in Quincy on Earth Day, April 22<sup>nd</sup>. FRC students also heard a keynote address on biomimicry which inspired the aspiring engineers in the group!

After a delicious organic and locally-grown lunch, students took a sustainability tour of the Chico State campus. Some excellent networking occurred as they met great people from around the world. A few students who fell in love with the campus and its atmosphere, took advantage of being on campus and made appointments with the Admissions Office. Maybe next year FRC students can present some of FRC's accomplishments in the areas of campus sustainability? It was an inspiring and beautiful day!



Participants

- Kimberly Kemper**
- Will Anderson**
- Geoffrey Guthrie**
- Jacque Cash Davis**
- Sinead Clark**
- Alan Burfeind**
- Nicole Bogle**
- Jessica Dias**
- Kelly Williamson**
- Ricardo Archundia**
- Storm Miller**
- Jeffrey Rhoads**
- Stacey Vance**
- Caleb Vance**
- Jordan Marinelli**
- Dorian Edwards**



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#### **4. POLITICAL SCIENCE CLASS HOLDS “HUNGER BANQUET”**

On May 6, 2014, the POL 162/SOC 160 students of Dr. Desmond’s “Globalization” class hosted an Oxfam America-style “Hunger Banquet” at Plumas Charter School.

The goal of the event was to increase awareness of world hunger and food insecurity. Over 80 people attended the event, many of whom were FRC and Plumas Charter School students, in addition to many community members. The FRC students displayed posters with their research on topics such as global food insecurity, local food production, food scarcity in war-torn regions, and information about food stamp programs, the politics of agricultural subsidies, and international organizations that are working

to end hunger and poverty. Local organizations who work on food and poverty issues in Plumas County were also in attendance and provided information about their efforts and resources. The “Globalization” students also gave audio-visual presentations on fair trade and equal exchange efforts, and the impacts of global commodity chains on food security. Students’ grades in the class are based on their research, their presentations, and the connections they made to the globalization literature.

Upon entering the banquet, participants were randomly assigned a socio-economic “role” that determined where they sat and what they ate (provided by the Quincy Cooking Cottage). The idea of this format was to illustrate global food distribution and access. Participants got a feel for what people around the world and in this community experience every day. At the end of the meal, participants were asked how the event affected them. Here are some of their responses:



“This event has made me appreciate the kind of lifestyle I have. I have problems of my own, but they aren’t as deep as those of others.” (FRC student)

“I didn’t realize how my consumer choices had such a huge ripple effect on workers in the global economy and the environment.” (FRC student)

“This event was inspiring because of the positive influence it had on the young people who attended. Because I received hope for the future generation – I feel encouraged to ‘carry on.’” (67 year old participant)

The learning outcomes associated with this student project directly align with those in the political science and sociology programs, and the College-wide student learning outcomes:



#3: Students will locate, evaluate, and apply information,

#4: Students will demonstrate a sense of personal and professional ethics, and

#7: Students will value their education, understanding its privilege, and become responsible citizens.

Here are the students of POL 162/SOC 160 "Globalization," Spring 2014 who hosted the event:

**Christina Anderson**

**Lauren Cancilla**

**Renee Davis**

**Lani DeBisschop**

**Ryan Hoyos**

**Holley Kostick**

**Jon-Kaeo Marciel**

**Jorden Marinelli**

**Trenton Norman**

**Ryan Prince,**

**Alexander Solovieff**

**Joel Spradling**

**Bill Stover**

**Elizabeth Volz**

**Jasper Whitley**

**Makaylah Wright-Proctor**



Many thanks go out to **Katie Desmond** for leading this project and for her outstanding efforts.

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## **5. PLUMAS NATIONAL FOREST INTERNSHIP AGREEMENT FOR FRC STUDENTS**

**Darla DeRuiter** wanted to pass along that FRC has finalized an agreement between the Plumas National Forest and Foundation for California Community Colleges that creates a 5-year, renewable internship program. Positions are paid and available exclusively to FRC students through a competitive application process. This summer FRC has our first group of five interns who will start full-time on June 2<sup>nd</sup> in the following positions: biology (2), archeology (1), recreation (1), and hydrology/soil science (1). Eleven complete applications were submitted by the deadline, and interviews will take place this week. FRC has an in-kind contribution from our faculty and our students benefit by working in the field in an area related to their major. Working on the project are **Darla DeRuiter, Bridget Tracy, Anna Thompson, Rick Stock, Jerry Hoover, Amy Schulz, and Rajinder Gill.**

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## **6. THE IMPORTANCE OF ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN PLUMAS COUNTY**

**Tiffney Lozano** shares the following information from the Plumas County Business Summit at Grizzly Creek Ranch in Portola. One in three jobs are created by small businesses according to the Small Business Administration. Despite this powerful statistic proving entrepreneurship is the engine of the American economy, less than 25% of high school students receive any entrepreneurship education.

Plumas County Unified School District is the exception; every PUSD student completes at least 40 hours of Entrepreneurship Education as a graduation requirement. Since being created in 2008, roughly 700 students have completed the Business and Finance class with the support of the FRC Career Technical Education Program and an estimated \$150,000 invested in curriculum and professional development.



“The importance of entrepreneurship is huge not only on a national level but also in our community,” shared **Amy Schulz**. “If we want students to be able to stay in Plumas County after they graduate college, they are going to have to be able to create jobs.”

In conjunction with the Plumas Business Summit, innovators from all over Plumas County took to the stage to compete for over \$3,000 in prizes last month. The competitors were divided into two categories of high school seniors, and college and community members.



In the college division a food theme emerged with three farmers, a winery, and a pop-up restaurant vying for the \$1,000 grand prize. First Place was awarded to **Kari O’Riely** of Shoofly Farm, a new Plumas County pasture poultry farm. Second Place, worth \$500, went to **Jon McCormick** of Sasquatch Farms, and last year’s Grand Prize Winners **Brian and Presley Sundberg** of Sundberg Growers, wooed the judges again this year and took home \$300 with Third Place. Judges expressed difficulty in making a decision and were also impressed by **David Covington** with his Trailhead Winery plan and **Lowell Siwundhla’s** Food 530 Pop-Up Restaurant. Judges for the college division were **Susan Dunaphin** of The Brewing Liar, **Amy Carey** of Carey’s Creations, **Rick Leonhardt** of 6L Asset Management, and **Leah West** of Graeagle Associates.

In the Plumas Unified High School senior’s division, the \$500 Grand Prize went to Q Web, a local internet advertising solution designed to leverage social media to attract outside customers to local businesses.

Q Web team members were **Shawn Hughes, Blake Eason, Ariaah Armstrong, Maurica Tillman, and Jay Henry** of Quincy High School. The \$300 Second Place was awarded to **Trey Reed and Austin Olah** of Chester High School with their business plan for Pure Life Water. And Third Place worth \$200 went to **Emily Monday, Alex Hartline, Sydnee Henry, and Ema LeSeur**, also of Chester High School, with their business idea Electrifinity. Other ideas in the High School Division



included High Tech solutions such as apps to help users find missing items, a non-profit recycling organization, an Italian style drink, and a state-of-the-art tire that increases mileage per gallon.

7. EARTH DAY ACTIVITIES

**Thanks to everyone who came out to celebrate Earth Day on campus.**

**We picked up 515 lbs of trash!!!!**

- **Team Awesome** alone picked up 190 lbs!!!!
- **Davis Holland's Calf Muscles** located the heaviest single item (the large metal piece pictured below).
- **Robert Johnson** found the most *unusual item* (starts with a mari and ends with a juana).

Thanks to Nick Boyd, Nathan Tharp and his drumming partners, Bio 100, ENVR 150, Quincy Natural Foods, Pangaea, Carey Candy Company, and all other participants.

Brought to you by the Student Environmental Association and the Sustainability Action Team.



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## 8. FRC'S LEAD ROLE IN COUNTYWIDE ADULT EDUCATION EFFORTS

The statistics are sobering. From a population of 19,962 persons, 8,264 people in Plumas County live at or below the federal poverty level, 1,876 have no high school diploma, 1,817 are unemployed, 2,021 have some form of a disability, and 3,168 have literacy competency issues. To help this situation, Feather River College and Plumas Unified School District just received final approval from the State Chancellor's Office to run the AB86 Adult Education planning grant. The grant is designed to assess the current activities, gaps, needs, and possible points of collaboration related to adult education in Plumas County. FRC is establishing an Advisory Group to gather this information, which will be presented through a Regional Comprehensive Plan to the State Legislature in March 2015. The focal categories apply to any individual 18 years or older, including those in probation/correctional settings:

1. Basic skills, including GED offerings
2. Classes for immigrants in citizenships, ESL, and workforce preparation
3. Education programs for adults with disabilities
4. Career Technical Education (CTE) programs with employment potential
5. Programs for apprentices

All of the above programs can be offered for credit, noncredit, through community organizations, or other creative avenues. If you are interested in participating in this important project, please contact **Rajinder Gill**.

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## 9. FRC FOUNDATION IS HIRING AN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The FRC Foundation has posted a job announcement for a 0.5 FTE Executive Director. This position will be funded by the Foundation with primary responsibilities to organize and lead efforts in strategic fund-raising for the FRC Foundation. The director will also coordinate marketing efforts of the Foundation, organize the scholarship donation process, and oversee the dorm and fitness center bond reporting requirements. Further details can be found at <http://www.frc.edu/humanresources/jobs.cfm>.

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## 10. UPCOMING CAMPUS EVENTS AT FEATHER RIVER COLLEGE

May 15	Board of Trustees Meeting (LRC 105)	3:00 pm
May 16	Child Development Center "Promotion" Ceremony (CDC Center)	11:45 am
May 16	Internship Showcase (Gallery)	12:00 pm
May 16-17	FRC Foundation presents <i>Quincy Star Follies</i> (Fairgrounds)	TBD
May 21	FRC sponsored joint Tourism Council and Chamber of Commerce Planning Session (Fairgrounds)	12:00 pm
May 22	SamaUSA Completion Ceremony (West End Theatre)	6:00 pm
May 23	FRC Graduation Ceremonies (Multipurpose Building)	5:00 pm
June 15-21	College National Finals Rodeo (Casper, WY)	TBD
June 16	Board of Trustees Annual Retreat (Rose Quartz Inn – Chester)	9:00 am
June 19	Board of Trustees Meeting (LRC 105)	3:00 pm