



REPORT TO BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
SUPERINTENDENT/PRESIDENT – KEVIN TRUTNA, ED.D.  
APRIL 16, 2015

1. STUDENT AND EMPLOYEE ACHIEVEMENTS



I had the pleasure of attending the PTK awards banquet in Sacramento with both students who received awards. It was great to see **Kristin Wright** and **Naoki Matsumoto** rewarded for their academic accomplishments. Many thanks to **Dr. Katie Desmond** for her efforts in restarting the PTK organization on campus.



**Sara Frigo** has some great news from the Child Development Center where the ECE 162 Child Growth and Development class has created informational resources related to child development, parenting, and early learning skills.

**Hollie Dieudonne'** created a brochure on motor skills activities for infants; **Amber Wilson** created a very good brochure on Post-Partum Depression; **Mikeo Rita** created a fascinating brochure on sign language for infants and toddlers; and **Lens Lubin** created a Facebook page on Sudden Infant Death Syndrome awareness.

The brochures will be copied and distributed at the Health Department, WIC office, the Library, Plumas Rural Services, and PCIRC. The Early Child Care Council of Plumas County will be sharing the link to the Facebook page on SIDS: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100009157520456&fref=ts>

Also, the CDC is partnering with local Eagle Scouts and will be getting a landscaping facelift for our entryway as part of our Outdoor Classroom Project. It will include an herb garden and a butterfly/bee garden.

The FRC Softball team took top billing in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual FRC Chili Cook-off with their rendition of both red and green New Mexico inspired chili. Financial Aid/Admissions took second place in the event that attracted many students and was enjoyed by all. A hand-carved trophy by **Brian Plocki** will be displayed in the softball office until next year's competition.



In January the RECON (Research and Education Collaborative Occultation Network) project announced its expansion from the original fourteen pilot sites to sixty (60) communities stretching from Canada to Mexico across the western US. Feather River College and the Plumas County communities of Greenville, Quincy, and Portola played key roles over the past two years that were instrumental in the National Science Foundation's decision to award the additional 5-year grant to the project.

As a part of this expansion, RECON is conducting intensive four-day training workshops for participants from the added communities. FRC Physical Science student **Will Anderson** will be representing the Quincy team at the workshop in Pasco, WA. Will participated in the FRC RECON community education class and he assisted **Charlie Arrowsmith** in teaching it last fall. More information can be found on the RECON website <http://tnoRECON.net>. RECON is also on Facebook at TNO-RECON, and on Twitter @tno\_recon.

Kudos to **Jesse Segura** and the FRC Rodeo team who are keeping their strong showing in the national rodeo standings. Please congratulate the following students as they are nationally ranked.

### **National Standings as of Apr 13, 2015**

<b>Men's Team</b>	<b>Points</b>
2. Feather River College	6,000.50
<b>Women's Team</b>	
	<b>Points</b>
8. Feather River College	2,364.00
<b>Men's All-around</b>	
	<b>Points</b>
1. Robinson, Cash Martin	1,965.50
9. Browning, Dane Lybbert	1,277.00
<b>Women's All-around</b>	
	<b>Points</b>
24. Bidwell, Bailey Lee	726.00
<b>Saddle Bronc Riding</b>	
	<b>Points</b>
4. Robinson, Cash Martin	916.0
<b>Bareback Riding</b>	
	<b>Points</b>
12. Meroshnekoff, Casey Alexander	830.0
13. Denny, Grant Marshall	822.0
<b>Bull Riding</b>	
	<b>Points</b>
22. Robinson, Cash Martin	325.0
<b>Steer Wrestling</b>	
	<b>Points</b>
6. Browning, Dane Lybbert	596.0
<b>Team Roping Header</b>	
	<b>Points</b>
10. Browning, Dane Lybbert	535.0
<b>Team Roping Heeler</b>	
	<b>Points</b>
10. Robinson, Cash Martin	535.0
<b>Goat Tying</b>	
	<b>Points</b>
20. Wood, Courtney Jean	565.0
24. Bidwell, Bailey Lee	486.0

---

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

- a) March 22-24 – Northern California CEO Conference, Yosemite
- b) March 25 – lunch meeting with Trustee **John Sheehan**
- c) March 26 – Plumas County Tourism Council meeting
- d) March 27 – Senator **Ted Gaines** and Assemblyman **Brian Dahle** Town Hall meeting, Quincy
- e) March 30 – Mediation meeting – San Francisco
- f) April 3-6 – personal vacation
- g) April 7 –Phi Theta Kappa All-California Team banquet, Sacramento
- h) April 15 – deposition meeting, Chico

---

## 3. STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES/TRIO AWARDS \$22,000 IN SCHOLARSHIPS

**Gretchen Baumgartner** reports that Feather River College's Student Support Services Program, part of the Department of Education's TRIO program, has awarded 18 first generation college students \$22,000 in scholarships. All the students are to be commended, earning a cumulative grade point average of 3.40.

Those students receiving the scholarships are **Edgar Calderon, Stephanie Ovitz, Michael Sanderson, Nathan Reynolds, Cameron Erickson, Malcolm Vandergraff, Kaitlin Boyd, Sydney Zink, Ashley Hibbard, Morgan Manley, Amy McDougal, Justine Cota, Stephanie Miller, Serena Melendrez, Nina Holmes, and Bailey Zavala**. Not pictured are **Julie Hatzell** and **Cedreus Wright**.

The goal of the SSS/TRIO grant is to assist first generation, economically disadvantaged college students graduate from FRC and transfer to a four-year college or university. Of the 18 scholarship recipients, nine are graduating from FRC this May 2015 and transferring to four year colleges.

Annually, the SSS/TRIO program serves 160 college students offering them academic advising, financial aid literacy, academic workshops, cultural activities and transfer assistance.



---

---

#### **4. ON THE HORIZON**

Items of interest that are upcoming in the next few months.

##### **“The Big Move” Update**

The Equine meeting room is in its final stages as it replaced the former ORL boat house. The sand volleyball courts are complete and they are a great addition to the FRC facilities. Attention will next be turned to converting the metal storage building near Rodeo into a welding shop, as this laboratory will move from its underutilized current space in the Voc Ed building. Companies have been interviewed for the new Facilities Department building and construction will soon begin behind the soccer field.

##### **Accreditation**

Through the President’s Cabinet, which is serving at the accreditation steering committee, the accreditation process has begun as our final report must be mailed in the Fall 2017 semester. For the remainder of Spring and Fall 2015 semesters, **Dr. Derek Lerch** will be meeting with individual committees whose normal work coincides with one of the Accreditation Standards. Committees will identify practices, policies, and activities related to relevant standards in their committee work. **Dr. Katie Desmond** has volunteered to be the faculty lead for the accreditation self-evaluation process.

##### **FIELD Program**

Butte College recently notified FRC that they will no longer allow FRC to operate the FIELD Program in the town of Gridley starting next academic year, as Butte College will be taking over the operations since it is located in their district, they want to serve this community and earn the FTES. In 2013-14, FRC reported 76.73 FTES from the Gridley FIELD Program with 80 FTES as the target amount for 2014-15. Needless to say, this FTES must be replaced through another strategy and options are being explored.

##### **Good Neighbor Policy Update**

Nevada SB 414 made it out of the Education Committee and is now forwarded to the Nevada Senate. The bill was amended to “encourage” the Nevada System of Higher Education to pass a Good Neighbor Policy with five specific cities and Lake Tahoe Community College after it was discovered that the legislature did not have the authority to set tuition, but this rests with NSHE.

The counterpart bill in California, SB 605 will be heard on April 22, 2015 by the California Senate Education Committee.

Remember that these are limited scope and duration Good Neighbor Program bills that only impact five cities in the Nevada Tahoe Basin and Lake Tahoe Community College.