



REPORT TO BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SUPERINTENDENT/PRESIDENT – KEVIN TRUTNA, ED.D.
JUNE 16, 2016

1. STUDENT AND EMPLOYEE ACHIEVEMENTS

2016 FRC graduation by the numbers:

- The number of graduates – 200 (206 in 2015 & 190 in 2014)
- The number of degrees and certificates awarded – 307 Degrees, 303 Certificates (240/111 in 2015 & 226/40 in 2014)

Number of Graduates	156	20	9	6	6	1	1	1
Number of Degrees or Certificates Earned	1	2	3	4	5	9	10	11

- Most popular degree: AA General Studies in Social & Behavioral Sciences - 87 students
- Second most popular degree: AA in University Studies for Agriculture - 20 students
- Third most popular degree: AA in Liberal Arts and Humanities - 17 students
- Most popular certificate: Associate Teacher Early Childhood Education - 12 students
- Second most popular certificate: Early Childhood Education - 7 students
- Third most popular was a tie between three certificates: Teacher, Economics, and Entrepreneurial Planning - 6 students each
- Number of male graduates - 82
- Number of female graduates - 118
- Oldest graduate - 62 years
- Youngest graduate - 19 years

Adam Fuller completed a functional model of the trout hatchery which he will demonstrate at the Plumas County Fair. The system will be an important instructional tool during class. Adam also reports that trout eggs are coming in throughout the summer. Previous hatchings are a few inches long at this point.



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

- a) May 20 – FRC Graduation
- b) May 23 – Rotary meeting, Quincy
- c) May 25 – biomass meeting with **Trustee John Sheehan**
- d) May 26 – FRC Foundation meeting
- e) May 26 – PUSD meeting with **Superintendent Terry Oestreich** and **Kristy Warren**
- f) May 31 – June 3 – personal vacation
- g) June 6 – Rotary meeting, Quincy
- h) June 7 – Rotary Mixer, T's to Go, Quincy
- i) June 8 – meeting with **Jeremy Snow**, FRC lead auditor
- j) June 9 – meeting with **Dr. Kepple**, Plumas District Hospital regarding possible PDH/FRC partnership
- k) June 9 – meeting with **Jonathan Kusel** and **Camille Swezy** regarding biomass project
- l) June 13 – FRC Board of Trustees Retreat, Greenville

3. DAY IN THE MOUNTAINS PICTURES



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4. FRC PLANNING DOCUMENT FOR SEGURA RANCH PROPERTY

The purpose of this document is to present the short and long range planned uses for the purchase of the Segura Ranch Property, which will expand the contiguous FRC campus footprint by approximately 180 acres. The addition of the property will be used to further develop Agricultural Department offerings, improve livestock management for the college, expand the bachelor's degree program into a small-scale cattle teaching operation, and provide land for planned uses in equine studies, rodeo program, agriculture laboratories, environmental studies laboratories, annual crop production, and a potential University of California Agricultural Experiment plot. In addition, using the land will help mitigate the College's impact on the local watershed.

Planned Use of the Property

The Segura Ranch property is proposed to be an outdoor, ecologically friendly, learning laboratory for several FRC courses and programs. The use of the property will not be limited to the Agricultural Department, but will be available to other departments as well. There is no plan to build permanent buildings for student classrooms, dormitories, nor offices. The use of the land will be for agricultural and outdoor education, including fences for holding livestock, livestock handling areas, and the storage of necessary materials, equipment and supplies involved in livestock production.

In the immediate future, the use of the land will provide educational opportunities for FRC students, including the bachelor's degree, which extends beyond the traditional classroom to equine science, beef science, natural resources, trail building, and rangeland and riparian area protection. The land will be an outdoor laboratory for several programs, including a potential partnership with the University of California Agriculture Experiment Program.

Environmental Studies Use: The Segura Ranch property includes a wealth of ecological biodiversity including native plant species, large waterway, riparian area, and forested environment. The Environmental Studies program will use the riparian areas to monitor wildlife, hold outdoor laboratories, and to study the impact on the environment. Besides current courses in environmental studies, soils, and wetlands, the property is ideal for potential outdoor laboratory courses in forestry, wildlife ecology, and watershed ecology.

Agricultural Department Use: The property would provide immediate space for expanded livestock management. The pasture property would relieve crowding issues and provide pasture support for Equine Studies and current FRC livestock. It will also reduce the need to contract out summer horse pasture land. As a result, the impact of FRC agricultural operations on the local watershed would be significantly improved. Equine students could use the additional land for outdoor teaching and learning opportunities.

Rodeo Program Use: Given the constraints of the current campus rodeo facility, the expanded property would allow for an eventual relocation of the corals and pens for the Rodeo program. In addition, the rodeo livestock need a place to be turned out on the weekends and during inclement weather. This would be accomplished through the use of adjoining pens and pasture areas on the Segura Ranch property.

Bachelor Degree Program Use: The purpose of the bachelor's degree is to produce working ranch managers; it is not an extension of the equine studies degree into a four-year program. Inherent in this degree is the teaching of students to work in an outdoor pasture laboratory. Livestock handling facilities, grazing, growing grain crops, and range management would all be keystone components of the new property, providing students the ability to work with beef cattle. Dispersing existing livestock, along with a small beef cattle herd, will relieve the overloaded capacity on current pasture land. In addition, feeding costs would decrease due to pasture feeding instead of relying entirely on supplemental feed for many animals. Irrigation development would allow the growing of annual grain crops, including alfalfa, to be added to the bachelor's degree program curriculum.

A working pasture and farmland allows FRC students the hands-on learning opportunities to prepare for internships and employment. The students will be allowed to work with and utilize different farming techniques, with enough space to practice in the new property.

Corrals would be placed on the Segura Ranch property to aid in the handling of livestock. In addition to holding pens, this area would include a squeeze chute, scales, and loading ramp. Minimal sheds would be put in place to hold tools and equipment. In the future, a small pole barn could be constructed for hay and equipment storage.

Summary

Both the short and long term planned use of the Segura Ranch property focuses on outdoor laboratories for livestock handling, pasture management, growing annual grain crops, and environmental studies curriculum. Permanent classroom buildings are not included in the plans for the Segura Ranch Property.

5. **CAMPUS FLOWERS**

Joe Willis has been busy shooting campus flowers - here are some samples that he found on campus recently.

