



**REPORT TO BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**SUPERINTENDENT/PRESIDENT – KEVIN TRUTNA, ED.D.**  
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This month we highlight many academic accomplishments from our students. These student achievements are amazing!

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**1. STUDENT AND EMPLOYEE ACHIEVEMENTS**

**Dr. Katie Desmond** is proud to introduce the new leaders of the Alpha Psi Zeta chapter at FRC:

President: **Shelby Stalains**  
Vice President: **Sydney Zink**  
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Secretary: **Sinead Clark**

**Feather River College earns two CCCAA Academic Team Awards; Kody Kuhlman wins Individual Award**

In addition to winning the Golden Valley Conference title, the Golden Eagle volleyball team earned a 3.57 team GPA, the highest GPA among all volleyball programs and second highest team GPA out of all sports in California during 2014. The FRC volleyball program won this award in 2010 and 2013.

The CCCAA also named the Golden Eagle program as its Baseball Scholar Team award winner for 2014, annually given to the program with the highest team grade point average in the state. Coach **Terry Baumgartner's** team carried a 3.17 GPA last spring off the field, while also winning the GVC title on the diamond. This marks the fourth time that the FRC baseball program was named California's top academic team in the 17-year history of the award. The CCCAA honored the Golden Eagles in 2010, 2005, and 2002.

Additionally, **Kody Kuhlman** was one of six male student-athletes in the state selected to the CCCAA Scholar Athlete Honor Roll. The Klamath Falls, Oregon native had a 3.71 GPA and was FRC's ace closer on the mound last spring, compiling a 4-0 record with a 1.11 ERA and 13 saves. "It is an honor and privilege to receive this prestigious award," said Kuhlman. "I want to thank the FRC faculty, professors, athletic department, athletic trainers, coaches, teammates, and the Quincy community, as this would not have been attainable without them. My experience at Feather River will last a lifetime." Kuhlman now plays for the University of Portland in the NCAA Division I West Coast Conference. The last Feather River player to win the honor was **Jonathan Troop** in 2002.

There were only 22 players in the United States recognized by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America as Academic All-Americans and Feather River College Sophomore **Hope Giunti-Vasquez** was one of them. Hope is currently carrying a 3.84 GPA and will be transferring next fall to a four-year university to continue her studies and play soccer.

## Coach Terry Baumgartner notches 600<sup>th</sup> win

MARYSVILLE, Calif.—It took five days and an extra inning before history was finally written for head coach **Terry Baumgartner** and his Feather River Golden Eagles.

Feather River and Cabrillo began a game last Monday (Feb. 9) that was postponed on account of darkness with the score tied at 10-10 in the bottom of the tenth inning. The contest was completed today (Saturday, Feb. 14) in Marysville, with the Golden Eagles pushing across a run in the bottom of the tenth on a **Scotty Dwyer** bases loaded single to claim the 11-10 victory.

With the win, Baumgartner earned his 600th career triumph during a contest that probably took longer to complete (in calendar days) than any other in his 19 years as a head coach. Baumgartner, in his eighth season at Feather River, is now 230-72 as the leader of the Golden Eagles. He was 370-220 in 11 years as the mentor at NCAA Division II Western Oregon, for a career mark of 600-292.

"I know that coaches like to say that if you stick around long enough, you are going to reach milestones like these," Baumgartner said. "But honestly, I have really been fortunate to be blessed with great assistant coaches to work with and players that have been willing to buy into what we are teaching. This is a reward for all of us to share."

The Golden Eagles will have their home opener on Friday, February 27<sup>th</sup> against College of the Siskiyous at 2:00 pm (doubleheader).

**Don Williams** also reports that **Sherifatu Sumaila** recently signed her National Letter of Intent with the NCAA National Champion Florida State University where she will be playing soccer on a full-ride scholarship.

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**J. Damron** will be exhibiting art in the form of color slide viewing sculptural objects at the gallery Community Space at Sierra Nevada College in Incline Village, NV from February 12<sup>th</sup> through March 13<sup>th</sup>. After the exhibit, the objects will be displayed on the FRC campus before ultimately being placed near a section of the Pacific Crest Trail.

The FRC Foundation *Dancing with the Stars* was a huge success. Below is a picture of the dancers and judges. Approximately half of the money raised was given to the volunteer student organizations as a fund raiser for their individual operations.



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

- a) January 20 – breakfast meeting with **Trustee McNett**
- b) January 20 – FRC Foundation meeting regarding Operations Agreement for Meadows Apartment
- c) January 22 – Plumas County Tourism Council meeting
- d) January 22 – FRC Foundation meeting
- e) January 23-25 – Effective Trustee Workshop, Sacramento
- f) January 25-26 – CCLC Legislative Conference, Sacramento
- g) February 2 – Quincy Rotary meeting
- h) February 4 – Quincy Town Hall meeting regarding Quincy Nursing & Rehab Center
- i) February 10 – Portola Rotary meeting
- j) February 11 – Grand Jury Presentation meeting, Greenville
- k) February 12 – Plumas District Hospital meeting regarding Quincy Nursing & Rehab Center
- l) February 13 – baseball game vs. West Valley College, Marysville
- m) February 17 – breakfast meeting with **Trustee McNett**
- n) February 17 – meeting with **Trustee West**
- o) February 18 – Plumas County Special District Association meeting, Quincy
- p) February 18 – meeting with **Les Ellis**

### 3. FRC STUDENTS REPORT ON WILDLIFE SOCIETY WESTERN SECTION CONFERENCE

**Dr. Darla DeRuiter** and **Daryl Jury** recently took several students to The Wildlife Society Western Section Conference in Santa Rosa. The students gained so much from the conference and Dr. DeRuiter asked them to report back on their experiences. Below are sample student responses:

#### **Sarah Harvey**

- While all the wildlife presentations I attended during the conference were interesting and insightful, the panel that stood out the most for me was the Job Interview Panel. Having different speakers kept it fresh and I enjoyed the diversity of their opinions of dos and don'ts for interviews and résumés. I learned that enthusiasm, being super prepared, and persistence are even more crucial than I thought.

#### **Robert Johnson**

- **David Arsenault's** talk about the Western Grebe, Clarks Grebe Study at Lake Almanor, Eagle Lake, Davis Lake, Frenchman Lake. Because it was a study done by a former teacher, and mentor of mine, and it was a local study, done at lakes in Plumas County, and lakes that I have been to and fished before, and they are part of the Feather River Watershed, which is part of the California Water System that supplies water to most of the state.
- I gained so much knowledge on why so many species of wildlife are becoming threatened, or endangered. Like the Greater Sage Hen, and how global warming is affecting their population and breeding. It is even predicted that the species in some areas may become extinct, because of Global Warming. A lot of Western States within the U.S. are becoming so hot, and dry that the Sage Grouse does not have enough food that grows within their Desert Ecosystem, how fragile this system is, due to the lack of precipitation that has occurred. And how their breeding is being affected by the heat.

#### **Richard Dolezal**

- There was one talk that stood out. This was on the first day and was presented by Anutum, a GPS data logging consultant. This presentation was about a new technique for data collection. Using a Bad Elf Bluetooth GPS unit and linking it with an iPad and using apps created for data login. During the presentation it was shown how easy setup was on these units as well as shown how easy it was for data collection. Not only can you take down data for counts and GPS location but with the instruments on the iPad you are able to take pictures of the data collected and all other notes can be written down on the map. This data in turn can be uploaded much easier and dispersed faster to other technicians in the field. After the talk I went to the booth and talked more about these newer systems. I feel that for the price (much lower than Trimble) as well as the ease of use this system has a lot of promise.
- I wish I could have been more prepared. I was unsure what to expect. Knowing what I know now I would try to plan out better the talks. Have a bigger notepad for notes. I would also make a few business cards. I was asked by three people for my card but don't have one. This convention also gave me a good idea as to the venders and consulting agencies and because of this I would try to research a little more on these agencies and create a better interaction with them.

- I benefited from this conference tremendously. Was able to network with personnel from the U.S Forest Service, PG&E, as well as California Fish and Wildlife and Federal Fish and Wildlife. I've been asked to send resumes to all of them. I have learned a lot as well. I have a better understanding of the wildlife professional field and the various conversations I have had has given me a better understanding on the related fields. This is helping me further my education and has not only helped point me in a direction but has helped narrow that point.

#### **Margie Oropin**

- The Job interview Panel provided a lot of information that will be very helpful a long my professional career to get more job opportunities, improve myself and make a better effort to get any job. Reducing Entanglement Hazards to Marine Wildlife, it was very interesting to learn how the fishing gear left in the water affects marine wildlife and how so many different species can be affected by it. But is good to know that there is a lot of effort and interest in helping reduce the impact and recover some of that gear.
- First I would like to thank Darla DeRuiter for bringing the opportunity to students at Feather River College to participate in the Wildlife Society Meeting. I would also like to thank the Wildlife Society and The Sac-Shasta Board for putting this meeting together and funding students to participate. This gives us the opportunity to share information with others, be aware of what are some of the actual problems in our society, how the growth of human populations is affecting wildlife and how we can minimize our impact since it is our responsibility as future professionals. **Barbara Peters** for presenting the Resume Workshop and everybody who was part of the Job Interview Panel for sharing such valuable information that can help along our future career.

#### **Kalen Adamson**

- There were several different presentations that stand out to me, however the one I found to be the most interesting was the talk about black tail deer populations in California. There were several charts depicting their population over the last 166 years since the miners showed up in 1849. Right now, populations are higher than before, but they are unbalanced and a solution to the problem is currently being worked on.

#### **Dakota Johnson**

- The conference presentations that stood out most to me were the Nevada wood duck nesting presentation. I learned that prior to the Fallon, NV wood duck project, only 14 wood ducks had been banded in the whole state. Since the Fallon Wood Duck project has started, 95% of the Lahontan Valley wood duck population has been banded. The Lahontan Valley has the highest population of wood ducks in the state of Nevada.

#### **Cassy Elzea**

- The presentation that stood out to me the most was the presentation on how to not give a scientific presentation. It was humorous yet very useful. I will be able to use the information as I continue my education.

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#### 4. FEATHER RIVER COLLEGE SUPPORTS GOOD NEIGHBOR PROGRAM

A *Where I Stand* article submitted to Feather Publishing

Dr. Kevin Trutna  
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Feather River College

For over two decades, residents of Plumas County and other border communities relied upon the Good Neighbor Policy for a reciprocal reduced tuition agreement between California and Nevada colleges. This existing arrangement was voided in 2012 when Nevada officials no longer permitted reduced tuition for California residents, thereby cancelling the reciprocity language that is required in California statute. As a result, residents from both border communities were forced to pay full out-of-state tuition even though they lived a few miles from the state line.

California District 1 **Senator Ted Gaines** has tirelessly promoted legislation in the past few years to reinstate the Good Neighbor Policy in an amended form that does not require the reciprocity from the State of Nevada. Feather River College commends Senator Gaines for his efforts and fully supports reinstatement of the Good Neighbor Policy.

FRC recently learned that California Senator Ted Gaines and Nevada District 17 **Senator James Settelmeyer** are currently developing joint legislation to reinstate the Good Neighbor Program on a pilot basis for a limited number of border towns in the Lake Tahoe basin. While Feather River College is not part of this pilot program, FRC encourages elected officials from both states to support the proposed legislation so that the entire Good Neighbor Program can be restored for all border communities. This is good public policy for colleges such as FRC who attract regional students to unique programs and for all border colleges that offer general education and career/technical education training for the greater region. It is ironic that the original Good Neighbor Policy with Nevada was initiated by the Academic Senate of the University of Nevada Reno in the 1980's as a public policy that benefits the region and promotes higher education opportunities for all area residents, regardless of home zip code.

##### Public Policy and Collaborative Educational Offerings

Taxpayers in both states benefited in multiple ways when the Good Neighbor Policy was in existence up until 2012. Residents of Plumas County shop, seek medical treatment, dine, visit and routinely cross the Nevada border on a daily basis. Some areas of Plumas County provide bedroom communities for Reno area employers. Due to the sparse population centers, residents of northern Nevada and Plumas County are limited in educational opportunities. Technical training in fields such as nursing, EMT, and business provide an educated workforce to help meet the needs of all residents. It is not feasible for small colleges in northern California and Nevada to provide every educational program at every college. Therefore,

partnerships have existed for decades where students seek their desired field at colleges in both states and utilize the Good Neighbor Policy for tuition assistance. For example, in 2012, the last full year of the Good Neighbor Program, FRC enrolled 185 full time equivalent students from Nevada. Over 126 of these students enrolled in a program not available in the state of Nevada. That same year, 48 students graduated with a degree or certificate from FRC and transferred back to a school in Nevada. All of these students benefited from the Good Neighbor Policy.

Border colleges generally offer educational opportunities that complement programs at nearby schools. For example, with the cancellation of degrees in agriculture at both the University of Nevada Reno and Great Basin College in Elko, Feather River College provides the only agricultural degree between Chico and Salt Lake City. Further, FRC offers unique programs in fish hatchery management, environmental studies, rodeo, community college intercollegiate athletics, and outdoor recreation leadership, all of which are not available in Nevada colleges. Conversely, Truckee Meadows Community College and UNR offer programs not available at FRC, such as engineering or social work. Some of programs at FRC, like fish hatchery management, only exist in four other colleges in the entire west. FRC degrees in equine studies have a regional reputation and graduate top-ranked students. FRC programs in ENACTUS and rodeo compete and win awards against four-year schools on a national level. Opportunities such as these are not available within Nevada, so students must enroll at FRC or similar border colleges to obtain their education. Upon graduation, students relocate and are employed in Nevada and California, as roughly equal numbers of students transfer from FRC to both Chico State and UNR, the two leading institutions for transfers from FRC. In the end, it is the entire region that benefits from an educated workforce, regardless of the state in which the degree was obtained.

Critics of the Good Neighbor Policy point to border residents benefiting from a reduced tuition compared to the regular out-of-state fees, given that they are not residents of the state. On the contrary, having an educated workforce regionally outweighs the minor loss of out-of-state tuition. Northern California and Nevada require trained fishery biologists, watershed restoration technicians, trail builders, horse trainers, ranch managers, and certified recreational guides for the viability of the entire region. All of these programs are available at FRC and not in Nevada nor regional California colleges. Training for such positions cross border boundaries as the entire region benefits.

The Good Neighbor Policy currently being proposed by Senators Gaines and Settelmeyer will enhance the economic success and quality of life in the Nevada-California border region. Feather River College urges elected officials from both states to support this important proposed legislation and to support all border colleges with inclusion into a full restoration of the Good Neighbor Policy.

5. FOREST SERVICE INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

**Plumas National Forest**  
**Paid Internships**  
**Summer, 2015**  
**\$11/hour, 40 hours/week**  
**Informational Meeting**  
**9 AM or Noon, Feb. 20**  
**Science 101**  
**Positions Include:**

. Wildlife Biology (10)	. Rangeland Mgmt (2)
. Forestry (3)	. Archeology (3)
. Recreation (1)	. Hydrology / Soils(2)
. Admin. Budget (2)*	. GIS / Mapping (3)*
. Front Desk (1)	. Minerals / Mines (1)
. Engineering / Roads(2)	

\* Positions have option of continuing part-time during academic year  
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