



REPORT TO BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SUPERINTENDENT/PRESIDENT – KEVIN TRUTNA, ED.D.
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As summer comes to a close and we welcome back our students for the fall semester, we still have many accomplishments to celebrate.

1. STUDENT AND EMPLOYEE ACHIEVEMENTS

Feather River College sophomore soccer player **Sherifatu Sumaila** recently was awarded the FIFA Player of the Match award at the Under 20 FIFA World Cup for her performance in the Ghana 2-1 win over Finland. Sherifa also scored the game winning goal for Ghana vs Canada earlier in the tournament.

While Ghana did not advance to the second round of the world tournament, we can watch Sherifa compete for the Golden Eagles on the field this fall.



As announced by the American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) on Monday, August 4th, the Feather River College volleyball team was selected for the AVCA Team Academic Award for the 2013-2014 school year. Feather River was one of 22 junior colleges throughout the nation selected for the award and the only member of the California Community College Athletic Association (CCCAA) to receive the award.

The award, which was initiated in the 1992-93 academic year, honors collegiate and high school volleyball teams that displayed excellence in the classroom during the school year by maintaining at least a 3.30 cumulative team grade-point average on a 4.0 scale or a 4.10 cumulative team GPA on a 5.0 scale.

Jim Cross presented a paper at the annual symposium of the Ancestral Health Society in Berkeley last weekend. Its topic was A1 versus A2 Beta Casein Effects on humans relating to Ischemic Heart Disease and Type I Diabetes. The Ancestral Health Society is a community of scientists, healthcare professionals, and laypersons who collaborate to understand health challenges from an evolutionary perspective and is motivated by a belief that evolution has much to teach us about healthful living and effective healing.

Tim Reid was recently announced as the California 2014 winner of the Outstanding Young Member award given by the National Association of Agricultural Educators.

Audrey Peters sends information that seven outstanding Upward Bound students are completing internships with local agencies. These internships are arranged by Upward Bound and are designed to expose students to careers that require a bachelor's degree and are of particular interest to the student. Internship site placements include:

- Plumas District Hospital – Emergency Services
- Indian Creek Veterinary Clinic
- Plumas Audubon Society
- US Forest Service - Fire Investigations
- Feather River Land Trust – Membership & Outreach
- Feather River College Fish Hatchery
- Feather River College Business Office

News from **Jerry Hoover** that **Scheli Martin** (Jodi Martin), an FRC Administration of Justice student, completed an internship in archaeology with the federal government and she was selected to sit on the Plumas County Grand Jury.

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

- a) July 21 – Rotary meeting
- b) July 24 – Hosted CIVITAS Tourism Business Improvement District (TBID) informational session at Rose Quartz Inn, Chester
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- d) July 28 – Hosted Lake Tahoe Community College visit to discuss Incarcerated Student Program and Good Neighbor Policy
- e) July 29 – met to negotiate purchase of additional dormitory space
- f) July 30 – Foundation Meeting with Executive Director
- g) August 4 – Rotary meeting
- h) August 4 – met to negotiate purchase of additional dormitory space
- i) August 5 – attended Plumas County Supervisors meeting regarding rental of Shelter House
- j) August 7 – toured Five Foot Farm to explore potential agriculture curriculum expansion
- k) August 11 – Rotary meeting
- l) August 12 – Foundation Executive Committee meeting
- m) August 14 – Quincy Chamber of Commerce Executive Committee meeting
- n) August 15 – Instructional Leadership Team meeting with PUSD principals and superintendent
- o) August 18 – Rotary meeting
- p) August 20 – Plumas County Special Districts Association meeting

3. UPDATE FROM CAREER/TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND ECONOMIC/WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Feather River College is the fiscal host for the Deputy Sector Navigator Grant in Global Trade & Logistics. **Leah Gould-Haws** will lead the efforts to synthesize opportunities for Global Trade and Logistics in the Far North. Although we are not known for exporting in the northern California, there are many niche markets and opportunities enhanced through technology. Leah works with the business community to learn what their needs are for training a globally fluent workforce. Then she works with K-12 and post-secondary educators to prepare students for a global workplace.

Dana Masih is serving as the Internship Coordinator for 2014-2015. Dana has already made several connections throughout the community to bring new workplace learning experiences to our students.

CTE & EWD grants sponsored seven people to attend the *Focus on Freshmen* training in Los Angeles from July 20-22. The PUSD/FRC/Lassen College delegation included FRC's **Carlie McCarthy** and **Tanya Meyer**, **Dr. Tammy Robinson** from Lassen College, and teachers and administrators from PUSD. Through an SB70 grant, PUSD will be offering first time sections of *Get Focused...Stay Focused* classes, which students will develop education and career plans. This innovative program, developed at Santa Barbara City College, is being touted throughout the state to address the Student Success Initiative.

4. FRC NEEDS ADDITIONAL HOUSING

An article published by Feather Publishing on August 20, 2014

Dr. Kevin Trutna
Feather River College
Superintendent/President

The dormitories are full at Feather River College. More students are arriving and school is about to start. This is a scene that repeats itself every fall semester. Being a California community college, FRC has the mission to provide transfer education, basic skills instruction, and career/technical training. As a small, rural community college, FRC has challenges and opportunities that do not impact larger schools. For example, FRC is one of only seven community colleges in California with student housing as approximately 1000 students set foot on campus. The current FRC Foundation dormitory only accommodates 165 students, and this is one of the challenges that FRC faces every year.

College Funding Formula

Because FRC is a community college, its budget comes from a funding formula determined by the legislature and administered by the California Community College Chancellor's Office in Sacramento. FRC

cannot set its own tuition fees nor can it increase the general budget outside of the parameters set for all community colleges. Enrollments are capped and the only way that FRC can grow is through increased enrollment as determined by the statewide system. Feather River College cannot exist solely based upon declining adult population numbers in Plumas County. FRC needs additional students as less than 150 seniors graduated from all Plumas County high schools, necessitating the recruitment of students from out of the area – all of whom will need housing. Unique academic programs draw in people from across many states. FRC is proud to support one of only four college Fish Hatchery Programs in the western United States, the Equine Program is nationally recognized, and Outdoor Recreation Leadership is a niche program that exists in only a handful of schools. As such, students come from all over the country and need housing in the Quincy and surrounding areas.

Housing Demand

The FRC Foundation has become very successful at the dormitory business. Occupancy rates have been at or above capacity since 2011. Because the dorms are in better shape than they ever have been, sophomores are choosing to remain in college housing and a record number of students apply for college housing every year. On-campus rentals can only absorb about 165 students, so housing in surrounding areas becomes important. In the past two years, on-campus dormitories were full before the Day in the Mountains orientation; any student who attended the spring orientation day could not enter the dormitory because they were already full. There is a shortage of affordable housing and students are finding it increasingly difficult to obtain rentals. In 2013 alone, 39 identifiable students did not attend FRC because they could not get housing. That is a decrease to the FRC budget by over \$200,000 not to mention the purchasing power loss of these 39 students in the local community (gas, groceries, sandwiches, electricity, healthcare, feed and tack, rent, supplies and other amenities throughout the year).

Economic Impact

Nearby colleges have done research and shown that for every dollar invested in a community college, the economic return to the local community ranges from 1.7 to 2.5 times the budget. Because FRC has an approximately \$11 million budget, conservative estimates place the economic impact of FRC on the local community at over \$18 million yearly based upon the multiplication factors above. Both permanent residents and college students can coexist and be mutually beneficial as having a local college brings in many non-financial benefits to an area including increased population, income levels, job training, cultural events, tourism, athletic activities, and an educated populace.

Potential Solution

Where does FRC house students from outside of Plumas County? Feather River College is seeking to increase its dormitory capacity to address the situation of recruiting qualified students with the shortage of available college housing. Inherent to the discussions and decisions are considerations of: proximity to campus, maximizing the use of public transportation, cooking facilities, nearby consumer services, aesthetic concerns, and the impact to the environment. The college is also very concerned with potential impact of visual appeal, interaction with existing neighbors, loss of housing rental capacity, resident noise, and the effect on existing renters. Zoning regulations also play a role. A new dormitory must be financially

self-sufficient as the rents must not only cover the cost of the facility but also maintenance and necessary improvements. In all discussions about increasing dormitory capacity, it is understood that it will be available as a short term rental for summer camps and the High Sierra Music Festival – the same as existing dormitories currently operate.

FRC has a long term plan to increase dormitory capacity. Several options have been studied including new construction to leasing to purchasing existing housing. FRC considered the factors listed above to minimize the impact to the community and maximize the available housing for students. The college will work hard with neighbors and existing renters to mitigate any impact that might occur should the college eventually purchase or build additional housing. The purpose of this article is to let the community know that FRC is looking at expanding student housing in order to maintain and grow existing academic programs. The college is also deeply committed to maintain its mutually beneficial relationship with Plumas County as FRC carries out its mission to provide high-quality educational opportunities to all residents.

5. READING APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING

Joan Jarrett attended a 3-day Reading Apprenticeship Community College Cross-Discipline Faculty Seminar July 21-23 at West Ed in Oakland. Joan's role as a participant/observed was further training on her path to becoming a higher-level facilitator for Reading Apprenticeship.

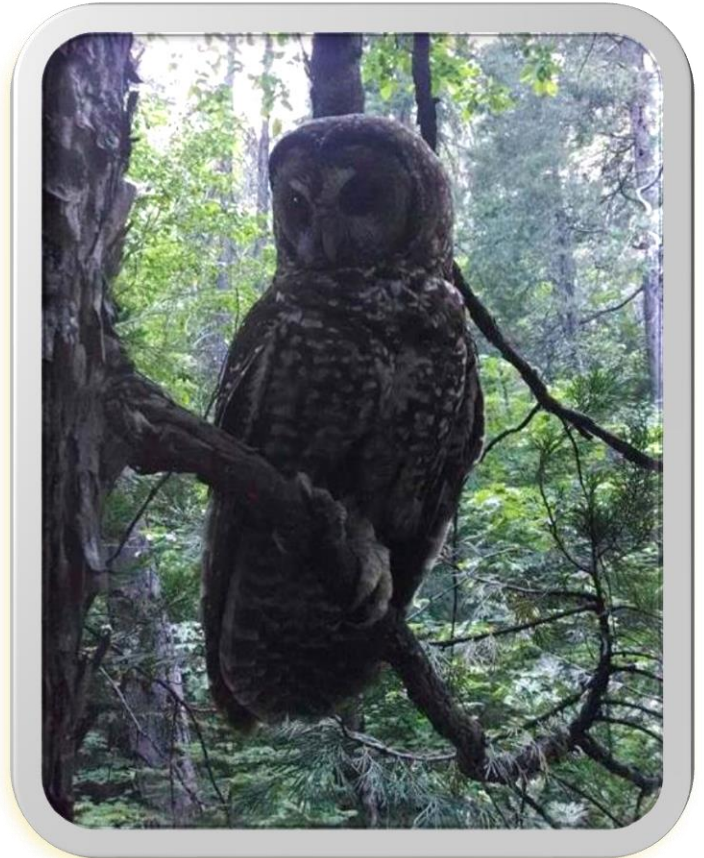
- How to use Reading Apprenticeship as an instructional framework
- How to recognize and model for students the reading strategies you use as an expert reader in your subject area
- How to build students' willingness and capacity to read more, and more-rigorous texts
- How to accelerate students' subject area learning and literacy, simultaneously
- How to engage students in understanding their own thinking processes – the power of metacognition
- How to foster learning dispositions of persistence, problem-solving, and collaboration
- How to use reading for writing
- How to step away from "delivering" content and move students toward independence

6. FOREST SERVICE INTERNSHIP PROGRAM REPORT

Darla DeRuiter reports that FRC had a very successful paid internship program with the Plumas National Forest this summer, with five student interns gaining 10 weeks of full-time experience in wildlife biology, archeology, hydrology, and recreation. The program was a partnership between FRC, the Plumas NF, and the Foundation for California Community Colleges, and all three groups were thrilled with the outcome of this first year. Matthew Johnson with the Plumas NF already has nine paid internships arranged for next summer!

Here is a quote and photo from **Nicole Bogle**, one of the interns:

“Here is a photo from my Wildlife Biology Internship this summer with the Forest Service. This amazing experience was made possible by Darla, FRC, The Foundation for California Community Colleges and Matthew Johnson with the Plumas National Forest. I want to thank all who played a role in turning the internships into reality, it was a truly life changing experience...Thank you Darla!”



Mark your calendars

Sunday, September 28th at Plumas Pines Golf Resort

Volleyball, Softball and Baseball annual fundraiser golf tournament

10:00 am shotgun start

\$100 per player

Contact any coach or the Athletic Department for further information
