



College of the Siskiyous

The Campus Connection

June 2021

Office of the President

Submitted by Dr. Char Perlas, Acting Superintendent/President

June is LGBTQIA+ Pride Month! LGBTQIA+ stands for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, and asexual. Pride month is a tribute to those who were involved in the Stonewall Riots. On June 28, 1969, police raided the Stonewall Inn. Marsha P. Johnson, a black Tran’s bisexual woman, was one of the leaders who fought to institute LGBT+ establishments where people could feel safe and open about their sexual orientation.



Throughout the month of June, University of California San Francisco (UCSF) is offering a number of resources and virtual events such as: Transforming 2021: Politics of Resistance and Resilience and OUT in Science: The Importance of Mentorship for LGBTQ+ Scientists. For more information, visit: <https://lgbt.ucsf.edu/events/pride-month-2021>.

Administrative Support Management (ASM) = AWESOME!
ASM Appreciation Week June 13 – 19, 2021! At the June 15th Board of Trustees Meeting, a resolution will be presented to designate the third week of June as Administrative Support Management Week. It is the intention of this annual designation of a week of recognition to celebrate Administrative Support Management employees and their numerous contributions to the College. Additionally, we would like to acknowledge ASM’s resiliency during the COVID pandemic. Many ASM employees continued to work on-campus while others had to modify their working conditions. The resolution is one small way the College and the District can acknowledge their importance and formally show our appreciation for their time and efforts.



As a very small token of our appreciation, ASM members can pick up their ASM=AWESOME! Pen from Debbie Goltz’s office.

Public Relations & College Foundation: The 62nd Commencement Ceremony was held Friday, May 21. Graduates, their families and friends, Siskiyous staff and faculty, and the community at large watched the ceremony online (by more than 2.3K viewers on Facebook and 350 viewers on YouTube). The event was recorded, edited, and produced by Siskiyous Media Council (SMC). SMC did a PHENOMENAL JOB!! Congratulations to the Class of 2021! For those who missed it, you can watch it on our Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/162869883739743/videos/880980066092400>

Back by popular demand. Summer Basketball Clinic for Youth (ages 5-14) – June 21 – 25, 2021 and Summer Show Choir & Jazz Camp for Youth (ages 12-17) – June 20 – 26, 2021. Help spread the news and tell your family, friends, and neighbors. Info and registration online at www.siskiyous.edu/camps/. Limited space available.

COS Foundation Scholarship awards for high school seniors were announced during their senior awards nights and COS continuing students were notified by mail. A formal report on scholarship awards for 2021-2022 will be presented as information during the July Board of Trustees meeting.

Reminder: Registration for 2021 Fall Semester classes at College of the Siskiyous is open! Register early to WIN BIG! Students who register in 12 or more units for the fall semester before July 15th will be entered into a Prize Drawing to be held July 16th. Questions about the Register Early, Win Big opportunity and how to enter—contact the COS Public Relations Office by calling (530) 938-5373 or send an email to pio@siskiyous.edu. Register early to get the classes you want and need. The class schedule is available online at www.siskiyous.edu.

June/July Activities & Events: Event dates, times, and locations based on information available at the time of publication and are subject to change.

- **June 4 – Summer Hours Begins (COS Campuses Closed on Fridays – June 4 thru August 6)**
- June 15 – COS Board of Trustees Meeting, 6 p.m.
- June 20-26 – Summer Show Choir & Jazz Camp
- June 21-25 – Basketball Camp
- July 1 – Summer Session 1 Ends
- **July 5 – Independence Day Holiday (COS Campuses Closed)**
- July 6 – Five Week Summer Session 2 Begins
- July 20 – COS Board of Trustees Meeting, 6 p.m.

Just in case you missed them, here are some of the recent articles / feature stories published by our local media:

- [No Longer the 'Devil's Lettuce': How the Town of Weed Embraced Weed](#)
- [COS instructor brings community together, one ukulele at a time at 'Booch-A-Le-Le' events](#)
- [Here's where kids can learn basketball skills from COS Eagles this summer](#)
- [New fire structure at COS will allow for more hands-on learning](#)



**Registration for
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College of the Siskiyous is Open!**

View the fall semester class schedule online
at www.siskiyous.edu

New to Siskiyous... Contact Counseling & Advising
to help you get started. Call (530) 938-5353
or email counselingservices@siskiyous.edu

Fall Semester Starts Monday, August 23rd

**Students who register in 12 or more units for the
fall semester before July 15th will be entered
into a Prize Drawing. TO BE ELIGIBLE TO WIN:**

- ◆ Students need to register for 12 or more units for the fall semester prior to July 15, 2021
- ◆ Students need to pay for their classes prior to July 15, 2021. (Payment arrangements may be made on a case-by-case basis.)
- ◆ Prize drawing will be held July 16, 2021
- ◆ Prizes include: \$100 Visa Gift Cards; \$100 COS Bookstore Credit; and Laptop Computer

To enter the Prize Drawing students must send a copy of their fall 2021 schedule of classes to:

- ◆ Mail to COS Foundation Office, Attn: Win Big, 800 College Avenue, Weed CA 96094
- ◆ Or email copy to foundation@siskiyous.edu - Subject: Win Big

Questions about the prize drawing or eligibility?
Send an email to foundation@siskiyous.edu



Athletic Department: We are extremely proud of the student athletes for all of their hard work this past year. Our Women’s Track & Field Team had the highest Team GPA of 3.68 for the spring 2021 Semester. Student athlete’s overall had a GPA of 2.96 for the spring 2021 Semester. Congratulations students on a job well done!

21- President’s List
 18 – Dean’s List
 67 – Scholar Athlete List

SPRING 2021 Student athlete GPA by Team					
SPORT	# of Students	GPA	PRESIDENT'S LIST	DEAN'S LIST	SCHOLAR ATHLETE LIST
WOMEN'S TRACK & FIELD	8	3.68	3	2	6
WOMEN'S BASKETBALL	8	3.51	2	3	7
BASEBALL	21	3.21	4	1	11
VOLLEYBALL	13	3.14	4	4	9
MEN'S BASKETBALL	12	3.07	3	1	6
WOMEN'S SOCCER	8	3.03	2	1	3
SOFTBALL	12	2.97	3	0	7
FOOTBALL	57	2.83	5	7	23
MEN'S SOCCER	6	2.68	0	1	2
MEN'S TRACK & FIELD	11	2.48	0	0	3

Administrative Services

Facilities: Update on projects currently in progress.

- The new Fire Tower Prop Project Bid Phase has been awarded to Timberworks, a local contractor out of Mt. Shasta.
- Construction on the new Football Practice Field is underway. The ‘earthwork’ phase of the in-house project has begun.
- The Soccer Field Renovation Project is approaching completion of the ‘construction’ phase and moving into the ‘maintenance’ phase. After the maintenance phase has been completed (set for August 1), the field will be turned over to the College.



Welcome Roy McCallon, our newest Team Member to the Facilities Department.

Fiscal Services: The Business Office welcomes Desiree Kaae to our department as the new Associate Director of Fiscal Services. Through at least the month of June, Desiree will be sharing roles between Administrative Services and Fiscal Services as she transitions into her new role.

As we approach the end of the 2020-2021 fiscal year end, a reminder to continue to review and clean up current year fiscal activity.

- Check budgets and expenditures. If there are any final budget or expenditure changes they need to be submitted using the approved form(s) to the Business Office. If you have any questions, email Desiree in the Business Office.
- Review any outstanding purchase orders to determine if the order is still outstanding. Invoices need to be billed/received prior to June 30. Contact Courtney in the Business Office to cancel any outstanding purchase orders or if there are any questions.

Some reminders:

- During the summer months while the campus is on a four-day work week, all approved payment vouchers must be submitted to the Business Office by 5 p.m. on Tuesday in order for them to be paid that week. With the shortened work week, the weekly accounts payable check run will be processed starting Wednesday morning in order to make payment by Thursday.
- Employees who would like to receive their paycheck via direct deposit can access the Direct Deposit authorization form through mySiskiyous/Employee/Pay. Once the form is completed submit to Human Resources.

Food Services: The kitchen is closed on the weekends in the summer. On-campus resident's nutritional needs are supported with healthy grab-and-go options they can purchase with their meal points.

Residence Life and Housing: Five student workers are helping this summer with cleaning and sanitizing the Lodge facilities between summer conferences and deep cleaning in preparation for fall resident's arrival. In early August, on-campus residents will select an arrival time to maintain social distancing similar to the fall 2020 process.

The Lodge summer conference schedule has added additional camps with two drum and bugle corps inquiring about using the college campus for training. Five summer conferences will use on-campus housing this summer.

Technology Services: The department will perform maintenance on the College's data network during the College closure on Friday, June 18 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Within this period of time, the College's data network will be unavailable. Resources accessed through the Internet (such as email, Self-Service Banner, Canvas, and Zoom) will still be accessible but resources on the College's data network (such as Banner back-end) will not. Contact Tech Services with any questions or concerns.

The HappyFox ticketing system will be upgraded in July to support its adoption of Information Technology Service Management (ITSM) for its processes. This reconfiguration will allow the department to better monitor and report on how well it resolves issues and fulfills requests. The reconfiguration will create small differences in how tickets are submitted. More information will be provided as we move closer to the upgrade.

Student Services

EOPS/CalWORKs: EOPS staff have been busy processing End of Semester Progress check-ins and mailing gas vouchers and Grocery Outlet gift cards to students. The EOPS Counselors have also been busy helping students register for summer and fall classes.

The End of Semester Grants are being calculated and processed. Students who completed two Counselor contacts and two progress check-ins during the semester are eligible for this grant, and 91% of the spring 2021 EOPS students are eligible! Due to an Executive Order from the Chancellor's Office regarding COVID challenges for students, we were able to raise the grant award this semester from \$450 to \$650. We are hopeful this increase will help our students who may be struggling or dealing with extenuating circumstances brought on by COVID and the switch to online instruction.

EOPS is now accepting applications for the fall 2021 semester! Please encourage students to apply on the EOPS website: www.siskiyous.edu/eopscare/ and complete the "Application for Student Support Programs".

The CalWORKs program continues to provide its students with monthly gas vouchers as well as monthly check-ins to provide with assistance if needed. CalWORKs summer orientations have started and students receive a textbook voucher as well as a backpack full of school supplies and \$50 worth of gas vouchers.

Student Access Services (SAS – formerly known as Disabled Student Program and Services or DSPS): Student Access Services is recognizing student Brandy Hammond with a Certificate of Achievement for her tenacity in seeking and finding the career that is her life's calling. Brandy tried different programs before landing upon Early Childhood Education as the match for her interests, strengths and abilities. Brandy is also an advocate for students with disabilities and may very well end up on career that provides specialized services. For now, her general goal is to transfer to a university to continue her journey in teaching. Brandy is especially appreciative of the College of the Siskiyous for the supportive staff, service, and instructors. She said, "I've been to other colleges, and they were good too, but this is the first time that I know I'm going to succeed." She adds that "Nobody should be embarrassed to have a disability. At one point there was a stigma, but now there are services, and that's what the College of the Siskiyous represents... diversity and equality."

Academic Affairs

Submitted by Dr. Char Perlas, Vice President of Academic Affairs

Course Offering Survey: It's not too late to complete our [Course Offering Survey](#)! Data from the survey will help inform our spring 2022 schedule development. Thank you in advance for letting us know what you would like to see offered at the College!

Nursing (Career & Technical Education) - Submitted by Rhonda Brown, Interim Director of Nursing

Congratulations to the second semester LVN students for successfully completing their semester. Special thanks to Christina Johnson RN, Director of Nursing at Shasta View Estates for supporting our students through the COVID restrictions and protocols. Title XX regulations mandated weekly testing for students

and instructors. The facility donated the cost of testing. The CARES Act funding paid the cost of the test kits. Shasta View will continue to provide COVID testing for our CNA class this summer.

Thank you to Dalene Shoop BSN, RN, Director of Shasta Cascade clinics for hosting our students to participate in your COVID Vaccination clinics. Shelly Davis MN, RN and staff provided an excellent public health opportunity to the students with allowing them to assist in the Vaccine Drive-Through Campaign.

Thank you to Deborah Howell, MS, RN, ADON at Fairchild Medical Center and Elizabeth Pulatie, MSN, RN, CNO at Dignity Health Mt. Shasta for hosting our students and instructors in the hospital and clinics. The outpouring of support from our Nursing Advisory Board members during this past year has been greatly appreciated. They absorbed the complexities of hiring nursing faculty at the community college level and were helpful with brainstorming creative solutions. Several nursing executive stakeholders spoke at a College Board of Trustees meeting to express the gravity of the potentiality of the RN Program closing with an emphasis of the loss to our community's health care. Mike Michelin, VP of the advisory board, facilitated a Zoom meeting with our local State Representative, Megan Dahle and State Senator Brian Dahle's assistant to discuss our local and statewide nursing instructor crisis. Elizabeth Pulatie reached out to Dignity-Common Spirit corporate leadership for assistance with our faculty shortage issue. Two meetings have taken place with several innovative ideas explored and tasked to a small committee to follow up with.

The Nursing Program would like to also extend farewell and best wishes to Kim Parham, MSN, RN as she moves on to a new chapter in her life. Kim was a graduate of the COS LVN and LVN-RN Step-Up Programs and was a dedicated and highly respected colleague and instructor.

July 1st will bring administrative changes to the Nursing Department. Rhonda Brown, MSN, RN will be retiring. Hallie Coppi, MSN, RN has accepted the permanent Director of Nursing position. Jane Shelby, MSN, RN will serve as Assistant Director. Recruiting and hiring activities continue to fill our faculty needs.

Noncredit, Community and Contract Education - Submitted by Suzie Clark, Director

College of the Siskiyous Noncredit and Mount Shasta Children's Theatre will present the 2021 Broadway Summerstage Production of "Mary Poppins Jr" later this summer on August 6, 7, and 8 at the Jefferson Center for the Arts (JCA) in Mt. Shasta. Students, ages 8 to 18 years, will spend the month of July learning all aspects of putting on a show including singing, dancing, character development, and more in preparation for the show in August. Wendy James is directing these performances by the Theatre Summer Camp registrants. For more information about the JCA, visit <https://jeffersoncenterforthearts.com/>.



No other reports submitted.