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Hello Siskiyous! Happy First day of the Semester and Year of the Wood Snake!

The Lunar New Year, also known as Spring Festival or Chinese New Year, is one of the most important and widely celebrated holidays in many East and Southeast Asian cultures. It marks the beginning of a new year on the lunisolar calendar, and each year is associated with one of the twelve zodiac animals. In 2025, the Lunar New Year will begin on January 29th, 2025, marking the start of the Year of the Wood Snake. To learn more, read my January Campus Connection submission.

*This week's updates*

- **Enrollment Report:** Can be accessed by visiting the [Enrollment Reports Webpage](#).
- **Maintenance & Facilities Updates:** Monday January 27th between 10-11 AM the Karen Copsey Memorial bench will be delivered in front of the Science building. General contractors will be on campus throughout the week assessing projects for bids; we will be visiting Eddy Hall, DLC, and Life Science. Tuesday January 28th we have the Sacramento Sherriff's Office completing a free campus assessment: Rod Rifredi, Critical Infrastructure Protection Unit - Sacramento County Sheriff's Office/Central California Intelligence Center.
- **AI FAST Challenge: Funding for Accelerated Study and Transformation Award:** Congratulations to PI Caroline Hopper Scott with Co-PIs Dean Valerie Roberts and Dean Veronica Coots for being awarded a California Education Learning Lab grant to support their project: *Empowering Rural Education: Generative AI and Student-Centered Learning at College of the Siskiyous*. Thank you Caroline, Val and Veronica for leading these efforts!
- **Reminder: Onsite counselor available today from 10:30a - 2:30p:** In the Science Building Conference Room #102. In light of the recent tragedy, I urge employees to take advantage of this available support. Please share the following student resources with your students: Dee DeLeon: (530) 423-5044 or (530) 938-5353 or email: [counselingservices@siskiyous.edu](mailto:counselingservices@siskiyous.edu) and Courtney Chase: [courtney@innerwellness.health](mailto:courtney@innerwellness.health)
- **SWACC Site Visit February 4 - 5, 2025:** The Statewide Association of Community Colleges (SWACC) will be conducting a property & liability inspection on Tue. Feb 4 and Wed. Feb 5, 2025. Please see the attached document and if you notice any safety concerns/hazards in the identified areas, please reach out to Ronnie.
- **VPAS Forum Feedback:** Forum Feedback forms are still being accepted. Please complete one form/candidate by clicking the [VPAS Forum Feedback Form](#) link. Deadline: Wed. Jan 29, 2025.

## SJEDI Corner

- **Office for Civil Rights: Accommodations — What Is Required by Federal Disability Law and What Isn't:** Date: Thursday, February 6, 2025 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Do I have to provide extended time on all assignments as an accommodation? Must my college create remote/virtual classes for every subject as an accommodation? What if I already provide extra time for exams and quizzes? What about emotional support animals and service dogs - what is allowed in the classroom and what isn't? Come hear a presentation from the chief attorney, Anamaria Loya, at the San Francisco regional office of the U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights. She will share information and insights regarding College professors, employees, and staff obligations under the Americans with Disabilities Act and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act – two of the federal civil rights laws that address disability rights. Click [OCR Webinar](#) to register.



Have a great week!

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