## Hello Siskiyous and Happy #FootballHangoverDay!

I hope everyone had a wonderful 3-day weekend. As a reminder, we have another 3-day weekend this upcoming weekend. In observance of President's Day, the College will be closed on Monday, February 17, 2025.

## This week's updates

- Enrollment Report: Can be accessed by clicking on the Enrollment Report Webpage.
- Maintenance & Facilities Updates: Electricians will be in the Theater 1 classroom on Tuesday providing the connection for our temporary heater. The temperatures will not raise above freezing until Wednesday, the campus parking lots are very dangerous please using caution when walking to your station.
- Hazards of Smoking Message: Did you know that smoking is the leading cause of preventable disease and death in the United States, responsible for over 480,000 deaths each year? Beyond health impacts of smoking, secondhand smoke negatively affects campus environments by reducing air quality and increasing waste. Our campus is committed to fostering a healthy environment. Let's work together to promote clean air and a supportive atmosphere for all. For support in quitting, visit <u>Kick It California</u>

## SJEDI Corner

- Kindness in Higher Education: Let's Heal Together Feb. 21 3p 4:30p: (Sponsored by the Washington Center Collaborative Workshop) Kindness is often the core fabric of a good academic space. However, despite being a fundamental part of our tapestries, it isn't often acknowledged. We face a lot of interesting challenges in the current toxic academic systems. Development of critical thinking is becoming increasingly difficult. Job precarity is on-going and burnt out is a serious problem. Furthermore, historical cycles of social injustice continue to affect the way we think, teach, and communicate. In this climate, how may we continue being kind to our students, colleagues, and ourselves? In this workshop, we would identify strategies to maintain our integrity and develop circles of empathy. Together, we would explore the four R's of kindness Resistance, resilience, restoration and reformation. Grounded in the framework of kindness, this session will enable a pocket of healing for academic colleagues who are looking for means to develop equitable spaces in their practice. To register for this free virtual workshop click Let's be Kind.
- **Neurodiversity Celebration Week March 17-23, 2025:** The workshop schedule is now available. Go to <u>2025 Events Schedule</u> to view workshop topics and schedule. Please

note, the workshops are in GMT (England) Time Zone. Each workshop will be recorded for viewing at your convenience.

- Help LGBTQ+ Students Achieve Their Dreams!: Do you want to use your skills to make a meaningful difference in the lives of LGBTQ+ students? Volunteer with National Rainbow College Fund (NRCF)! With the launch of NRCF in California, the first scholarship exclusively supporting LGBTQ+ students pursuing higher education whether or not they are "in" or "out," the NRCF needs passionate volunteers nationwide to serve as scholarship evaluators. For more details and to volunteer, visit <u>National Rainbow</u> <u>College Fund</u>.
- **REMINDER: FREE WebAIM Training:** To support accessibility training for all our staff and faculty, there is free training from Web AIM: <u>Accessible Document Training</u>. This training is self-paced, and cohorts begin monthly. All you need is a CCC address to register. Participants who successfully complete the course and assessments will be awarded a Certificate of Completion. If you create documents, flyers, emails, etc....you are HIGHLY encouraged to complete this training. It is seriously eye opening! Also, as a reminder, all marketing materials, including those to be posted on social media, must be reviewed for accessibility prior to posting/promoting. Please send marketing materials to <u>PIO@siskiyous.edu</u>.

Next week, Dr. Fields, Amy Snodgrass and I will be at the Association of California Community College Administrators (ACCCA) Conference in Monterey. We will be joining scheduled meetings via Zoom and checking email. VP Walton will serve as acting president. Due to my attendance at this conference and my scheduled panel presentation the morning of Tuesday, Feb 18th, there will be no All-College email next week. Important information/announcements will continue to be sent as needed.

Thanks, and remember to walk like a penguin. It's icy out there!



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