

Dr. Jose Fierro
President's Message
November 30, 2018

Dear Colleagues,

As we launch into final exams and the holiday season, I would like to take a moment to express my gratitude toward each of you for continuing to celebrate our students and each other. Below are just a few highlights of upcoming activities on my calendar that you and your colleagues have organized in the coming weeks:

- Nursing students will be recognized at tonight's Nursing Pinning Ceremony
- F. Reed Brown is directing the production of "Almost, Maine," beginning tonight (see flyer for more dates)
- The Umoja Success Program will host a Pre-Kwanzaa Celebration on Tuesday, December 4
- Classified employees are invited to attend the CSEA Holiday Party on Tuesday, December 4 between 11 pm and 1 pm in the Student Center
- The college will host its 12th Annual High School Counselor Conference on Friday, December 7
- We will recognize student leaders and their mentors at the ASCC Fall Awards Banquet on Friday, December 7
- Students will prepare a feast at the Culinary Arts Graduation on Tuesday, December 11
- CARE, CalWORKs, LINC, and the Veterans Resource Center will host a Holiday Party on Thursday, December 13
- The Winter Choir/Band/Orchestra Concert will be held on Friday, December 14

And of course, all are invited to the President's Annual Holiday Reception on Thursday, December 6 from 3:30 pm to 5:00 p.m. in the Student Center. Many of our talented staff come together to organize this annual holiday event, offering food prepared by our Culinary Arts students, entertainment, a photo booth, and great raffle prizes.

And, don't forget! The Food Bank will be on campus providing free food on December 4 and December 12 (see flyer for more information).

I would be remiss not to thank everyone who participated in the Fall Speaker Series: A Falcon's Guide to Success, which was a series of four workshops led by Lead Custodian Alfred Rodriguez and me. We finished our last workshop today and I am already looking forward to our Spring Speaker Series on a Falcon's Guide to Wellness, which will be led by Vince Vizcarra, Instructional Lab Assistant, and me.

For those of you who are putting together a reading list over the holiday break, I encourage you to join our upcoming Flex Week Activity, which will be a book club meeting on Thursday, January 10; participants will be reimbursed for up to two books. Each of the four book club selections were discussed during the fall speaker series: Better by Mistake by Alina Tugend, Rich Dad Poor Dad by Robert T. Kiyosaki, Grit by Angela Duckworth, and Smart Money Smart Kids by Dave Ramsey and Rachel Cruze. We will send out more information about these opportunities soon.

I am looking forward to celebrating with you in the coming weeks. While the list above is by no means all inclusive, it demonstrates our continued commitment to providing a welcoming environment for students and colleagues during a busy (and at times stressful) holiday season and end of semester. As you see your colleagues throughout the next few weeks, please join me in saying "thank you" for your continued dedication to the college community.

Have a great weekend!

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