

President Tran and our Classified Professionals had the opportunity to visit LinkedIn on March 4th. During the visit, the team gained valuable insight from LinkedIn, particularly on effectively connecting students to networking, professional growth, and employment prospects. Additionally, the team thoroughly enjoyed experiencing the perks typical of high-tech companies, such as espresso bars, complimentary lunches, and snacks available throughout the premises. They were impressed by the convenience of LinkedIn bikes provided for commuting between buildings.



President Tran attend The California Community College CEO Symposium. This event brings together Chief Executive Officers (CEOs), Chancellors, and top leaders from community colleges across California. It serves as a platform for networking, collaboration, and professional development among community college administrators. The symposium typically featured keynote speakers, panel discussions, workshops, and opportunities for sharing best practices and innovative ideas in higher education leadership. This symposium plays a crucial role in fostering connections and advancing the mission of Columbia College to provide accessible and quality education to students statewide. Among topics discussed were the 50% Law, FON, Dual Enrollment, Baccalaureate degrees, and workforce development.



Another fun time with students during the President Tran's Office hours with Students. These office hours provide students with the opportunity to share feedback, ask questions, and seek guidance on various matters related to their educational experience, campus life, or broader institutional initiatives.

I thoroughly enjoy hosting Office hours with the president as it fosters accessibility, transparency, and communication between students and the college administration. It allows students to share their opinions and provide me with insight into their concerns and perspectives, helping me make informed decisions to better serve the student body.



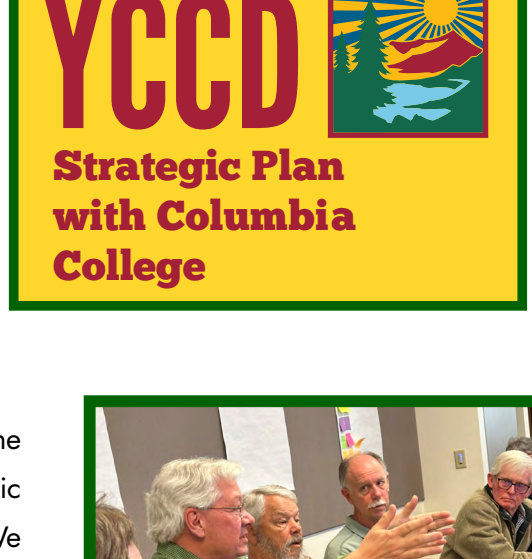
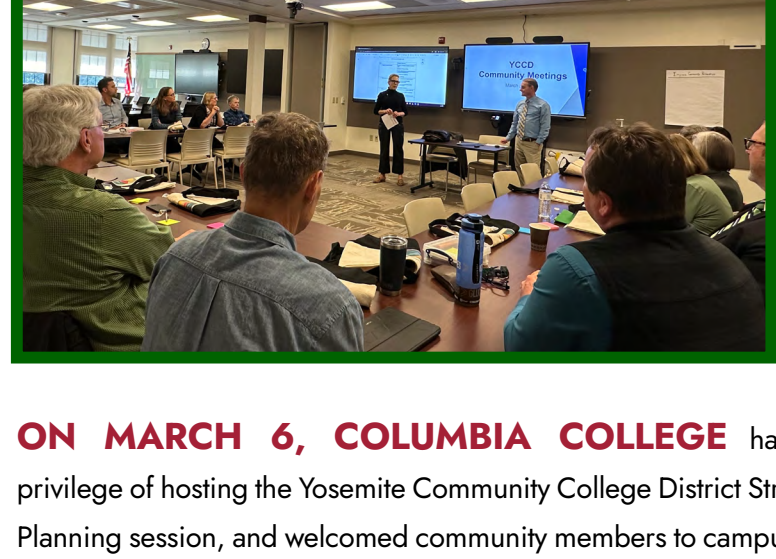
I had a delightful time attending the College Promise Student breakfast hosted by our Foundation. Guests enjoyed a delicious breakfast buffet prepared by students from our culinary program. Furthermore, College Promise students had the opportunity to share their personal stories and experiences with the program, highlighting how the financial support has enabled them to pursue their educational goals at Columbia College. Additionally, students had the chance to connect with peers who share similar goals and challenges, fostering a sense of camaraderie and support among each other.

COLLEGE PROMISE: The College Promise program in California Community Colleges is a statewide initiative aimed at providing financial support and resources to eligible students pursuing higher education at community colleges. The program generally covers tuition and fees for eligible students, making college more affordable and accessible.



K-16 SIERRA COLLABORATIVE LAUNCH
On March 11, 2024, Columbia College greeted our partners and guests on campus to launch the K-16 Sierra Collaborative Grant. Attendees enjoyed listening to performances by our talented students and faculty in the music program during the reception. Networking opportunities allowed guests to connect and exchange ideas about various regional initiatives, including dual enrollment pathways in healthcare, education, and computer information systems. Discussions also revolved around work-based learning, internship opportunities, and career readiness programs, highlighting the collaborative efforts to enhance educational and career pathways in the region.

K-16 COLLABORATIVE: The K-16 Program is part of a statewide strategy for strengthening education-to-workforce pathways and ensuring that education, vocational, and workforce programs work in partnership to address the income, racial, and gender inequalities in education and employment. The California Department of General Services (DGS), Office of Public School Construction (OPSC) established and administers the competitive grant program to support regional K-16 education collaboratives that create streamlined pathways from high school to postsecondary education and into the workforce.



ON MARCH 6, COLUMBIA COLLEGE had the privilege of hosting the Yosemite Community College District Strategic Planning session, and welcomed community members to campus. We are grateful for the community's advocacy for Columbia College and for sharing insightful initiatives important to the area. Suggestions provided by attendees included requests for additional classes, a streamlined enrollment process, and increased resources to support Columbia's mission.



Multi- Cultural Week: During Multi-Cultural Week at Columbia, various activities, events, and presentations were organized to celebrate the different cultures, traditions, and customs of our students, staff, and community members. It's a platform for promoting cross-cultural understanding, and appreciation, contributing to a more inclusive campus.



CHESS TOURNAMENT

26 people attended the Columbia College Chess Tournament on March 16th. 16 players ranged in age from nine years old to 80+! There were eight observers and a dog. What a lovely cross section of ages, abilities, and ethnicities. Brian Yu and Van Holt did a great job coordinating, hosting, and setting up the brackets. The food, t-shirts, and cash prizes were a big hit. A BIG THANK YOU TO THE COLUMBIA COLLEGE FOUNDATION!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- April 5: DEIA Workshop with Dr. Regina Stroud (9 – 1)
- April 18: Foundation Scholarship Celebration (5 – 7)
- May 1: Greater Sierra Forestry Corps. Graduation (11 – 1:30)
- May 3: End of the Year Celebration & Staff Recognition (12 – 2)
- May 3: Commencement (5 – 7)
- May 6: 4/10 Work Week Begins (7:00 – 5:30)

