

Instruction and Student Development Update: December 9, 2016

ACCJC Evaluation Visit Dates Confirmed

The ACCJC has confirmed the following dates of our comprehensive External Evaluation Team visit. Mark your calendars for **October Monday, 9 – Thursday, October 12, 2017**.

Sabbatical Leave

The Board of Trustees has approved 2017-2018 sabbatical leaves for the following faculty. Congratulations!

- **Karen Reiss** is conducting a research project on genetic, morphological, and behavioral changes associated with speciation in Pacific Northwest chipmunks
- **Ruth Rhodes** is editing and publishing a book of memoirs (solicited from community members) reflecting the recent social history of the Del Norte county and adjacent tribal lands.
- **Michelle Haggarty** is studying the growing field of neuropsychology to enhance all of the courses she teaches at CR.

Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals

Incoming Chancellor Eloy Ortiz Oakley has issued a formal request that President-elect Donald Trump continue the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA). DACA allows students who were brought to the United States as children by undocumented parents to continue their studies. The **California Community Colleges, California State Universities, and the University of California System support the preservation of DACA** and are deeply committed to keep our institutions of higher education safe and welcoming for all students.

Eureka Student Services Outreach Team (ESSO)

A new Eureka Student Services Outreach Team (ESSO) hit the ground running in 2015-2016. They are a dynamic group with current members **Lupita Martinez and Morgan Reeves**. They are led by our Financial Aid Director, Rianne Connor and Counseling Director, Sheila Hall. The group works to incorporate their regular duties from the Admissions & Records, Counseling, and Financial Aid into their educational presentations. They have worked extensively with local high schools, the Humboldt County Office of Education, and many other groups to help prospective students smoothly transition to College of the Redwoods.

New Leadership on the Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees an election at their meeting this week. They elected Sally Biggin as the new President of the Board, Carrol Mathews as the Vice President, and Bruce Emad as Clerk.

Reminders

- **Grades are due by December 23rd**. Late grade submissions impact students in many ways including eligibility for the Federal Work Study program, ability to obtain transcripts, prerequisite checking, and academic standing.
- The EOPS application is open for spring 2017. Students may apply online at <https://webapps.redwoods.edu/eops/>

Fast Fact

California has 379,000 people who are immediately eligible for the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program.
29% of all DACA-eligible people in the U.S. reside in California.

County of Origin of the State DACA-eligible population: (*Source: Migration Policy Institute Data Hub*)

- Mexico – 78%
- Guatemala – 5%
- Korea – 3%
- El Salvador – 3%
- Philippines – 2%