

September 30, 2016 Update:

Food Matters

Food may seem like a strange header for an update from Instruction and Student Development, but there is a lot going on across the District related to food.

- Our new resource center that will include a **food pantry has found a home**. A room in the old forum (FM-111) is under renovation and should be ready to begin move-in in a month. FM-111 is centrally located on the quad near the Humanities and Sciences buildings, and is close to the Bookstore. Jenny Quigley and others involved in the project are in the planning stages, and we will let you know when the doors will open as soon as possible.
- You received an e-mail from Lee Lindsey yesterday letting you know that the District has **cancelled its contract with dining vendor Fresh and Natural**. Fresh and Natural has been responsible for all food in the cafeteria and campus catering for the past few years. The college will take over the cafeteria and catering at the beginning of the spring semester.
- The **Del Norte Campus will be the proud recipient of a food forest**. This project is the result of several partners including the Community Food Council, the Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation, the Yurok Tribe, Building Healthy Communities, and a growing amount of community support. So, what is a food forest?
 - A food forest is similar to a community garden except the crops grown and the amount of maintenance required for production. A food forest is a low-maintenance, sustainable, plant-based food production and agroforestry system based on woodland ecosystems, incorporating fruit trees, shrubs, herbs, vines, and perennial vegetables.

Del Norte faculty and staff are working with project managers in site design. The forest will be located on the Del Norte Campus in the field to your right as you turn onto campus. This is a wonderful partnership between College of the Redwoods and community of Crescent City.

Facilities Update

The **Veteran's Resource Center**, located in the Student Union between the cafeteria and the bookstore, is **moving to a new modular**. I remember when the program began with Crystal Morse in a small borrowed office. This successful program has continuously grown in the number of students and in the support services provided, and they have outgrown the current space. The Center will move to a modular that will be located next to the Book Store.

A **Multicultural and Diversity Center will move into the student union** when the Veteran's Resource Center moves out. A Multicultural and Diversity Center has been a longstanding goal in the Student Equity Plan. We made progress a few years ago with an attempt at a shared space at the back of the cafeteria. ASCR ended up needing a devoted space, and we didn't have anyone who could oversee a Multicultural and Diversity Center at that time. But our Director of Student Equity & Success, Renee Saucedo, will help make this new center a success. I want to thank faculty on the Multicultural Diversity Center who kept the center a priority.

Fast Fact

CR students in 2015-2016:

- 33% were enrolled full-time
- 20% were new students
- 46% were continuing students

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