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REGION V COLLEGES

1. **Bakersfield College**
2. **Cerro Coso College**
3. **Clovis Community College**
4. **Coalinga College**
5. **College of the Sequoias**
6. **Fresno City College**
7. **Lemoore College**
8. **Madera Community College**
9. **Merced College**
10. **Porterville College**
11. **Reedley College**
12. **Taft College**

LETTER FROM THE RAD



Greetings Region V,

My name is Jerry Reyes, and I am truly honored to serve as your Regional Affairs Director for Region V this term. I'm a student at Reedley College studying business administration with an emphasis in marketing and entrepreneurship and next fall, I'll be transferring to Fresno State.

As a student leader, I am thrilled to bring my experience and passion to this role. I've had the privilege of serving as ICC and ASG President at Reedley College, as well as the State Center CCD Student Trustee. I've been a prominent member in our region as a Communications Officer and Legislative Affairs Director. With this background, I am committed to leveraging my experience to uplift our region and to advocate effectively for the Valley at the state level.

This term, I am dedicated to fostering a proactive and engaging environment. My goal is to ensure that we leave our region in a better place than we found it. As we kick off the fall semester, remember to stay on top of your academic responsibilities. While our roles as student leaders demand a lot of our time and energy, it's important to prioritize your well-being and academic success.

I wish each of you a productive and successful fall semester. I look forward to connecting with you throughout the term and hope you enjoy this first regional newsletter.

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In Service,

A handwritten signature in dark blue ink, appearing to read 'Jerry R.', written in a cursive style.

Regional Affairs Director

MONTHLY FEATURES



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The inaugural Board of Directors weekend took place from July 12-14 in Sacramento. This offered the Board a chance to align on objectives, establish priorities, and deliberate on strategic plans for the upcoming term.

During the weekend, the Board covered several key topics, including:

- *The Community College System*
- *History of the SSSCC*
- *Chancellor's Office presentations*
- *Meeting expectations and Robert's Rules of Order*
- *Essential information for the first 90 days*

The productive sessions set a solid foundation for the collaborative work ahead. You can review the meeting and training materials [here](#).

REGIONAL OFFICERS' FIRST-MONTH UPDATE

As the new term begins, our regional officers have been diligently engaged in a range of essential activities to enhance our organization's effectiveness and ensure readiness for the fall term. Here's a snapshot of their recent efforts to date.

ASCCC FLI CONFERENCE



The SSSCC attended the Academic Senate's Faculty & Student Leadership Institute Conference in Palm Springs June 20-22. Region V was represented by now RAD Reyes, LAD White and VP Simon.

COLLEGE ACTIVATION UPDATE

Currently, there are 5 active colleges in the Region! To become active, please complete the [Delegate Verification Form](#).



MANDATORY TRAININGS

Regional Officers have attended various training sessions that are designed to equip them with the knowledge and skills needed to perform their roles effectively and support the organization's goals.

1:1 CHECK-INS

1:1 check-ins have been scheduled to coordinate efforts, discuss goals and priorities for the term and to ensure that initiatives are well-supported at every level.



REGION V ACTIVE COLLEGES

BAKERSFIELD COLLEGE

- PRIMARY DELEGATE: ELISE MILLER
- ALTERNATE: KEVIN MENDEZ

CLOVIS COMMUNITY COLLEGE

- PRIMARY DELEGATE: GABRIELLE YEAGER

REEDLEY COLLEGE

- PRIMARY DELEGATE: JOSEPH CRUZ
- ALTERNATE: ALBERTO VILLARREAL

TAFT COLLEGE

- PRIMARY DELEGATE: LUZ ROBLES

COLLEGE OF THE SEQUOIAS

- PRIMARY DELEGATE: RHEANNA GALLEGOS

PLANNING AHEAD

Regional officers are preparing for the upcoming fall semester. They have contacted SBAs to recruit delegates, planning ahead and scheduling meetings as well as coordinating a leadership training for the region.



MONTHLY ARTICLE



CALIFORNIA
STUDENT AID
COMMISSION

WAYS TO PAY FOR COLLEGE

Students, did you miss the May 2024 deadline for your 2024-25 financial aid application? Don't worry—you can still apply by September 3, 2024. It's better late than never, but prioritize filing on time! The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and California Dream Act Application (CADAA) are applications for financial aid. Students should only complete one of the applications based on the following citizenship requirements:

STUDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR THE FAFSA:

- U.S. Citizen
- Permanent Resident
- Eligible Non-Citizen
- T Visa Holder
- Valid SSN

STUDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR THE CADAA:

- Undocumented
- Valid or Expired DACA Status
- U Visa Holder
- Temporary Protected Status
- Non-Resident Exemption under AB 540

Don't assume you're ineligible. Almost half of all California community college students receive financial aid through various programs, including Cal Grants, the California College Promise Grant, work-study, and scholarships. Visit the [California Student Aid Commission website](#) for more information.

UPCOMING EVENTS

REGIONAL LEADERSHIP TRAINING

 August 30, 2024 12:00pm

 Clovis Community College | Room: AC3-211
10309 N Willow Ave, Fresno, CA 93730 Parking Lot G or J

Region V is excited to announce a Regional Leadership Training! This event is open to all, both virtually and in-person with lunch provided. Learn about the SSSCC, governance, meeting etiquette, board efficiency, and onboarding delegates and new members. Student leaders will get an opportunity to contribute to the Region V Strategic Plan for the 2024-25 term. For more information, please email RAD V Jerry Reyes radregionv@ssccc.org



RSVP HERE:
bit.ly/Region-V-Training-RSVP

AROUND THE VALLEY



SSCCC BOOTCAMP

On August 29th, from 3-5pm, the SSSCCC will host a bootcamp for SBAs to learn about Robert's Rules, the Brown Act and the Student 9+1 Rights.

RSVP: bit.ly/SSCCC-2024-Bootcamp

CLASSES BEGIN

- Merced CCD: August 12
- State Center CCD: August 12
- Sequoias CCD: August 12
- West Hills CCD: August 12
- Kern CCD: August 26
- West Kern CCD: August 26



REMINDER FOR FAFSA

You can still apply for the FAFSA/CADAA by September 3, 2024. Visit the [California Student Aid Commission website](#) for more information.

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