

# BOARD REPORT

MARCH 2025

## ACCREDITATION VISIT

Reedley College hosted our accreditation visiting team February 25-26. The group toured the farm and campus, met with administration, faculty and staff, and conducted extensive research of our institution to ensure that we are providing the best possible experience for all of our students. An open forum and Q&A session for students, faculty, staff and members of the community was held February 25 in Forum Hall, and the team held their exit interview February 26 in the McClarty Center for Fine and Performing Arts before departing.

ACCREDITATION VISITING TEAM:



Monica Green, Team Chair



Charles Sasaki, Team Vice Chair



Eric Rabitoy, Professor of Biological Sciences



Gabriela Nocito, Dean of Online Education & Learning Resources



Tammara Whitaker, Associate Dean, Online Education



Nickawanna Shaw, Vice President ACCJC Liaison

## AVIATION ALLIANCE

Reedley College is one of fourteen community colleges in the state that has teamed up to form an aviation alliance, with the goal of bolstering the nation's aviation industry with three main goals:

1. Addressing the needs of the aviation industry through education
2. Training pilots, aerospace company employees, aviation maintenance professionals, air dispatchers, air traffic controllers and operators of unmanned aerial systems to sustainably support the needs of air travel, air freight and airport operations, as well as other major industries
3. To speak with one voice to airlines, aerospace companies and airports to obtain resources that support our students and programs

AVIATION ALLIANCE FLEET:

- Reedley College
- Antelope Valley College
- Chaffey College
- Cuesta College
- Cypress College
- Glendale Community College
- Grossmont College
- San Diego Miramar College
- Mt. San Antonio College
- Mt. San Jacinto College
- Orange Coast College
- Sacramento City College
- San Joaquin Delta College
- West Los Angeles College



## EARNING THEIR WINGS

Congratulations to 14 of our Flight Science students, who completed their first solo flights this past semester! Their certificate, pin and coin ceremony was held in the McClarty Center for Fine and Performing Arts February 19. All of the students and their instructors were in attendance, as well as Dean of Instruction David Clark and Vice President of instruction Dr. Ruben Diaz. Everyone is continuing their training this semester at the Reedley Municipal Airport







### SUITED AND BOOTED

Over 40 of our Wildland Fire students are now equipped with brand new JK wildland fire boots, which will provide quality support and traction through rugged terrain. They received their new footwear February 3. The boots were paid for with a grant, which took care of the entire cost (\$600 a pair). They are designed to withstand the challenging conditions our students face during their training, and can last well into their careers when they enter the workforce. The soles are screwed into the boot and can be replaced (just like tires on a car).

Our students were given a crash course on how to take care of them by the JK representative as well.

### FARMERS MARKET IS BACK!

Our Spring Farmer's Market series starts every Thursday from March 20 to May 15 from 5pm-8pm in Lot B. More great food trucks, vendors, entertainment and special guests are on the schedule. Hope to see you there!



### AWARDS NIGHT FOR RC AT ANNUAL CHAMBER GALA

The sparkling new McClarty Center for Fine and Performing Arts was under the lights February 22 for the annual Greater Reedley Chamber of Commerce Business and Awards Gala. Reedley College took home two awards: The Reedley Beautification Award (McClarty Center) and the Sierra Kings Community Health Champion Award for our Farmer's Market events. President Buckley accepted the awards on the college's behalf, and Director of Marketing & Communications George Takata was the Master of Ceremonies.



### MECH AG CHALLENGES GUESTS AT WORLD AG EXPO

It wasn't your typical year at the annual World Ag Expo in Tulare February 11-13, as our Mechanized Ag students partnered with AGCO to bring guests the "Pit Stop Challenge." Each contestant was tasked with taking out a tractor air filter and step, and removing a tire in the least amount of time as possible. Needless to say, our Equipment Technician students crushed it! A brand new DeWalt drill was given to the person with the best time of the day.

### ALLEN NAMED NFL'S BEST

Buffalo Bills quarterback Josh Allen (Reedley College quarterback, 2014) was named the National Football League's Most Valuable Player at the league's annual awards show February 6. The NFL Honors program was held at Saenger Theatre in New Orleans, the host city of Super Bowl 59. Allen continues to be one of the top five players in the NFL, with 41 total touchdowns (28 passing, 12 rushing, 1 receiving), 3,731 passing yards, and 531 rushing yards in 2024. He edged out Baltimore Ravens quarterback Lamar Jackson for the award. Allen has now played seven seasons in the NFL, with over 26-thousand yards passing and more than 4,100 yards rushing for his career.

