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NATIONAL RECOGNITION

Financial services company WalletHub has recognized Reedley College as one of the top community colleges in the state and nation for its affordability and overall success in the classroom. Reedley College is ranked 21st in the state out of all of the 116 community colleges in California, and 107th in the nation out of 653 community colleges surveyed. The national ranking puts us in the top 15 percent in the nation. To determine where students can receive the best education at the lowest price, WalletHub compared 653 community colleges nationwide across 18 key indicators of cost and quality. National rankings were based on cost and financing, education outcomes, and career outcomes. Researchers determined each college's weighted average across the board to calculate the overall score, graded on a 100-point scale. "A recent report that placed Reedley College's performance at 21st out of the 116 Community Colleges in California is a tribute to the hard work of all of our faculty, staff, and administration in implementing a successful and meaningful guided pathways framework," said Reedley College President Dr. Jerry Buckley. "This is a tribute of how our team makes a difference for the students and communities we proudly serve." The Wallethub research was conducted by members of the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC).

LINKS:

<https://wallethub.com/edu/e/best-worst-community-colleges/15076>

<https://wallethub.com/edu/e/states-with-best-worst-community-college-systems/15073>



NEW LOGO

A new look for our tiger head logo was completed over the summer. Using the vintage Kings River Community College tiger face as inspiration, graphic designer Jesus Cabiero modified and modernized our old friend, which will be the logo we will now use for the foreseeable future.



FLIGHT SCHOOL IN SESSION

It was a great start to the day August 9, as we held our ribbon cutting ceremony for our flight school, which will now operate exclusively from the Reedley Municipal Airport. While 11 sophomores will be finishing their flight training at JB Aeronautics at the Fresno Yosemite International Airport, 18 new students will begin in Reedley. The new location also includes five briefing stations, which will be used to track weather conditions and conduct pre and post flight requirements. All of the classroom work, including flight simulator training, will remain on campus in the Aeronautics Building. Guest speakers were Chancellor Goldsmith, Assemblyman Jim Patterson, Assemblyman Joaquin Arambula, Congressman Jim Costa, SCCC Board President Magdalena Gomez, Reedley City Manager Nicole Zieba, and Flight Science program alum Jhonathan Flores, who is now a First Officer Pilot for SkyWest Airlines. President Buckley cut the ribbon on a new era for the flight science program, which welcomed its third Skyleader airplane to the fleet August 21 with two more in transit.

CBS 47 STORY: <https://www.yourcentralvalley.com/news/local-news/reedley-college-flight-school-opens-doors-for-future-pilots/>

MID VALLEY TIMES ARTICLE: <https://shorturl.at/RzCU8>





L-R: Maurice Harvey, Amy Busch-Ramos, Michelle Tangeman-King, Aaron Terry, Kathy O'Connor-Kuball, & Hebrews Josue.

CLASS OF 2024

The 31st annual Tiger Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Banquet was held August 3rd in the cafeteria. The Class of 2024 features six prominent individuals who excelled on the playing field and in the classroom. Congratulations to Kathy O'Connor-Kuball (Head Softball Coach 1998-2021), Michelle Tangeman-King (Softball 2001-2003), Maurice Harvey (Football 2006-2008), Hebrews Josue (Football 1999-2001), Amy Busch-Ramos (Tennis 2008-2011), and Aaron Terry (Golf 1997-1999). Each inductee received a beautifully inscribed award, and spoke about their most memorable moments at RC. Maurice and Hebrews travelled across the country from Florida to attend the ceremony. Congratulations to all!

KNITTING ON OPENING DAY?

Faculty and staff returned to campus for an informational and entertaining Opening Day session August 8. President Buckley delivered his annual campus update. VP's Dale Van Dam, Melanie Highfill and Jesus Vega gave updates from their respective areas as well. Special recognition was given to Diana Rodriguez, Donna Hunt, Beth Murdock and the Financial Aid team for going above and beyond for the College and the students we serve. The two sessions that followed featured a variety of activities and topics, from a Book Club to knitting, riding horses, exploring nature, weight room guidelines, yoga, tech talk, and more. Continental breakfast and lunch was served by our fantastic Tiger Café team. Pathway/Division meetings and Instructional Department meetings closed out the day.



Rebecca Al-Haider helps Julie Kehoe with perfect knitting technique.

TIKTOK TIME



Our social media pages add new followers almost daily, and our TikTok page has quickly become one of the most popular ones. Thanks to Jenna Liston of Vox Social who manages our TikTok channel, we now have close to 3,000 followers and over 204,000 likes, with one of our videos getting 2.7 million

views! Jenna returned to campus recently to record new content, so keep an eye on the page for more entertaining and informative content.

TIGER PREVIEW A ROARING SUCCESS

Incoming students and their parents came to campus August 9 & 10 for Tiger Preview, our new student orientation to support our new students and their transition to college. A warm welcome to the campus by Vice President of Administrative Services Melanie Highfill was followed by a plethora of information about athletics, our social media platforms, student government, activities, how to use MyPortal and Starfish, and a resource fair. A total of 659 new students and their parents were in attendance. Congratulations to our Outreach Team for another successful event!



100TH ANNIVERSARY PREPS



As we quickly approach the 100th anniversary of Reedley College, preparations are already underway to make the 2026-2027 academic year one to remember. A centennial celebration page is now on the main page of our website, which features vintage photos, our new 100th anniversary logo, campus timeline, links to our Alumni and Volunteer Associations, the Facebook Alumni

Page, the Top 100 Alumni form, and event information. You can also purchase mini Clyde statuettes and commemorative t-shirts on the page as well. Check it out! LINK: <https://www.reedleycollege.edu/about/reedley-college-centennial.html>

COMING UP

- September 5: Volleyball vs. Siskiyou, Noon, Gym
- September 7: Football vs. Butte, 1pm, Reedley High School
- September 10: Women's Golf Big 8 Conference Match #2, Noon, Ridge Creek GC, Dinuba
- September 11: Patriot Day Remembrance Ceremony, 9am, Flag Pole near Clyde statue
- September 12: Transfer Day, 9:30am-12:30pm, South Forum Lawn
- September 13: Soccer vs. Cabrillo, 6pm, Soccer Field
- September 14: Volleyball vs. Bakersfield College, Noon, Gym
- September 14: Volleyball vs. Cerro Coso, 4pm, Gym
- September 16-18: Constitution Week Conference, 9am-2pm, Student Center
- September 16: Mexican Independence Day Celebration, 11am-1pm, Cafeteria
- September 17: National Voter Registration Day, 8am-5pm, Student Center
- September 18: Volleyball vs. Fresno City, 6pm, Gym
- September 20: Volleyball vs. Taft, 5pm, Gym
- September 20: Soccer vs. Taft, 6pm, Soccer Field
- September 21: Football vs. Foothill, 1pm, Reedley High School
- September 27: Volleyball vs. COS, 6pm, Gym

