

REPORT TO BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SUPERINTENDENT/PRESIDENT KEVIN TRUTNA, Ed.D.
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1. DIXIE FIRE RESPONSE

The FRC Rodeo team has been busy this fall! **Coach Tess Turk** sends that student athletes went to Sierraville to assist with the Junior Rodeo on August 28th, which was a huge success (picture on left). Rodeo athletes also volunteered in Greenville to help deliver 50 brand new refrigerators to community members that had been without power for over a month (middle). Finally, former rodeo coach, **Jesse Segura**, has collected and sent over a TON of camping supplies for the fire victims that the rodeo team has been able to disperse to help those in need (right).



FRC Baseball also responded to the call for volunteers to help deliver refrigerators to Greenville residents whose homes were still standing and were without power for over a month. CalOES provided the units. [College baseball team delivers refrigerators to Dixie Fire survivors in Greenville \(actionnewsnow.com\)](https://www.actionnewsnow.com/story/news/local/2021/09/01/college-baseball-team-delivers-refrigerators-to-dixie-fire-survivors-in-greenville/7544444002/)



FRC Volleyball team spent time volunteering for Project Camp, a free pop-up day camp for children impacted by the Dixie Fire.



Dr. Derek Lerch worked with CalFire to obtain a database of damaged and destroyed homes, and then searched these for FRC student addresses. To date, **Monica Potter** reached out to 42 students in Chester, Crescent Mills, Greenville, Meadow Valley and Taylorsville who evacuated and/or had residences damaged or destroyed. The goal is to help the individuals on a personal level and to see what support FRC can provide to help them continue with their education.

With the unique start for the school year, a fun “VIP” (Visiting Important Pet) featured daily visitors during the week leading up to the start of school. Below, **Archie Ryback** greeted people in the Business Office and FRC’s own **Rowdy Yankee** met students and staff one morning. Kota entertained students as they waited in the Advising Center. **Kota Potter** is a rescue himself from last year’s North Complex Fires.



In addition to providing dormitory housing for over 100 law enforcement patrols, FRC offered free showers at the Fitness Center for evacuees and fire personnel (below left). **Chef Sean Conry** was on speed dial, providing meals for front-line personnel when called upon. In the middle picture below, **Dr. Derek Lerch** and **Carlie McCarthy** assist a student in putting together dinners for Taylorsville evacuees. The FRC campus housed Red Cross volunteers as well as some out-of-town fire units.



Many staff also volunteered at local assistance shelters. For example, **Debbie Corsino** worked at the Plumas County Evacuee Distribution Center at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints for 30 hours. **Anna Thompson** has spent countless hours at the Fairgrounds feeding, cleaning, and caring for evacuated animals (above right). Many others played a part as well.

2. STUDENT AND EMPLOYEE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Monica Potter engaged Spanish Peak Productions, who did a wonderful production of *Student Parents* video. Five FRC students allowed the company to come into their homes and share what being “non-traditional” community college scholar is like for them. All five of the students have enrolled in classes this fall. Each student shares their story for about 3 minutes. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vX-Kwkhm8nk>

The *Introduction the Forestry* with **Bridget Tracy** started their outdoor laboratories last week. On the right, student learn how to proactively manage forests - a skill needed now more than ever.



Dr. Will Lombardi recently presented a paper entitled "Among Burnt Trees: A Cultural Natural History" at the [Association for the Study of Literature and Environment](#) biennial conference. He was part of a panel on "Ecocritical Pedagogies" sponsored by the [Western Literature Association](#). Dr. Lombardi's talk focused on the public environmental humanities, local fire, and outreach work he has undertaken with [Friends of Plumas Wilderness](#).

The Feather River College Horse Sale had a great year for the Feather River College Foundation this year! The high selling horse sold for \$28,000 with the average horse selling for \$12,400. Students receive a commission scholarship for all their hard work. This year, the scholarships totaled \$31,000 paid directly to the students. Horses sold to Montana, Oregon, Idaho, Nevada, and California. **Claire Guynes** was the student who sold this year's high selling horse *FRC Busy Playin Thor*.



The DSPS program is pleased to provide leashes this year to service animals that help our students at Feather River College. These unique leashes, imprinted with “FRC A Happy Place to Serve,” are designed to honor the animals who work with our students, helping them along their educational journey.

Jan Rennie received the good news that the Educational Talent Search grant earned new funding for another five years. This is great news for the high school students served by the grant in exploring college and career options.

The Summer Bridge course was a success, bringing in students for an orientation and introduction to college before the official start of the semester. They learned about mental health, mathematics and English refresher courses, and navigating college expectations. COVID testing was implemented for participants prior to starting activities.



3. SUPERINTENDENT/PRESIDENT ACTIVITIES REPRESENTING FRCCD

- a) July 16 – California Community College Bachelor’s Association meeting
- b) July 19 – Quincy Rotary meeting
- c) July 20 – breakfast meeting with trustees **Bill Elliott** and **John Sheehan**
- d) July 20 – Plumas County Food Council meeting
- e) July 26-28 – personal vacation
- f) August 2 – Quincy Rotary meeting
- g) August 4 – breakfast meeting with trustee **Guy McNett**
- h) August 4 – lunch meeting with trustee **Kimberly Kaznowski**
- i) August 5 – Plumas County Emergency Food Action Planning meeting
- j) August 5 – interview with **Matt Dembicki** from *CCDaily* magazine
- k) August 10 – KJDX/KSUE interview
- l) August 12 – CalFire interview
- m) August 18 – Institutional Day
- n) August 19 – Quincy Chamber of Commerce meeting
- o) August 20 – new student orientation welcome
- p) August 20 – CCCAA Board meeting
- q) August 20 – FRC Foundation meeting
- r) August 24 – statewide CEO meeting
- s) August 26 – CCCAA Board meeting
- t) August 27 – FRC Foundation meeting
- u) August 30 – Plumas District Hospital meeting regarding COVID testing
- v) August 30 – Quincy Rotary meeting
- w) September 1 – breakfast meeting with trustee **Guy McNett**

4. NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION AND WEEK OF WELCOME

About 120 student attended *New Student Orientation* (NSO) on August 20th under the direction of **Michelle Petroelje**. **Krystal Drybread, Amanda West, Nolan Atkins, Keshawn Johnson** and **Caitlyn Gannon** greeted students and passed out FRC swag. **Gretchen Baumgartner, Alyia Pilgrim, Nick Maez, William “Bama” McKenzie, Carlie McCarthy** and **Sean Harris** did an outstanding job of providing essential information to our new students. Several ambassadors were on hand to help lead students around campus and provide some fun before and after the event. **Chef Sean Conry** cooked up delicious burgers and **Scott Koeller** gave a tour after lunch. Fall athletes attended NSO earlier in August, so in all, over 160 new students attended in-person orientations.



Week of Welcome kicked off with the *Block Party Welcome Dinner* on August 20th. Students and staff enjoyed a free dinner from Paradise Grill, entertainment from Quircus and corn hole from **Matt Warren**. The fun continued with the *Pool Party BBQ* on August 23rd at Pioneer Pool & Park. Special thanks to Park and Rec staff, **Tug Shipp** and **Conrad Gooley**, and **Chef Sean** for making this event happen! *Bowling & Tacos* at La Sierra Lanes had to rescheduled to Wednesday due to the power outage. As always, it was a popular event and familiarized our new students to activities in Quincy. *Rock Climbing* on August 25th in the ORL building introduced our students to activities they

can do on campus. Special thanks to the women’s basketball team for making the time to try something new and **Saylor Flett** and the ORL students for hosting the event. On Thursday, *Olympics Night*, students participated in some fun games led by our student ambassadors, grabbed a meal prepared by Chef Sean and then supported our football team at their scrimmage. The week ended with *Dinner and a Movie* on Friday with Round Table Pizza and the movie *Cool Runnings*. Good times were had by all!





We have an amazing team of student ambassadors lead by **Bama**. Student ambassadors include **Anthony Freeman, Callie Muniz, Christian Hosang, Emily Sheridan, Kobree Penny, Sergio Medina, Alex Saunders, Colette Florentin, Kaylah House, Ryann Resse** and **Cassidy Sigsworth**. They did an incredible job of leading the events and some extra help from First Year Facilitators, **Nolan Atkins, Keshawn Johnson** and **Caitlyn Gannon**.



A big thank you goes out to Plumas District Hospital, Plumas County Public Health Agency, and Quincy Pharmacy for assisting with another safe return of students! From COVID testing to contact tracing to holding vaccine clinics on campus, it has been a community effort and we are so grateful for the partnership and collaborative effort. Several FRC staff (Athletics, Student Services, Facilities) are also to credit for organizing these events and working early mornings and smoky afternoons, and constantly pivoting to make it work. Despite navigating similar circumstances last year, this year felt more challenging due to the vaccine factor, more students, and the Dixie Fire causing disruption and devastation to our community. FRC has some amazing employees who continue to raise the bar as well as extremely resilient students!



FRC Athletics obtained a needed new soccer scoreboard this summer. In addition, padding was added the end walls of the gymnasium to protect student-athletes during games.



FEATHER RIVER COLLEGE STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

1. Communicate effectively	2. Demonstrate critical thinking skills	3. Locate, evaluate, and apply information	4. Demonstrate a sense of personal and professional ethic	5. Develop a clear sense of self, purpose, and ability to achieve goals	6. Demonstrate relationship skills through interpersonal communication, compromise, teamwork and collaboration	7. Value their education, understand its privilege, and become responsible citizens
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FRC has partnered with Timely Care to offer 24/7 tele-mental health services as an extension of the existing services provided by the Mental Health and Wellness Center. Last year was difficult and we saw an uptick in demand, particularly outside of normal business hours. Timely Care provides on-demand mental health support available 24/7 and appointment-based mental health counseling with access to a diverse network of providers. The organization acknowledged the added trauma the campus was experiencing as a result of the Dixie Fire and made the resource available FREE to employees during the month of September.

FRC employees will receive access to FREE TimelyCare services through September 30th.

**After the 30th, employees will still have access at-cost.*



Create your **FREE** account:

1. Visit timelycare.com/frc or download the TimelyCare app.
2. Click "Sign In."
3. Create your profile using your school email.
4. Enter the code **LL60U2**.
5. Follow the prompts to start your first visit.

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