

## Dean's Message

Dear Colleagues:

I cannot believe it is already March. The academic year always seems to pass quickly, but this one has really flown. I have met with several industry partners, listened to their needs, and many are excited by the opportunity to help the college and by our desire to apply for yet another apprenticeship grant concentrating on Natural Resources: CalFire, Sierra Resource Management, Yosemite Foothills Fire Safe Council, Greater Valley Conservation Corps, San Joaquin Office of Education, Sierra Pacific Industries, and the US Forest Service. All are grateful for the opportunity to collaborate and make a difference for our students, preparing them well for gainful employment. We have an important role in preparing students for their first jobs and their careers. We help them build their skills, and we foster the diligence and tenacity Columbia College is known for. The best preparation comes not only from the classroom, but from practical experiences that position students and graduates to find employment in this region's community and beyond.

We are currently assessing and exploring what resources are needed for you to run efficient programs. I am excited about and most grateful for the work of the faculty and staff. As a friendly reminder, the Spring 2018 applications for the Brady-Wise Mini-Grants are due to the Foundation Office Tuesday March 6th. I am happy to support any efforts. For more information, contact the Director of Development, Amy Nilson.

Columbia College is an amazing place. The people – staff, faculty and students – make it so. Thank you for all you do.

Klaus

## Important Dates in CTE

March 5 - 7 — Hospitality Management program accreditation through the American Culinary Federation site visit

March 16 — Occupational Olympics

April 6 — Career & Job Fair

April 15 — Columbia Wine Tasting Fundraiser

April 26 — Fire Academy Graduation

April 27 — Columbia College Graduation



Dr. Klaus Tenbergen and Tiffeny Flies got a tour of Sierra Pacific Industries from Timber Manager Brian Wayland (center) on 2/7.

## Faculty Feature

Ida Ponder has been a full-time faculty member at Columbia College since 1997, teaching Business Administration, Management, Entrepreneurship, and Computer Information Systems courses.

In her spare time, Ida is heavily involved in local 4-H leadership and volunteers as a Girl Scout Camp Cabin leader. She also takes care of a menagerie of animals of her own, including 21 chickens, 9 ducks, 5 alpacas, 5 goats (3 babies!), 2 donkeys, 2 peahens, 1 peacock, a mini-horse, and 4 outdoor cats! Inside are 2 more cats, 2 dogs, and a mini-rex rabbit (who likes to hang out with the dogs). The Hospitality Management program collects compostable waste for Ida's animals, and they love the treats!

Another fun fact about Ida: she recently went skydiving for her 60th birthday! If you see her around campus, ask her about this exhilarating experience!



Ida Ponder



Free-falling from  
13,000 feet in the sky!



The Fire Science Pre-  
Apprenticeship booth at Bret  
Harte High

## Apprenticeship Update

The apprenticeship team has been out and about, recruiting potential new apprentices and pre-apprentices at events such as the Calaveras County College and Career Fair at Bret Harte High on February 21.

For more information about the apprenticeship programs at Columbia College, contact CCAI staff at 588-5252 or [ccai@yosemite.edu](mailto:ccai@yosemite.edu).

# CTE in Action

The Child Development Department hosted a beautiful Tea Party Fundraiser on Friday, February 25<sup>th</sup>. Despite an icy start to the morning, the event was well-attended and enjoyed by all. Special thanks to the Hospitality Management department for preparing the food! The proceeds from this event allow child development student teachers in the Columbia College Child Care Center to obtain their Child Development Permits through the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing.





The Columbia College Fire Academy fire truck is looking sharp with the new logo on the door!



Volunteers from Columbia College helped make omelets and serve breakfast at the 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Frank Salel Super Bowl Breakfast on February 4, 2018.



# Riding the Early Childhood Rollercoaster



A day of learning and mutual support for those who care for children in our community.

**Guest Speaker:** Ronald Mah, M.A., Ph.D.

**Date:** Saturday, March 3, 2018

**Time:** 9am – 2pm

**Location:** Black Oak Casino Conference Room  
19400 Tuolumne Road, Tuolumne

**Registration:** \$10/person

Visit [www.icesagency.org](http://www.icesagency.org) and click on “Riding the Early Childhood Rollercoaster” under Headlines.

Dr. Mah will be sharing from his many years of experience in caring for and teaching young children, and in caring for the caregivers – with humor and meaningful insights.

A light breakfast and lunch will be served, and there will be prizes!

**Call Infant/Child Enrichment Services for more information: 533-0377**





# *Heroes & Helmets*

*An evening to honor all of our local firefighters and fire academy.*

*March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018*

*6:00pm*

*Join us at Columbia College's Cellar Bistro for a four course dinner created and prepared by hospitality management students under the guidance of Chef Don Dickinson.*



*All net proceeds will help support the  
Jordan Jones Columbia College Fire Academy Scholarship  
&  
The Columbia College Hospitality Management Program*

*Dinner is \$60 per person and will be served at 6:00PM (sharp)*

*For reservations please contact:*

*Bruce Cannon – 209-769-5417 - brucefaylan@comcast.net*

*Fred Wolsak – 209-559-5052 – fwolsak@gmail.com*

*Guest speakers to be announced.*



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# OCCUPATIONAL OLYMPICS

FRIDAY,  
MARCH 16,  
2018  
10:00AM -  
1:30PM

- Automotive Technology
- Child Development
- Computer Business Applications
- Cosmetology
- Digital Photography
- Fire Technology
- Law Enforcement
- Entrepreneurship
- Hospitality Management
- Health Occupations
- Forestry & Natural Resources
- Welding



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Child Development Apprentice

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# Columbia College

# Fire Science

## Pre-Apprenticeship Initiative

## Interested in Fire Science?

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through hands-on  
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and more.



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