

November 17, 2017

Outlet: Sacramento Bee

Title: California promises free community college tuition, but how will it pay?

Publication Date: November 13, 2017

Summary: Weeks after Gov. Jerry Brown signed AB 19, which waives fees for first-time freshmen at California community colleges, officials in the **Los Rios Community College District** are wondering where the money will come to pay for the tuition breaks.

URL: <http://www.sacbee.com/news/local/education/article183929856.html>

Outlet: Comstock's Magazine

Title: Whitney Yamamura takes the helm at Folsom Lake College

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Summary: This past July, Whitney Yamamura began his new position as president of **Folsom Lake College**.

URL: See attached article.

Outlet: CBS Sacramento

Title: Death Becomes Valuable Lesson For **American River College** Students

Publication Date: November 17, 2017

Summary: A new program is helping Sacramento handle a growing number of people who die too poor to pay for funeral, burial or cremation costs.

URL: <http://sacramento.cbslocal.com/video/3762767-death-becomes-valuable-lesson-for-american-river-college-students/>

Outlet: Elk Grove Citizen

Title: College Football Roundup

Publication Date: November 12, 2017

Summary: The Beavers finished off the regular season with a 9-1 mark thanks to a 45-28 win over Sierra College at Beaver Stadium Saturday. With the win, **ARC** is now the top seed in Northern California for the California Community College Athletic Association's State Football Championships. On Saturday, the Beavers will host Laney College in one Northern California semi-final. The other game will pit College of San Mateo and College of the Siskiyous.

URL: http://www.egcitizen.com/sports/college-football-roundup/article_a09d301e-c81c-11e7-8cc9-771bf74b534b.html

Outlet: Sacramento Bee

Title: Hometown Report: Beaver Ball

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Summary: American River College is ranked No. 1 in Northern California, No. 3 in the state and No. 4 nationally, and the Beavers have more to play for. They will host Laney College of Oakland on Saturday at 6 p.m. in a California Community College Athletic Association NorCal opener.

URL: <http://www.sacbee.com/sports/spt-columns-blogs/hometown-report/article184443128.html>

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▼ WHITNEY YAMAMURA TAKES THE HELM AT FOLSOM LAKE COLLEGE

This past July, Whitney Yamamura began his new position as president of Folsom Lake College.

His almost 30-year tenure with Los Rios Community College District includes jobs as interim president of Sacramento City College, vice president of instruction at Cosumnes River College, founding dean of American River College's Natomas Center, American River College's dean of Behavioral and Social Sciences, and professor of economics at American River College. He is also the second Asian-American college president in Los Rios District's history.

With the new school year well underway, Yamamura is looking to improve the campus through facility and structure upgrades, program expansions and financial strategies. "Folsom Lake College will double in size, even triple, in the blink of an eye," he says, adding that a comprehensive college experience should include a sol-

id career education program for students looking to transition from the community college system into the workforce. "As we grow, we will need to follow our facilities plan by finishing the expansion of the main building, building a science and career education building and adding at least one more building to the Rancho Cordova Center. At the same time, we need to continue to support the Harris Center for the Arts while building up its financial strength."

Among his top priorities, he says, is to support all students through the educational process by working to close the achievement gap for historically underrepresented students.

Making these changes at Folsom Lake College will have a great deal to do with faculty, staff and administrators. "The faculty are hardworking and engaged in college service outside of the classroom in committees," he says. "The dedication of



the staff to serve students and their sunny outlook and helpful can-do attitude are true exemplars. The administrative team is equally dedicated ... As the newest college in the district, there is an openness to experiment and try different strategies to support student success." ■

- Jennifer Snyder