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# FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

*Dear Friends of CCC,*

On September 18, 2015, Clovis Community College celebrated its 25th year as an independent community college. Since 1990 we have worked to foster an atmosphere of inclusion among our faculty and staff while providing a high quality education for our students.



This summer, Clovis Community College updated its Mission Statement during a Strategic Planning retreat. While our mission continues to focus on providing high quality education in an affordable and accessible manner, our revised mission statement clarifies who we are as a college: "The mission of Clovis Community College, an institution of dedicated educators, professionals, and students, is to serve and empower lifelong learners who are seeking educational opportunities within and beyond the limits of our communities by being learner-centered, embracing advances in technology, and making accredited, high-quality education affordable and accessible."

Over the past twenty-five years CCC has defined itself as a leader in regional healthcare training in Nursing, Emergency Medical Services, Radiologic Technology, and beginning this October, Physical Therapist Assistant. While making these programs accessible and affordable, we put quality first. Our students consistently pass national board exams at well above national rates and secure jobs upon graduation.

Our community has supported our efforts for the past twenty-five years and continues that support by contributing to our "1% for 100% Scholarships" campaign to commemorate our 25th anniversary. A newly developed Alumni Relations department adds to our community presence by encouraging graduates to remain part of the CCC family and contribute to the education of future graduates.

As we move into the next twenty-five years, I suspect that we will see more online programs and a greater focus on performance. Bring it on! No one can predict the changes that technology will bring in twenty-five years, but I know that CCC will continue to thrive.

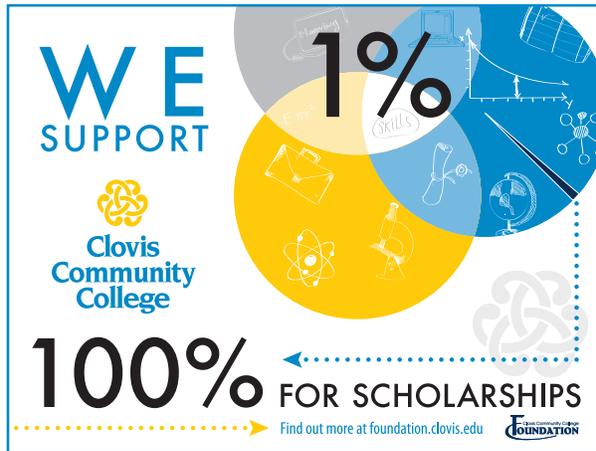
Becky Rowley  
President

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# CCC FOUNDATION RAISES \$25,000 FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

The CCC Foundation kicked off its first annual fund-raiser, "1% for 100% Scholarships" with 100% of the money raised going directly toward scholarships for Clovis Community College students. The campaign started August 1 and concluded September 30. The campaign coincided with CCC's 25th anniversary and exceeded the Foundation's goal of \$25,000.



Locally generated scholarship funds help ensure that the opportunity to acquire skills and increase earnings potential is available to all students. "This campaign provides an opportunity for our community to show its support for the enrichment CCC has brought to our community for the past 25 years," said Christina Tatum, Co-Chair of the Foundation Fundraising Committee.

CCC Foundation board members approached local businesses and organizations asking them to show their support for CCC by pledging either 1% of their gross sales for the month of September or making a flat donation. Campaigning board members, many of whom are small business owners themselves, leveraged their own contacts and ties to our rural community to personalize their approach.

"Even a small donation can have a huge impact on the life of a student; just \$500 can help cover one student's tuition and fees for a semester," said Thomas Martin, Co-Chair of the Foundation Fundraising Committee.

Supporters received a yard sign and posters to display at their businesses during the month of September. Donations of \$1,000 or more will be acknowledged on a permanent installation on campus to be determined later this academic year.

Through the generosity of the community, funds raised during the campaign will be awarded as scholarships to help at least 50 students during the 2016-2017 academic year.



To find out more about how you can contribute to the CCC Foundation, please contact Natalie Daggett, Executive Director, at 575.769.4115 or [natalie.daggett@clovis.edu](mailto:natalie.daggett@clovis.edu). Learn more about the Foundation by visiting <http://foundation.clovis.edu>.

Thank you to the following individuals and businesses for contributing to Clovis Community College Foundation's 1% for 100% Scholarship annual campaign.

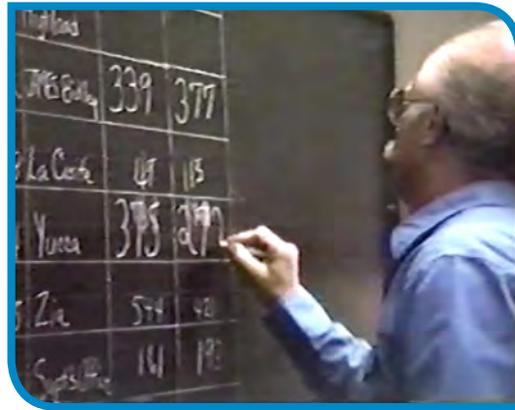
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# Celebrating OUR History

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OF CCC

On the evening of September 18, 1990, over a dozen CCC employees anxiously waited at the Curry County Courthouse. Keith Ingram tallied votes from local precincts as they were telephoned in. Suddenly, as the last votes were reported and scrawled onto the chalkboard, an eruption of joyous screams and hugs filled the hall. Local voters had given the Eastern New Mexico Clovis campus a vote of confidence and allowed the branch to spin off as an independent community college. That night, Clovis Community College was born!



Dr. Gurley recounted keeping employees focused on the present amidst the pending election. "I recall telling employees at the time to keep up the great work," he said. "Whatever was meant to happen would happen!"

In the end, the vote for independence narrowly passed by a margin of only 42 votes. The College began focusing on offering quality education coupled with affordable tuition, for which it is still known today.

Fast forward to September 18, 2015. After 12 months of planning, the College invited current and past employees, students, and community members to the campus for a celebration of the College's first 25 years in the community.

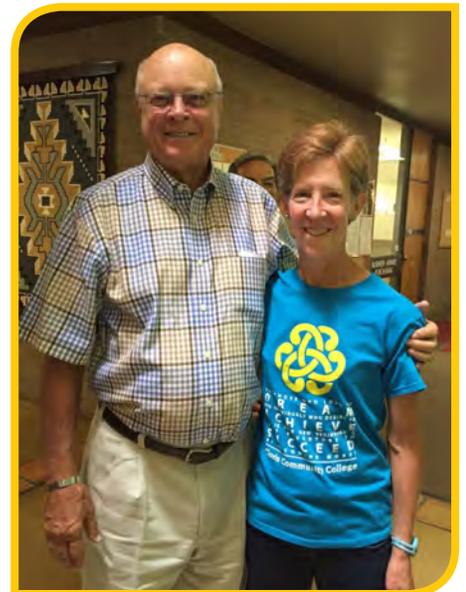
During the silver anniversary celebration, guests were treated to a special exhibit in the Eula Mae Edwards Museum and Gallery entitled "Twenty-Five for Twenty-Five: An Anniversary Retrospective and Celebration." The exhibit featured 25 pieces from CCC's prestigious art collection started by Dr. Gurley and Dr. Turner, including two Works Progress Administration (WPA) paintings they found in a dumpster at the College's original location at the former Eugene Field.

In attendance was Dr. Jay Gurley, the College's first president, and Dr. Jim Turner, who served an impressive 30 years at CCC and served as interim president during 1998 and 1999. The impact that both Dr. Gurley and Dr. Turner had on the College's early years placed CCC on a firm foundation for the future. During the ceremony, CCC showed the 1990 video of the official votes being counted at the Curry County Courthouse, featuring Dr. Turner and other employees of the college celebrating when the final numbers came in.

"These are the two paintings that started the collection," Dr. Gurley said as he pointed out the modestly-sized works in bright red frames. "We were given these paintings for free, which made us think that investing in art for the College would be a wise idea."

"There was a lot of energy that night," recounted Jan Hamilton, a CCC retiree. "We weren't exactly sure what was going to happen. I just remember being thrilled when the votes came in!"

**Dr. Jay Gurley and Dr. Becky Rowley, CCC's first and current president respectively, enjoyed reminiscing on CCC's past during the anniversary celebration.**



In its first 25 years, the College has served over 60,000 students who have enrolled in classes, issued over 6,400 degrees, and evolved into a school that reaches all 50 states. "It's amazing to see how the campus continues to grow after all these years," said Dr. Gurley reflecting on the College's history. "I'm most impressed with the College's growth in the Allied Health field, and the new facilities are very impressive."



Employees, students, alumni, retirees, and community members shared in the festivities, which included special presentations, lunch, music, and tours of the CCC campus.

As the celebration wound down, employees of the College, both past and present, shared stories over lunch and cake, bringing a feeling of pride and gratitude to all in attendance. Clovis Community College would like to thank everyone who has been a part of our first 25 years, making it possible to continue to serve area students for years to come.



From left to right: Juan Garza, Clovis' mayor pro tem; Raymond Mondragon, CCC Board of Trustees chairman; Fidel Madrid, City of Clovis commissioner; Laura Leal, CCC Board of Trustees member.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OF  
**I M P A C T**

**60,000**

People who have enrolled in a class at CCC



**6,400**

Degrees awarded to CCC graduates

**70%**

Average job placement rate for all CCC graduates since 1990



**50**

States where a student took an online course with CCC

**2,133**

GED® credentials awarded to area students



**18,678**

Adult Basic Education students who took high school equivalency and English as a Second Language classes

**2,754**

Small business owners consulted at the Small Business Development Center located on campus.



**\$33,042,250**

Capital and investments in building and remodelling projects

Source: Clovis Community College Office of Institutional Research | September 2015

# CAMPUS Accolades!

## Janna Hackett Selected as Volunteer Item Writer for the National Council of State Boards of Nursing Licensure Examination (NCLEX®)

CCC nursing instructor Janna Hackett, MSN, RN, was selected as a volunteer Item Writer for the National Council of State Boards of Nursing Licensure Examination (NCLEX®).

NCSBN, headquartered in Chicago, is responsible for developing and administering the NCLEX-RN® and NCLEX-PN® licensing exams.

Hackett was approved by the New Mexico Board of Nursing and selected by NCSBN to participate on the NCLEX® item development panel of subject matter experts that was held in Chicago, Illinois, from August 31, 2015 to September 3, 2015.

Hackett was one of 8 nurses from across the nation to be selected for this assignment. She was nominated on the basis of clinical specialty and nursing expertise.

All nurses in the United States and its four U.S. territories must take the NCLEX®. The licensing exam identifies those candidates who demonstrate minimal competence to practice nursing at the entry level. Passing the NCLEX® exam is one of the requirements necessary for attaining a nursing license.

Nurses interested in contributing to the profession through volunteering to serve on NCLEX® item development panels should apply by completing the application online at [www.ncsbn.org](http://www.ncsbn.org).



## Three CCC Faculty Members win NISOD Awards

Three Clovis Community College instructors received the 2014-2015 Excellence Awards from the National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development. The recipients were honored at the awards banquet in Austin, Texas, in May. Each recipient is nominated by a group of peers and then chosen from letters that endorsed the instructors' skills, abilities, and attributes. Here's what this year's winners said about the accomplishment.

"This award is precious to me, as I was voted on by my peers. I am humbled and so honored to have been selected for this."

- Aloha Hand, Nursing

"I am proud to be part of the entire CCC team. It's an honor to be selected for this award. I would like to thank all of my colleagues for making CCC a great place to work as we strive to accomplish a common mission of providing high-quality education for our students."

- Ricky Fuentes, Information Technology



"I am honored to be selected by my fellow instructors for this award. I am privileged to work in an environment where I may engage students through creativity and interaction. CCC is made up of an amazing group

of faculty, administrators and support staff, and I deeply appreciate their recognition of my efforts."

- Judy Hurlebusch, Graphic Design



[Learn more at NISOD.org!](http://www.nisod.org)

## CCC Awarded Federal Title V Grants for Developing Hispanic-Serving Institutions

Clovis Community College has received two grants under the U.S. Department of Education's Title V Developing Hispanic-Serving Institutions Grant Program, which will allow the college to develop programs and strategies aimed at making graduation a reality for Hispanic and low-income students.

The first grant is a cooperative grant between CCC and Eastern New Mexico University, with a primary focus on establishing a stronger career path for Hispanic and low-income students seeking degrees in education. Through this grant, CCC will receive approximately \$200,000 each year for the next five years. The cooperative grant will also focus on interventions to help students stay enrolled in college between their first and second years when students are at the highest risk for not returning and completing a degree.



Hispanic student population of CCC

The second grant is an individual-institution grant that directly benefits CCC and its students through an award of approximately \$525,000 per year for the next five years. Through this grant, the college aims to increase student persistence, retention, and completion with innovative teaching strategies in both face-to-face and online classroom settings.

Additionally, the College will focus on developing stronger student support services, such as mentoring and coaching during a student's academic career through the adoption of a software system to foster successful student outcomes. The system will track student risk factors to facilitate timely interventions, ensuring a greater chance of student success. Such interventions may include notifying a student, a case manager, and his or her instructors when tutoring may be needed to help the student pass a course.

For more information about federal programs and grants at Clovis Community College, please contact Mindy Watson at 575.769.4065 or [mindy.watson@clovis.edu](mailto:mindy.watson@clovis.edu).

## Congressman Ben Ray Luján visits CCC's Occupational Technology Programs

On Thursday, August 27, U.S. Congressman Ben Ray Luján visited our campus to learn more about some of the College's occupational technology programs.

Beginning with CCC's Industrial Technology program, Luján spoke with instructor Jim Mitchell about the curriculum and job outlook for CCC students. Luján also took time to speak with Dr. Becky Rowley, CCC president, about some of the challenges that students are up against and the proposed notion of free community college.



**Dr. Becky Rowley (right) discusses the college's industrial technology program with Representative Luján (center) and INDT instructor Jim Mitchell (left).**

"CCC was honored to have Representative Luján on our campus," Rowley said. "I am very proud of the faculty and students in the programs Representative Luján toured, and I look forward to working with him on future programs to assist our students with college completion."

After touring the industrial technology facility, Luján also visited with Paul Blair and Sean Poindexter of CCC's automotive and welding programs, respectively.



**Sean Poindexter (left), CCC's welding instructor, shares information with Representative Luján about the program's recent expansion on campus.**

Clovis Community College and THE CITIZENS BANK OF CLOVIS present:



# Cultural Arts Series 2015 2016



The Willis Clan  
November 18



MarchFourth!  
February 27



M.J. Wilde & Wicked Wilde  
January 23



Jesse Cook  
February 11



State Street Ballet  
presents CARMEN  
March 17



Barrage 8  
April 5

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Our sponsors and community partners make it possible to continue bringing world class performances that inspire, educate, entertain, and provide educational outreach activities for area students.

Also, a big THANKS to all the individuals who supported the season by becoming a Series ticket holder. Thank you for "Bringing the World" to our community!

# EDUCATION GONE GLOBAL

In 2015, the concept of telecommuting or online education is nothing foreign. Global telecommunications have changed the way that businesses can operate, so it should be no surprise that the modern college student can be anywhere in the world.

Meet Noah White, 2014 Clovis Community College graduate in Business Administration. Noah is not your typical CCC student. In fact, he's never even been to Clovis! "I've spent almost the same amount of time outside of the States as in it!" he said during our interview. Today, Noah splits his time between South Africa and China, helping various charitable organizations. His passion for humanitarian contributions has led to a love of travel, and earning an education along the way was always part of his plan.

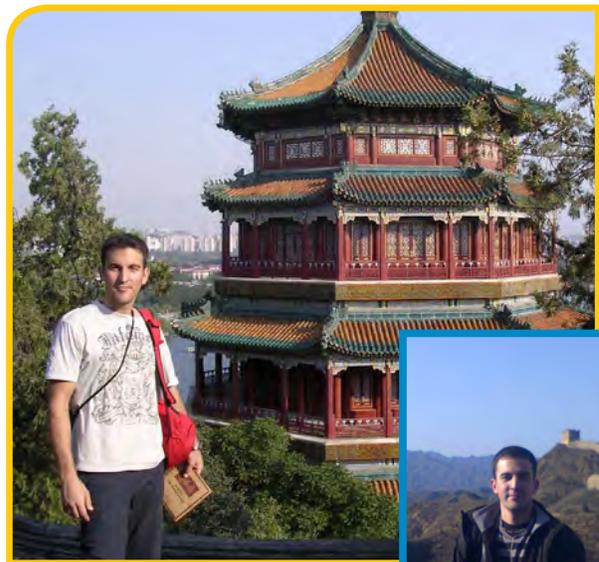
Noah's family lives all around the world, so gaining education from a college that allowed him to be somewhat nomadic was important when selecting a college. While living in China and learning Mandarin, it was Noah's sister who recommended CCC's online business administration degree program. "It's been quite a challenge juggling different time zones, work, study, and the occasional move from one continent to another," Noah said. Another challenge was getting books shipped overseas, but the sense of accomplishment made it worth the time and effort.

"I'm very thankful for the staff at the school for having been very good to me and always helping me with any issues," said White. "I can honestly say from experience that if you have any issues, they will do everything they can to help you with them."

Working with non-governmental organizations in Africa, Noah developed a passion for helping those in need, like helping orphans from the AIDS epidemic in South Africa. "I enjoyed it so much that I stayed on for almost 10 years

working with different projects," he said. "One of the highlights was meeting Nelson Mandela at an event at one of the children's homes. Meeting him in person and shaking his hand is something I'll remember for the rest of my life."

"I'd like to carry on and finish my bachelor's degree in the next few years while continuing to travel," he added. "I am very interested in social entrepreneurship and global development, and I'd like to find ways to take my skills and experience from my life and use them for the benefit of the international community. I see the things I've learned at Clovis as important tools towards enabling me to do that."



CCC graduate Noah White completed his degree while living in both South Africa and China. Noah is seen here doing some sightseeing at a Chinese temple and the Great Wall of China.

# Alumni *Spotlight*



**Selina Marriott**  
Class of 2015

## **What did you study?**

General Studies

## **What is your role today?**

I am a Help Desk specialist at CCC. I assist students in everyday questions including user information for online systems as well as technical support. It's a great way to learn more about processes our students use as well as utilizing the skills I have learned from CCC to implement the tools in my role today.

## **How did CCC help you become prepared for a career?**

My communication skills have grown stronger, and I feel more prepared for what life throws at me. CCC is an excellent start to creating a successful future for yourself and your family. Because I continued my education with CCC, I am happy with a job that I see myself becoming very successful in, and being able to support my growing family is a blessing in itself!

## **What advice would you give to a student today at CCC?**

Strive for your goals, and never give up on your education. Even if it might take you longer than others, the feeling of walking on the stage and receiving a degree in front of your family and friends is all so worth it. Keep your head up and your goals high. Reach for the sky!

“ **Nothing builds self-esteem and self-confidence like accomplishment. As a graduate from Clovis Community College, I am proud to say that I have done just that and can now call myself an alumnus. Never giving up, pushing myself, and working with great supportive staff at the college have helped me succeed in my goals. Thank you CCC!** ”

- Selina Marriott ”



**Ben Trujillo**  
Class of 1997

## **What did you study?**

Radiologic Technology

## **What is your role today?**

I am CCC's Clinical Coordinator for the Radiologic Technology program.

## **How did CCC help you become prepared for a career?**

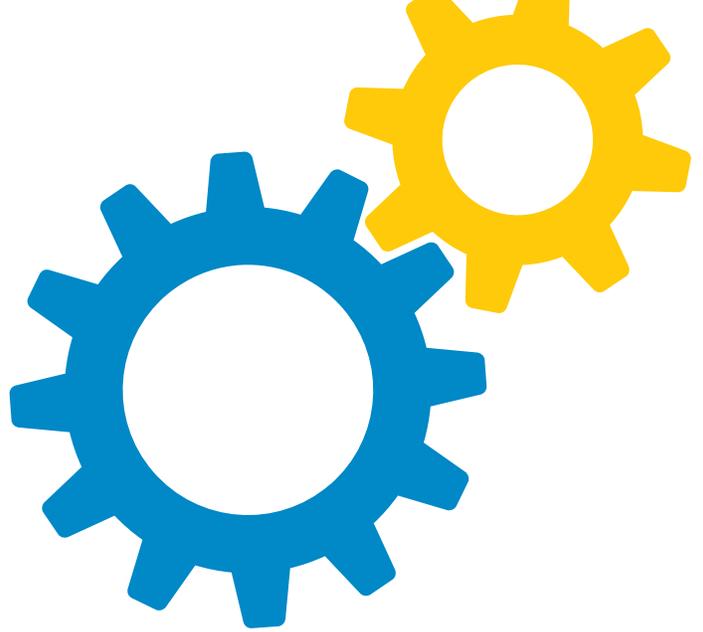
I was able to quickly gain employment in my field. My education at CCC prepared me for my future in health care. I was able to travel the U.S. and quickly move up the career ladder in all the settings that I was placed.

## **What advice would you give to a student today at CCC?**

Take advantage of everything that this college has to offer. We have great people in this facility who will help you achieve your goals, and they have a passion and sense of duty to see others succeed.

*For more information about the Alumni Association, please contact Stacy Buckley, Career Services and Alumni Relations Coordinator, at 575.469.4085, or [stacy.buckley@clovis.edu](mailto:stacy.buckley@clovis.edu). Learn more about the CCC Alumni Association by visiting [www.clovis.edu/alumni](http://www.clovis.edu/alumni)*

# SHIFTING GEARS INTO NEW CAREERS



When the time came for Seth McAvoy to leave his career in the U.S. Air Force, he knew he had many choices and opportunities thanks to his military service. While passionate about his hands-on experience with aerospace ground equipment maintenance, Seth was ready to take his training in a new direction.

"I chose to study industrial technology because it tied in perfectly with my 11 years' experience in the Air Force," he said. For Seth, going back to school after his military service was an easy choice to make, knowing that by finishing his degree he would be more approachable by employers who need workers possessing the skills he has.

As a part of CCC's Industrial Technology program, the students went on a tour of Southwest Cheese, located just south of Clovis. The company's management approached the school with the possibility of internships for students in the program. The company currently offers four intern positions to CCC students like Seth.

Classroom experience in the program was invaluable to Seth. "There was definitely a lot more hands-on instruction in the Industrial Tech lab than I expected," he said. CCC's lab includes modules and training simulators

that get students familiar with concepts of hydraulic and pneumatics, engine alignments, electrical systems, and more. Additionally, computer-based simulations allow students to work with virtual systems to troubleshoot more complex solutions ranging from traffic lights and elevators to more sophisticated manufacturing and sorting scenarios.

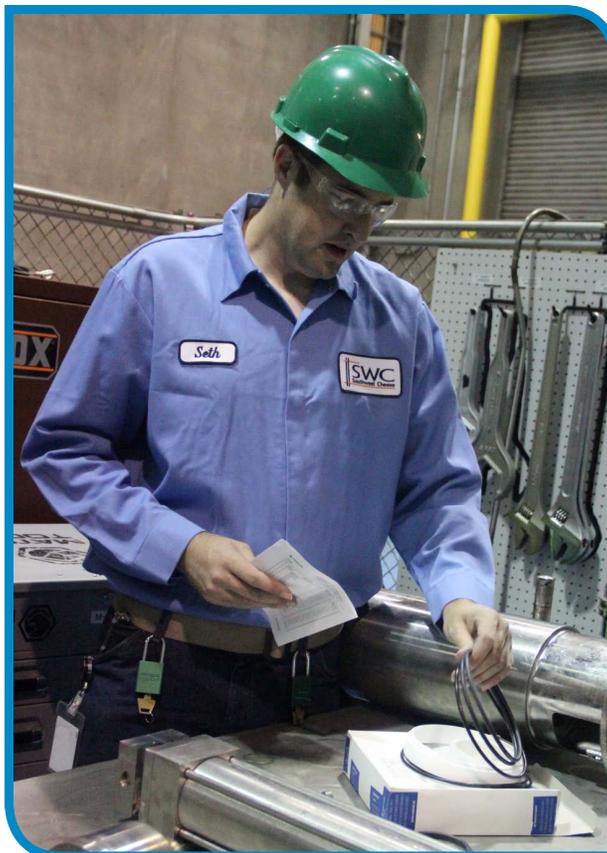
Today, Seth is employed as a maintenance technician with Southwest Cheese Company, one of the area's largest employers and manufacturers of world-class cheese and

whhey products. "I enjoy being a part of this team and making my contribution to ensure we meet our production goals and see cheese go out the door," Seth said.

"We appreciate the relationship we have with CCC," said Leah Jackson, senior HR manager at Southwest Cheese. "This program benefits students as well as our company as we work together to grow talent."

Other graduates of the program are being hired by oil companies in the area or other employers such as Cargill Meat Solutions and the booming wind energy industry around the region.

*To learn more about the College's Industrial Technology program, please visit [Clovis.edu/INDT](http://Clovis.edu/INDT).*





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Clovis Community College and The Citizens Bank of Clovis proudly present our fifteenth season with performances that will inspire, educate, and entertain you!

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|-----------------|--|
| <b>Sept. 26</b> | <b>Joseph Hall's Elvis<br/>Rock 'n' Remember Tribute</b>       |
| <b>Oct. 15</b>  | <b>Rani Arbo &amp; daisy mayhem</b>                            |
| <b>Nov. 18</b>  | <b>The Willis Clan</b>   |
| <b>Jan. 23</b>  | <b>M.J. Wilde: The Jazz Life</b>                               |
| <b>Feb. 11</b>  | <b>Jesse Cook</b>  |
| <b>Feb. 27</b>  | <b>MarchFourth! Band</b>                                       |
| <b>Mar. 17</b>  | <b>Santa Barbara State<br/>Street Ballet presents "CARMEN"</b> |
| <b>April 5</b>  | <b>Barrage 8</b>   |

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