

Greetings from the Central Valley

The pear trees have already exploded into bloom and the ornamentals are beginning to show their true colors. We've had some major storms, and the Calaveras River running through campus is flowing strong and high. We are already looking ahead to Commencement and hope to see some of you back on the Stockton Campus, Saturday, May 11!

We have some great stories for you in this issue about our wonderful alumni who continue to generously fund scholarships, internships and new faculty positions. Their gifts ensure that the College will enable our students to translate their dreams of doing great things into reality for the rest of this century and into the next. You will meet some of these students in the webpages of this newsletter.

Our great debate team and our newest faculty members are also featured, just to give you a sampling of what stays the same (an excellent debate history) and what changes (new faculty with new research interests).

Also, please check out the events remaining in the spring semester. I hope you'll join us at an academic event where lifelong learning continues!

Best wishes,

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