



**P**resident Tran participated in the 2024 Community College National Legislative Summit, an advocacy event held in Washington, DC, that convenes over 1,000 community college leaders. The summit serves as a platform to inform and educate leaders on federal policy issues affecting postsecondary institutions and students.

Dr. Tran had the opportunity to hear insights from members of the U.S. Congress, administration officials, renowned political analysts, and other distinguished speakers, providing valuable perspectives on the current climate in D.C., recent elections, and legislative matters impacting community colleges.

Dr. Tran also had the privilege of meeting with U.S. representatives in Congress to advocate for the support of our districts and students. Meetings were held with Congressman John Duarte, Senator McClintock, the staff of Senator Butler, and Congressman Josh Harder.



**On February 23rd, Columbia College extended a warm welcome** to the Institutional Effectiveness and Partnership Initiative (IEPI) group from the Chancellor's office, as we explored possibilities for expanding our arts, music, and theater programs. The IEPI group took the opportunity to engage with our faculty, staff, students, and community members, gathering insight from diverse constituent groups about the strengths of the college and exploring ways in which IEPI can lend support to Columbia College. We look forward to the team's return for another on-campus visit scheduled for Friday, April 12th.

The Institutional Effectiveness and Partnership Initiative (IEPI) was launched in 2014 to help California's Community Colleges and college districts improve their operational effectiveness. It is uniquely positioned to help boost student success across the system by providing colleges and college districts the high-quality technical assistance, professional development and resource tools needed to achieve the goals and commitments contained in the California Community Colleges' 2017 Vision for Success.



The President's Office extends great gratitude to **KRISTINA GODINEZ**, Senior Director of Admin Services, for hosting an Administrative Services Training session for the team. The day was filled with valuable learning experiences, networking opportunities, and team bonding at the college.



**BOOKS AND BREAKFAST BURRITOS**

President Tran had the pleasure of participating in the Books and Breakfast Burritos event organized by the Teaching & Learning Center. The session provided a refreshing dialogue among faculty and staff on humanizing our roles when working with students. The group also engaged in a thoughtful conversation about "Teach Students How to Learn" by Sandra Yancy McGuire.



**ON FEBRUARY 12,** President Tran had the pleasure of engaging with students during her monthly Office Hours with Students. Dr. Tran received positive feedback about Columbia College, particularly acknowledging the staff's friendly customer service and the campus's beautiful and conducive learning environment.



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We look forward to building a robust Columbia College LinkedIn community together. If you have any questions or need assistance, please feel free to reach out to us.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- February 28: JUMPER PLAYOFF GAME (7PM)
- Feb 29- Mar 1: TEACHING & LEARNING SUMMIT (ALL DAY)
- March 6: ACCJC OPEN FORUM (11:30)
- March 8: 7TH ANNUAL TEA PARTY FUNDRAISER (4PM)
- March 11: SIERRA K16 LAUNCH EVENT (3PM)
- March 22: COMMUNITY JOB FAIR (1PM)



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