

# HORTICULTURAL SPECIALIST PLANTS A NEW DIRECTION FOR FCC BOTANICAL GARDEN

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Whether students need a place to relax, want to see Koi fish swim, or enjoy the nature of Fresno City College's botanical garden, Quentin Pryce, the horticultural program specialist, is there to maintain the growth, care and beauty of the garden and plants around campus.

Pryce was raised in Fresno. He learned about growing plants from his grandparents on both sides of his family.

"They instilled that into me. Taking care of plants was always a big part of my upbringing, and where I get a sense of wonder for nature and all living things," Pryce said.

Pryce first attended FCC as a student in 2012 and worked towards his associate degree in science, graduating in 2017.

Pryce is preparing to seed more native plants within the garden and around campus, and is even attending a class to enhance his education on growing and producing the best plants.

"I think science is a place where you can find a home, especially in life sciences," Pryce said.

Pryce is also looking forward to expanding the tree walk. He is maintaining the trees' health and making sure the proper signage is in place. He wants to show students what the tree walk can offer.

Pryce said that it's a "rare thing" for students to even recognize or know that we have a tree walk, and suggests that anyone interested should pick up a tree walk booklet at the Botanical Garden.

"Each tree has a little number that corresponds to it. In the booklet, the numbered trees will explain each tree's importance and history," Pryce said.

One tree Pryce said he wants to expand across campus is the Valley Oak Tree. He said it is an important keystone species in our environment and homes many insects, squirrels and more.

One final note Pryce wanted students to know is that the garden is always open for anyone to come and visit.

"We especially want our students to come and visit this space. Check out the Koi Pond, and the Greenhouse, this is a resource for anybody to come explore and enjoy and learn new things," Pryce said.



HORTICULTURAL PROGRAM SPECIALIST QUENTIN PRYCE POSES NEXT TO A VARIETY OF PLANTS FOUND AT FRESNO CITY COLLEGE'S BOTANICAL GARDEN ON SEPT. 5. PHOTO BY GAVIN RULAND.



KOI FISH SWIM IN THE FRESNO CITY COLLEGE BOTANICAL GARDEN POND ON SEPT. 5. PHOTO BY GAVIN RULAND.



HUGE CACTUS GROWN AT THE FRESNO CITY COLLEGE BOTANICAL GARDEN SURROUNDED BY GROWING PLANTS AND TREES ON SEPT. 5. PHOTO BY GAVIN RULAND.

# FRESNO CITY COLLEGE SOCIAL MEDIA CLUB DISBANDED

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Social Media Club President Drea Rivera had recently announced on Instagram that the club will not be continued this

fall semester at Fresno City College.

The former president of the Social Media Club, Tim Neer, finished his last semester at FCC, leaving Rivera as the new leader. Rivera was the one who made the call and said that the club will not be continued for personal reasons.

"It runs on my mental health, it causes severe burnout, and that's what's going on with me right now," Rivera said.

Despite this, members of the club are still staying connected with each other through different social media platforms and are looking for other alternatives to keep the club going.

"Members of the club reacted to the news as being bummed out and sad that the club was being disbanded," Rivera said.

Members will still connect with each other both on and off campus even though the club is no longer present. Discord, and Instagram are ways for members to still stay connected.

There is currently no confirmation if the club will be reopened in the spring semester of 2026. There have been talks for the club to be potentially merged with another club on campus, if other clubs are interested, reach out to her.

"I'm kind of hoping that would possibly happen," Rivera said.

One of her priorities with this decision would be making sure that other club members do have the time to join the club.

Rivera wanted to give a sincere apology to all members of the club for stopping it and said it was a really hard and difficult decision to make.

Her final message was to both her members and other clubs.

"To any other clubs out there that are having issues finding officers or admins to get the club together to be in the class for an hour, don't give up and continue on," Rivera said.

The Social Media Club was a way for many people on campus to get information about FCC rather than events, sports or other announcements.

Rivera said that social media was important and was the way of making their club known to others.

"It is a way for us to welcome new students at Fresno City College," Rivera said.

It was a way for people to see what FCC was about and what they had to offer to them, a way to grab people's attention.



GRAPHIC OF SHATTERING OVER THE SOCIAL MEDIA CLUB'S LOGO SYMBOLIZING THE CLUB NOT CONTINUING FOR THE FALL 2025 SEMESTER. PHOTO BY IVAN HEREDIA.