SPRING CLUB RUSH AT FCC HELPS STUDENTS FIND COMMUNITIES

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For many Fresno City College students this is their first semester, spring club rush was an opportunity to turn the campus into a personal community and help students find their niche on campus.

Whether you are looking for a club to watch film with, a club supporting a certain group like the Social Justice club, or maybe just looking for a club that helps others by volunteering, this semester's club rush had a little something for everyone.

A member of the Film Appreciation club, Maria Prieto, said being a part of the Film Appreciation club is like a movie theater.
"Being able to talk to each other and discuss the movie afterwards with other members," Prieto said.

Prieto said students who are interested in joining should talk to the advisor, Eric Browning, though any student who appreciates film is welcome.

There were also groups such as the Native American Association whose goal is to preserve the history of native people by spreading awareness about the culture. Daniel Haro, a member of the association, discussed what kind of challenges the group faces. "Planning things, getting things done right away, since we always hit the ground running, no matter what semester it is," Haro said.

Haro also said that there are many upcoming events later this year, such as Earth day this spring and the California Native American day in the fall, and that anybody can join in on the association regardless of their ancestry.

There were also many volunteer clubs such as the Puente club, which is an extension of the Puente program that does community service and helps transfer students learn necessary skills that they will need.

Students attending Fresno City College's spring club rush at the University Mall on Jan. 28. Photo by Sara Cisneros.

A Puente club member, Mariana Mireles said, "We do a lot of community service, and ask the members what they would like to do, so it's all student led. We've previously done Ronald McDonald house, so we go down and we cook meals for the kids and families who are going through that situation."

Mireles said clubs also help transfer students who need the tools and skills to find a university.

"We try for the students and the members that are gonna transfer to different universities by doing workshops," Mireles said.

As another club rush wraps up, FCC showcases that it is more than just a place for classes, it is a community that is growing. While helping students build a connection and reminding them that no matter what their interest is, it's available for them at FCC.

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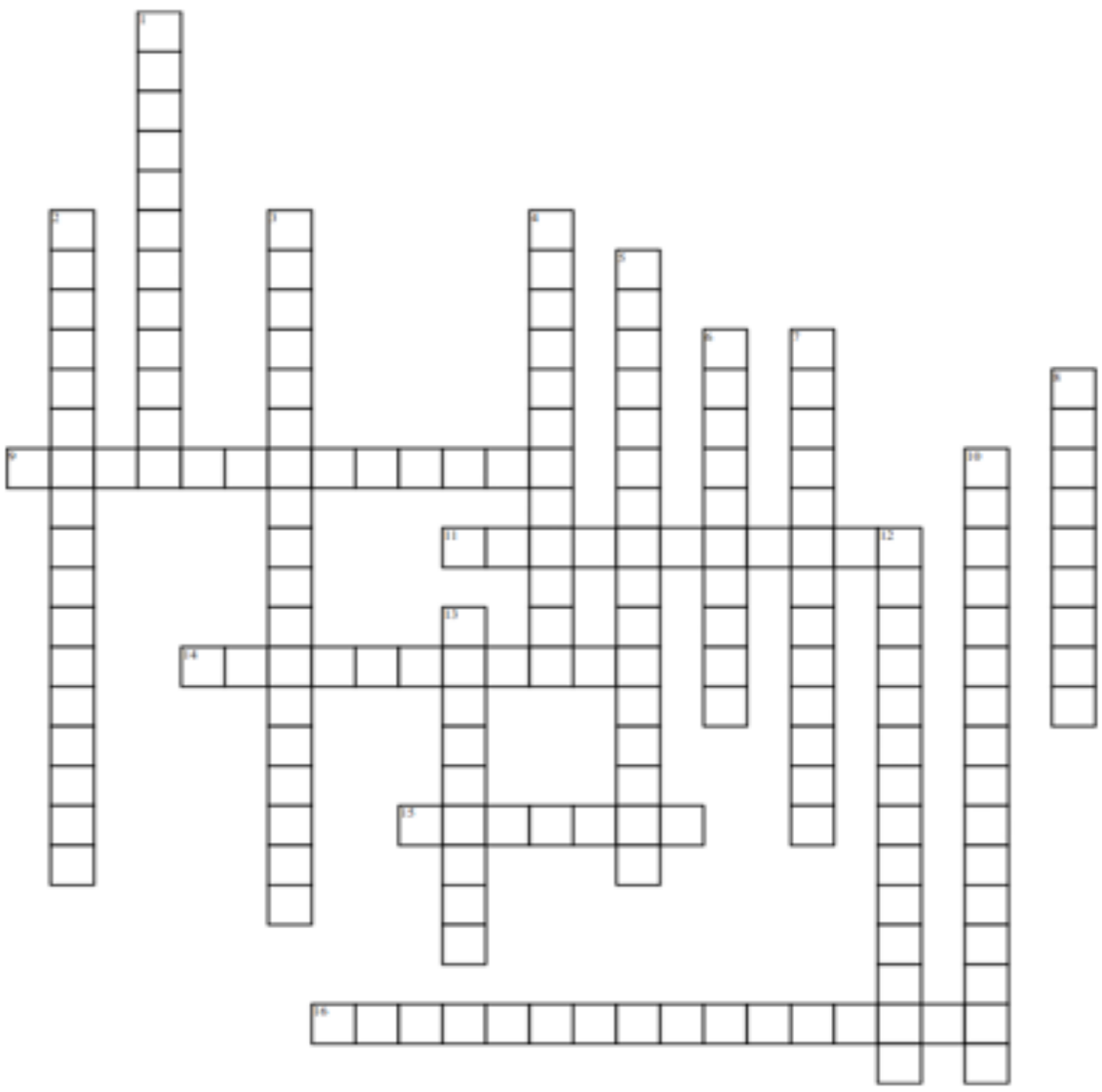
ACROSS

9. The First Lady
11. Murdered civil rights activist
14. U.S. President
15. 'Black Power' advocate
16. Educator



DOWN

1. First African American U.S. Female Attorney General
2. Was a Orator
3. Civil rights leader
4. South African President
5. First Daughters
6. Founder of Black Panthers
7. Underground Railroad leader
8. Who was NAACP founder?
10. A Female Civil rights leader
12. Antislavery activist
13. Bus-riding activist

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