

the PEOPLE ON THE MOVE

EDUCATION

Matthew Dildine, CEO of the Fresno Mission, will be the speaker at both Fresno Pacific University commencement ceremonies.

During Dildine's time at the Fresno Mission, the City Center project has brought together more than 25 organizations to provide crisis housing, free groceries, charter and career technical education, medical and mental health care, a youth drop-in center and a human-trafficking youth shelter. In process is City Ranch, California's first master-planned community for people leaving homelessness, human trafficking and foster care. Dildine also helped start and serves as the president of Martin Park, Inc., a faith-based nonprofit that builds parks and community centers in underserved communities, and chairs the board of Citygate Network, America's largest association of homeless services providers. Before joining the mission, Dildine was a partner at Dowling Aaron Law Firm. Matt and wife Kym—co-CEO of Central California Food Bank—have five children. His dual Bachelor of Arts degrees in Religion and Political Science, Master's in Public Policy and his Juris Doctorate are all from Pepperdine University.



Dildine

REAL ESTATE

Colliers Fresno welcomes the addition of **Jeff Kim**, an accomplished commercial real estate agent, to their team. With nearly two decades of experience in the local industry, Kim specializes in multifamily investment properties and brings a vast array of knowledge



Kim

to the team. Colliers Fresno eagerly looks forward to the exciting journey ahead with Kim, anticipating collaborative growth, innovation, and sustained excellence in serving the vibrant Fresno commercial real estate market.

FINANCE

The Garabedian Group has announced **Lauren Garabedian-Ruff**, CPA, and **Chris Chapman**, CPA, CGMA, as partners in the firm with Founder and CEO Dale Garabedian, CPA, CGMA. Garabedian-Ruff and Chapman have played an integral part in the development and growth of The Garabedian Group. Garabedian-Ruff joined the firm in 2012, and Chapman in 2009. Together, they lead The Garabedian Group in offering comprehensive financial solutions to business owners, giving them confidence for generations to come.



Garabedian-Ruff



Chapman

LAW

Hoppe Law now has a new attorney, **Kathrine "Kate" Hoppe**. With her start in commercial and environmental litigation, Hoppe brings her creative problem-solving and tenacity to the Hoppe Law team. Hoppe's practice areas include commercial litigation, insurance defense, employment, and agribusiness. This Edison High School, Fresno graduate earned



Hoppe

her bachelor's degree in history from Colgate University in 2019. She received her Juris Doctorate from the University of California, Hastings College of the Law (now known as UC Law San Francisco) in 2022. During her time in law school, Hoppe was a moot court team member. She also worked as a legal researcher and writing teaching assistant. Hoppe's work is published in the UC Hasting Communications and Entertainment Law Journal. Hoppe is admitted to the State Bar of California

HEALTH CARE

Family HealthCare Network welcomes **Michelle Lee**, ASW, to the behavioral health team at Fresno First health center. Lee will help strengthen the behavioral health services throughout Central California in response to the growing needs of the Fresno County patient base. Born and raised in Fresno, Lee's behavioral health career began at the University of California, Merced, where she received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology with a Minor in Sociology and Public Health. Lee joined the Marjaree Mason Center, serving multiple roles including client service advocate, case manager, and victim advocate. Lee returned to school by enrolling at the University of Southern California, where she earned her Master of Social Work degree. Lee then served as a Mental Health Clinician at Madera County Behavioral Health and later joined Manuch Inc. as a mental health clinician and head of service. In 2024, Lee accepted a position with Family HealthCare Network.



Lee

AWARDS

The Justice Hollis G. Best Scholarship Fund, administered by the Central Valley Community Foundation, supports individuals like **Rosemaria Cavalho**, whose story epitomizes resilience and determination. Cavalho's journey began with graduating from high school a year ahead of schedule. Starting her academic pursuit at Modesto Junior College, she later transferred to UC Berkeley, where she delved into advocacy



Cavalho

work, initially championing workers' rights and later shifting her focus to tenant advocacy. These experiences fueled her passion for justice and laid the groundwork for her future endeavors. The decision to pursue law school was a natural progression for Cavalho, driven by a desire to address economic disparities and advocate for marginalized communities. Looking ahead, she aspires to work for the California or U.S. Department of Justice, advocating for civil rights and equality under the law. Ultimately, her goal is to serve as a law clerk and, eventually, a judge, where she can continue to make a meaningful impact on the lives of others.

Selma Honda announced they have been awarded the 2023 Honda President's Award. There are 1,083 Honda dealers in the United States, and only 150 dealers achieved President's Award status. Selma Honda also stands out as the only Honda dealer to receive this award in the Central Valley. Selma Honda ranks in the top 14% of Honda dealers in the nation. With tailored amenities like a shuttle service for customers, a comfortable waiting area, and online shopping tools that help educate the customer through their purchasing journey, Selma Honda prioritizes convenience and satisfaction. Selma Honda's emphasis on building lasting relationships with customers is what sets them apart, which is reflected in its high repeat business and customer referral rate.

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