

October 16, 2013

Facilities News:



More than 200 community members, college faculty and staff, and students celebrated the Dedication of the Center for Independent Living building on October 11, 2013. Speakers included Mr. Jeff Ross, Director of Student Support Services, Dr. Olivia Raynor, Director of the UCLA Tarjan Center, Mr. Billy White, President of the WKCCD Board of Trustees, and



numerous representatives from our elected officials. In addition, two Transition to Independent Living students shared their thoughts on the opening of the new facility. Following the dedication, the crowd enjoyed a wonderful lunch featuring BBQ'd chicken and tri-tip steak. The dedication also celebrated the significant contributions of Mr. Alan White, President and General Manager, Vintage Production LLC. At its meeting on October 11th, the WKCCD Board of Trustees honored Mr. White by naming the Center for Independent Living teaching kitchen the *Alan White Kitchen*.

Student Services Updates:

Enrollment

Overall fall enrollment is up 25.7% compared to the sixth week of classes in 2012-13. The largest gain at this point in time is in the category of .5 to 5.5 units, which saw an increase of 77.8%. This may be a reflection of the recovering economy, as more students work and go to school concurrently. As the term progresses, we will be analyzing enrollments in late start and WESTEC classes, which help to paint the complete picture of fall term enrollment.

Our base FTES for 2013-14 is 2,540 Full Time Equivalent Students. Strong enrollment in the fall term puts us in a good position to achieve our FTES goal this year. We are now building the spring 2014 schedule, with priority registration set to begin November 12th.

Unit Breakdown	9/28/2012	10/4/2013	Actual Difference	Percent Difference
0 Units	60	76	16	26.7%
0.5 - 5.5	893	1588	695	77.8%
6.0 - 11.5	871	934	63	7.2%
12.0 +	1176	1173	-3	-0.3%
Total	3000	3771	771	25.7%

ASB Events



Athletics

Breast Cancer Awareness Week – Tuesday, October 1st through Wednesday, October 9th, the TC volleyball team handed out educational materials and took donations in the cafeteria and in front of the “G” buildings daily from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. They held a raffle at the volleyball game held on the 9th, the proceeds of which were combined with admission fees for the game and donations from the other activities. The Men’s soccer team wore Breast Cancer Awareness arm bands for their home games during the week. They also handed out stickers to the visiting teams and referees to wear on their uniforms during the game. The ASB hosted events including a ‘Pink’ Fashion Show that featured male students and athletes. Thank you to athletics and the ASB for highlighting an important health issue!

The amount of donations has not been totaled because the fundraising continues through the month of October. Last year \$1,800.00 was donated by the volleyball team to the Soroptimist of Taft Critical Care Fund. In past years, all donations were sent to the Susan G. Komen Foundation, but last year the Soroptimist project was identified as a great local activity to support. Thanks to the volleyball team for their fundraising!

Instruction Updates:

Welcome to Agnes Eguaras, new Dean of Instruction - Grants



At its October 9th meeting, the West Kern Community College District Board of Trustees approved the selection of Ms. Agnes Eguaras as the next Dean of Instruction – Grants. Agnes brings a wealth of experience in the California Community Colleges, having held positions in teaching, project management, and administration. Most recently, Agnes served as the Director of Basic Skills and Title V Co-Chair, Basic Skills Committee at Antelope Valley College. She was also the Director of the Learning Center and Success Center, and co-chaired the Basic Skills Student Success Committee. On a statewide level, Agnes serves as the Professional Development State Regional Network Coordinator at Foothills/Inland Empire Regional Network for Chancellor’s California Community Colleges Success Network (3CSN).

Agnes also has experience with College of the Canyons, where she served as the Project Manager and Assistant Director of the Employee Training Institute. Please drop by and welcome Agnes to Taft College!

the public and learning from the viewers' response to those works of art. It completes the circle from artist to consumer of art.

Later this month, the Gallery will feature an exhibit entitled "Northern Edge of the World: Recent Photographs by Greta Lydecker." Look for more details on this exhibit in the next newsletter.

Foundation and Other News



Just a reminder that the Taft College Foundation, with the support of a Chevron Economic Development grant, is hosting the West Kern Petroleum Summit on October 18th at the Taft College campus. This conference is of immense interest to Taft College as we explore the needs of local industry and develop programs which prepare students for their future. Given the important role the energy sector plays in the regional economy, we are eager to connect with industry leaders to learn about where the petroleum and natural gas industry is headed, and what skills are needed for career success in the future.

Through this event, we will showcase the many ways in which Taft College is fulfilling its mission in academic transfer preparation, workforce training and economic development. The conference will also showcase the Taft College Energy Technology Program and the Taft Union High School District's Oil Academy, along with Taft College's internship program and the Transition to Independent Living's partnership with industry through the TPSID grant.

The Summit will be streamed live via the *Bakersfield Californian*. We have set up the Cougar Room for drop-in visits to watch the event throughout the day. For more information, especially about the impact on campus parking on October 18th, visit the Summit website at <http://www.wkpsummit.com/>

Upcoming Events in October.

- TC Foundation Rib-Eye Cookout – October 17th – 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. – TC Quad*
- West Kern Petroleum Summit – October 18th – 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. – TC Main Parking Lot*
- ASB's Haunted Hallways – October 31st – Ash Street Dorms – 6:00 p.m.*

SPORTS:

Men's Soccer:

<u>Date</u>	<u>College</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
10/5/13	Modesto JC	Modesto	4:00 p.m.
10/18/13	San Joaquin Delta College	Taft College	3:00 p.m.
10/25/13	College of the Sequoias	Visalia	4:00 p.m.

Women' Soccer:

<u>Date</u>	<u>College</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
10/15/13	Allan Hancock College	Santa Maria	4:00 p.m.
10/19/13	Santa Barbara City College	Taft College	2:00 p.m.
10/22/13	West Hills College	Taft College	1:00 p.m.
10/25/13	Cerro Coso College	Taft College	1:00 p.m.
10/29/13	Fresno City College	Fresno	4:00 p.m.

Women's Volleyball:

<u>Date</u>	<u>College</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
10/16/13	College of the Sequoias	Taft College	6:00 p.m.
10/18/13	Fresno City College	Fresno	6:00 p.m.
10/23/13	Columbia College	Sonora	5:00 p.m.
10/28/13	West Hills College	Taft College	6:00 p.m.