

December 17, 2013

Student Services Updates:

In the fifth week of registration for the spring 2014 term, overall enrollment is up 29.1% over the prior year. As of December 13, spring headcount was up nearly 500 students. Our spring 2014 schedule offers 441 course sections as compared to 399 course sections offered in spring 2013. This is a difference of 42 - primarily related to courses that were formerly repeatable in spring 2013 which have been broken out into families of courses since they are no longer repeatable. Spring classes begin January 21, 2014.

Unit Breakdown	12/14/2013	12/13/2013	Actual Difference	Percent Difference
0 Units	1	18	17	1700.0%
0.5 - 5.5	289	452	163	56.4%
6.0 - 11.5	524	765	241	46.0%
12.0 +	886	959	73	8.2%
Total	1700	2194	494	29.1%

Triple Play Baseball Dinner and Auction:



Taft College is hitting a home run this January with its Triple Play baseball dinner and auction. This highly anticipated event will raise funds for the Taft College baseball and softball programs. This year's keynote speaker will be Dave Dravecky, former San Francisco Giant pitcher and author.

Dravecky is now a highly-sought speaker with a powerful message about overcoming adversity. Dravecky is a cancer survivor and, although his triumph impacted his professional baseball career, he has found new levels of success in writing and speaking.

DATE: **Saturday, January 11, 2014**
 TIME: 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. no host cocktails
 6:00 p.m. dinner and program
 LOCATION: The Fort Preservation Society
 ADDRESS: 915 N. 10th Street, Taft CA 93268
 TICKETS: \$40 per person, VIP tables \$500
 CONTACT: 661-763-7936 for more information

ASB Events and Athletics

Our fall sports teams really showed their Cougar spirit this year! Men's Soccer, Women's Soccer, and Women's Volleyball all were seeded in the playoffs. Of particular note, our Women's Soccer team broke several records including:

- The most wins in a season
- The most goals in a season
- The best record ever since the program inception in 2006
- First playoff appearance

Women's Soccer player Joanna Espinoza was a point leader in the state. She was 3rd with 28 goals and 12 assists. Cristina Salazar was 29th in the state with 11 goals and 11 assists.

MEN'S SOCCER

<u>Conference Record:</u>	4-0-2
<u>Conference Finish:</u>	Conference Champions
<u>Overall Record:</u>	12-5-3
<u>Playoff seed:</u>	5 th
<u>Playoff finish:</u>	1st round Las Positas (12 th) Lost in PK shootout

All Conference Players

MVP – Edgar Rodriguez (Taft) freshman
Co-Defensive player - Oscar Barrientos (Taft) sophomore, Christian Chaney (Fresno)
Offensive player - Rogelio Sustaita (Taft) freshman
Co- Goal Keeper of the year - J.D. Cisneros (Taft) freshman, Matias Fernandez (Fresno)
Midfielder of the year - Oscar Torres (Taft) freshman
Coach of the year - Angelo Cutrona

1st Team:

*Andres Iniguez - sophomore
Diego Casillas - freshman
Luiz Jimenez - sophomore*

2nd Team:

*Jesus Garcia - freshman
Ruben Alvarez - freshman
Jesus Villalpando -freshman
Gerardo Gonzalez - sophomore*

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

<u>Conference Record:</u>	9-5
<u>Conference Finish:</u>	3 rd place
<u>Overall Record:</u>	16-9
<u>Playoff seed:</u>	12 th
<u>Playoff finish:</u>	1st round lost to Foothill College (5 th)

All Conference Players

1st Team:

Tiffany Mapusaga, sophomore who led the conference in kills per set
Maeleen Hopeau, freshman
Lani Kaiwi, sophomore

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Conference Record: 4-1-1
Conference Finish: 2nd place
Overall Record: 15-5-2
Playoff seed: 10th

Playoff Finish

1st Round - Mendocino (7th) win 4-2
2nd Round - Sierra (2nd) win 2-1
Regional Finals - City College of San Francisco (3rd) loss 8-1

All Conference Players

CVC Forward of the Year-Joanna Espinoza
CVC Co-defender of the Year-Selina Molina

1st Team:

Amanda Lopez
Kalynn Talalotu-Kealoha
Taylor Dela Cruz

2nd Team:

Celia Rangel
Cristina Salazar
Rebecca Vasquez

Instruction Updates:

The Taft College Library will be implementing a new, integrated network solution to provide easier access to research materials. Under the current system, students must conduct searches on each of the 36 databases available through the Library. Through the OCLC Worldshare agreement, students will be able to enter their search criteria in one search operation to find results in all databases. The system also allows students to identify materials held by other OCLC Worldshare community college members, and request materials from those libraries. The system therefore makes it easier to find research materials, and expands the various library holdings available to students.

Technology Updates:

Prior to the spring semester, the IT staff will be replacing classroom computers in two classrooms, and installing eight new digital projectors in various classrooms across the campus. These upgrades are part of the 2012-2017 Technology Master Plan developed in fall 2012. The Technology Master Plan provides guidance on the regular replacement of classroom and office technology.

Art Gallery:

A fall showing of Student Art included campus-wide voting for outstanding student art work. Lilianna Salas' work "American Indian" won the designation of Best of Show. The entire campus was asked to cast a ballot and her piece received the most votes. The work is one of the assignments in the Art 1600 class taught by Deb Rodenhauer. The assignment was to create a design for a commercial product which would be mass produced for public use. This is one of many assignments in our art classes which prepare students for employment in the workplace. Lilianna graduated in spring 2013 and is currently studying at Cal State University, Los Angeles with a major in Fine Arts with an Option in Animation.



Holiday Events:

Thanksgiving Celebration



A boisterous group of Taft College faculty and staff celebrated the Thanksgiving holiday on November 19 with a dessert potluck, games and fun in the Staff Dining Room. The event was emceed by Brock McMurray, Executive Vice President /CFO of Administrative Services. Event attendees played a variety of word games and even enjoyed a round of Pin the Feather on the Turkey. Winners enjoyed cash prizes and TC memorabilia from the Taft

College bookstore. Many thanks to Shelley Klein, Brock McMurray, Debbie Hegeman, Bill Norris and all those who helped plan this fun event!



Holiday Celebration and Bunco Party



Taft College faculty and staff enjoyed the second annual Holiday Celebration on December 13th. The potluck featured a main course of ham and potatoes provided by Chef Geoff, and assorted salads, hot side dishes, and desserts from around the campus. Following lunch, two rounds of Bunco added to the fun. Winners were treated to cash prizes and items from the bookstore, all festively wrapped and ready to enjoy. Kudos to Judy Wade and the Human Resources staff, along with Debbie Hegeman and Sheri Black, who helped make this a great event for all of us!



Wishing you all a very joyous holiday season and the very best in 2014!

