



WHC Coalinga Vision Statement

West Hills College Coalinga is committed to the relentless pursuit of student success.

Season's greetings! We owe our holiday cheer to all the wonderful people who work here and to the passion and perseverance of our students. It's the time of year that represents milestone achievement and it is an absolute pleasure to acknowledge the continuing efforts of faculty, staff, and administration so committed to our relentless pursuit of student success.

All of us have earned this holiday break. It's been a semester of new beginnings, of testing our grit, and nourishing student achievement. The pace and tempo of important projects required us to come together, roll up our sleeves, avoid tinkering, and commit to one another to complete major initiatives in preparation for our Accreditation visit in March 2017 as well as deploy and implement myriad student success-centric initiatives. The atmosphere was electric and reaching the finish line on many projects – with a few more ahead – reminded us of collective ability to achieve outcomes. I am thankful to everyone at the college for their hard work.

Together, we've realized very positive results by fostering an environment of open, honest communication and trust, which should be measured to ensure accountability. This is a college that believes – and craves- mutual respect, scholarship and love of learning, critical inquiry and thinking. We've learned that consistency of effort over the long run is more important than talent. We understand the power of competitive effort, good strategies, help from others, and intelligent practice; these are the parts that lead to good learning and successful organizational outcomes.

To members of the West Hills College Coalinga family, I am proud of you and enjoy the break. You deserve it! On behalf of my wife, Sandy, we send our Season's Greetings to all of you with the hope of a healthy, happy, and prosperous New Year! See you in January.

Go Falcons!



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From the ALO/Vice President of Student Services –

The deadlines for submission for our comprehensive self-evaluation report on behalf of West Hills College Coalinga to the ACCJC are being met. Our team chair has been determined and the site visit will be March 6-9, 2017.

WHCC SS Outreach teams have been in the high schools getting seniors to apply for admission, take the college placement test and receive orientation by the end of the fall semester so staff can hit the ground running to prepare educational plans and priority registration. Outreach staff have also helped with the financial aid effort in getting student identification for the FAFSA and will continue that effort until College Day in April 2017.

WHCC Student Services will have an all-staff retreat on Wednesday December 14, from 9am-12noon, to review the new mission statement, develop one for student services, refresh and revise all program student learning outcomes, and develop Administrative Unit Outcomes in preparation for the accreditation visit. All are encouraged to attend and visitors are welcome!

Student Services wishes everyone a happy and safe holiday season!

NDC –



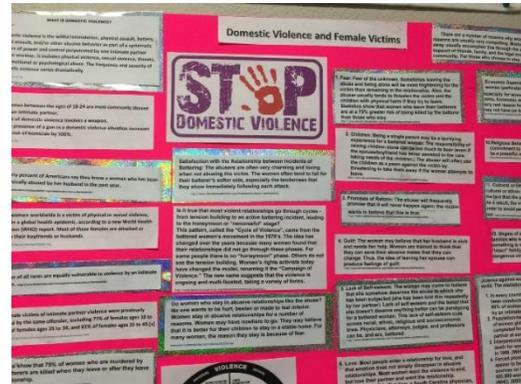
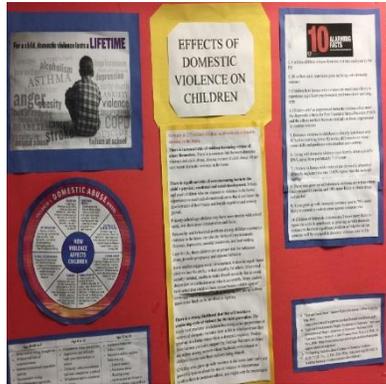
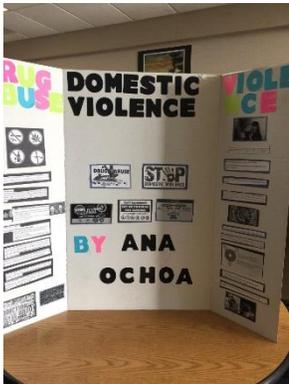
November 15, Anavel Perez-Workforce Program Assistance, Jesus Delgadillo-HEP/CAMP Outreach, and Gladis Sanchez presented information on WHC Coalinga-NDC/Firebaugh services during the Mendota high school DACA meeting.

November 16, Tiffany Hernandez-DSPS Lab Assistant hosted a Thanksgiving celebration. The students enjoyed thanksgiving treats and games.



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November 19, the Child Development 23/Domestic Violence class lead by Genie Pratt - faculty displayed informational posters on domestic violence around NDC/Firebaugh campus. The display served to bring awareness in observance and prevention of Domestic Violence.



November 30, Counselor Maria Ceballos and Gladis Sanchez assisted Kerman high school (KHS) student register to enroll in West Hills College Coalinga (WHCC) classes. Over 20 students attended the KHS/WHCC college registration drive.

December 5, Services/Library Assistant Sara Avila-Student spearheaded the now annual WHCC/NDC-Firebaugh Lights of Love. Over 25 children of NDC/Firebaugh students received toys from staff and faculty.

December 3, NDC-Firebaugh staff and students partnered with WHC-NDC Firebaugh/CDC in the annual City of Firebaugh Christmas Parade. The volunteers were treated to hot chocolate and Christmas treat. Over 50 parents, children, and students participated in the annual event.

FARM OF THE FUTURE

In October, 7 of our Farm of the Future students traveled to Galt, CA to take their Qualified Applicator License exam. A QAL is a license for a person that applies or supervises the application of restricted use pesticides to produce an agricultural commodity must have. Students have been part of a cohort, taking classes related to the subject matter. We are very pleased to announce that all 7 have passed and earned their QAL. Congratulations to: Adrian Jenkins, Laura Crawford, Juan Velazquez, Kelsy Secrease, Manuel Marin, Jose Villegas, and Brent Skaggs!

Pictured is Farm Director Clint Cowden, Student worker Adrian Jenkins, and Farm Manager Juan Velazquez after receiving their licenses.





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On November 5th the Farm of the Future hosted our Fall FFA Field Day. Students from a dozen schools made their way to the farm to participate in: Best Informed Greenhand, Land Judging, Farm Power, and Ag Welding competitions. Competition was fierce this time around with students from previous field days attending as well as first time competitors. Once again Tulare proved there is strength in numbers and took home the overall trophy, winning the most combined points of all participating schools.



Our newest instructor, Terry Brase, has been hard at work with the high school students in Avenal, but soon he will start his Advanced Precision Ag (CRPSCI-7) class. With a full roster and a few students on the waiting list, it is sure to be a success. This course consists of online lecture with face-to-face labs here at the farm during the weekend giving non-traditional students an opportunity to participate. CRPSCI-7 provides an in depth study into precision agriculture, including: vehicle navigation and guidance, remote sensing, yield monitoring, site-specific crop management, and variable rate technology. Additional topics include: methods of applying agrichemicals, sprayer calibration, site-specific fertilizer management, soil and tissue testing, integrated pest management and soil amendments. Subjects such as electrical, hydraulics and instrumentation will be covered as they as they apply to the precision agriculture industry.

Social Media out at the Farm of the Future

Do you want to know what is going on out at the Farm? Check out our social media sites to stay up-to-date with the latest news from the Farm of the Future. Keep your eye out for weekly videos, pictures and updates.



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WHCCD FOUNDATION

As the holiday season approaches, those of us in the foundation want to take a moment to thank each and every one who has supported our efforts this year. In the next issue of West Hills College Magazine, we'll be profiling our Rodeo Boosters. This dedicated group of individuals has been supporting the efforts of the West Hills College Coalinga Rodeo Team for more than 30 years. During the last school year, they offered more than \$30,000 in scholarships to rodeo students. This was hard-earned money that came from their personal time and efforts. Look for the story in the magazine to see what a difference our supporters make in the lives of our students.

I know that each and every one of you gives your all for our students, their families and our communities. Happy holidays to you all and thanks for all that you do.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

WHCC Athletics

Want to watch your Falcons and cheer for them? Visit our WHCC Falcon Athletics webpage for schedules:

<http://www.westhillsfalcons.com/landing/index>

Rodeo -

WHCC Rodeo is wrapping up its Fall season. The Rodeo team has made huge accomplishments to date this year and continues to build on those successes. Currently our Men's team is ranked #7 in the nation and our Women's team #19 in the nation. Inside the West Coast Region we are currently (Men's team) #2 and (Women's team) #3.

It has been a great season thus far with many outstanding performances at all of the Fall season rodeos. To list a few, Edgar Machado is currently sitting in first place in the Steer Wrestling and eighth in the Tie Down Roping as a result of his consistency at the four rodeos competed in. Jacob Lees and Finn Costa are holding down second and third place in the Bareback Riding and Brushton Minton is second place in the Team Roping, fourth in the Steer Wrestling, and seventh in the Tie Down Roping which puts him in a great position for the regions all around race. Others that have competed at a high level and continue to win or place; Armando Fagliano is third in Bull Riding, Cash Robinson is fourth in the Saddle Bronc Riding, and the Team Roping team of Caden Lehman and Edgar Machado are sitting in fifth place in the regional standings.

On the Women's side of things there are many successes to speak of. The leading point getter so far is Cierra Hubbard who is currently sitting in fourth place in the Goat Tying with Cassidy Barnes closely behind in sixth place and Abigail Hampton rounding out the top ten. Cheyenne Horner is in the number four position in Barrel Racing and the Lady Falcons are stacked deep in the Breakaway Roping with Amanda Barnard (#3), Jocelyn Saco (#4), Cassidy Barnes (#7), and Cheyenne Horner (#8) inside of the top ten in the West Coast Regional Standings.

We have had several successful events at the Rodeo Facility this semester and these specific events continue to support our needs of offering scholarship assistance to current and future rodeo student athletes. The WHCC Rodeo Boosters are a group of individuals that work extremely hard in order for these events to take place and I would like to list a few. Roger and Karen Campbell, Mark and Terry Yanez, Ray and Terry Richardson, Walt and Kathy Jensen, Carol Morrow and Lisa Culbertson. They spend countless hours running a very demanding snack shack during our Booster events and their help is amazing.

We are proud of all of our rodeo student athletes as they have worked hard in the classroom to stay academically ahead in order to be able to compete at the college rodeos. We have a big group and a state of the art facility which has been a determining factor in the successes of our program. I want to thank WHCCD Administration, Faculty, and Staff for their continued support for this unique program.