



WHC Coalinga Vision Statement

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

Welcome back from winter break! I trust that you all had time to reflect and reinvigorate mind and body in preparation for a successful and innovative spring semester.

We ended the year on a high note as all of our feeder high school students experienced multiple outreach activities: campus visits, applications for admissions have been completed and some placement testing done to gear up for Priority REG 365 in April 2016.



Early indicators point to that fact that this group of seniors will be a successful cohort and we are thrilled to see them excited about attending college! In spring we will help them complete all of the required components so they may register for courses as soon as registration opens.

Another milestone, our Student Success and Support Programs and Equity funding has provided early alert and student follow-up for those who were struggling early on in their classes. Our English 100/College Success cohort were taking advantage of the Supplemental Instruction provided in those classes on every Friday. We know these activities will pay off in terms of increased student success.

Falcon FLIGHT is taking shape and when faculty came back in January for Flex and Professional Development days they were introduced to the Habits of Mind components of the FLIGHT plan!

There is New Year's tradition to wish people a "*prosperous New Year!*" For many, to be prosperous is not centered on financial status, rather it is measured in terms of impact one has had on others. It is the ability to empower others. Keeping with that mindset, I hope that each of you have a New Year filled with stories of how you made the difference in a student's life!

Go Falcons!

WEST HILLS COLLEGE STUDENT ENGAGEMENT – Holiday Recap!

On December 3rd, Dr. Goldsmith and Dr. Felix-Mata hosted the annual Tree Trimming at NDC/Firebaugh Gathering. Students, faculty, staff, and community members joined to decorate the tree in the center's lobby. The participants also enjoyed holiday music, refreshments, desserts and shared stories of gratitude and hopes for the New Year. This event coincides with the WHCC Tree Trimming event...double the holiday cheer!



Dr. Withrow, Executive Director of Coalinga State Hospital, Sherry Barragan, Psych Tech Assistant Director, Board Trustee Nina Oxborrow and Dr. Goldsmith

For more memories of holiday cheer from NDC and WHCC, check out our Flickr Page:

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/whccd/albums/72157661938923071>

FARM OF THE FUTURE

The West Hills College Farm of the Future held our semi-annual FFA Field Day on November 21st. This Career Development Event attracted approximately 100 high school agriculture students for competitions in Farm Power, Agricultural Welding, Best Informed Greenhand and Land Judging and Evaluation. Our Field Day was a great way for high schools with students that have never competed before to put their knowledge to the test. The Field Day was a great success, with high school agriculture teachers commenting that the event was extremely well managed and that they greatly appreciated feedback and instruction received as well as the promptness of Awards Ceremony. Congratulations to all the students that walked away with awards, and to Tulare for once again winning the overall team champions trophy! A special thanks to all those who helped ensure the success of the event, including local residents, the Coalinga High School FFA, and West Hills College Coalinga students and staff. Without the relentless pursuit of student success, none of this would have been possible. Stay tuned for our Spring FFA Field Day on March 5th, 2016!



Are you curious to see more of what our Field Days look like? Head on over to our YouTube channel where you can watch a quick video of this year's fall contest! You might see some familiar faces! While you're there, check out our other videos spotlighting our student workers.

[FFA Field Day Video](#)
[Farm of the Future YouTube](#)

ATHLETICS

WHCC Falcon Football Coach Cam Olson shared that the following student athletes received nominations from the Golden Coast League:

ALL-LEAGUE

Caleb Wilson (Linebacker)
Ualesi "Wes" Sale (Defensive End)
Mason Kualii Moe (Defensive Back)
Dandre Fuller (Wide Receiver)
D'anthony Cross (Running Back)
Kameron Gomness (Offensive Lineman)
Michael Taliulu (Linebacker)
Shavon Prince (Defensive Back)
Tashad Charity (Defensive End)
James Hague (Punter)

HONORABLE MENTION ALL-LEAGUE

Tyrone Smith (Defensive Line)
Ryan Fila (Wide Receiver)
Ryan Hardin (Tight End)
Damian Horton (Defensive End)
Gregory Haywood (Defensive Back)

GOLDEN COAST LEAGUE DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Caleb Wilson (Linebacker)

GOLDEN COAST LEAGUE COACH OF THE YEAR

Cam Olson

Congratulations to all!

West Hills College Coalinga hosted its 15th annual **Big Monday Bash Fundraiser** on December 7, raising over \$12,000 for WHCC basketball. Tickets to the event were sold out and attendees enjoyed dinner, a no-host bar with cocktails, a raffle and auction and the opportunity to win prizes. "It was a great night for our program and the community," said Mark Arce, Athletic Director and Head Basketball Coach. "Everyone in attendance had a really good time." Bob Clement, former WHCC and WHCL athletic director, won \$790 in cash and donated the full amount back to the team. Tracey Jaurena, WHCC's former athletic trainer, won tickets to the NCAA Final Four championship game in Houston, Texas. Airfare, ticket and hotel expenses are included. Thanks to Mark Arce and Gina Tollison for putting on a GREAT event that raised more than \$12,000!



WHCCD FOUNDATION

It's time to start thinking about scholarships. Applications will be posted before the fall semester ends at: <http://westhillscollge.com/district/foundation/scholarships/index.asp>

Last year, our foundation awarded the equivalent of \$500,000 in scholarships. As the fall semester started, we had 135 President's Scholars who knew that they could attend West Hills with no tuition and \$250 a semester in books for four semesters. The value of those scholarships for one year was over \$250,000. Other scholarships are also offered and the number grows each year.

Many of these scholarships are supported by employees through Employee Philanthropy. If you would like to participate, please find the form at: <http://westhillscollge.com/district/foundation/donations.asp>

You can donate to an existing scholarship or establish a new one or you can support a program of your choice. No amount is too small.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

WHCC Athletics – Fall 2015/Spring 2016

Want to watch your Falcons and cheer for them? Visit our webpage for our Fall/Spring schedules:

Men's Basketball: <http://www.westhillfalcons.com/sports/mbkb/2015-16/schedule>