

WHCC President's REPORT

July 2007 Coalinga/NDC

to the Board

COALINGA

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

The 2007 summer Upward Bound (UB) program is in full swing. The program began on Sunday June 17th with a Welcome Night Orientation. Over 100 students and parents attended the orientation. Parents received a Goodie Bag. The Goodie Bag was a small token of appreciation presented to the parents who graciously brought their child to the campus on Fathers Day! The items in the bag were donated by WHC Farm of the Future and Student Services. This summer the UB students are enrolled in 3-10 units with classes varying from College Success to Pre-Calculus.

June 29, 2007 Upward Bound students participated in a community service project. This community service project was a collaborative effort between UB and All Youth One System (AYOS). Geri Escalante led the students in the refurbishing of a senior home through the Senior Painting Project.

June 29-30, 2007 Upward Bound students attended CenCal Summer Jam at Bakersfield State. Summer Jam is a WESTOP CenCal Chapter activity designed to develop student academic and leadership skills. During this two-day activity students participated in recreational and academic competitions. Approximately 250 students attended this year's function. Students and staff represented colleges and universities from CSU Fresno, Reedley Community College, Merced Community College, CSU Monterey Bay, and West Hills College Coalinga.

Scott Sutherland, English Instructor, is leading the Five Favorite Film Festival. Movies such as Pan's Labyrinth, Ms. Little Sunshine and The Commitments have been featured. This is a collaborative activity between Instructor Sutherland and the Upward Bound Program to promote creative writing and critical thinking skills to students enrolled in English courses. The students receive extra credit for work completed based on English essays.

July 17, 2007 Upward Bound students sponsored a Talent Show, at 6:30 pm, in the WHC Coalinga Student Center. Several students had the opportunity to shine while showing off their special talents. A fun time was had by all.

July 26, 2007 the Upward Bound Community Presentation Projects night, End-of-Summer Banquet and Dance will be held. The community project presentation will be in Everett Hall, awards will be in the cafeteria and the dance will be inside the student center. The night will start at 6 p.m. and continue until 11:30 p.m.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Daniel Tamayo has been busy processing applications for the International Student Program. He is expecting about 45-50 new students to register for fall semester 2007 (approximately 55-65 students will be returning to the program). This will be the first semester where there will be over 100 international students attending WHC. This is a good increase in the total number of students enrolled in the International Student Program. The approximate breakdown by country is as follows:

	New	Returning
Japan	30	21
Hong Kong	9	24
Korea	8	3
China	1	
Taiwan	2	
Sweden	1	8
Ivory Coast		1
Austria		1
Vietnam		1
Total	51*	59

***Subject to increase by 10-20 Students**

August 6-13, 2007 Daniel Tamayo will be in Hong Kong. He will lead a team of five colleges in an aggressive recruiting campaign. Hong Kong is one of the best recruiting markets for West Hills College.

OUTREACH

The residence halls are expecting full capacity for the fall term (currently 117 males and 50 females are anticipated).

Several Upward Bound Leaders Luncheons have taken place this summer. The Leaders Luncheons are an effort to expose students to local successful leaders who have made contributions to our communities on the Westside. Speakers are featured once a week, on Tuesdays, during the noon hour. Speakers such as Eliseo Gamino, Director of Student Success; Trish Hill, Coalinga Mayor; and Cathy Barabe, Director of Grants and Planning have presented.

July 12-15, 2007 Dr. Lewallen, Don Warkentin and Dr. Gornick, along with other staff from both West Hills College Coalinga and Lemoore, staffed a booth at the 2007 Kings County Fair. Informational items were distributed and questions were answered.

July 20-21, 2007 West Hills College Coalinga staff participated in the Coalinga State Hospital Job Fair. Several staff members volunteered to work the college's table which provided outreach materials advertising some of WHC Coalinga's vocational programs, along with copies of the WHC Coalinga 2007 summer/fall schedule. Special thanks go out to Sandy McGlothlin who took this lead on this activity and to all the staff who assisted her!

VOCATIONAL SUCCESS

The first ever WHC Coalinga Security Officer Training students recently took their "guard card" exam. 100% of those students taking this exam passed and received certification. Congratulations!!

PERSONNEL

Please join us in welcoming the following new employees to the WHCC/NDC Falcon family:

- Javier Cazares, Education Coordinator – Claremont Custody Center
- Dr. Marcel Hetu, Director, North District Center

STAFF DEVELOPMENT

August 9-10, 2007 faculty will return to campus to participate in Flex Day and Duty Day activities.

Kudos to the following staff . . . these folks are employed at WHC Coalinga and pursuing their higher education goals:

Javier Cazares –
Business Administration, Franklin University
Sandy, Dagnino –
Education, CSU Chico
Ron Danner –
Public Administration, University of Phoenix
Melissa, Fees –
Social Science, CSU Chico
Bertha Felix-Mata –
EDD, Fielding Institute
Lisa, Hayden –
Sociology, WHC
Rhonda Mayer –
Nursing, University of Phoenix
Jessica Pimentel –
Social Work, CSU Bakersfield
Robert Pimentel –
Social Work, CSU Bakersfield

Jill Stearns –
Community College Leadership, Walden University
Cal Tincher –
Physical Education, Fresno Pacific
Kira, Tippins –
Social Science, CSU Chico

ALLIED HEALTH

The summer CNA class is underway at NDC and doing well. The next CNA class is scheduled to start in October.

August 17, 2007 the fall 2006 Psychiatric Technicians cohort will graduate. The staff would like to extend an invitation to you to attend the upcoming commencement. These students have been involved with special education in both Hanford and Coalinga and it has been a fantastic experience.

August 13, 2007 the August Psychiatric Technicians cohort class begins and enrollment is full.

The staff has placed a hot file with information outside their office and prospective students are utilizing it. They will also put in a drop box for the folks that travel from far away. Walk-in appointments are taken on Mondays and scheduled appointments are on Fridays.

ATHLETICS

July 18- 20, 2007 the football staff held a 3-day youth camp.

July 30, 2007 "two-a-day" practices will begin for the football student-athletes.

August 16, 2007 WHCC Student-Athlete Orientation.

Mark your calendar by planning to attend and support our athletes and their coaches at one of our upcoming athletic home games:

Falcon Volleyball:

September 8, West Hills Tournament (All Day)
September 26, at 7, against Fresno
September 28, at 5, against Chabot

Falcon Football:

September 1, at 3, against Foothill
September 15, at 2, against San Mateo
September 29, at 7, against Modesto Jr. College

Football season is right around the corner with the 11th Annual Athletic Hall of Fame Induction ceremonies kicking off during half time of WHC Coalinga's homecoming football game against Reedley College on Saturday, October 27, 2007.

NORTH DISTRICT CENTER

OUTREACH

July 24, 2007 Dr. Hetu, the new Director at NDC, met with the Firebaugh City Manager.

July 25, 2007 Channel 24 will be interviewing Dr. Hetu and NDC staff at Jack's Prime Time Restaurant, at 5:30 am.

September 1, 2007 NDC will provide West Hills College raffle items for use by the Firebaugh Police Activities League Car Show at Dunkle Park.

NDC will display a West Hill College banner during the upcoming Firebaugh High School football season.

October 6, 2007 NDC will provide West Hills College raffle items for use at the 2007 Chariots of Light Car Show, 8 am to 4 pm, at Dunkle Park.

CURRICULUM

Dr. Hetu and President Lewallen will start discussions with westside high school superintendents on the possibility of offering weekend courses to their students starting iSpring 2008.

The West Hills College Coalinga President's Cabinet, which includes NDC Director Dr. Hetu, will be discussing plans to start on-line courses with Tranquillity and Kerman High Schools beginning in Spring 2008.

PERSONNEL

NDC Library Technician Martin Saldana, along with the Coalinga Librarian Matt Magnuson have spent a great deal of time since the end of Spring updating NDC's library reading and technical resources for students.