



WHC Coalinga Mission Statement

West Hills College Coalinga is committed to achieving student learning through the provision of educational, cultural, and economic development opportunities to our current and future students and the local and global communities that we serve.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Earning a community college certificate or degree is a life-changing event for a student, the power of which can transform his or her life, especially in earnings and overall quality of life.

As president of this amazing college, it is my pleasure to invite you to join us at our commencement scheduled for May 23, 2014. We are enthusiastic about the program developed for this year and scheduled to start at 6:30 p.m. in the WHCC Gymnasium. We will continue the new tradition of broadcasting the event live on the internet. Please join me in honoring two extraordinary citizens, Supervisors Judy Case McNairy and Phil Larson, an exceptional alumnus Michael Lynch and 385 outstanding graduates. We will confer a total of 510 degrees and certificates.

Our focus has been on student completion, success and the bold pursuit of academic excellence. This is demonstrated daily by our faculty and staff. One example of this is West Hills College Coalinga now has its own chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, Beta Upsilon Phi. Phi Theta Kappa, founded in 1918, is recognized as the official



PHI THETA KAPPA
HONOR SOCIETY

honor society for community colleges by the American Association of Community Colleges. Robert Skaggs and Erin Corea serve as co-chairs and have led this effort to secure official status from the National Office.

I am also delighted to announce that the dedicated work of DQP team (Sarah Shepard, Arkady Hanjiev, Anita Bart, Clint Cowen and Stephanie Droker) received an Honorable Mention from the Lumina Foundation. The DQP Project will continue next year as new faculty have stepped forward wanting to lead us through the next steps. Thank you, in advance, to all of you who will continue this important work.

As we look back on this year, I am sure you would agree with me when I say, "I am proud and privileged to be a part of the West Hills College Coalinga culture that celebrates learning."

Looking ahead, we have an abundance of opportunities to work together to advance our college goals and assist our students in reaching theirs. Our future is bright.

In closing, I am grateful for all of us who care so much about the college and each other, and see day in and day out people engaging with colleagues and students to do their best. I am thankful to all of you who demonstrate daily our core values and ensure that WHCC is a great place to work and learn.

Go Falcons!

FEATURED LEARNING AREA – PSYCHIATRIC TECHNICIAN PROGRAM

The Psychiatric Technician Program prepares you for an exciting and rewarding career in the health care industry. In just 12 months you can be employed in a meaningful, high paying job with a good retirement and benefits. West Hills College Coalinga's program will prepare you to be successful in your new career by using technology and innovative teaching methods, such as high fidelity simulation. Over 90% of the students who complete the program pass their State licensing exam on their first try. In the first six months after completion of the program over 90% of the students are employed. Additionally, with a career as a psych tech it will open up pathways for many other exciting careers in health care and at the same time fill a growing need for technically trained workers for the region. We now have a Psych Tech to RN program at West Hills and will graduate our first class this May. If you are interested in more information, please contact the Health Careers Department in Building L or call (559) 934-2760.

WEST HILLS COLLEGE STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

April Workshops

During the month of April, the Basic Skills Initiative & CalWORKS sponsored three great workshops for students. The topics were financial basics: presented by EECU, build your resume: by Zack Soto, and maximize your interviewing tips: by April Townsend. Among all workshops 44 students attended. Students gained great insights on building credit, hands on resume assistance, and the do's and don'ts on interviewing. Thanks to the Basic Skills Initiative & CalWORKS, students were provided with a great lunch at all workshops.



NDC's counselor and advisors went to Mendota and Firebaugh High Schools to register seniors as part of an outreach effort to our feeder high schools on April 25.

Mail Flood attended a CalSoap meeting at CSU, Fresno. Members of this high school/college outreach program come from CSU, Fresno; University of California, Merced; Fresno Pacific; and various Westside high schools.

Students, staff, faculty and community members participated in the Cinco de Mayo celebration on May 5, at NDC, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. This activity was hosted by TRiO (Bertha will send you some photos). Activities included a salsa contest, Loteria activity, a piñata drawing, balloon toss contest and great music.

WEST HILLS COLLEGE STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Florinda Bautista Garcia

Florinda Bautista Garcia was raised in Oaxaca, Mexico. Her parents, Gregorio and Victoria, made a strenuous living growing chili de agua and tomatoes. Florinda has always wanted more for her life and at the age of 16 migrated to the United States with her older brother. Soon after her arrival she found work in the agricultural fields harvesting onions, asparagus, lettuce, and other crops. Today she is married with two wonderful kids, Kevin 6, and Haylee 3. They were her biggest motivation for enrolling in the HEP program.

Florinda is excited to take the first steps to a better future for her and her family. She would like her children to see that education is the path that leads to success and set the example for them. Her immediate goal is to do “anything that is not working in the fields”. Not a typical goal for the traditional student but a goal she shares with many of her classmates.

After she earns her High School Equivalency certificate Florinda plans to improve on her English skills and continue her education. Her long term goal is to one day complete the nursing program and become a registered nurse. In the meantime she has great joy helping her kids with homework and spending quality time with her friends and family. She says, “I would love to watch my children prosper from my example, for them to pursue a steady career and raise families with a bright future.” Florinda is an exemplary student and is making great progress towards her goals. Keep up the great work!



Cassandra Herrera

Cassandra Herrera is a sophomore attending West Hills College Coalinga from Bakersfield, CA. Cassandra decided to attend WHC because of the opportunity to live on campus and yet not to be too far away from her hometown and loves that many international students and athletes also choose to live on campus which creates a diverse and inclusive campus community. For the past two years Cassandra has been working as a Resident Assistant for Ivans Hall, Women's Resident Hall, and as an Office Assistant with the Educational Services Department. She indicated that at WHC she has the ability to make friendships that will last a lifetime because of the small educational atmosphere. Upon completing her Associates Degree at West Hills, she plans on moving to Southern California to continuing her education. Cassandra is currently a Health Major and her ultimate goal is to become a Physician's Assistant and work with cancer patients. Cassandra wants to help in the fight for cancer and has volunteered many hours at WHC as Team Captain for the Falconets in their continuing effort to raise funds to support the cure for cancer and encourages everyone to attend Relay for Life, April 5, 2014.

COLLEGE EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

Angela Eldridge is a wife, mother, grandmother, and employee. She is married to Barry Eldridge and both will be celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary this coming July, and together they have raised 4 beautiful daughters, three of which are now married, and after many years of waiting they both are finally grandparents to Owen, 17 months and their newest addition, Emmy who was born on May 1, 2014.

For the last 14 years Angie was working in the area of law, however due to relocation of the office out of town and not wanting to commute, she was forced to make a change in her employment and so a new chapter in the life begins. Angie is a value asset to the office of Educational Services and she is excited to be part the WHC family. She looks forward to working with students, faculty, classified staff and members of the community.

ATHLETICS

The Annual Horned Toad Derby Golf Tournament



Date: Sunday, May 25, 2014

Time: Shot Gun Start @ 8:15am

Place: Lemoore Golf Course
350 West Iona Avenue

Cost: \$75/Individual or \$300/Team

For more information contact: Gina R. Tollison at 559.934.2452/Mark Arce at 559.934.2460/
Mark Gritton at 559.934.2455



All-CVC softball team

Sydnee Cisneros-2nd Team Pitcher

Kelsea Brassart-2nd Team Third Base

Kayla Day-Honorable Mention Catcher

Val Cazares-Honorable Mention Short Stop

Bianca Navarro-Honorable Mention First Base



All-CVC baseball 2nd team

Karson Canaday - Infielders
 Jake Hansen - DH
 Nick Joe - Utility

2014 Spring RODEO SCHEDULE - WEST COAST REGION

DATE	DAY	HOST	LOCATION
June 15-21	Sunday-Saturday	College National Finals Rodeo	Casper, WY - Contact 509/529-4402

Fall 2014 Football Schedule

Date	Day	Opponent	Time	Location
Sep-5	Fri	San Jose	7pm	Coalinga
TBA		Contra Costa		San Pablo
Sep-9	Fri	Los Medanos	7pm	Coalinga
Sep-7	Sat	*Monterey	7pm	Coalinga
Oct-04	Sat	*Gavilan	7pm	Gilroy
Oct-11	Sat	BYE		
Oct-18	Sat	*Reedley (Homecoming & Hall of Fame)	1pm	Coalinga
TBA		Mendocino	7pm	Ukiah
Nov-1	Sat	*Cabrillo		Aptos
Nov-8	Sat	*Merced	1pm	Coalinga
Nov-15	Sat	*Hartnell	6pm	Salinas
		*Golden Coast League Game		Home Games in Bold

Fall 2014 Volleyball Schedule

DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
Fri	Aug 29	at MJC Tournament	Modesto	All Day
Fri	Sep 5	at Cosumnes River Tournament	Sacramento	All Day
Fri	Sep 19	at MPC Classic	Monterey	All Day
WED	SEP 24	* COLUMBIA COLLEGE	COALINGA	5:00 PM
Wed	Oct 1	*at Porterville College	Porterville	6:00 pm
Fri	Oct 3	*at Merced College	Merced	6:00 pm
WED	OCT 8	* REEDLEY COLLEGE	COALINGA	6:00 PM
Fri	Oct 10	*at Taft College	Taft	6:00 pm
WED	OCT 15	* COLLEGE OF SEQUOIAS	COALINGA	6:00 PM
Fri	Oct 17	*at Fresno City College	Fresno	6:00 pm
Wed	Oct 22	*at Columbia College	Sonora	5:00 pm
WED	OCT 29	* PORTERVILLE COLLEGE	COALINGA	6:00 PM
FRI	OCT 31	* MERCED COLLEGE	COALINGA	6:00 PM
Wed	Nov 5	*at Reedley College	Reedley	6:00 pm
FRI	NOV 7	*TAFT COLLEGE	COALINGA	6:00 PM
Wed	Nov 12	*at College of Sequoias	Visalia	6:00 pm
FRI	NOV 14	*FRESNO CITY COLLEGE	COALINGA	6:00 PM

*Central Valley Conference Games
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HOME GAMES IN

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