



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.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I am reminded of the famous Aesop's fable, *The Ant and the Grasshopper*. The moral of that story is that it is essential to keep in mind the virtue of hard work and understand the importance of planning for the future. This is exactly what many of us at WHCC have done over the past several weeks. We are focused on attracting new students, engaging the community and retaining current students by focusing on their successful completion of their goals.

Attraction of future students: Our summer camps were a big hit with over 150 youth from the community participating. A video highlighting the Paramount Camp will soon be on our website and will be used as a future recruiting tool.

The Farm of the Future faculty have been busy recruiting for our new Pest Control Advisory Program; Clint has had close to 90 students demonstrate interest. We are working on adding new classes and programs that will meet the needs of agriculture as well as attract new students. With the addition of two replacement faculty, we are planning on a high profile outreach campaign with valley high schools and returning veterans.

Recently, I accompanied Mr. Tamayo, Director of WHCC International Program, to Hong Kong and China to recruit would be WHCC students and to build relationships with study abroad agencies that refer students to American colleges. I learned that the work of recruiting students in China is primarily relationship building and with 1.3 billion people, advanced planning logistics is key to success!

Engaging the community: The Coalinga Chamber of Commerce recognized the college as the "Business of the Week" in part for our "valuable contributions to the good citizens of Coalinga" and for our willingness to hold community events on campus. I am leading an outreach team to work more closely with the Chamber and we will be hosting the Coalinga Fest in October. This will be a grand opportunity to foster a sense of civic pride among our students and staff alike.

Retention of existing students: Nearly 400 students are attending summer session. To improve the likelihood of their success, Matt Magnuson and Brian Rouska have planned the tutoring services at both WHCC and NDC so it will assist as many students as possible. They are working with Raquel Rodriguez and the Basic Skills Team to implement a new approach to tutoring called Supplement Instruction (SI). In the fall, SI will be used in several of our gatekeeper classes.

We have expanded the fall class schedule to accommodate student needs. Also in the fall, The Café will be offering an improved hearty and healthy menu for our students. Alex Villalobos is busy planning new activities for students in the dorms. Speaking of new activities for students, Rob Skaggs and Erin Corea are working on bringing back an honor society to West Hills Coalinga and NDC. Stay tuned for more details in next month's newsletter.

WEST HILLS COLLEGE STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

TRIO

On May 11, the TRIO Student Support Services Program and TRIO club sponsored a group of students to a leadership skills development camp at Wonder Valley Resort in Sanger, CA. The student participated in communication skill, team development, and project organizing activities. The participants will be better prepared to lead several college activities.



TRIO/PEP

On Wednesday, June 12 to Sunday, June 16, the TRIO staff and the new PEP conducted a series of workshops in preparation for the 2013 Summer UB and PEP summer programs. The seminars consisted of training sessions in CPR & First Aid Training, CPS Mandated Reporting rules and regulations, leadership activities, ice breakers, and problem solving methods that will be helpful for their summer job.

Upward Bound

Upward Bound staff welcomed the students to its 2013 summer session on June 16. The students checked in the Residence Halls and participated in a program orientation.

STUDENT SERVICES IN ACTION

Foster Youth Grant

WHC has identified 30 potential foster youth in the district and are meeting to contact them regarding supplemental services like counseling, financial aid, housing and participation in extra-curricular activities (field trips, incentives). Aronne Hauki and Raquel Rodriguez are working with Student Services on this.

Student Success and Support Program

Matriculation is now Student Success and Support Program and the college will be developing the new program plan which includes the trifecta of services to focus on students to get priority registration – orientation, assessment and educational planning/counseling. The college is way ahead of identifying and giving priority to high school students and currently enrolled students having these components identified in our MIS data.

C6 Common Assessment Project

C6 Project is on hiatus for summer but is gearing up for data collection for the first two weeks of the fall semester at our consortium colleges who are participating in the project. Faculty and McCann Associates have scheduled meetings in September to determine the common cut score for students to place into transfer English and Intermediate Algebra.

ATHLETICS

Fall 2013 Football

DATE	DAY	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME
Sept 9	Saturday	Fresno City College	Coalinga	7pm
Sept 14	Saturday	College of the Sequoias	Visalia	7pm
Sept 21	Saturday	San Francisco City College	Coalinga	12pm
Sept 28	Saturday	San Jose City College	San Jose	3pm
Oct 5	Saturday	Gavilan College	Gilroy	5pm
Oct 12	Saturday	Bye		
Oct 18	Friday	*Laney College	Oakland	7pm
Oct 26	Saturday	*Siskiyou (Homecoming & Hall of Fame)	Coalinga	1pm
Nov 2	Saturday	*Reedley College	Reedley	1pm
Nov 9	Saturday	*Chabot College	Coalinga	3pm
Nov 16	Saturday	*Merced Jr. College	Coalinga	1pm
		* Conference Games		HOME GAMES IN BOLD

Fall 2013 Volleyball

DATE	DAY	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME
Aug 30	Friday	MPC Scrimmage	Monterey	All Day
Sept 6	Friday	Cosumnes River Tourney	Sacrament	All Day
Sept 13	Friday	MPC Classic Tourney	Monterey	All Day
Sept 25	Wednesday	*Merced Jr. College	Coalinga	6pm
Oct 2	Wednesday	*Taft College	Coalinga	6pm
Oct 4	Friday	*Reedley College	Reedley	6pm
Oct 9	Wednesday	*College of the Sequoias	Coalinga	6pm
Oct 11	Friday	*Columbia College	Sonora	5pm
Oct 16	Wednesday	*Fresno City College	Fresno	6pm
Oct 18	Friday	*Porterville College	Coalinga	6pm
Oct 23	Wednesday	*Merced Jr. College	Merced	6pm
Oct 29	Tuesday	*Taft College	Taft	6pm
Nov 1	Friday	*Reedley College	Coalinga	6pm
Nov 6	Wednesday	*College of the Sequoias	Visalia	6pm
Nov 8	Friday	*Columbia College	Coalinga	5pm
Nov 13	Wednesday	*Fresno City College	Coalinga	6pm
Nov 15	Friday	*Porterville College	Porterville	6pm
		* Conference Games		HOME GAMES IN BOLD

WHCC Foundation

Exciting times for the foundation! EECU has committed \$20,000 per year for the next five years to help endow the President's Scholars Program and AOS has committed to a full scholarship each year (\$3,760) for the next five or six years. Dr. Gornick has set aside one day each week and we are doing visits with potential major donors to tell them about all of the great things happening at West Hills College. As of July 8th, we have 103 President's Scholars enrolled for the 2013-2014 school year. If you are an employee, please consider doing a payroll deduction for Employee Philanthropy. If you are a community member, we are happy to accept your tax-deductible contribution.



Left to right: Don Warkentin, President, West Hills College Lemoore; Dianne Mitchell, EECU Branch Manager, Hanford; Frances Squire, Executive Director, West Hills Community College Foundation; Elizabeth Dooley, EECU CEO/President; and Frank Gornick, Chancellor, West Hills Community College District.

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