



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

Last weekend the college played host to the annual Coalinga Fest. It drew several hundred people from the community. There was a very nice article in the Coalinga Record highlighting many of our staff members who made it a huge success. Frances Squire from the WHCCD Foundation shared with me, "I was at the library and Hilda Crawford, secretary of the Coalinga Community Foundation, said she loved the location, the music, having access to the bookstore and although she didn't have the tri-tip, she said she heard it was very good." Thanks to everyone who played a part in making event memorable.



Ag News

Faculty recently held a planning session to determine how we will grow our new Ag programs and redesign existing offerings. Kudos to the faculty and administrators working together on that important project!

Our Almond production results are in and it appears that we have improved from last year's 421 per acre average to 956 per acre this year. Also, David Castillo shared with me that he just received the pistachio report late yesterday. Last year we produced 21, 900 pounds and this year we bumped it up to 43,555 pounds. THAT'S A LOT OF NUTS!

Also, sweet corn, grown at our own Farm of the Future, will soon be available at the Cafeteria. We are definitely growing good things out at the farm!

Lumina DQPP

Representatives from the DQPP Team recently provided an overview of their work to the district-wide leadership team. I was very proud to see how far they have come in such a short amount of time. This work has the potential to be transformational. Thanks again to the team.

Homecoming Events

Homecoming is right around the corner. The ASB is planning to honor our student athletes at NDC and at WHCC on Wednesday, October 23rd at noon. The 19th Annual Sunrise Breakfast and Balloon Festival benefiting our Child Development Centers will also be held on Saturday, October 26th at 6 AM. Call Lorna Davis at ext. 2200 for more details.

President's Monthly Message

The Homecoming Football Game is on Saturday, October 26th at 1 PM we play College of the Siskiyous. WHCC Athletic Annual Hall of Fame Dinner and Induction will be held at 6 PM. We have 115 reservations. There still is room for you! See Gina Tollison at ext. 2452 for ticket information.

Featured Learning Area – Programs at the Farm of the Future

New Classes and Programs at Farm of the Future are on the way!

This year, the faculty at the Farm of the Future are currently developing new programs that will help students learn coursework in order to prepare them for high demand jobs in this region.

Students will be able to earn degrees in Agriculture Business and Animal Science. In addition, certificates in Welding, Industrial Mechanics Technology, and Agriculture Engineering will also compliment the wide variety of coursework offered at the Farm. All of the programs offered at the Farm of the Future provide students with hands-on training, and students also have the ability to work with local employers through internships. Students get to practice their new skills in the real world, and learn from industry professionals that will help provide students with employment opportunities.

The new programs will be launched in the fall of 2014. To learn more about the Farm of the Future, meet the faculty, or to take a tour the state of the art facility, please contact David Castillo at 934-2166.

WEST HILLS COLLEGE STUDENT ENGAGEMENT



Mexican Independence Day at NDC

Room 26 at NDC had a packed house for Mexican Independence Day. Adjunct Instructor Edgar Castillo gave an outstanding presentation of the history and importance of this day. Olivia Vega spoke about Cesar Chavez's contribution to his people and what it means to our present students/families. Students gathered outside for tacos and beverages. Turnout and participation was great!

Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk

The International Students Program took a trip to Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk on September 21st. The students had a great time visiting the beach, riding rides, and seeing new

sites! All look forward to Flight Night at Six Flags Magic Mountain on October 19th.

Colombia and Vietnam Visits

Daniel Tamayo, the International Students Program Director, visited both Colombia and Vietnam during the month of September. This was Mr. Tamayo's first time visiting both countries and looks forward to meeting the new students who will become part of the WHC family from Colombia and Vietnam.

Community Garden

Upward Bound Advising Specialist Juan Rubio conducted the first Saturday academy for the 2013-14 year on September 24. The staff worked with students from Coalinga, Mendota, and Tranquillity high schools on their planning to create community gardens at their respective communities. The Coalinga group will be working with the Farm of the Future. The Mendota group will be working at Mendota high school working on an acre allotted by the school. The Tranquillity group is being sponsored by the city and will be developing its garden in a city based parcel.

West Hills College Coalinga/DSS Partnership

Staff met with the local Department of Social Services (DSS) on September 25. This is the second of the now regular meetings to strengthen relationships between WHCC and DSS.. At the meeting, Javier Cazares conducted a presentation on the West Hills Community College HEP services. The college will be presenting its new Foster services program at the next meeting.

WEST HILLS COLLEGE STUDENT OF THE MONTH



(Pictured above: Emma Santos, Alejandra Amezcua, Javier Cazares, Anita Wright, Maricela Aguayo-Ramirez, Olivia Vega)

HEP graduates Alejandra Amezcua and Maricela Aguayo-Ramirez are presented with scholarship checks from the National HEP/CAMP Association. The National HEP/CAMP Association established the scholarship program in 1992 to encourage HEP graduates who may have limited financial options to pursue higher education. The \$500 scholarship assists HEP and CAMP students with college expenses and helps relieve some of their financial burdens. Alejandra is currently enrolled full time at WHC Coalinga majoring in business. Maricela is also currently enrolled full time at NDC and is studying to become a pharmaceutical technician. Alejandra and Maricela were outstanding students and have become mentors to current HEP participants. Both have come back to work for the HEP program as tutors. Great job and congratulations on the scholarships, you earned it!

STUDENT SERVICES IN ACTION

Fall 2013 Student Success Training Workshops
Sponsored by Basic Skills Initiative & CalWORKs

September's theme was "College Success Month." The topics that were presented were "Time Management", "Money Management", and "Tips for Successful Studying." The overall attendance for all workshops was 87 students. We had different presenters at each workshop. Thanks to the basic skills initiative & CalWORKs program, students were provided with free lunch at all workshops.



"Money Management" Presenter: Caroline Rivero, Union Bank

Student Comments

"Be wiser with debt."

"I will manage my spending more."

"I will apply all the tips for raising my credit score."

INTERESTING INSIGHTS – Foundation

The WHCC Foundation is most known for the President's Scholars Program and the other wonderful scholarship opportunities provided for students. There are several other services provided for our colleges.

When alcohol is going to be served at an event on one of our campuses (per board of trustees policies), the foundation can be a co-host of the event. Recent events have included the Honor Flight dinner at WHCL and CoalingaFest at WHCC. The foundation follows a detailed process that involves board of trustee approval, obtaining the ABC license for the event and making sure that proper insurance is in place. All of this takes time so if you're planning an event with wine, beer or other spirits, please make sure to contact the foundation well in advance.

Another service provided by the foundation is the accounting for the sports program. During a coaches' conference at the beginning of the semester, Olga Keough, the foundation accounting technician, and Frances Squire outlined our procedures. If anyone missed this presentation, please let Frances know and our office will be happy to go through the information with you. Essentially, the foundation follows the same practices as the district.

Finally, without the support of our Employees Philanthropy Program, much of what the foundation accomplishes would not happen. If you are not currently participating and would like to, please contact Frances Squire.

ATHLETICS

Fall 2013 Football

DATE	DAY	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME
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
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

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