



## 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

Our efforts to improve pathways to college and career success have advanced and caught the attention of funders and elected officials. State Superintendent, Tom Torlakson recently visited our Ag Academy at Avenal High School. The project is a public-private partnership with Paramount Farms which also received funding through the California Department of Education. The goal of the Agriculture Career Academy is to improve student success by providing opportunities to high school students to earn college credit through WHCC and earn money while interning at Paramount Farms. All the while, students also learn about science, ag, math and high paying jobs as supervisors and engineers.

Another innovative high school project is housed at Mendota High School. We received approval from the DSA to start the remodel to create a Health Careers Lab for students enrolled in our EMT program. Construction is set to begin this fall and students are already enrolled. The third pathway project is with CSU Fresno designed to improve the pathway for our students. A team of four faculty members: Staci Mosher, Psychology; Arkady Hanjiev, Math; Tim Ellsworth, Agriculture; and Jeff Wander, Biology will be working together with their K-12 and CSU counter partners to improve use of technology in the classroom.

Our athletic teams are off to a great start. Falcon Football may have set a new record in their opening game, an impressive triumph over San Jose (50-0), at home, on September 5 and another victory against Contra Costa (50-21), on September 13. After two successful outings, your Falcons are rating #16 in Northern California.

Justin Hampton, our new rodeo coach, has been focusing on recruitment and developing a rodeo team that will excel both in the arena and the classroom as well as being great stewards within the Coalinga community. Being a long time Coalinga resident, he understands the three-legged stool for rodeo student success; perfection in the classroom, the arena and within our local community.

On September 11<sup>th</sup> we took time out of our busy schedules to pause and reflect. ASB President Ashley Rocha led us all in the flag salute. Stephanie Sandoval, West Hills College Student Athlete sang an inspiring rendition of our National Anthem. Guest speakers included: Keith Krider, Captain of the Coalinga Fire Department and Cal Minor, Chief of the Coalinga Police Department. The keynote speaker was Melinda Larson a 26-year Navy veteran/retired/Senior Chief Mass Communication Specialist. She has served at the pentagon, onboard Navy ships and around the world. My special thanks to Associate Dean Mark Gritton for his comments and organizing this remembrance.



## FEATURED LEARNING AREA – NORTH DISTRICT CENTER

NDC had a great start to the Fall 2014 semester. Students attended orientation meetings the week before the start of the semester. There they were introduced to the entire staff, learned about the student activities that will be conducted throughout the year and the various policies and procedures that are part of their everyday life at NDC.

The ASB club and TRiO SSS hosted a “Welcome Back to College” cookies and beverages event on August 14. There was great student and faculty participation and it gave everyone time to bond with the staff.

On August 25, Horation Alger Association Advisor Ronald S. Nicola came to NDC to speak to some of our students about the Cortopassi Family Foundation Vocational Scholarship Program. Eligible students can receive \$2,500 per semester, and up to a maximum of \$10,000. NDC staff will be working closely with those students who are interested in applying for this excellent scholarship opportunity.

Two students from NDC have been selected by their peers to be part of the Associated Student Body (ASB) this year. Denise Luna was selected as the ASB Vice President and Joaquin Vargas, Jr. was selected as the ASB Secretary. We are very excited and proud that these two new leaders. They will be representing our students and working closely with WHC Coalinga ASB leaders.

This 2014-15 academic year should be full of excitement and success!

## WEST HILLS COLLEGE STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

### FALL 2014 WORKSHOPS

#### STUDENT SUCCESS WORKSHOPS

Date	Topic	Time	Room
Tuesday, September 23	Financial Literacy/ TRIO	12:00PM	H-2
Tuesday, October 7	Relationships 101/ RCS	12:00PM	H-2
Thursday, October 16	Substance Abuse/ Amy long	12:00PM	H-2
Tuesday, October 21	Financial Literacy/ TRIO	12:00PM	H-2
Wednesday, October 29	Career Café: Explore your Career Pathway!	12:00PM	H-2
Tuesday, November 4	Savvy Job Applications	12:00PM	H-2
Thursday, November 13	Career Café: Get Involved, build your experience!	12:00PM	H-2
Tuesday, November 18	Financial Literacy/ TRIO	12:00PM	H-2
Thursday, November 20	Substance Abuse/ Amy Long	12:00PM	H-2
Tuesday, December 2	Final Preparation/ Mark Matteson	12:00PM	H-2

Date	Topic	Time	Room
Tuesday, September 30	Transfer Planning Resources	12:00PM	H-2
Wednesday, October 8	CSU Mentor Application	12:00PM	H-2
Tuesday, October 14	10 Questions to Ask a University	12:00PM	P-2
Monday, October 20	Beijing Jiao Tong University Presentation	1:00PM	P-2
Wednesday, October 22	A Degree with a Guarantee	12:00PM	H-2

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT STUDENT SERVICES AT 559.934.2300 - WORKSHOPS ARE SUBJECT TO CANCELLATION

## FALL 2014 UNIVERSITY REPRESENTATIVES

### SEPTEMBER

- 23. National University, 10am – 1pm
- 24. Brandman University, 11am – 1pm, Quad
- 25. Columbia College, 8:30am – 12pm

### OCTOBER

- 8. Fresno State, 9:30am – 2pm
- 9. Columbia College, 8:30am – 12pm
- 14. Brandman University, 10:00 – 11:30am
- 20. Beijing Jiao Tong University, 2pm – 4pm
- 21. National University, 10am – 1pm
- 23. Columbia College, 8:30am – 12pm
- 31. Brandman University, 11am – 1pm, Quad

### NOVEMBER

- 6. Columbia College, 8:30am – 12pm
- 18. National University, 10am – 1pm
- 19. Brandman University, 11am – 1pm, Quad
- 20. Columbia College, 8:30am – 12pm

### DECEMBER

- 4. Columbia College, 8:30am – 12pm
- 9. National University, 10am – 1pm
- 11. Columbia College, 8:30am – 12pm

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### TRANSFER CENTER

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APPOINTMENTS PREFERRED

FOR MORE INFO, CONTACT 559.934.2300

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## SSS Orientation

SSS started off the semester with their Orientation on Tuesday, August 12, 2014. Students were informed about program requirements and services. We had guest speakers who presented on library resources, tutorial resources, Foster Youth services, financial aid and book store services. There were many new students along with returning in attendance. Students were pleased with the information received. SSS expects that this will help students have a better academic semester.



## Peer Mentor Training



The peer mentor program is off to a good start. SSS held its initial training on Friday, September 29, 2014. There were students attending from both Coalinga campus and the North District Center in Firebaugh. There were giving basic training on tips, ideas and scenarios on how to handle different situations while on the job. These mentors will be helping TRiO/SSS students with extra support to succeed in their classes. They will be having trainings throughout the semester while meet with their mentees.

## WEST HILLS COLLEGE STUDENT OF THE MONTH



### Shirley Munguia

Ms. Shirley Munguia has been a NDC student since the Fall of 2013. After she graduated from Madera High School she and her family moved to Firebaugh and Shirley decided to attend our college. Her mother and older sister had graduated together from WHC in 2011, and since they always talked positively about their positive experiences Shirley decided to enroll at WHC NDC.

Shirley is presently the NDC student representative for our Measure Q-SFID #1, Northern Area Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee. She will be attending this committee's meetings during the year and not only learning about all of the projects the district has been working on in our area, but she will have the opportunity to ask questions, suggest ideas, and represent not only fellow students but the local communities that fall with the Northern Area.

Ms. Munguia is majoring in Chemistry and has plans to transfer to Colorado State University to major in Veterinary Studies. Her brother, who also attended WHC NDC, is presently attending this excellent university. Shirley will be graduating in the Spring of 2015, and is a perfect example of a student who signed a contract last year to graduate and be part of our Commit to Completion program.

Some of her hobbies include playing and watching soccer, listening to western music, and watching all sports. Mostly she loves spending time with her family.

We are so proud of Shirley's accomplishments and we know she will have an exciting final year at West Hills College. Congratulations Shirley!!!

## WEST HILLS COLLEGE EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH



### Mali Flood

Mali Flood has been the North District Center Financial Aid Advisor for nearly five years. During her time at NDC she has accomplished a great deal professionally and personally. Last year she graduated from Fresno State earning a Bachelor's Degree in Communication. Mali did a great job of balancing her work responsibilities with the demands of being a college student. We are very proud of her completing her educational goal.

Mrs. Flood has helped thousands of students with their financial aid needs. The majority of students at NDC receive financial aid and so she plays a vital role in their endeavor to pay for their schooling. Mali not only helps her students complete the correct forms, but she also talks with them of the importance of meeting deadlines, keeping important documents, and how to follow financial aid policies and procedures. In other words, our students become well-versed with the entire financial aid process.

Mali is very involved with her community. She has helped various organizations and families raise money to pay funeral and burial costs. At the same time she has also volunteers at her church youth group and mentors young girls ages 12 to 18 years old. Some of her hobbies include traveling, volunteering, and spending time with family.

NDC is very fortunate to have such a dedicated and professional employee.

## WHCCD FOUNDATION



West Hills College Coalinga alum Jon Keller came through for the President's Scholars Program in a big way during the month of July when he donated \$100 for each car sold at the Keller Automotive Center in Hanford for scholarships. Jon and his wife, Valerie, presented a check for \$15,000 to Chancellor Frank Gornick; Foundation Executive Director Frances Squire and Foundation President Ann Stone in early August. Jon became the youngest General Motors dealer in the country when his father passed away in 1988. He grew the dealership to include Buick, Pontiac, GMC, Chevrolet, Cadillac, Ford and Lincoln brands located on a 16 acre parcel on Highway 198 in Hanford.

## ATHLETICS

### Fall 2014 Volleyball Schedule

DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
WED	SEP 24	* COLUMBIA COLLEGE	COALINGA	5:00 PM
<b>Wed</b>	<b>Oct 1</b>	<b>*at Porterville College</b>	<b>Porterville</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>
<b>Fri</b>	<b>Oct 3</b>	<b>*at Merced College</b>	<b>Merced</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>
WED	OCT 8	* REEDLEY COLLEGE	COALINGA	6:00 PM
<b>Fri</b>	<b>Oct 10</b>	<b>*at Taft College</b>	<b>Taft</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>
WED	OCT 15	* COLLEGE OF SEQUOIAS	COALINGA	6:00 PM
<b>Fri</b>	<b>Oct 17</b>	<b>*at Fresno City College</b>	<b>Fresno</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>
<b>Wed</b>	<b>Oct 22</b>	<b>*at Columbia College</b>	<b>Sonora</b>	<b>5:00 pm</b>
WED	OCT 29	* PORTERVILLE COLLEGE	COALINGA	6:00 PM
FRI	OCT 31	* MERCED COLLEGE	COALINGA	6:00 PM
<b>Wed</b>	<b>Nov 5</b>	<b>*at Reedley College</b>	<b>Reedley</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>
FRI	NOV 7	*TAFT COLLEGE	COALINGA	6:00 PM
<b>Wed</b>	<b>Nov 12</b>	<b>*at College of Sequoias</b>	<b>Visalia</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>
FRI	NOV 14	*FRESNO CITY COLLEGE	COALINGA	6:00 PM

\*Central Valley Conference Games

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HOME GAMES IN

## Fall 2014 Football Schedule

Date	Day	Opponent	Time	Location
<b>Sep-27</b>	<b>Sat</b>	<b>*Monterey</b>	<b>7pm</b>	<b>Coalinga</b>
Oct-04	Sat	*Gavilan	6pm	Gilroy
Oct-11		BYE		
<b>Oct-18</b>	<b>Sat</b>	<b>*Reedley</b> (Home coming & Hall of Fame)	<b>1pm</b>	<b>Coalinga</b>
Oct-25	Sat	Mendocino	2pm	Ukiah
Nov-01	Sat	*Cabrillo	7pm	Aptos
<b>Nov-08</b>	<b>Sat</b>	<b>*Merced</b>	<b>1pm</b>	<b>Coalinga</b>
Nov-15	Sat	*Hartnell	6pm	Salinas

\* Golden Coast League Game

Home Games in Bold

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### WHCC Fitness Lab Hours Fall 2014:

Monday thru Friday  
5am—6:30am

Monday thru Friday  
11am—1pm

Monday, Wednesday, Friday  
6pm—8pm

### Membership Dates:

Monday, August 18th through Thursday, December 18th

**COST: \$60 PER PERSON or \$30 for WHCC students & staff** (cost includes use of fitness lab equipment, workout towel, locker room and shower facilities). For more information stop by the athletic offices on campus

**Registration and waiver forms can be found below for your convenience; just print, complete and bring with you. Students please bring your West Hills College Coalinga student I.D. with you when you pay for your membership.**

- [Registration Form](#) (everyone must complete-then print and sign)
- [ADULT - Mandatory Waiver](#) (complete-then print and sign)
- [MINOR - Mandatory Waiver](#) (complete-then print and sign)

### WHCC Fitness Room Rules

- Return all equipment to its proper location after use
- No food or drink (other than plastic water bottles) is allowed
- Observe all posted signs and equipment warnings
- Safe and proper use of equipment is required at all times
- Actions that threaten the safety and well being of yourself or others will not be tolerated
- Verbal or physical abuse towards an employee of the WHCC Fitness Lab will result in immediate dismissal from the facility, with possible legal charges filed
- Horse play is prohibited in this facility
- Shirts and athletic shoes must be worn at all times. Belts, Jeans, clothing with rivets, wallet chains, sandals and open toed shoes are prohibited
- Be considerate of others and wipe down equipment after each use
- Towels will be issued by the attendant by exchanging your ID card
- Cardiovascular equipment is limited to 30 minutes when people are waiting
- Teens under the age of 16 must be accompanied by adult who is responsible for direct supervision
- Please report any equipment problems to the attendant
- Always use a spotter. If you do not have a partner, ask the attendant
- WHCC employees are not responsible for personal belongings lost or stolen in the facility

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