

W.O.W.! Words of Wisdom for T.E.A.M. Teach

Kick-off Banquet 2010 held

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The 5th annual T.E.A.M. Teach Kick-off banquet was held in the conference center of WHCC Lemoore on Feb. 4. T.E.A.M. Teach is a Lemoore campus program geared toward the empowerment and development of future teachers.

The annual event was attended by Rookie members, Single A and Double A (community college level), Triple A (university transfers), Major League (credentialed teachers), with numerous mentors, college instructors and guest speakers.

Following dinner, guest speakers offered their words of wisdom (W.O.W!) for next team in the educational field:

***Rafaela Llamas**, Stratford kindergarten teacher, who reminded everyone, "It's all worth it."

***Aaron Haley**, local 5th grade teacher, whose speech centered on his genuine love of the craft of teaching.

***Gaynl Potter**, Hanford High School English teacher, presented the six things she knew for certain about teaching.

***Jay Thomas**, Lemoore High School math teacher, with his spin on



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T.E.A.M. leaders pose during the kickoff banquet, from left Aaron Haley, 5th grade; Rafaela Llamas, kindergarten; Vera Kennedy, WHCCL Sociology; Jay Thomas, high school math; Gaynl Potter, high school English.

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***Vera Kennedy**, WHCL sociology instructor, and her words of wisdom and encouragement.

The guest speakers, picked for their lasting influence and positive input to the program, were chosen from the ranks of former WHCL students. The individual presentations were moving, inspiring the educational students to follow in the teacher's footsteps.

Discourse included advice on innovative lesson planning, dealing with bad days, having enthusiasm

for subject matter, and possessing a genuine love for the students you are blessed to teach.

A presentation was offered regarding the 5C Experience; a summer program at WHCC Lemoore geared toward 6th-8th graders in an effort to plant seeds that a college experience *is* in their future. Many of the guests at this evening were actually 5C mentors in the past, volunteers who contributed their time and energy to this positive experience for students.

The meal was catered by West Hills Culinary Department and district marketing director and T.E.A.M. Teach supporter, Frances Squire, photographed the presentations.

T.E.A.M. Teach offers counselor support, mentors, and a textbook check out program, all designed at making the educational process for prospective teachers as seamless as possible.

For further information regarding this phenomenal program, contact JamesPreston@whccd.edu to become part of a winning team!



