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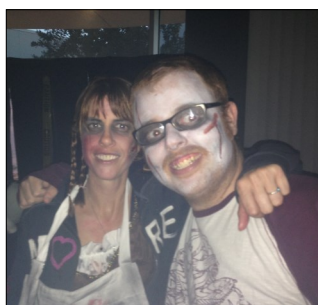
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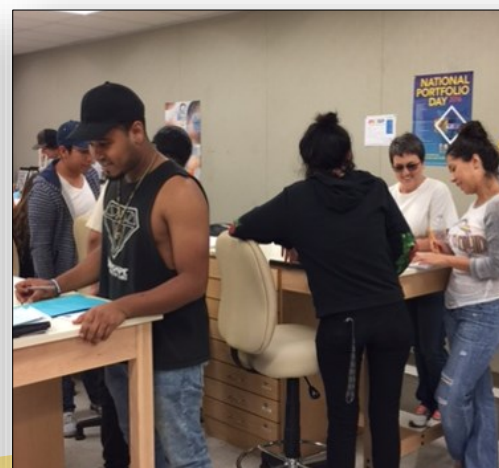
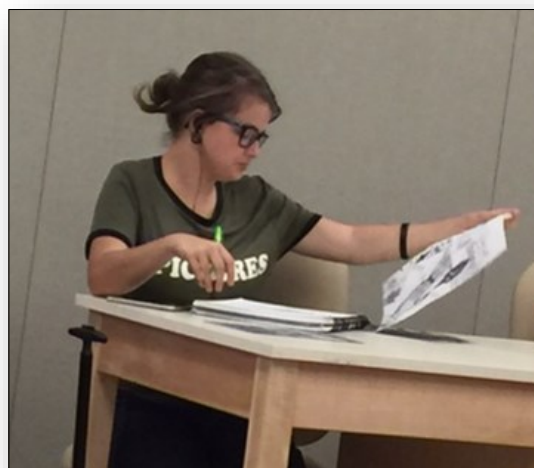


Water Conservation Motivates TC Students

On Oct 20th the gallery was filled with art and writing, part of **Quench: The Flow of Creativity**. As reported by Gaysha Smith – this event was “a collaborative effort between Professor Carlson and Associate Professor Kerr’s Interactive **English 1000** class and students in Associate Professor Rodenhauser’s **Basic Design Art 1600** class. This show was inspired by *One Book, One Bakersfield, One Kern’s* 2016 selection **The Big Thirst** by Charles Fishman.”

Refreshments were served, and a number of college and community members served as judges of the works, in teams of 2-3. The winners of the event are (pictures in order):

- 1st place: Ashley Ramos and Victoria Fraire
- 2nd place: Maria Zavala and Nashel Tena
- 3rd place: Karen Rodriguez, Shelby Jacobson, and Madison Borrecco



Fall 2016 New Employees Luncheon



Administration and Human Resources hosted the fall 2016 new employees luncheon in October. New employees who were celebrated included: Amar Abbott, Norberto Lopez, Primavera Arvizu, David Mitchell, Carey Carpenter, Isaura Santesteban, Justin Madding and Dana Hicks.

WKAEN Celebrates First GED Graduation: *Class of 2016*

West Kern Adult Education Network (WKAEN) hosted their first GED graduation on October 27 where thirty students received their certificates of completion. Friends, family and community partners gathered together at the Taft Historic Fort to celebrate the graduates' achievement.

Dr. Debra Daniels addressed the graduates, sharing the advantages of an education and inviting them to enroll in Taft College. The event was attended by the Taft College Board of Trustees as well as WKAEN consortium board members who awarded the certificates.

In 2013, Assembly Bill 86 appropriated to regional consortia \$25 million to develop plans to strengthen adult education programs within California. Locally, a West Kern Consortium was established in 2015 and is jointly led by the West Kern Community College District (Taft College), Maricopa Unified School District and Taft Union High School District.

WKAEN opened its doors on February 1, 2016 and quickly began offering classes in GED preparation, ESL (English as a Second Language, Citizenship and short-term CTE classes. Currently WKAEN is serving over one hundred students.



Facilities Update:

Student Center Makes First Visible Presence



The Student Center Project continues to move forward. Over the next few weeks, grading and compaction will comprise the majority of the work conducted. This work is necessary to meet soil standards for the foundation of the building.

In conjunction with the Student Center Project, our PG&E Electrical Service Project continues. We are currently in the trenching phase of this project. There will be a brief power outage when the electrical service is switched over. However, the current plan is try to conduct the switchover over the Winter Break to minimize campus disruption. The estimated completion date for this project is January 2017.

The Gym Re-Roofing Phase II Project is out for bid. This project will complete the entire upper portion of the gym and provide additional repairs to the lower portion.

The Proposition 39 Site Light Retrofit courtyard lighting is 98% complete. Phase III of this project will begin next year, and other projects are currently being evaluated and submitted to the State for approval.



Two Instructional Projects Under Planning:

- Outdoor Learning Yard (OLY): Site preparation to create an area for working with energy technology outdoor equipment. The proposed location for this project is near the ETEC and Maintenance Department. One of the goals for this project is to support the Energy & Technology pathway for students from TUHSD, to TC, to the CSUB engineering program.
- Room S-4: A plan to convert Science 4 to meet the needs of impacted Physics and Chemistry offerings by configuring S-4 similarly to S-2 or S-3, which requires the use of suitable chemistry/physics tables and addition of fume hoods. The current projections are that classes currently in S-4 can be supported equally well in other suitably equipped rooms on campus. The timeline for completion is Fall of 2017.

Engaging in Higher Level Decision Making: Learning About Implicit Bias

Decision Making Expert Dr. Kimberly Papillon Speaks to Students & Staff

On October 21st the college hosted **Dr. Kimberly Papillon** for morning and afternoon presentations for faculty, staff and students on the “Neuroscience of Decision Making”.

These Equity funded presentations presented a wealth of information on what is known as “implicit bias” – bias that operates at a subconscious level and impacts what we do and say. This is critical information to meeting our campus Equity goals of eliminating disproportionate impact.



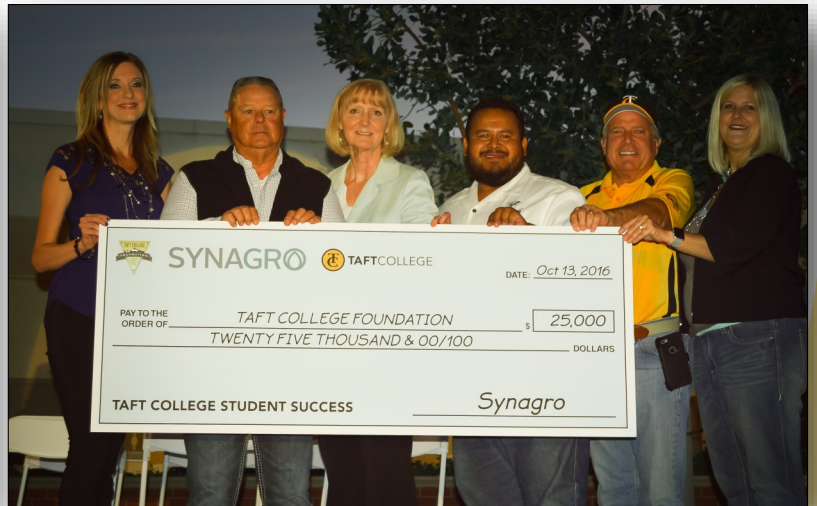


2016 COUGAR COOKOUT

Event Honors Local Veterans & Spirit Award Winner



Spirit Award Recipient Dr. David Cothrun



Synagro Donates \$25,000 to the TC Foundation



Hall of Fame Class of 2016



- ◆ Andy Baroncelli (Outstanding Male Athlete)
- ◆ Ron Coomer (Outstanding Male Athlete)
- ◆ Dr. David Cothrun (Distinguished Administrator)
- ◆ Bob Hampton (Extraordinary Service)
- ◆ Dr. Loretta Garcia Lipscomb (Distinguished Administrator)
- ◆ Melody McGowan (Stanley) (Outstanding Female Athlete)
- ◆ Doug Wells (Outstanding Coach)
- ◆ 1984 Football Team (Outstanding Team)

