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SUPERINTENDENT'S CAMPUS UPDATE

WELCOME BACK!

8th Annual Cougar Cookout to Honor Ray and Lodema Hatch

The fall traditional festivity will take over the Cougar quad on Thursday, October 19th at 5:30 p.m. This year's Spirit Award will be presented to Ray and Lodema Hatch. As long-time supporters of the College and the community, the Hatch's will be celebrated among staff, students and friends of the College. As is also tradition, Veteran's are free to attend the event and will also be recognized. The Taft College Foundation, sponsor of the event, has ticket information.

School Year Kicks Off With Learning and Staff Development

Inservice meetings and a district staff breakfast brought the Cougar family together to prepare for another busy fall semester. Faculty and staff participated in a variety of meetings and trainings for two weeks. From Program Review to division meetings, the Campus facilities overflowed with staff using the student-free time to enrich our programs. The inservices culminated in the annual Welcome Back breakfast.

Many employees assisted in the planning of these events, which will continue to enrich the programs and services we provide for our community and students.

Administrative areas and the Foundation provided a wrap up of summer campus news and the vision for the 2017/18 school year. Employees had the chance to relax and enjoy coworkers and a great meal.



The 8th Annual Cougar Alumni & Friends
COUGAR COOKOUT
10.19.17
5:30 - 8:00pm - Taft College Quad
Catering by Flaco's Tacos

Call For Tickets
661-763-7900

Purchase Tickets at the Taft College Student Services Center or the Taft College Bookstore \$30 / \$20 Student & Faculty with ID. Complimentary tickets for Veterans (2 per Veteran. Must Present Valid ID).

Veterans Eat For FREE!
Must Present Valid ID.

Drinks ★ Food ★ Live Music
Sponsored by **TRACTA** **TAFT COLLEGE** **SYNAGRO**
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Chevron Innovation Lab Named in Honor of Long-Term TC Supporter

The Chevron Innovation Lab—a familiar building with a new name—welcomed staff and students back to campus this semester. Over the summer, the College named the building in recognition of the continued support from Chevron. For over seven years, the College STEM program has benefited from over \$1.4 million dollars from Chevron.

With support from partners like Chevron, the college has been able to provide STEM opportunities from grades 3 and upward.



Administrative Services Update

Student Center Update

Construction on the Student Center project has been ongoing throughout the summer and is approximately 20% complete. The contractor is currently working on the floor slab preparation and is scheduled to pour the first phase of the slab in September. The floor slab phase will be followed by installation of the structural steel columns and beams. The structural steel is currently being fabricated. We are on track to complete the project by Summer of 2018.

Budget Update

The 2017-2018 Proposed Budget has been finalized and will be presented to the Board of Trustees for review and adoption on September 13, 2017. If you have any questions regarding the final budget, please contact the Office of Administrative Services.

Cafeteria – Resumed Regular Hours

The Cafeteria has resumed regular hours of operation for the Fall and Spring semesters. The Café hours are as follows:

Monday – Friday

7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Breakfast

7:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.

Lunch

11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Dinner

6:30 p.m.

If you have any questions regarding the hours of operation, please call the Cafeteria at (661) 763-7786.

Bookstore – Resumed Regular Hours

The Bookstore has resumed regular hours of operation for the Fall and Spring semesters. The Bookstore's current hours of operation are as follows:

Monday – Thursday

8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Friday

8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday Closed

If you have any questions regarding their hours of operation, please call the Taft College Bookstore at 763-7731.



Welcome New Hires



Oleg Bepalov
Executive Director of
Institutional Research & Planning

Also Hired (but not picture):

Nikki Crane
Library & Learning
Resources Technician

Summer Session Highlight Feeling the Burn & Keeping Cool



Vicki Waugh, water aerobic instructor, leads students in a lesson during the hot month of June. The Kern county sun provides the perfect setting for this summer offering.

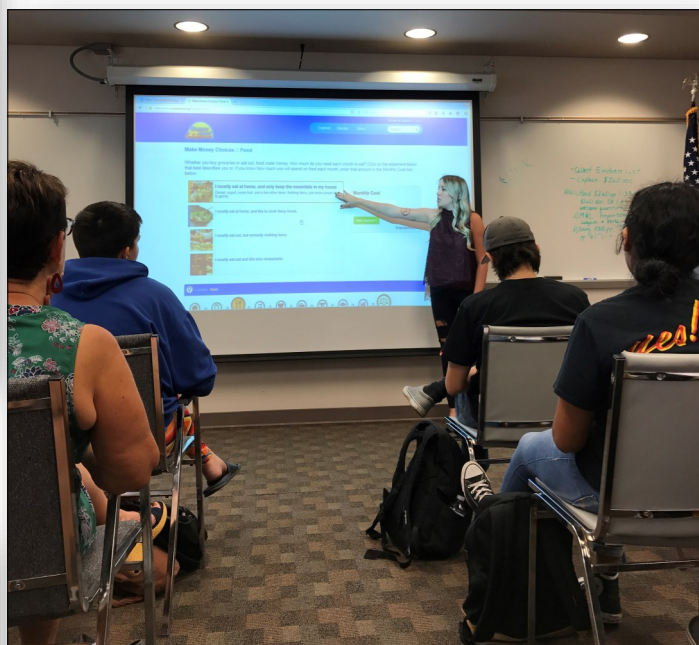


One Book, One Bakersfield, One Kern Cost of Living in Kern County

In a filled room, Career Development Counselor Tori Furman discussed the basic cost of living and its correlation to education level and wages. This discussion is brought to light by the One Book, One Bakersfield, One Kern book *\$2.00 A Day: Living on Almost Nothing in America* by Kathryn J. Edin and H. Luke Shaefer.

Students are encouraged to take part in these interactive discussions. The second event will be held at 3:00 p.m. Friday, September 22nd. Vice President of Student Services Severo Balason, Jr. will discuss growing up in poverty in the Philippines.

The events will conclude with an event to note student work from English 1000 and Basic Design Art 1600 in a judged competition to be held at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 19th.





COUGAR DAYS ASSIST 1ST TIME STUDENTS

Fast Track Day Continues to Bring Spirit & Organization to Enrollment Process

