

Interested in Joining a Taft College Student Life Club?



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Associated Student Organization (ASO) **Advisor: Myisha Cutrona** **mcutrona@taftcollege.edu**

The purpose of the ASO is to provide students with the opportunity to take part in student-centered governance. This association will allow students to effectively communicate, create, and maintain community, as well as provide and support co-curricular learning through group meetings, seminars, and events. It will provide a means for responsible and effective participation in the governance of the campus; provide an official voice through which students' opinions may be expressed; and, provide opportunities for all members of the college community to establish memorable experiences and life-long relationships. Students will unite for a common purpose of equality, fairness, and respect creating an inclusive environment that will support all groups.

Best Buddies Club **Advisor: Paula Patterson** **ppatterson@taftcollege.edu**

The mission of Best Buddies is to establish a global volunteer movement that creates opportunities for one-to-one friendships, integrated employment, and leadership development for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDDs). Membership in "Best Buddies" is open to all Taft College students in good standing with Taft College (2.0 GPA or better) without regard to race, religion, gender, sexual orientation or politics.

Dental Hygiene **Advisor: Christi Adriano** **cadriano@taftcollege.edu**

The Dental Hygiene Club aims to expand the students experience and knowledge of the concepts, theory, and practice of dental hygiene beyond the scope of the classroom and clinic. Participation in community service projects to help the people of our local area is strongly encouraged as well as active participation in state and local dental hygiene meetings.

Early Childhood Education (ECE) **Advisors: TBD**

The Early Childhood Education (ECE) club mission is to create an opportunity for ECE students and all interested students to engage in activities outside of the classroom that promotes ECE classes and careers.

Future Health Care Professionals Club (FHCP) **Advisor: Joe'll Chaidez** **jchaidez@taftcollege.edu**

The mission FHCP club is to conduct community outreach for prospective Taft College students who aspire to become healthcare professionals. Students will be empowered to become leaders in the health community through mentorship. Students will also have the opportunity to explore healthcare career opportunities.

InterVarsity Club **Advisor: Shelly Getty** **sgetty@taftcollege.edu**

In response to God's love, grace and truth: The Purpose of the Chapter is to establish and advance at Taft College witnessing communities of students and faculty who follow Jesus as Savior and Lord: growing in love for God, God's Word, God's people of every ethnicity and culture and God's purposes in the world.

Literary Club **Advisor: Steve McDaniel** **smcdaniel@taftcollege.edu**

It is the mission of the Taft College Literary Magazine to provide editorial and production experience in literary publication to students of Taft College, assist the community of Taft in networking with writers globally, and promote imaginative literature in Kern County. The Literary club is open to all students interested in literature and writing.

National Society of Leadership and Success (NSLS) **Advisor: Michael Jiles** **mjiles@taftcollege.edu**

The NSLS mission for the Taft College chapter is to create a support system within the college where students help each other to move forward in their education and life. Members will work alongside their peers to help guide each other toward reaching short term goals. Each student who participates in the NSLS will create a strong network within the society that can be carried on at a university.

Phi Theta Kappa Advisor (PTK) **Advisor: Sharyn Eveland** **seveland@taftcollege.edu**

The purpose of Beta Lambda Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa at Taft College shall be the promotion of scholarship, the development of leadership and service, and the cultivation of fellowship among qualified students of this college. Interested students must meet the GPA requirement.

Performing Arts Club **Advisor: Leigh Golling** **lgolling@taftcollege.edu**

TCPAC's purpose is to bring together students interested in theatre and performance, to broaden their theatre experience and to provide live, local entertainment, in a movement to better our campus and our community. *Subcommittee: Anime and Above: This club is geared toward teaching students how to put their imagination into a craft form and generating a campus-wide student interest into the new art of cosplaying (the art or practice of wearing costumes to portray characters from fiction, especially from manga, animation, and science fiction) by providing a fun, welcoming atmosphere for any and all students.*

Role Playing Gaming Club (RPG) **Advisor: David Reynolds** **dreynolds@taftcollege.edu**

The purpose of the RPG club is playing table top roleplaying games and to generate campus-wide student interest in roleplaying games by providing a fun, open, and welcoming atmosphere for all students. This club supports academic student success by enhancing critical thinking, writing, story-telling, logistical planning, and basic mathematical skills through active participation in club activities.

Social Science Research Group Club **Advisor: Salvador Jimenez Murguia** **sjm@taftcollege.edu**

The purpose of this organization shall be to provide additional educational and practical experiences in social science research; to provide guidance in reaching students' educational goals; and to create and maintain professional relationships with Taft College faculty and the broader social science community. It is the goal of the organization to have members design, conduct, and prepare a presentation on one research project a year.

SPECTRUM Club **Advisors: Darcy Bogle** **dbogle@taftcollege.edu**

The purpose of this club to give the school a sense of inclusiveness and provide LGBT students a safe environment, to raise awareness and educate other student's about LGBT rights, to facilitate activism within the school and reach out to the Taft community, and to promote youth leadership, diversity and tolerance on campus.

STEM Club **Advisor: James May** **jmey@taftcollege.edu**

The purpose of the STEM Club is to learn more regarding STEM opportunities including career exploration and industry; to support STEM students in pursuit of degrees and employment; to gain a better understanding industry needs, desires, standards, and practices; to research and pursue internship and research opportunities; to develop a cohesive STEM community at Taft College and within the surrounding West Kern community; and, to mentor and provide peer support for academic success.

Veteran Club **Advisor: Tina Mendoza** **tmendoza@taftcollege.edu**

The mission of the Taft College Veterans Club is to serve as a support system for student veterans, as well as family members of veterans and supporters. This organization helps provide information & referrals regarding services through the Veterans Affairs and other agencies. In addition the Veterans Club strives to coordinate information and services to assist veterans, family, and friends toward successful transitions to careers and/or higher education. The Taft College Veterans Club will be an impartial club, having no political or religious affiliation.