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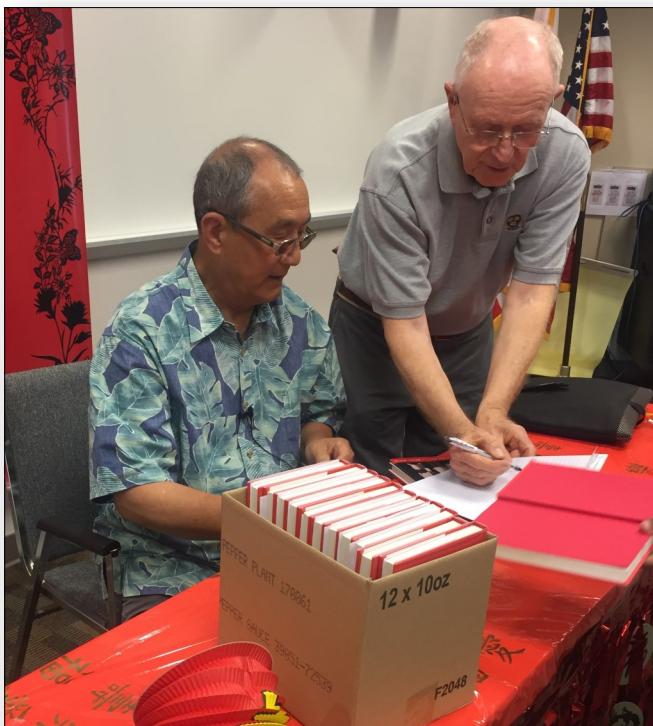
SUPERINTENDENT'S CAMPUS UPDATE

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SPECTRUM CLUB ENCOURAGES YOU TO VOTE

The Spectrum Club, in honor of National Voter Registration Day on September 27th, invited students and staff to register to vote at a booth on campus. They were aided by representatives with the Dolores Huerta Foundation.



Lu Chi Fa Returns to Taft College

Author Lu Chi Fa shared his life and experiences, as written in *Double Luck: Memoirs of a Chinese Orphan*, with students, staff and faculty on Monday, October 10th. After sharing his story, Mr. Lu was able to meet one and one and sign copies of his book.

This event has been sponsored by Professor Carlson's Intermediate Reading 905 class and has become an anticipated fall event on campus.



Veteran's Center is Ready to Serve

The Veteran's Center celebrated its opening on Thursday October 13th, welcoming students and staff to the newly renovated facility developed with one-time Equity funding from the Chancellor's office. The Center provides a place for Veterans to meet and work together in developing their educational goals and plans, and provides services for those transitioning from "active duty" to "active studies"!

Services for Veterans will include Veterans Affairs representatives providing information on area resources for Veterans, career counseling and exploration, cooperative work experience and internship opportunities, job search and placement support.

The Center is currently open from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, supported by a small but dedicated group of faculty, counselors, staff and students including Tina Mendoza, Tori Furman, Kaila Haslam, July Fraley and Shane Lutrell. Those interested in more information or wanting to contribute to building the Veterans Center to provide the support our Veterans need and deserve should contact Tina Mendoza at tmendoza@taftcollege.edu or 763-7860.



Safety Education Shared with Students and Staff

As a part of National Campus Safety Awareness Month and the ASB's effort to organize Clery Act activities, TC Public Safety Officer Kevin Altenhofel spoke to students on campus safety. Officer Altenhofel used email to notify the campus of safety tips that would aid students and staff in and around campus.

The ASB will continue these activities through monthly Clery Act/Title IX seminars.



STEM: Bringing Excitement to Kern County Classrooms

STEM is actively participating in Kern County schools. Faculty and staff have visited Independence High School, Lincoln Junior High School, and Midway Elementary School. These three visits gave 107 students an interactive lesson in Science and Mathematics. Independence students were able to tour our campus and speak with counselors.

The Young Innovators Club at Lincoln were given the task to build a boat that will hold two people with only cardboard and duct tape.





Management Team Takes Part in Training Workshop

Professional Development brings Salvador Holguín, Jr. of AALRR to Taft College

On September 15th, Mr. Salvador Holguín, Jr. provided a professional training opportunity to our Managers on the Fundamentals for Evaluators in Addressing Below-Standard Employee Performance. Mr. Holguín is a partner in the Cerritos, Sacramento and Fresno offices of Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud, & Romo (AALRR) Professional Law Corporation. He represents public and private employers in labor and employment law matters, which include collective bargaining, investigations, employee discipline, and defending employers against discrimination claims and contract grievances.

Human Resources hosted the training workshop.



Trick or Treat at Taft College



The ASB and TIL program will be holding a fun and safe trick or treat venue for the community. TIL and Ash Street dorms will be decorated and ready for trick or treaters from 6:30—8:30 p.m. on Monday, October 31st.

Students Getting Involved



EOPS/CARE and CalWORKs were represented at the Bakersfield Women's Business Conference. From left to right: Nichole Clevenger, Veronica Ramirez and Lourdes Gonzales.

Below, journalism students Veronica Renaker and Alberto Muro were given press passes to the Bakersfield Business Conference. They were able to participate in as well as experience the event.



Welcome New Hires

David Powell

Accommodation Specialist to
TIL Life Skills Aide



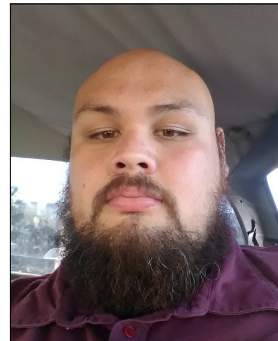
Kristy Shafter

Children Center Custodian
to Evening Custodian



Aialaisa Pele

Security Officer



Student Center Construction is Underway

Highly Anticipated Project Celebrated
by Campus and Community Members

Many have noticed that the Student Center Project is in full motion. The campus celebrated with a Groundbreaking ceremony on October 14th. Many of our community neighbors and partners participated in the celebration with us.

The Student Center has been deemed the crown jewel on the modernization of the TC campus. We look forward to the completion of this building. The new bookstore and dining area will accommodate students in a much more functional, and appealing, atmosphere. Also housed in the new Student Center will be an area for ASB to call their own.

A lot of planning and work has gone into the Student Center Project. I thank the many employees who have participated in getting this project to a reality.

