

# TAFT COLLEGE

## EOPS | CARE | CALWORKS

# newsletter

FALL 2018

## Meet Our New Counselor...

### GRACIE MICKELBERRY



Hi! My name is Gracie Mickelberry. I was raised in Taft since the age of 5. When I first attended Taft College in 2001, I had no idea what I wanted to do in life. Luckily, as a former EOPS student, I received some great direction from my educational counselor. While attending school, I was employed as a student worker in the Counseling Center, where I found my passion for helping other students achieve their educational goals. After graduation, I decided to transfer to CSUB where I obtained a Bachelors in Sociology and a minor in Psychology. Shortly after, I attended

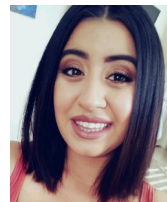
the University of Laverne and earned my Masters in Educational Counseling. I have been married to an incredible man for 12 years now and we have an eight year old son, who I adore. During my free time, I love relaxing with my family at the beach. I am really excited to be a part of the EOPS Team and grateful for the opportunity to continue doing what I love. I look forward in meeting all of you and assisting you in your education. I am here to help you succeed at Taft College and together we can reach your goals!

## New Peer Mentors On Board!

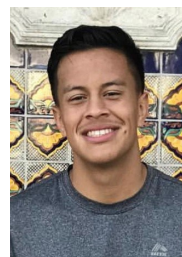
My name is Jeanette Guitron Diaz. I am majoring in Sociology, and my goal is to become a Social Worker and help people in need. I plan on graduating in spring 2020 and transferring to CSUB to finish my degree. I am passionate about helping people, and since the EOPS department is about helping students, I get the honor of working with these students. This allows me get more familiar with how to meet people's needs. *Jeanette*



Hello my name is Bree, and I am a mother of two toddlers, a full-time student, and an EOPS/CARE & CalWORKs Peer Mentor. I am currently majoring in Allied Health and I plan to attend CSUB's nursing program in the Fall of 2021. Everyone has their own journey and every journey is different. Sometimes the things we had planned in life do not go the way we may have wanted. Everyone in the EOPS department is very friendly and comforting. This is why I enjoy being a peer mentor because I can share the opportunities that are available to students and encourage them to keep pushing through no matter what life throws at them. *Breanna*



Hi, my name is Abraham Aparicio. I am from Bakersfield, and I am a first-generation college student. I am currently majoring in Human Biology and taking an EMT class. At the moment, I am undecided where to continue my education next, but I will certainly transfer out in the Fall. My end goal is to become a physician's assistant, and becoming an EMT is my first step towards that goal. My next objective is to then get my Bachelor's degree. My favorite part of EOPS is the helpful staff and their willingness to help. *Abraham*



## UPCOMING DATES

Oct. 25: Taft College Career Day

Nov. 2: Fieldtrip to California State University Northridge

Nov. 5: Priority Registration for Spring 2019 begins

Nov. 29: CSUB Rep. on campus for CalState Application Workshop

Nov. 22 – 23: Thanksgiving Break—NO CLASS

Nov. 29: CSU Apply Application Workshop

Dec. 17-Jan. 21: Holiday Break — NO CLASS

University of LaVerne Onsite Advising for Bachelor's Degrees:

Wednesday, Oct. 17, 10am-1pm

Thursday, Oct. 25, 10am-1pm

Wednesday, Nov. 14, 10am-1pm

Tuesday, Dec. 4, 10am-1pm



*Summer Institute 2018*



# OUTSTANDING *Graduate*



*Jennifer Fain*

Hello, my name is Jennifer Fain, and I am honored to be an EOPS Student of the Month. I'm a sophomore here at Taft College in my fifth semester and hold a 3.87 GPA. I began in the Fall semester of 2016 pursuing a Business degree. However, throughout my journey here at Taft and with the guidance of professors, counselors, and peers, I found my real passion in English. I want to give a special thanks to Professor Grimes and EOPS counselor Natalie Woodall for helping me realize my love for English. I am now pursuing an AA in English for transfer, and I am currently in the process of applying to CSUB. I plan on obtaining my Bachelor's in English and the teaching credentials to become an English teacher. One of my future goals is to earn my Master's and hopefully return here to Taft as a professor. I'm thankful for my journey here and the opportunities I've had such as getting to know my peers and professors better through tutoring at the Learning Center in the library. Even though we are all destined to move from Taft and continue on our journeys, I will forever consider Taft College my home.