

TAFT COLLEGE EOPS | CARE | CALWORKS newsletter

FALL 2019

SUMMER INSTITUTE @ UC SANTA BARBARA



This year, I got the chance to go to Summer Institute and it was the most inspiring experience! Besides getting to stay in the dorms at UCSB and eat their amazing cafeteria food, we got to do several workshops on topics benefitting us as students and as individuals. I found this to be a great experience that helped get me out of my comfort zone. We also had the chance to hear the life stories of the staff members and other students who have been through so much. This was a great motivator for me and has helped me realize that the only limits I have are the ones I put on myself.

No matter what life throws at you or the trauma one has experienced, you can still turn your dreams into reality. *Breanna Orozco*

Taft College Onsite Transfer Advising

On Campus
THIS FALL



- Student Appointments: Oct. 9th
- Transfer Day: Nov. 7th
- Cal State Apply Workshop: Nov. 7th, 1-3pm

- Oct. 23rd — 10am-1pm
- Nov. 5th & 20th — 10am-1pm
- Dec. 4th — 10am-1pm

UPCOMING DATES

Oct. 1-Nov. 30: Cal State Application Open for Fall 2020 Admission

Oct. 18: Fall Graduation Applications DUE

Oct. 23: Career & Transfer Day

Nov. 1: Fieldtrip to UCSB

Nov. 4: Priority Registration for Spring 2020 Begins

Nov. 28-29: Thanksgiving Break — *NO CLASS*

Dec. 24-Jan. 20: Holiday Break

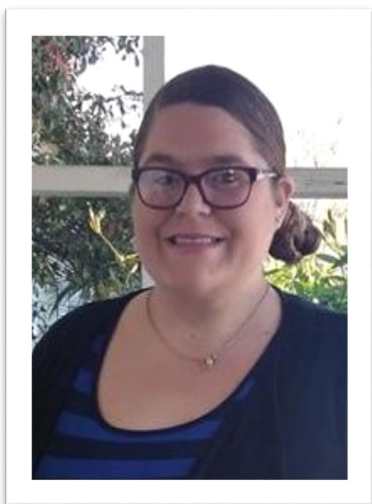


On campus to meet with YOU! Call to make an appt: 763-7748



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Patricia Corter



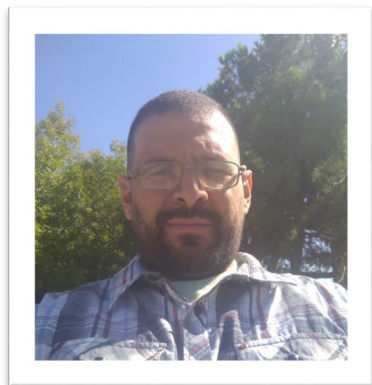
Hello, my name is Patricia Corter. I am 27 years old, and I started attending Taft College in Fall 2012. I graduated with honors with an Associates of Science Degree in Administrative Services in Spring 2015. Following graduation, I applied for jobs in this career, and I was unsuccessful.

In the Summer of 2015, I had heard my current work place, Maricopa Unified School District, was hiring. I applied, and I got the job. This is my fifth school year and fourth year working as an instructional aide in the kindergarten classroom. I was a little unsure of this career path at first, but I quickly fell in love with being in the classroom. It inspired me to return to TC to pursue a degree in Early Childhood Development.

I returned back to Taft College in Fall of 2018, and I will finish my transfer degree this semester. I then plan on transferring to CSUB or University of LaVerne. My ultimate goal is to be an elementary teacher.

Throughout my time at Taft College, I stayed in good academic standing and have worked hard to maintain my grades and meet my goals. I have also remained on the President's List during my time here, and I am in the ECE Club. I feel that I have accomplished so much here, and I am thankful to have been blessed with such a great, supportive, and encouraging school with staff members who have helped me throughout this experience. One staff member in particular is Natalie Woodall. She has had to endure countless emails, phone calls, and meeting with me. Even though she would never admit it, I have probably driven her crazy at times. She is amazing, and she has helped and encouraged me to meet my goals. I don't know what I would have done without her. I feel she set me up for success. Thank you all for nominating me as an EOPS Student Scholar. It has been a privilege and an honor to attend Taft College.

Andres Blass



My name is Andres Blass. Since studying at Taft College, I earned my GED in 2013, then took a few years off and returned in 2016 to study Welding. I have made both the Vice President's and President's lists and have earned almost all of the certificates for the Welding program. I am still in the process of completing some of the certificates and completing two degrees — in Welding and in Industrial Health and Safety. I have earned my "OHS 30" certificates for Industrial and Construction and still need more classes to earn the rest of the certificates for the Industrial Health and Safety courses.

The EOPS department has helped me in many aspects in my academic and personal life. The help, support and resources they offer is something that I am truly and deeply grateful for. The staff at the EOPS department has encouraged and motivated me to become a successful student and have always treated me with kindness and a "warm" embrace. I can say we have become friends throughout my time at Taft College. They are very welcoming and do great at their job.



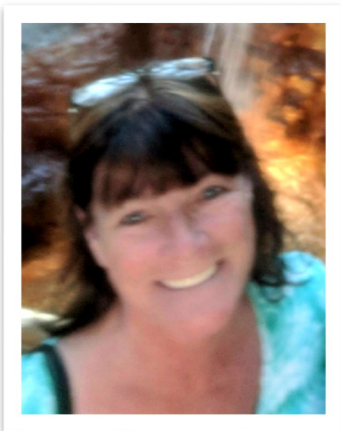
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Ana Dominguez



My name is Ana Dominguez, I am a single mother with three children, who I have raised on my own. I was afraid of furthering my education; there were so many doubts about how to go to college and pay for it. However, Taft College staff gave me all the hope and encouragement I needed to start my career. At the beginning, I did not know what career to choose. Now, I am so grateful for all my professors at TC and the counselors in TRIO and EOPS, who encouraged me to choose the right path according with my skills. I am an English major now and I love it. I am a proud member of Phi-Theta-Kappa, NSLS, and STEM City Club. My main goal is to become a bilingual teacher to help Hispanic children to cope with the American language and culture. My family and I know how hard it is to connect with a different culture and how important it is to be part of it to succeed in this Country. I encourage other students to come to Taft College because here they care about their students achieving their goals.

Barbara Cox



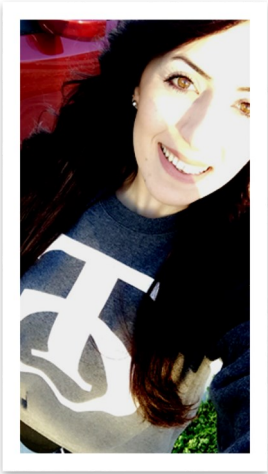
My name is Barbara Cox. I have five wonderful children that are all adults now. I wanted to work in the local school district to work with special needs children, but I did not have a high school diploma or GED. I worked very hard, earned my High School Equivalency Certificate, and began working for the school district. Completing these goals gave me the drive and confidence I needed to continue my education. I continued my education working towards a degree in Early Childhood Education because of the passion I have had working with special needs children. I started taking online classes so that I could keep working for the schools. I worked hard for two years, completed some Early Childhood Education classes to earn a Master Teacher: Special Needs Certificate and made the Fall 2018 Vice President's List.

I have had so many rewarding experiences working with young students with special needs. After completing these goals, I decided to pursue my interest in criminal justice. I am graduating with an Associate's of Science Degree with a major in Criminal Justice Administration and will then transfer to pursue a Bachelor's in Criminal Investigations. I am excited to be involved in this field and look forward to the new experiences and future goals I will accomplish. I am also proud of the example I have set for my children, as my youngest daughter begins her own classes at Taft College soon. I would also like to thank the professors, counselors, and EOPS for helping me succeed at Taft College.



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Alaa Sattouf



Hi! My name is Alaa Sattouf and I came to the United States when I was 20 years old. I came here as an immigrant from Syria. It was very hard moving here from another country since I didn't know English at all. I applied at Bakersfield College when I got settled down after two years of my arrival. Learning the new language was very difficult for me but I kept pushing myself every day to become an accomplished person, to help not only myself but my family too. Now after six years, I am very honored to be an EOPS Student Scholar and I am very proud to have maintained my high academic status as a full-time student, along with my part-time job at the bookstore.

For the past two years, I have been a member of the National Society of Leadership and Success. Also, I am a member of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society. I am graduating from TC this fall semester with my Associate's degree in Liberal Arts: Math & Science with a 3.78 GPA. I am looking forward to attending Cal Poly Pomona, eventually culminating in a Bachelor's of Science in Information Technology. My dream one day is to have a successful career as a technician. Education and family are all that matters in my life – for these reasons, I want to be successful in the future. Learning, growing, and sacrificing is what life is about. I am committed and willing to challenge myself to aim for the stars.

Eleazer Sanchez Vidal



Hello! My name is Eleazer Sanchez Vidal and this is my sophomore year at Taft College. I have lived in California for the past three years and it has been very exciting. I started my college career in the summer of 2018, pursuing my goal of becoming a civil engineer. However, after the first few weeks of school, I realized that this career was not for me. After this little downfall, and not knowing what my career choice was, I talked with my EOPS counselors and decided to work on a Psychology degree for transfer. At this moment, I am currently still pursuing this path to be an educational advisor, and I am in the process of applying to CSUB for fall of 2020. I plan on obtaining my Bachelor's in Psychology once I transfer to CSUB. One of my future goals is to achieve a Master's degree and one day become a psychology professor at a university level.

I am more than grateful for everyone that makes Taft College such an amazing place for learning. Finally, I am also grateful for the EOPS department that has always shown interest in helping their students.