



# EOPS/CARE AND CALWORKS

## *end of the year celebration*

### 2019

EOPS/CARE & CalWORKs celebrated its students and successes at the End of the Year Celebration on May 16th at the Fort. These programs are proven programs for student success/equity and retention. Our students have overcome challenges with determination and optimism.

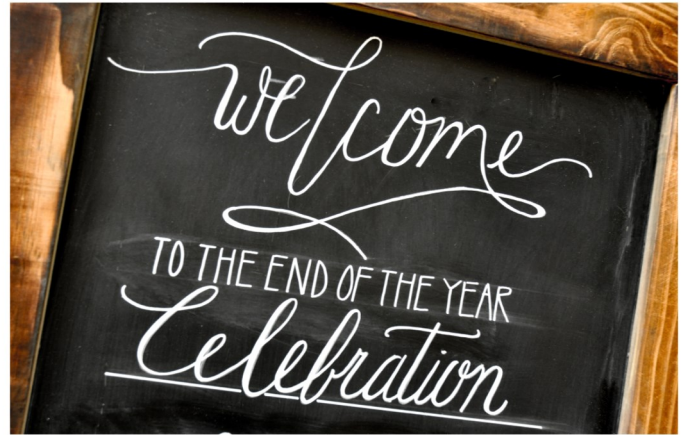
Congratulations to Wendy Berry, professor of life science, the recipient of The Outstanding Faculty of the Year Award.

Congratulations also goes to Ruthie Welborn, Financial Aid Office Manager and former EOPS student, the recipient of the Outstanding Staff Award. Our Keynote Speaker, Emmanuel Campos, Board Member Secretary, delivered an inspirational message on "The Greatest Story Ever Told". Medallions were presented to the

graduates of 2018-2019.

We were joined by Superintendent/President, Dr. Debra Daniels; Vice President of Student Services, Severo Balason; Dean of Student Success, Dr. Windy Martinez; and Board of Trustee members: Emmanuel Campos, Dr. Kathy Orrin, and Billy White.

Congratulations and best wishes to current and former EOPS/CARE & CalWORKs students for the work that you do every day as professionals and as students!









# 2018-2019 OUTSTANDING FACULTY AWARD



*wendy berry*

I began teaching at the age of 22, fresh out of college. I had originally planned on attending medical school to become a pediatrician, but life happened and my journey led me into education. Since I landed my first teaching job I have never wavered from this profession. I love learning and especially love helping students learn. I spent the first part of my career coaching and teaching at Taft Union High School. It gave me so much satisfaction to help shape

young minds and encourage a continued education whether it be at a 2 or 4 year college.

While teaching at the high school I spent several years as an adjunct professor at Taft College, teaching the night Fundamentals of Biology course. My experience as an adjunct college professor gave me the desire to teach at Taft College full-time. In 2010, Taft College gave me the opportunity to join the science department as a full-time life science professor. I am currently teaching Anatomy, Physiology, Botany, and Fundamentals of biology and will be wrapping up my ninth year at TC in a few days! In total, I have 20 years of teaching experience and can honestly say that teaching was my calling!



Thank you for the honor of being voted in as this year's EOPS Outstanding Faculty of the Year. It means more than you know receive an award centered around student perspective!

**CONGRATULATIONS, WENDY,  
ON YOUR RECEIPT OF THE 2018-2019  
EOPS OUTSTANDING FACULTY  
OF THE YEAR AWARD!**

# 2018-2019 OUTSTANDING STAFF AWARD

## *ruthie welborn*

Ruthie is a single mom with 4 children and 3 grandchildren. She obtained her Associate of Science Degree in General Business and an Associate of Arts Degree in Liberal Arts from Taft College. She has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Public Policy and Administration and a Master of Science Degree in Education Counseling.

Ruthie first started working for Taft College as an EOPS student worker in the Fall of 2001. In 2005 she became a temporary part-time employee as the EOPS Eligibility Technician and then became a permanent part-time employee for another year. In 2007 Ruthie started working in the Financial Aid department and a permanent full-time employee.

During her time as a Taft College student she was also part of the CARE Program and knows first-hand how difficult it is to fulfill the requirements for both programs, the Department of Human Services, obtain good grades and still raise a family.

Ruthie has been chosen by our students as the most outstanding staff member at Taft College! It was a pleasure to get to honor her with this award.



CONGRATULATIONS,  
RUTHIE, ON YOUR RECEIPT OF THE  
2018-2019  
EOPS OUTSTANDING STAFF  
OF THE YEAR AWARD!



*guest speaker*

EMMANUEL CAMPOS  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES SECRETARY



## “THE GREATEST STORY EVER TOLD”

Emmanuel Campos was our keynote speaker this year and delivered an energetic and inspirational message to our students about writing your own success story. Mr. Campos shared his life story about growing up with challenges as a first-generation student and how he navigated his own path to success with the help of many people along the way—most importantly his family. He didn’t have an easy road but found his way and overcame many challenges. Many of our students are, themselves, in a similar position and can glean inspiration from someone who’s walked in their shoes. Writing your own success story takes courage and failing from time to time!

*Thank you to Mr. Campos and his wife and children for joining us at our event!*



# EOPS *scholars*

## FALL 2018

JENNIFER FAIN

## SPRING 2019

IDALIA ESTRADA

VANESSA URIBE

MARIA LOPEZ GONZALEZ

DELYN CALLAWAY

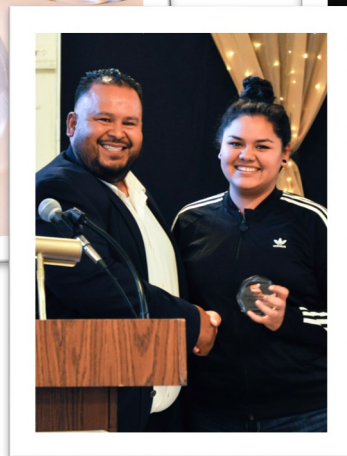
FRANCISCO ESPINOZA

SABRINA GARZA

MEGAN WADE

NICOLE SAHAGUN

These students were nominated for overcoming academic and personal challenges and barriers. Many of these students are first generation students, being the first ones in their families to graduate from college. Their top grades and can-do attitude have brought them to degree completion and the honor of being the 2018-2019 EOPS Scholars.



*it is a privilege to honor our eops scholars!*



# EOPS/CARE & CALWORKS *graduates*

## *degrees and certificates of achievement*

JANET AGUIRRE-ORTIZ	ERIK MENDOZA
MARRIYA ALAYA	MARIA MEZA
TEAYANA ALCALA	CRISTO MIRANDA
SUSANA ALFARO	DANIELLE MONGE
VERONICA ALVAREZ	GABRIELA MORAN*
DELYN CALLAWAY	DESIRAE NAVARRO
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HEATHER CRUZ	JASMIN ORTEGA-RIVERA*
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ESMERALDA DIAZ OROZCO	KIERSTIN PELTZ
FRANCISCO ESPINOZA	ALONDRA PEREZ
IDALIA ESTRADA	SONIA PEREZ
JENNIFER FAIN	VALERIA PEREZ*
KAILEY FORNOF	MARIAH PIEARCY*
ALANAH GARCIA	BAILEY POWERS
KARINA GARCIA	ANASTASIA PRADO
ISABEL GARCIA-AMBRIZ	DIANA REYES BRAVO*
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FLAVIA GUITRON	TERRY SCHERTZ
SHELBY JACOBSON	BRITNEY SERRATO
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CARINA LARA*	BAILEY TARVER
IRVIN LARA-GAYTAN	JOSE TORRES-BENITEZ
YAILENE LEMUS	CANDICE TOTEN
BRITTANY LONG	JASMINE TURNER
LUIS LOPEZ	BRENDA URIBE
MARIA LOPEZ GONZALEZ	VANESSA URIBE
BREANNA LOWE	CASSANDRA VILLASENOR*
BERTHA MACHUCA	MEGAN WADE
DANIELLE MARTIN	MORGAN WALLER*
FATIMA MENDEZ	GEORGE WITT



\*GRADUATES ALSO RECEIVING CERTIFICATES OF ACHIEVEMENT

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