The Taft College EOPS Program received a generous grant from the Taft College Foundation to attend the Region 6 EOPS Summer Institute at University of California, Santa Barbara on July 24-26, 2016.

The Taft College Foundation sponsored two staff members and six students to attend a Summer Institute weekend conference. Students were selected to participate in this event based on their interest in transferring to a four year college or university. Students attended scheduled activities such as classes, workshops, team building exercises, eating at the dining commons, and staying for the weekend at the dorms. EOPS Summer Institute provided an equitable experience for EOPS students that promotes retention, student success, and the pursuit of higher education. The objective of the institute was to build self-esteem, create a vision to pursue higher education, and to assist underrepresented students who are planning to transfer to a college or university. Students experienced college life and made new friends.

**CalWORKs has joined our team**

As of July 1st EOPS/CARE & CalWORKs have merged in order to provide streamlined services to students in these programs. The intent was to create a one-stop shop and not duplicate services amongst these programs. One application is now available for all three programs, and students’ applications are reviewed to determine eligibility for additional services. New staff additions are: Natalie Ramirez, Counselor; Krystal Allikas, Eligibility Technician, and Peer Mentors: Delyn Callaway, Anthony Cameron, and Anaiz Gil Gonzalez.

**ON-CAMPUS STUDENT RESOURCE CENTER now open**

Need clothes or shoes for you or your children or something to wear for an interview? Are you in need of diapers, or food for the day or week?

_Come visit us behind the Cafeteria Conference Room!_

- Mondays & Wednesdays 7am-7pm
- Tuesdays 7am-5:30pm
- Thursdays 9am-7:30pm
- Fridays 8am-12pm

_Be sure to bring your Taft College Student ID with you._
My name is Trung Doan. I am majoring here at Taft College and will be receiving a degree in Math and Science at the end of Fall 2016. I have been at TC for two years and looking forward to graduating. I have a cumulative GPA of 3.79 and I have been an honor member of the President’s List for the last four semesters. My future goal is to transfer to Cal State of Bakersfield to pursue my B.S in Electrical Engineering.

I was born and raised in Vietnam. In 2011, my family decided to move to the United States seeking better opportunities and my future education. At first, it was hard to adapt to a new environment and learning a new language at the same time. After high school, I decided to enroll at Taft College because I knew I was not ready for a university. After two years in Taft College, I have learned more experiences such as social skills, time management, and personal skills than the subjects taught in class. I am looking forward to new experiences at CSUB in the Spring 2017.

My name is Oscar Serrato. I am 25 years old and a student at Taft College. I began attending Taft College in the Fall of 2014 and will graduate this December of 2016 with a degree in Energy Technology. I have already been accepted to attend CSUB this Spring where I plan to major in Electrical Engineering. I have taken in quite a bit while attending TC, made new friends, and have had great professors. I was asked to join the Energy Technology Advisory Committee as its student advisor. The committee meets every couple of months to discuss ways of improving the Energy Technology program. I began an internship with Vaquero Energy in October, which has given me a great opportunity to practice the skills taught to me in class.

When I am not in school or working, I tend to spend my free time with my son. He is 4 years old and has been my biggest motivation to complete school. I am very busy to say the least, but knowing what lies at the end of my educational journey makes it all worth it.

My name is Alberto Muro, and since I began my educational pursuit at Taft College, I have regarded the professors and the counselors with absolute admiration for helping me focus on the importance of being a successful student. To my English professors, thank you for helping me improve my writing and giving me the confidence to produce top quality papers. To my Math professors, thank you for providing assistance in a subject that I experienced complications with. To my History professors, thank you for proving that history is just awesome “lest we forget” about the past. To my Science professors, I am sorry for my lack of enthusiasm, but always remember that I have retained the knowledge that you have bestowed upon me. To my performing arts professor Leigh Golling, thank you for allowing me to explore my creativity, for it has greatly impacted me. Lastly, I’d like to give my gratitude to Professor Graupman for sharing his knowledge about journalism and giving students the opportunity to publish their articles for Taft College. Upon my completion at Taft College, I will be pursuing my Bachelor’s degree in Journalism at Humboldt State University. Once I obtain that goal, I will shift my attention towards the world as an overseas news reporter with the intentions of distributing unbiased information.
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