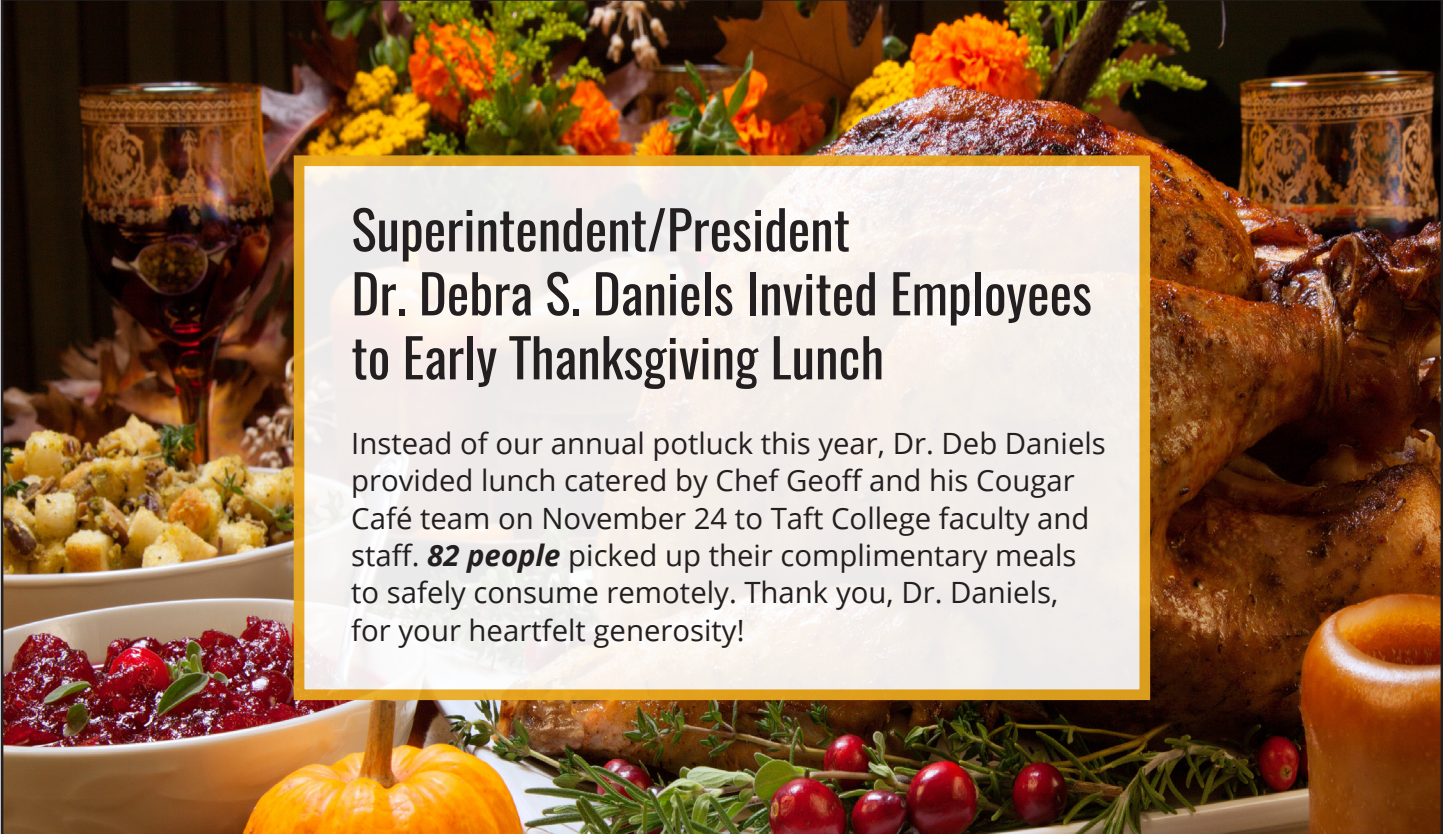




Winter Update from DEI Taskforce

The Diversity, Equity, Inclusion Taskforce (DEI) Taskforce, co-chaired by Superintendent/President Dr. Debra Daniels and Dean of Instruction and CTE Dr. Jessica Grimes, is a volunteer-based working group comprised of all employee groups. Its purpose aligns with the Taft College mission and the California Community College Chancellor's Office Call to Action in the ongoing effort to bring greater equity into education, the great equalizer. Its mission is to design activities and resources that will benefit the Taft College community. Launched during the fall semester to develop the framework for greater belonging and inclusion, the Taskforce plans to survey the campus to help provide training, resources, and support; host opportunities for a safe space to discuss issues around DEI; offer professional development opportunities; and provide opportunities for ongoing learning in the spring of 2021.



Superintendent/President Dr. Debra S. Daniels Invited Employees to Early Thanksgiving Lunch

Instead of our annual potluck this year, Dr. Deb Daniels provided lunch catered by Chef Geoff and his Cougar Café team on November 24 to Taft College faculty and staff. **82 people** picked up their complimentary meals to safely consume remotely. Thank you, Dr. Daniels, for your heartfelt generosity!

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Right: Danielle Cattani is with her brother and son at Thanksgiving dinner. She received one of the baskets created with Thanksgiving Resource Drive donations.



She thanked everyone who helped her to succeed at Taft College, giving a shout out to Darcy Bogle and calling Kyle Webster and Juana Rangel-Escobedo "the most wonderful professors I have ever had."

GRATITUDE IS EVERYTHING

Annual Thanksgiving Resource Drive Yields BIG Results!

Taft College ASO Advisor and Student Resource Center Supervisor Myisha Cutrona reported that **10 Thanksgiving baskets** were given out this year to designated Taft College students and the Student Resource Center is stocked for now! The Dental Hygiene Club rallied to bring in the most donations during the last days of the drive!

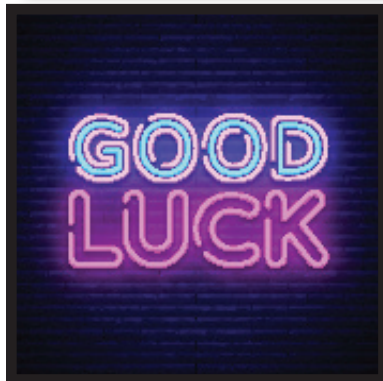




Taft College Promise Fund Set to Receive Boost from Winter Extravaganza Annual Fundraiser

It is that time of year already! Benefiting the Taft College Promise Fund, the Taft College Winter Extravaganza basket drawing will be held on **December 16** at 12:30 p.m. via Zoom. Donated baskets from Taft College faculty, staff, and/or departments are due to the college by **December 14**. Tickets are available through Cashier Mindy Jewel! Superintendent/President Dr. Deb Daniels will MATCH all ticket sales! ***Don't miss this opportunity to help our most vulnerable students in 2020!***



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DECEMBER Student Life Program Virtual Events

October 26 through December 31— RPG Club Fundraising

RPG seeks online donations for The Lauren Small Children's Center. Contact David Reynolds at dreynolds@taftcollege.edu.

December 1 through 9— ASO Holiday TREE Decorating Contest

Submissions open on December 1 and close on December 8 at noon. Voting starts on December 9th!

December 13 through 20— ASO Motivational Messages on Canvas

ASO seeks to wish fellow students good luck on their final exams.

December 14 through 18— Finals Week

Taft College students finish their Fall Semester classes this week.



Fall Spectacular Activity Challenge Enters Home Stretch

Superintendent/President Dr. Deb Daniels' Fall Spectacular Activity Challenge 2020 comes to a close on December 10. Participants have logged oodles of minutes in pursuit of fitness goals, remote togetherness, motivational prizes, and end-game gift cards. Stay tuned for Dr. Daniels' announcement of the final tally of minutes and winners soon to come!