Child Development Centers have many levels of guidelines in order to serve children and to educate higher education students in the field of child services. This school year the CDC has improved fencing, resurfaced the playground area, and modernized two of the classrooms. The CDC work will continue on with the removal of an old modular facility and installation of more fencing. The wear and tear from an active Child Development program and daycare services had become an issue.

We’re excited to make much needed improvements to make the CDC fun, safe and educational for West Kern families and students.
End of Year Dinner Honors
District Employees for Dedicated Service in the Name of Student Success

Retirees
Rick Hawkins
Brian Jean
Billie Reed

On behalf of the Board of Trustees & TC Administration—Thank you for All You Do!
5 Years
Nicole Avina

10 Years
Renae Ginther
Sheri Horn-Bunk
Kent Miller

15 Years
John Dodson
Chris Jones
Carla Sandoval
Mindy Jewell

20 Years
Mary Decker
Bruce Ferguson
Facility and Campus Improvements

2018-19 Projects Continue to Improve Efficiency, Safety and Quality of Campus Life

Solar: As many of you are aware, we are proceeding with a solar project with ForeFront Power that will result in immediate and long term operational cost savings by reducing power purchases from PG&E. The solar arrays will be installed in the main parking lot over the summer. Portions of the parking lot may be inaccessible throughout the course of this project.

Deferred Maintenance: Through our 2018-19 Deferred Maintenance funding, we were able to finish upgrading the door hardware in the G Buildings to electronic keycard access. This project has been complete and the electronic access is functional.

Prop 39 Energy Efficiency Upgrade: Through the use of Prop 39 funding we completed energy efficient lighting retrofits to the Library, Administration, Science, Tech Arts, and G-Buildings. These projects were the final projects allowed under the Prop 39 five year funding plan.

S-4: Despite how it looks from the outside, we have not installed missiles on the roof of the Science Building. Those pillars are the exhaust ducting for the new fume hoods installed in S-4 for the laboratory conversion project.

Baseball and Softball Scoreboards: The project for installation of new scoreboards for the baseball and softball fields is complete. Both signs are up and functional and are a great improvement to our athletic program. GO COUGARS!!!

Gym Doors and Electronic Card Access: We are beginning a project to replace the main doors to the Taft College gymnasium and install electronic keycard access. This project should improve the looks and security of the gym. We expect completion of this project before the end of the fiscal year.

Gym Storage Building: This was a project to replace the old rundown athletic storage building. This project is near complete.
Students are in session until June 28th when we culminate with the graduation of this year’s class and our graduates transition back to their home community. TIL graduation occurs on June 28th in the Taft High Auditorium. Freshman students will be returning home for the month of July and return again on August 5th. Freshman are preparing to enroll in credit courses for next fall exploring their career interests. They will also be receiving a vocational assessment from the Taft College Assessment Center.

This semester students have participated in a community service project with the Taft Chamber of Commerce helping collect funds for the Fireworks Show in Taft. Other service projects included collecting toys for the TC Children’s Center, a reptile show benefiting the Veteran’s Association of North County. Students also participated in an Art Project and some of the artwork displayed at the Taft College Gallery. Some amazing pieces created by TC art students as part of this project are displayed in the office at TIL.

TIL organized a few events this semester including a reunion of previous graduates and an open house for special educators and social workers.

**Fiscal Services Welcomes...**

The Fiscal Services Department is pleased to introduce Curt Belcher and Nancy De Avila Figueroa.

Curt is the new Budget & Fiscal Analyst, and he has vast experience in both public and private accounting. He comes to us from the Kern County Department of Human Services where he worked as an Accountant III since 2013. From 2008 to 2013 he worked as an Assistant Controller for Albaad USA, and from 2000 to 2008 worked for Volvo Group North America as a Senior Accountant. He received his A.A.S in Accounting from Rockingham Community College in 2001, and his B.S. in Accounting from Greensboro College in 2004. Curt has been a resident of Taft for 6 years.

Nancy is the new Accounting Technician and comes to us from the City of Taft where she was an Account Clerk. She is a native Taftian, TC alum, and graduated from CSUB with a B.A. in Business Administration with an emphasis in Accounting.

**Treece Takes Lead of Facilities and Planning**

Administrative Services and Maintenance and Operations are pleased to introduce and welcome our new Director of Facilities & Planning, Richard Treece. Richard comes to us with an impressive resume and vast facilities experience, including 20 years of honorable service in the United States Marine Corps with maintenance and operations experience, over 7 years of experience as a Director of Maintenance, Operations, Facilities, and Planning at Copper Mountain Community College District, and 10 years of experience with AP Architects as a planner and project manager. He also has extensive experience in facilities planning as it relates to Chancellor’s Office and DSA requirements, and he is a tremendous asset to our Taft College team. Please welcome Richard Treece!

**Cougar Café – Summer Hours**

**June:** Monday through Friday 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Breakfast: 7:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.
- Lunch: 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- Dinner: 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

**July:** Monday through Thursday 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Breakfast: 7:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.
- Lunch: 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**TC Bookstore – Summer Hours**
congrats!
GRADUATES