



Student Life-Clubs

Below is a list of the clubs offered at Taft College. Please note that some clubs currently do not have an advisor in place and some are Inactive. If you have any questions about a specific club, call 661-763-7887.

Associated Student Organization (ASO) Advisor: Myisha Cutrona mcutrona@taftcollege.edu

The purpose of the ASO is to provide students with the opportunity to take part in student-centered governance. This association will allow students to effectively communicate, create, and maintain community, as well as provide and support co-curricular learning through group meetings, seminars, and events. It will provide a means for responsible and effective participation in the governance of the campus; provide an official voice through which students' opinions may be expressed; and provide opportunities for all members of the college community to establish memorable experiences and life-long relationships. Students will unite for a common purpose of equality, fairness, and respect creating an inclusive environment that will support all groups.

Best Buddies Club Advisor: Paul McMahon pmmcmahon@taftcollege.edu

The mission of Best Buddies is to establish a global volunteer movement that creates opportunities for one-to-one friendships, integrated employment, and leadership development for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDDs). Membership in "Best Buddies" is open to all Taft College students in good standing with Taft College (2.0 GPA or better) without regard to race, religion, gender, sexual orientation or politics.

Dental Hygiene Advisor: Christi Adriano cadriano@taftcollege.edu

The Dental Hygiene Club aims to expand the students experience and knowledge of the concepts, theory, and practice of dental hygiene beyond the scope of the classroom and clinic. Participation in community service projects to help the people of our local area is strongly encouraged as well as active participation in state and local dental hygiene meetings.

Early Care and Education (ECE) Advisors: TBD

The Early Care and Education (ECE) club mission is to create an opportunity for ECE students and all interested students to engage in activities outside of the classroom that promotes ECE classes and careers.

InterVarsity Club Advisor: Shelly Getty sgetty@taftcollege.edu

In response to God's love, grace and truth: The Purpose of the Chapter is to establish and advance at Taft College witnessing communities of students and faculty who follow Jesus as Savior and Lord: growing in love for God, God's Word, God's people of every ethnicity and culture and God's purposes in the world.

Circle K (Taft College Kiwanis Chapter) Advisor Susan Wells sjwlions@yahoo.com

Circle K is the Taft College Chapter of the Taft Kiwanis Club. The Kawanis club is dedicated to improving the community of Taft. The Circle K club is dedicating to supporting and empowering young leaders in the community through programming and community events.

Multicultural Club Advisor: Cecilia Alvarado calvarado@taftcollege.edu

The multicultural club is geared to celebrate the diverse population of the Taft Community through events, meetings, workshops, and seminars. This club focuses on appreciating and respecting different cultures and traditions while also acknowledging people who have had a positive impact throughout history. Any student who meets the minimum requirements for club involvement is eligible to join.

National Society of Leadership and Success (NSLS) Advisor: Myisha Cutrona mcutrona@taftcollege.edu

The NSLS mission for the Taft College chapter is to create a support system within the college where students help each other to move forward in their education and life. Members will work alongside their peers to help guide each other toward reaching short term goals. Each student who participates in the NSLS will create a strong network within the society that can be carried on at a university.

Phi Theta Kappa Advisor (PTK) Advisor: TBD

The purpose of Beta Lambda Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa at Taft College shall be the promotion of scholarship, the development of leadership and service, and the cultivation of fellowship among qualified students at this college. Interested students must meet the GPA requirement.



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Social Science Research Group Club

Advisor: TBD

The purpose of this organization shall be to provide additional educational and practical experiences in social science research; to provide guidance in reaching students' educational goals; and to create and maintain professional relationships with Taft College faculty and the broader social science community. It is the goal of the organization to have members design, conduct, and prepare a presentation on one research project a year.

Society of Hispanic Professionals in Engineer (SHPE) Advisor: Jose Valadez

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The Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers (SHPE) was founded in Los Angeles, California, in 1974 by a group of engineers employed by the City of Los Angeles. SHPE is a non-profit organization that promotes the advancement of Hispanics in engineering, mathematics and science. The SHPE professional chapters provide a nationwide network for members who are leaders in their professions and communities.

The student chapters of SHPE promote academic excellence, as well as career development. This professional-student structure provides for the continued enhancement of skills and opportunities, supporting them as they grow from novice to expert, role model to mentor. The concept of networking was the key basis for the organization. SHPE quickly established two student chapters to begin the network that would grow to encompass the nation as well as some countries outside the United States. Today, SHPE enjoys a strong but independent network of professional and student chapters throughout the nation.

SPECTRUM Club

Advisors: Michelle Oja

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The purpose of this club to give the school a sense of inclusiveness and provide LGBT students a safe environment, to raise awareness and educate other student's about LGBT rights, to facilitate activism within the school and reach out to the Taft community, and to promote youth leadership, diversity and tolerance on campus.

STEM Club

Advisor: James May

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The purpose of the STEM Club is to learn more regarding STEM opportunities including career exploration and industry; to support STEM students in pursuit of degrees and employment; to gain a better understanding industry needs, desires, standards, and practices; to research and pursue internship and research opportunities; to develop a cohesive STEM community at Taft College and within the surrounding West Kern community; and, to mentor and provide peer support for academic success.

Veteran Club

Advisor: Tina Mendoza

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The mission of the Taft College Veterans Club is to serve as a support system for student veterans, as well as family members of veterans and supporters. This organization helps provide information & referrals regarding services through the Veterans Affairs and other agencies. In addition, the Veterans Club strives to coordinate information and services to assist veterans, family, and friends toward successful transitions to careers and/or higher education. The Taft College Veterans Club will be an impartial club, having no political or religious affiliation.

Wellness Club

Advisor: Becky Roth

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In the student will work together to come up with ideas to reduce stress. Participants will have an opportunity to network and support each other through challenging times. Club members will research, develop, and implement events addressing issues that affect health and wellness with hopes of sharing practice conducive to healthy and happy lives.

Possible Clubs Coming in 24/25:

BSU (Black Student Union)

GSA (Gay Straight Alliance)- to replace SPECTRUM

Inactive Clubs: Future Healthcare Professionals (FHP)Club, Literary Club, Role Playing Gaming Club (RPG), Performing Arts Club.