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Taft College Held Central/Motherlode Regional Consortium Steering Committee Discussion on Innovating Career Technical Education (CTE) Programs

Taft, CA – Taft College hosted the Central/Motherlode Regional Consortium Steering Committee meeting on September 19th, 2019. Steering Committee members of CTE staff and administrators from these 14 colleges were represented: Taft College, San Joaquin Delta College, Columbia College, Modesto Junior College, Merced College, Clovis Community College, Fresno City College, Reedley College, West Hills College, Coalinga and West Hills College, Lemoore, College of the Sequoias, Porterville College, Cerro Coso College, and Bakersfield College.

The Steering Committee focused on regional and local issues involving the Strong Workforce grant to boost student retention and success by developing and innovating CTE programs. "I'm proud to work with regional partners committed to supporting programs that train students for high skilled, competitive jobs. This intersegmental partnership strengthens the infrastructure of our local economies," stated Dr. Jessica Grimes, Taft College Dean of Instruction and CTE.

The next Central/Motherlode Regional Consortium Steering Committee meeting is scheduled to take place at the California Community College Association for Occupational Education on October 15th.

ABOUT TAFT COLLEGE

Established in 1922, Taft College is one of the oldest California Community Colleges. Located in Western Kern County, Taft College provides continuous learning opportunities for over 12,000 students through more than 50 vocational and professional degrees, transfer programs, and certificates. These innovative programs are made available at a fraction of the cost of state and private colleges. Proud to transform the lives of highly-diverse students and adult learners, Taft College delivers vital pathways to advanced education and enhanced employment. In 2019, Taft College was ranked 5th best Community College in California by Niche.com. In 2022, Taft College will celebrate its 100th anniversary of student success.