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### Welcome New Golden Eagles

#### Lemoore Police—Resource Officer



Officer Tabby Torres will be leaving WHCL to return to patrol with the Lemoore Police Department. I’d like to thank Officer Torres and wish her well.

Officer Chase Ellsworth has been assigned to take her place as the resource officer at WHCL. Chase has been a Lemoore Police Officer for two years. The majority of his time with LPD has been on night and weekend patrol. He also worked at Lemoore High School as the Youth Development Officer. Officer Ellsworth chose a career in law enforcement to build bridges between the police and vulnerable parts of the community. He took the assignment at WHCL to connect with students and promote community-oriented policing. He enjoys spending time with family and friends, and loves to play the piano.

## Director of Maintenance and Operations

Pending Board approval on 12/17, Joshua Allen will assume the role as WHCL's Director of Maintenance and Operations. He will begin on January 6<sup>th</sup>. Joshua has 14 years' experience in facility operations and maintenance, construction and project management. He has worked in higher education both at the university and community college level holding positions at the University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP) and the El Paso Community College District (EPCC) as the Assistant Director for Facility Operations. Joshua has experience in the private sector as well. He served as a Regional Director with the Department of State (DOS), Department of Defense (DOD), Department of Homeland Security (DHS), and General Services Administration (GSA) overseeing large nation-wide projects with a project portfolio of 50+ government facilities and over \$100M in revenue. His projects included facility operation projects in the Nation's Capital in Washington, D.C., the White House, and the Food and Drug Administration Headquarters (FDA) building. Joshua has a Bachelor's of Arts in Business Administration and Management, a Project Management Professional (PMP) certification, and is currently completing his certification for Certified Facility Manager (CFM). He is passionate about the community college mission and wants to contribute to helping students become future leaders by providing high quality facilities and comfortable conditions for students to thrive and succeed.



## DSPS Counselor

Matthew Bentley was hired on a one-year contract to replace Maria Gonzalez. Matt graduated from Fresno State with a master's degree in Rehabilitation Counseling, along with a Pupil Personnel Services Credential in 2010. His professional experience includes working as a rehabilitation counselor at the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago where he helped individuals with disabilities return to work. After his experience in Chicago, he worked as an interim General Education Director at the Art Institute of California-Sunnyvale. He also worked at CSUB as an academic advisor for the Natural Science, Mathematics, & Engineering department before joining Porterville College. He worked at Porterville College as a transfer advisor, adult education counselor, and EOPS/CalWORKs counselor for the last 4 years. Matt looks forward to utilizing his experience to help students achieve their personal, social, and academic goals.



## Title V Project Director



Kathleen Schoenecker has been appointed as the new Title V Project Director. Previously, she served as the Lead Applications and Systems Analyst at Ohlone College, supporting Student Equity and Achievement (SEA) and the Student Success and Support Program (SSSP). In this role, she supported the technical and reporting needs of student services programs, with an eye for how to leverage technology to improve and streamline the services provided to students.

Previously, she worked with Disabled Students Programs and Services at Ohlone coordinating student accommodations and providing academic and disability counseling services for students with disabilities. Her classroom teaching experience includes serving as an adjunct instructor for both Ohlone College and Las Positas College, where she taught a variety of academic support classes for students with learning-related disabilities.

Dr. Schoenecker holds a B.A. in Liberal and Civic Studies from Saint Mary's College and an M.S. in Rehabilitation Counseling from San Diego State University. She received her Ed.D. in Educational Leadership

from San Francisco State University for her dissertation titled *Implementing Student Success and Support Program Services in a California Community College District*.

## New Assignments and Promotions

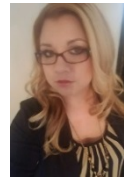
### Interim Head Women's Basketball Coach



Omari Pringle has been appointed as the interim Women's Basketball Head Coach. Coach Pringle has served as assistant coach for the women's team for the previous four years. He is a federal corrections officer and a youth basketball coach in Fresno. As former professional basketball player who played overseas in the Netherlands, Coach Pringle understands what it takes to motivate young basketball players. He was a high school standout in New York and he is a graduate of Reedley College.

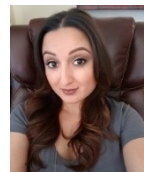
### Financial Aid Technician II

Airy Macias has promoted from Financial Aid Technician I to Financial Aid Technician II. Airy is one of the friendly faces helping our students in the Administration Building. We appreciate all she does to make students feel comfortable and to help them demystify the complexities of the financial aid process.



### Senior Secretary, Categorical Programs

Hollie Dillon has been promoted from Title V Secretary to the Senior Secretary in Categorical Programs. Most recently, Hollie supported students at the Eagle Help Desk. She's student-centered and her attention to detail makes her an excellent choice for this position. Although she will be missed at the Eagle Help Desk, she will be a welcome addition to the Categorical Programs.



### Upward Bound Advisors

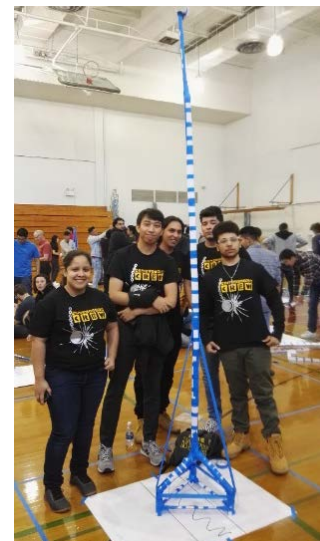
Please welcome new Academic Advisors (pictured below from left to right) Nathalie Castanon, Kristen Chavana, and Josefina Ramirez.



## Congratulations to Us Again and Again!

Last month West Hills College Lemoore's engineering students took first place at the Central California Engineering Design Challenge (CCEDC) at Fresno State campus. Team "Demolition Crew" took home the Bulldog Trophy and retains the bragging rights as the most talented and innovative freshman engineering student team in 2019.

This year, 55 teams and over 200 students from various colleges participated. Student teams were asked to build a tower/bridge that spans over a 10" gap, at least 36" tall, and holds at least 10 pennies at the top. The Demolition Crew was determined to win, and spent a great amount of time practicing



and refining their design. As a result, as you can see in the pictures attached, their tower is taller than all other designs, and their final score was 17% higher than the second place winner. **Congratulations Golden Eagle engineering students and to Professor Zhao for his teaching and leadership!**

## WHCL Giving

### WHCL Nursing Students in Community Engagement

Our nursing students have been engaged in the “community” aspect of health as part of the new nursing curriculum. They volunteered at the Newman Center in Fresno to provide blood pressure checks, information on stress relief, and information about the WHCL nursing program.



In addition, the pediatric class spent a day with Hanford Unified School District teaching handwashing to Kindergarteners at nine different schools. Over 800 students learned proper hand-washing techniques.

In association with Valley Children’s Hospital, some pediatric students volunteered in an adaptive sports event in Porterville. They worked alongside rehabilitation therapists to help children with special needs learn to water ski.

### Spreading Holiday Cheer to Families in Need

A big thank you to those who volunteered and donated for the CalWORKs/CARE Winter Carnival. Students’ families enjoyed snacks, carnival games, crafts, stories by the fire place and a visit from the Lemoore Fire Department and Lemoore Police Department. CARE and CalWORKs staff were amazed at the generosity of our WHCL family. 17 families participated and 38 children celebrated the holiday season receiving personalized gifts from their individual wish lists. It was a joyous event filled with holiday cheer and good will. Our students really appreciated the



thoughtfulness and generosity of WHCL staff.



## Golden Eagle Team Spotlight

This month I'd like to highlight our Workforce Internship Network (WIN) Center. They have been busy delivering workshops and offering support services such as career exploration, resume building, and professional clothing for interviews (fall statistics on right). A big thank you to our WIN staff especially CTE Coordinator, Tamara Warren, and Work Experience Instructor, Amy Babb. In addition, our student workers in the WIN have played a pivotal role delivering workshops, which is a great way to put our work experience program into practice providing an opportunity for students to gain experience in leadership and public speaking.

## WHCL's AB 705 Implementation Recognized

The Campaign for College Opportunity's [Getting There II: A Statewide Progress Report on Implementation of AB 705](#) ranks the Central Valley and in particular, **West Hills College Lemoore**, as leaders in implementing AB 705. I recommend you read the report. A big thank you to our faculty for all their efforts over the past few years.

## Still Time to Give to Fight Hunger



According to a report by the West Hills Community College District Office of Accreditation, Research, Institutional Effectiveness, and Planning, approximately 73% of students attending classes at West Hills College Lemoore struggle financially. Many of

our students skip meals because they cannot afford to buy food.

Donating just \$5 to the Fight the Hunger Campaign will provide one meal to a student in need.

**To help a student in need, visit the following site:**

<https://www.westhillscollge.com/district/foundation/giving-and-donations/fight-hunger.php>

## Gratitude

As we close out 2019, I want to express my sincere gratitude for all that you do to support our students and each other. We do a tremendous job with limited resources, and that's certainly a testament to your focus on our **North Star** (student learning and achievement) and your dedication to our *Relentless Pursuit of Student Success*. Merry Christmas and happy New Year to you and your families. I wish you peace, love, and joy this holiday season.



641 TOTAL STUDENTS SERVED

261 STUDENTS HAVE ATTENDED A WIN WORKSHOP

111 STUDENTS HAVE RECEIVED CAREER EXPLORATION SERVICES

83 STUDENTS HAVE RECEIVED JOB SEARCHING ASSISTANCE

51 STUDENTS HAVE RECEIVED RESUME CREATION ASSISTANCE

47 STUDENTS HAVE VISITED THE WIN TO DEVELOP A CAREER SKILL

40 STUDENTS HAVE VISITED THE WIN FOR PROFESSIONAL CLOTHING SERVICES

27 STUDENTS RECEIVED WORK EXPERIENCE SERVICES

21 STUDENTS RECEIVED OTHER CAREER RELATED SERVICES

From SARS data pulled on 11/25/19

FEELING  
**GRATITUDE**  
AND NOT  
EXPRESSING IT  
IS LIKE  
**WRAPPING A  
PRESENT**  
AND NOT  
GIVING IT.

~WILLIAM ARTHUR WARD~

By Kristin Babb