

## President’s Update February 27, 2020

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### WHCL Named Achieving the Dream Leader College of Distinction

West Hills College Lemoore received the prestigious Achieving the Dream (ATD) **Leader College of Distinction** award at the ATD annual conference in Washington, DC. The Leader College of Distinction recognition honors those colleges who have gone above and beyond in closing achievement gaps and increasing student success. Colleges that choose to apply for the Leader College of Distinction must show improvement on three student outcome metrics including at least one lagging indicator such as completion or transfer. In addition, they must show the narrowing of equity gaps on at least two metrics. Everyone should have been there to accept the award. The recognition is a testament to the great work being done by **all** faculty and staff. [Click here for the press release.](#)



## Census 2020

As mentioned in my last newsletter, please encourage students to participate in the 2020 Census, which will start in March. It's important that residents in our district participate as it impacts the amount of federal funding our college is eligible to receive. We serve a student demographic with intense need for financial aid, healthcare, housing services, and mental health. And, we rely heavily on state and federal grants to support our programs, which include employee salaries. By ensuring that all students participate and are counted, we increase services for students as well as our eligibility for certain grants, which in turn ensures fiscal sustainability for our college and district.



## Leading Indicators of Student Success and Addressing Barriers

Read EAB's "[5 Surprising Leading Indicators of Student Success Disparities](#)". I'd like to hear your ideas on how WHCL can modify our practices and/or recommend policy/procedure changes in an effort to increase student success. Even slight changes in the way we teach and serve students can make a significant difference.

## Professional Development Opportunities

### Nestflix

Reminder--Faculty can participate in a weekly 24-minute Zoom session to share best practices from their nests (classrooms). Each week Nestflix will feature resources, data, and a special faculty guests who will share their best practices in the classroom. James Preston will send out meeting invitations for each of the episodes, which will take place most Thursdays from 12:24 p.m. to 12:48 p.m.



### ALICE—Active Shooter Training

Officer Chase Ellsworth will deliver [ALICE](#) (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, and Evacuate) training, which provides techniques for responding to an active shooter. Trainings have been scheduled as follows and WHCL will conduct an active shooter drill later this semester.

### **Classified Staff and Counseling/Librarian Faculty**

Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup> from 1100 to 1200 in Conference Room 253

### **Teaching Faculty**

*Focus on what to do in the classroom if there's an active shooter, how to direct students, etc.*  
Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup> from 1200 to 1300 in Conference Room 253

## Did You Know?

### Active Shooter Drill Scheduled for March 17

As part of our on-going campus safety efforts, WHCL will conduct a campus-wide active shooter drill on **Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup>**. The drill will take place in the morning. We plan to test all our emergency communication systems and our door lockdown systems. Please note that several police officers from the Lemoore Police Department will be on site that morning to observe our drill.

Immediately after the drill, the WHCL Incident Command Systems (ICS) Team will meet for a debrief session on the exercise and discuss as a group where improvements need to be made and the processes that went well. If you have feedback to share after the drill, please feel free to email the president's office.

### Two New Next Generation Classrooms at WHCL

The Title V next generation classroom pilot (Room 458) and Academic Center of Excellence (ACE-Room 459) renovations are complete. We plan to use 458 as a demonstration classroom that can serve as a model for future classrooms. Not only will this help faculty deliver 21<sup>st</sup> Century teaching, it will also provide for greater efficiency in class scheduling since we can maximize space usage.



### Facts about the Corona Virus

The [Centers for Disease Control \(CDC\) and Prevention](#) publishes information about the Corona Virus including how it spreads, how you can protect yourself, and updates on reported cases. Maintenance and Operations is obtaining a 99.9% bacterial killer to apply throughout departments to help limit the spread of bacteria and viruses. As always, wash your hands regularly, cover your mouth when you cough or sneeze, and stay home if you have a fever and/or are sick.

### WHCL Block Party on May 8th

West Hills College Lemoore will host a Community Block Party on **Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-8:00 p.m.** The event will take place in Parking Lot K (north of the Student Union) and will include live music, food trucks, and prizes. The intent of the event is to showcase WHCL's programs, services, and facilities, and to let the community know how much we appreciate their support. I'm hoping that all faculty and staff participate to represent WHCL and to host and thank our community for their support. Please mark your calendars. More information to come in the next few weeks.



## New Golden Eagles

### Debbie Lou Angeles, Educational Technology Specialist Sub

Debbie has a bachelor's degree in Psychology from a university in the Philippines and an associate's in Computer Information Systems from West Hills College Lemoore (WHCL). By the end of the year, she will complete her master's in Informatics through an online program at San Jose State. Throughout her time at WHCL, she served as the ASB Commissioner of Clubs, president of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, student representative for the curriculum committee and PGC, and SI leader for math, English, and physics. She feels that she has grown some deep roots at WHCL, and she is glad to be back. She looks forward to meeting and working with everyone in her new capacity as the Educational Technology Specialist Sub. Debbie will be in the TnT Hub (soon to be renamed) Monday-Thursday from 9:00 am-3:00 pm.

### Gustavo Vega, Equipment and Event Coordinator

Gustavo is the new Equipment and Event Coordinator in Athletics. He is looking forward to supporting the WHCL Athletics Program.



### Kimberly Rodriguez, Student Services Technician

Kimberly will start her new job on March 2<sup>nd</sup>. She will be stationed in the Student Union at the Eagle Help Desk. Please stop by to say hello.



**STAY STRONG! #WHCLStrong**