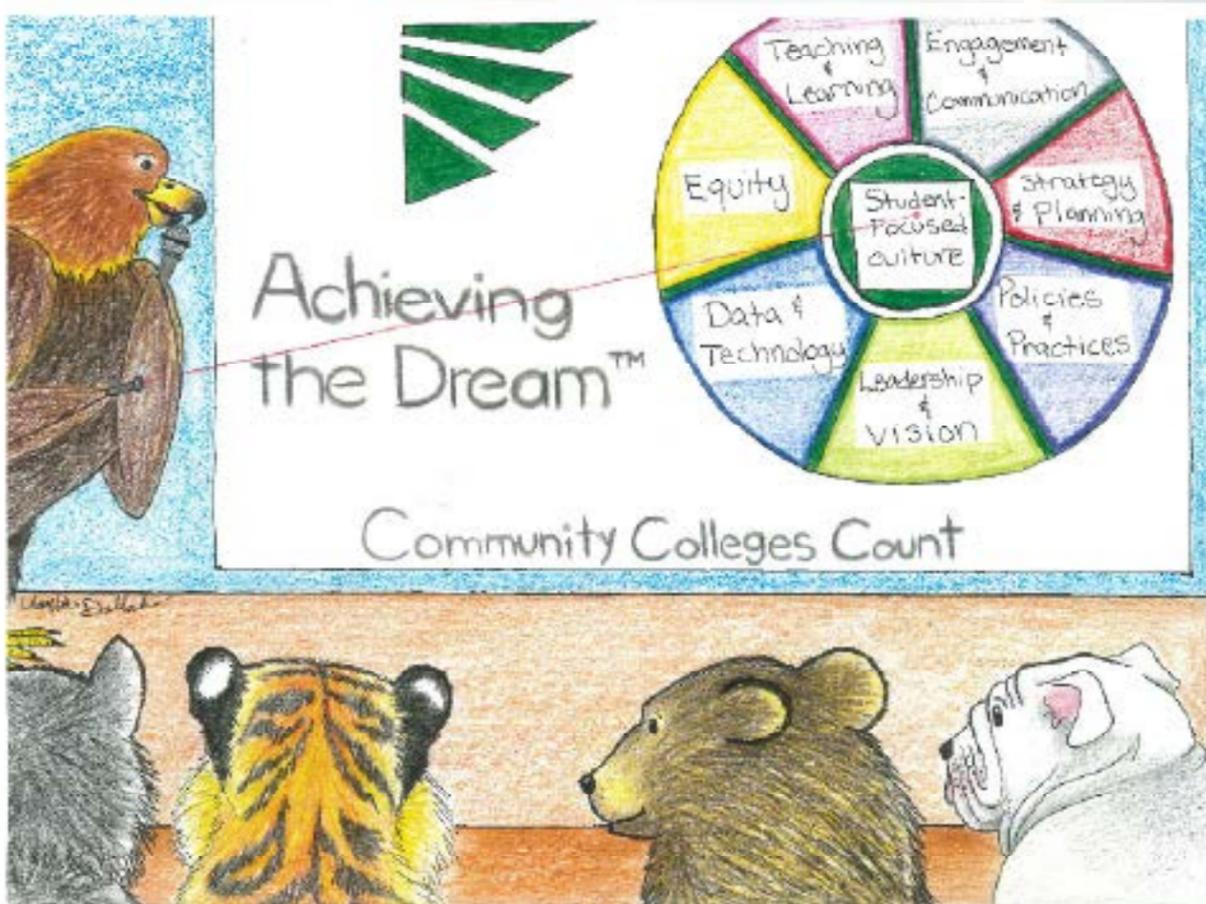


The Achieving the Dream Edition



By Martha Dollahan

WHCL

Achieving the Dream

By: Holly Cassina & Alex Castro

West Hills College Lemoore recently attained Leader College status in the Achieving the Dream institution, a national network of community colleges. The organization has a focus on capturing and using data to make decisions about ways to close achievement gaps and improve student success. WHCL has been a member of the Achieving the Dream Institution since 2014. Becoming a Leader College serves as an accolade for the accomplishments that WHCL has worked for in the past four years such as Open Educational Resources and the co-requisite classes that are provided on campus.

When talking to Dr. Kristin Clark, president of West Hills College Lemoore, we asked what aspects set our campus apart from other community colleges to help us to achieve Leader College status. She replied . . .

“[The campus’s culture and] The relentless pursuit of student success, the people that we hire really believe in that. It’s what we come to work every day for.”

ATD

Improvements to the WHCL campus and overall college experience aren’t stopping any time soon. Dr. Clark hopes to further promote student success and growth by removing current registration barriers and finding new ways to help students with their personal needs, such as mental health, food insecurity, etc. West Hills College Lemoore is a campus that thrives off of the success of its students and the pursuit of their dreams.



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A Letter from the President

Golden Eagle Students!

May is my favorite month because the weather is so pleasant and the flowers are in bloom. More importantly, May is when we celebrate our students’ success at Honors Night, the Nursing Pinning Ceremony, GED Graduation, ASB Golden Globes, and Graduation. Nothing makes me happier than shaking graduates’ hands while their family and friends cheer for them from the stands. Like the springtime flowers, the Commencement Ceremony rejuvenates my spirit and reaffirms my passion for helping students achieve their dreams.

Speaking of achieving dreams, did you know that West Hills College Lemoore (WHCL) is a member of the Achieving the Dream (ATD) network, and that last year WHCL received ATD’s prestigious Leader College status for exemplary work in helping students achieve their academic goals? We have implemented so many different student success initiatives within our Strong Framework focusing on helping students get strong, start strong, stay strong, and finish strong. These efforts led to higher success and completion rates and a 30% increase in certificates and degrees conferred in 2018-19.

As we come to the end of the spring semester, please remember to schedule time for study and stay committed to your education through these last couple of weeks. You need to finish strong! #WHCLStrong

Finally, congratulations to our graduating students. You will be missed, but we are excited that you are starting the next chapter of your life. I look forward to seeing you at Graduation on Thursday, May 23rd. If you have a LinkedIn profile, please connect with West Hills College Lemoore. You can keep us posted on your future endeavors through LinkedIn by adding West Hills College Lemoore to your profile.

To the students returning this summer or fall, I look forward to seeing you on campus!

All my best,
Kristin Clark
@drkristinclark

Dream Achievers

By: Holly Cassina & Heather Fall



West Hills College Lemoore is a campus filled with students from all different walks of life. Students with a variety of backgrounds are able to achieve their dreams with the help from the education they have attained at WHCL. When walking through campus, students young and old can be found working to reach their goals by attending classes at West Hills.

Tyree Reed may be known for blessing students in his free time on campus and around King's County, but what most may not know is that he is currently working on receiving his third degree at WHCL. Since beginning his educational journey at WHCL, Tyree has earned a degree in Art, Liberal Arts: Social Science, and will graduate with a degree in Psychology in 2019. His dream is to further his education through the strength he "is granted with every morning by the Lord."

West Hills College Lemoore graduate and transfer student Allen Cassina was able to apply the knowledge he obtained at WHCL to California State University Fresno, where he is weeks away from graduating with his bachelor's degree. Attending West Hills College Lemoore was an essential step in his educational career and played a significant role in his acquisition of a degree. By first completing his general education at West Hills and then transferring to a university, Allen feels as though he was much more prepared for his upper-division courses.

The Eagles at West Hills College Lemoore may all be on different paths with different end games in mind, but one thing is for certain: West Hills College Lemoore is an outstanding place for any person to work to reach their life goals. Whether students are straight out of high school or returning to school later in life, West Hills College Lemoore has what it takes to help all students achieve their dreams.

Room 273: Where Dreams Start



By: Maria M Cordova A

Wake up! It's time to work hard and make a change in your life. Don't get comfortable. The change starts with self. I needed something in my life, so I went to church, Pastor Albert said, "You need to finish school and achieve your dreams in life." I didn't know what that meant because I was conforming to my lifestyle. While battling whether or not to step out in faith or to stay in my comfort zone, I took action and looked for help.

It seemed easier to get a GED certificate, avoid a high school, and find a decent job. Mrs. Shanon Turmon made a difference in my path as my needs changed to wants. After I completed my third GED exam, Mrs. Turmon said, "You need to enroll in college." I would be the first member of my family to attend college.

West Hills College Lemoore allows the community to obtain a GED certificate. This course was created in 1989. This program became available on campus in 2002. It is now located in room 273. The GED director, Amber Tidwell, smiled and said, "Last semester, 3 of our GED graduates enrolled in college courses. And, one of them got a job on campus." Take action now for better opportunities later. Call Ms., Tidwell at (559) 925-3392. With my GED, I was able to attend college. My first semester opened many doors, where my reality was a dream. I joined programs like EOPS and CAMP, which taught me to lead others. Through CAMP, I attended a leadership conference at California State University, Sacramento. That weekend I visited the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco for my first time. Mrs. Turmon encouraged me to accept a membership for PTK, an honor society program that allowed me the opportunity to go to China. Like Mrs. Turmon, Ms. Amber Tidwell is encouraging students to achieve their dream. We would love for you to attend this 2019 graduation for the GED students at West Hills College Lemoore. It will take place in room 253 on May 16, at 11am. Come along and encourage GED graduates to push forward as they are one step closer to achieving their dream.

Earth Day with the Eagles

By Danielle Willard & Kassandra Vega



During the week before Earth Day, April 22nd, 100 Eagle students were surveyed with three questions related to the holiday. They were asked what Earth Day is, when Earth Day is, and how they choose to celebrate it.

"Earth day should be celebrated every day," said sophomore Fatima Perez. "It's a day we show our support for the Earth and its health." While April 22nd is the acknowledged date for Earth Day since 1970, many students on WHCL have the motive to keep the holiday alive.

Earth Day was initially created to bring awareness for environmental protection. However, it has grown over the years as climate change and the environment have become worse, "it's a day of remembrance of why human life is possible and a day of appreciation for the soil that allows us to keep going," Tiffany Pereira, a psychology major, told the EagleEye.

Despite the fact that many students had a vague idea of what Earth Day really meant, some even mentioning it was its birthday, the way they chose to celebrate it coincided with the set definition of why it was created. "I celebrate it by going around campus or my own neighborhood and picking up trash and recycling what I can," mentioned Izak Lopez.

The environmental protection of the Earth and to stay green is encouraged at West Hills College Lemoore with the access of recycling bins throughout campus and even providing classes such as geography where students acquire useful information of the Earth and how human activity is always a factor to its health. With that being said, Earth Day with the eagles is an all-round celebration.

Warm Welcome for Mrs. Turman

By Kitzia Arreguin, Virginia Flores, & Aliyah Ortiz



After an extensive process, West Hills College Lemoore has granted Professor Shannon Turman a full-time education/guidance studies position. Mrs. Turman made her mark at WHCL in the fall of 2013 when she began teaching part-time in the GED (General Equivalency Diploma) lab. This allowed Mrs. Turman to extend to a full-time GED position in 2015 while supporting the WHCL T.E.A.M. Teach Program and instruct education courses.

Outside of work, Mrs. Turman enjoys spending time with her husband and two daughters. Her whole family is outdoor enthusiasts – engaging in activities such as hiking, biking, and running.

"As much as we love to have family adventures, our lives have been really busy as the girls have gotten older," Mrs. Turman explains. "So, we take advantage of being together as often as possible."

With the same dedication that she has, Mrs. Turman hopes her students gain personal growth, understanding, and strategic learning skills that will guide them for the rest of their lives from her engaging, supportive, and welcoming teaching environment.

"I am excited for the opportunity [education/ GS position] and look forward to the challenge of creating new pathways for the guidance studies program. I have many goals that I hope to accomplish," said Mrs. Turman.

These goals include completing the new guidance studies certificates, developing and updating the OER (Open Educational Resources) material for the education courses, and supporting the development of a new cohort for our returning adult students.



"Brownie" Molten Lava Cakes

By Ashley Linde & Melissa Murillo

Ingredients:

- 6 large eggs, separated (some yolks only)
- 1 box (18.75 ounces) Ghiradelli Chocolate Supreme Premium Brownie Mix
- 1/2 cup unsalted butter
- 1/2 cup milk chocolate bar, coarsely chopped
- Optional: vanilla ice cream, hot fudge topping

Directions:

1. Preheat the oven to 400 degrees F, grease cupcake or muffin tin and in a small bowl, combine chocolate chips and butter. Microwave for 30 seconds and stir until melted.
2. In a large bowl, add 3 large eggs and 3 YOLKS. Whisk until smooth.
3. Add the DRY brownie mix and whisk until combined (it will be a little lumpy). (Set aside the fudge mixture to top the cakes after they are baked).
4. Add the melted chocolate and butter mixture, whisking constantly. Stir until ingredients are combined.
5. Divide the mixture evenly among the muffin tin.
6. Bake for 10-12 minutes. Remove and sit at room temperature for 2 minutes. Use a spoon to loosen the edges of each cake.
7. Take a large tray and place on top of the muffin tin and cakes. Flip the muffin tin upside-down onto the tray. Let stand for a minute.
8. The cakes should have loosened and be on the tray now.
9. If desired, top with ice cream and fudge from the brownie mix.

Eagle Dayz ~ 2019

By Justin Woods, Brenda Aguilar, & David Kerr



West Hills College Lemoore hosts Eagle Dayz annually for incoming students in the fall. The eager high school students started their day in the Golden Eagle Arena. Once all the students from several schools were inside, the administrators introduced to themselves to the students. Soon after, the new Eagles were placed into groups and explored the campus. Throughout the day, the students were informed of all the benefits WHCL offers, including free parking, financial aid, clubs, and our student union. After checking out the campus, the students returned to the arena, where lunch was served. Roughly 500-600 future eagles attended the event. As the day concluded, the students went home with new found information about their future school.

Amy Babb: CWEE

By Guadalupe Barajas & Brenda Bravo

Mrs. Amy Babb is West Hills College Lemoore's new full-time Cooperative Work Experience Education faculty member. The Cooperative Work Experience Education (CWEE) program helps enrolled college students by assisting them with developmental work skills, while also helping them earn transferrable college credits. Mrs. Babb is now in a full-time position to support those looking to earn college credits. Not only is Mrs. Babb in full-time position for CWEE, but outside of the office she enjoys offering her time to autistic children who have a difficult time navigating through daily life. She also offers her time helping her daughter with community theatre shows. She loves designing the event décor and painting the sets.

If Mrs. Babb were to win a million dollars, she would very carefully spend it—with the frugal coaching of her husband. She might even get a few ideas from her favorite movie of all time, *The Goonies*, which she remembers seeing it in theaters when she was ten. She loved it so much she saw it twice in theaters. Who can blame her for loving a classic? One acquired taste we might not all agree on is her favorite weird food combination: scramble eggs drizzled with honey. Whether in the office assisting students with developing work skills, helping her daughter with theatre shows, or enjoying a plate of honey drizzled scrambled eggs. Mrs. Babb embodies many qualities West Hills College Lemoore strives for.



Some
Math
with
Shawn
Jackson

Can you solve this?

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The answer is on page #7

DSPS: Achieving Your Full Potential

By: Ashley Linde and Melissa Murillo

To achieve your full potential, it is vital to utilize whatever tools necessary to help get through college. Recently, students have been reluctant to use the Disabled Student Programs and Services (DSPS), but we are here to promote the services offered as a good tool, not something to be ashamed of. According to Maria Gonzalez, one of the counselor's in the DSPS office, "there are about 400 students per year that take part in the program, but more students could definitely benefit from the services". DSPS is a very relaxed environment where you can meet and engage with a counselor as well as discuss your specific needs to achieve your goals in college.

Did You Know:

- The DSPS office is located in Room 270
- DSPS is open Monday - Friday from 7:30 AM until 5:00 PM
- A computer lab is available where you can work independently
- A private place to take tests instead of in the classroom is available
- Tutors that can help with math and English are located in the DSPS office

Come in and see if there is anything that could help you, and let other Eagles know where and how they could get help.



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**Congratulations Mindy Terry!
You are the Million Dollar Dream
poetry contest winner.
The journalists here at EagleEye
loved your poem**

A milli to go silly!

Travel the seven seas
Spending lots of cheese.
Looking like a snack
Without breaking my back.
Money be green
Making me healthy lean.
I'd take my honey
And waste all that money.
Family would be slaying
Without even paying.
See me in fancy cars
Dancing with superstars.
Solving all my problems
Walking in red bottoms.
Funding great causes
Fulfilling some promises.

**West Hills College
Child Development
Center**

By Iris Plascencia and Rocio Arias

The West Hills College Lemoore Child Development Center is open for students as well as the public. Children who are enrolled in the child development center enjoy outdoor playtime, group time and creative exercises. They also improve in their vocabulary by learning new words every day. The activities are based on the curriculum of each teacher. The teachers enjoy providing hands on activities to give children the opportunity to learn and grow.

“Every day, our staff works hard to teach children everything from self-esteem to cognitive skills. We ensure children in our program are provided nurturing support all day long.” – WH-CCDC staff.

There are two classrooms in the 1000 building and three portables behind the library. Infants as well as toddlers are there from 7-5p.m. Early pre-k and pre-k children are there from 7-5:30pm.

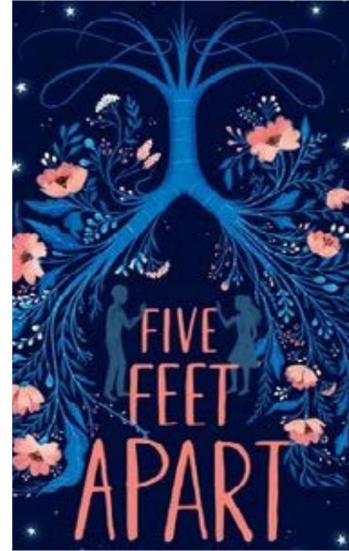
West Hills College Child Development Center contacts applicants in order of priority from the waiting list as childcare spaces become available. Childcare cost is based on parent or guardian’s income. Placement in the program is established by enrollment priority and application date.

Requirements:

- Parent or guardian must be a full-time student/worker
- Child must present a complete physical exam
- Proof of TB clearance and current immunization
- Child must be at least 4 months old or under 5 years of age

**A Film Review
Five Feet Apart**

By Alex Castro



Over the years there has been a number of retellings of Shakespeare’s Romeo and Juliet in a number of different ways. However, Five Feet Apart has taken this commonly used theme of star-crossed lovers to a whole new level and incorporated two characters who literally cannot be together. The film, directed by Justin Baldoni, follows a boy and a girl with cystic fibrosis (CF) who have to stay six feet apart at all times. The young, blossoming couple chooses to take away one foot of distance, hence Five Feet Apart, as they struggle to regain a fragment of their lives, but is it based on a true story? While we wish it were, it is actually inspired by YouTuber, Claire Wineland, whom Baldoni met while filming a documentary about terminally sick children, My Last Days. Five Feet Apart leaves its viewers wanting to live their lives to the fullest like the CF patients. This feel-good movie reinstates the value of living in the moment.



**WHCL
Dodgeball-O-Rama**

By John Rodriguez

On March 28th, West Hills College Lemoore ASG hosted their biannual dodgeball game. This event took place from twelve to one in the afternoon. All students and staff could partake, and they could do so by signing in on paper in person or via online registration—as this event was advertised by the ASB. Ultimately, six teams, with six players, part in team-to-team matches. Besides the participants and the game’s regulations, there were some notable WHCL people who were cheering on the dodgeball players—one of them being WHCL President Kristin Clark.

Alan Estrada-Rivera, WHCL ASG President, reflected on why the school had the dodgeball game: “West Hills College Lemoore is having this school event to encourage spirit in students.”



Shawn’s math answer: 1

Classroom Redesign

By Ashley Linde and Melissa Murillo

We asked 50 students - -“Do you like our classrooms?”

The Results:

- > 32% of students do not like the classrooms and think they could improve
- >14% of students thought they were fine
- 4% of students have no opinion

We interviewed President Dr. Kristin Clark about classroom redesign. She is very excited and optimistic about the new classrooms that will potentially be built in the future. She thinks our existing classrooms could be redesigned as far as furniture. Stating that “the furniture is not very fluid”. She let us know that it is a possibility to get new furniture that is moveable, if the budget allows. The furniture now makes it hard to work together, or properly utilize our Supplemental Instructors during class time. If we could replace our current furniture it would make a major difference in students learning. We could also possibly repaint the walls. Both fixable and unfixable problems are apparent in our classrooms. Unfortunately, what cannot be changed in the classrooms that we currently have is the structure with high windows making the class feel small and dark.

With West Hills College Lemoore beginning to expand we wonder what our future classrooms will look like. We have been reassured that all factors will be taken into account when new classes are built, both teachers and students will be thought of. They are talking about having more windows, vibrant colors, and moveable furniture, something our classrooms currently do not offer. Professors can teach anywhere if they are good at their craft, however the classroom redesign will make it a more enjoyable atmosphere for both teachers and students. And who knows it might get more students to enroll at WHCL.