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SUPERINTENDENT'S CAMPUS UPDATE

Connecting Students & Conquering Goals

TIL Internship Gives Hands On Experience—and Confidence

Those who work in education often seek strategies to motivate students to *want* to grasp new academic material and fly to new heights. What inspires educators most is when the student motivates the educator to push for new paths. While many Taft College employees and alumni share an emotional fondness for our Transition to Independent Living program, there is actually something to be said for the way the program cultivates young adults to brazenly step out of the box and push limits.

Last spring, the Board of Trustees started receiving reports from TIL intern Aaron Jackson. The position was new within the program and Jackson took it and ran beyond expectation. With a little prodding and research, he was able to initiate the position with Director Aaron Markovits as guide. Jackson laid the foundation for communication between TIL and the College. As a successful graduate should, Jackson even prepared the program to continue the intern role by recruiting and helping to select a 2019-20 successor.

From the point of view of those attending the Board meetings, TIL has set a standard for taking a step towards goals. Through support from the Taft College Foundation, TIL has not only provided an educational opportunity to students but has filled a

communication need between departments on campus.

In the words of Aaron Jackson:

For a long time I (Aaron) wanted to be a public speaker and looking for opportunities to do public speaking. I decided to approach Director Aaron and ask him if we could create a job similar to public speaking, and he said yes he would approve it. When I started working at TIL for the job, it was different than I expected, but I really enjoyed working for the position. I think the best part was getting to know the TIL staff on a personal level. Then afterwards, towards the end of the school year I was



asked to recommend an Intern who would want to do writing and public speaking for the 2019 school year.

The qualities that we were looking for was someone who is willing to take the job seriously, takes initiative, takes responsibility, and show good teamwork. The way we started the selection process for taking in an intern is we start by narrowing down the list of freshmen students who would have most or all of the qualities for the job. Out of those students we would choose one who has the best possible qualities. This is the process we used in choosing

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Samuel for the position. My hope for future TIL students is that it would open up an opportunity to allow them to pursue public speaking and writing if they wish to do so. After graduation with the added experience it'll allow them in getting a better job with these areas or similar to it.

Going into the 2019-20 academic year, TIL intern Samuel Gallardo will take the lead. Gallardo is motivated to learn and serve so that he will also gain crucial job skills to meet his goals.

"I (Samuel) feel like this job will make an impact on me when it comes to public speaking. I'm hoping that it will give me more confidence and will help me overcome my anxiety with speaking in a public group. Having an office job may help me in the future. When I graduate I will apply for an office job. I will have the opportunity to use the skills that I have learned while working as an intern at the TIL Office. I know that this will be a great opportunity for upcoming students who will be interested in the office field. Because I know that it will help the individual become stronger and learn to multi-task in a work place like an office job. Thank you Aaron Jackson for all the tips and tricks. "

While most people run from public speaking, it is wonderful to see students who embrace the fear as a challenge to face head on. If Aaron and Samuel can create this impact with a little support from TIL staff, just think what our thousands of TC students can do in our community.

Safety First

College Increasing Emergency Preparedness with Additional AEDs and Staff Training

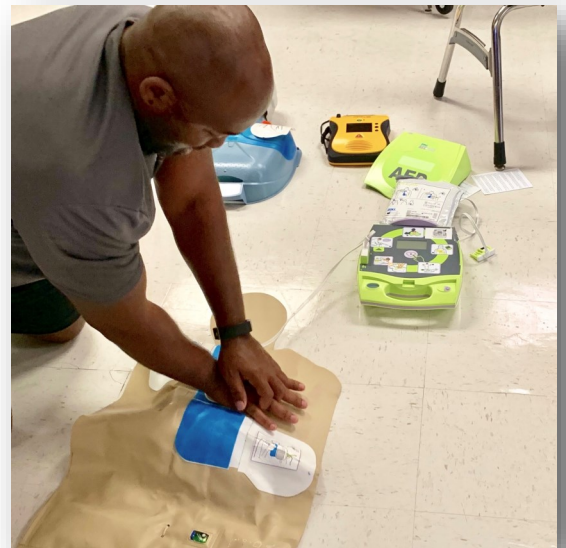
The College purchased nine new AED (Automated External Defibrillator) units to supplement the five already on campus. Our goal is to make sure everyone on campus is no more than two to three minutes from an AED, and we believe we have accomplished this with the planned installation locations. Look for

these new AEDs very soon.

In support of the new AED purchases, we provided training to key personnel who will receive two-year certifications in First Aid/CPR/AED from the American Heart Association. 10 staff members were certified on August 12, and we expect a dozen more to be certified



by September 5. In the process, we learned that several of our TC family were already certified via other means, so it is good to know we have dozens of certified first aid responders on campus.



Above, Campus Safety Officer John Delaney gives the breath of life during his certification training. Right, Delaney gives compressions to "Flat Stanley" during his final skills test.

Behind the Scenes Update from Administrative Services

Facilities Projects Update:

Gym Doors and electronic card access: The main doors to the Taft College gymnasium have been replaced and now allow electronic keycard access. This was a project to improve the looks and security of the gym.

Gym Storage / Biometrics Lab: The biometrics lab project in the gymnasium, as well as an outdoor storage building, was completed over the summer. Various equipment was reorganized to more efficiently utilize new storage facilities which allowed for installation of biometrics lab equipment. The biometrics lab equipment is now ready for use.

Child Development Center Renovations: As many of you may be aware, the Taft College Child Development Center has undergone various renovations. The old modular buildings have been removed and new safety fencing installed.

Surplus Personal Property Auction

The district is holding an auction of surplus personal property at the M&O yard on September 14, 2019, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Proceeds from the auction will be used for capital outlay or deferred maintenance in accordance with our administrative procedures.

If you have any questions regarding the auction, please contact Richard Treece at 763-7768.

Bookstore – Resumed Regular Hours

Monday – Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Friday 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday Closed

If you have any questions regarding their hours of operation, please call the Taft College Bookstore at 763-7731.

Cougar Café – Resumed Regular Hours

Monday – Friday 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Breakfast 7:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.

Lunch 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Dinner 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

If you have any questions regarding the hours of operation, please contact the Cafeteria at (661) 763-7786.

2019-20 Budget Update

The 2019-2020 Proposed Budget is being finalized and will be presented to the Board of Trustees for review and adoption on September 11.

