

Dr. Daniels' monthly update for faculty and staff



Above: Taft College Dental Hygiene students are about to take their oaths to improve oral health and advance the art and science of dental hygiene.

Above right and right: Dental Hygiene students take their vows to become leaders in their profession, uphold the highest of ethical and moral standards, always remember the significance of their contribution to an individual's health, and positively impact every person they meet in their professional practice and lifelong educational journey.



Taft College Dental Hygiene Candlelight Ceremony

On February 12, Dental Hygiene held its 2020 Candlelight Ceremony in the Cougar Room. The Candlelight Ceremony signifies a transitional steppingstone as one enters the healthcare profession. Dental Hygiene students pledged to serve humanity, make their communities better places, and be professionals at all times.





2020 CSU Bakersfield Alumni Hall of Fame

On February 21, Taft Union High School District Superintendent Dr. Blanca G. Cavazos (*left, on right*) was inducted into the 2020 CSU Bakersfield Alumni Hall of Fame along with three others. These new inductees were chosen for their significant contributions in their chosen fields, as well as in the community. Taft College Superintendent/President Dr. Deb Daniels (*left, on left*) congratulated Dr. Cavazos and celebrated this milestone achievement with Dr. Cavazos' many friends and family.



A Fond Farewell to TIL's Victoria Waugh

On February 27, Taft College bid farewell to beloved Victoria Waugh, a 14-year employee of Taft College and the Transition to Independent Living Program. Characteristically joyful, Vicky was over the moon seeing all the well-wishers who stopped by to celebrate her contributions to the college. She says she is looking forward to an upcoming trip to Hawaii and continuing to teach dance classes. Mostly, she will be happy not to have to get up and get dressed if she doesn't want to!

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Above: As Executive Director of the Taft District Chamber of Commerce, Taft College Trustee Dr. Kathy Orrin gazes out over the crowd of hat wearers at the 2020 Board Installation and Community Awards Ceremony that took place at the Taft Transit Center on February 29. Taft College Board President Dawn Cole and her husband, Rick, enjoy delicious hors d'oeuvres provided by Taft District Chamber member restaurants.

Taft District Chamber of Commerce 2020 Board Installation and Community Awards Ceremony

On February 29, Taft District Chamber of Commerce doled out awards to local business leaders and citizens at its "Hats off to Taft" 2020 Board Installation and Community Awards Ceremony at the Taft Transit Center. Joined by Coordinator Chelsea Perry, Operations Director Shannon Miller, and Board President Les Clark, Taft District Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Dr. Kathy Orrin kept the agenda moving and the mood upbeat as everyone celebrated Taft's great accomplishments this year.



Above: Taft College student and ASO President Sierra Pilgrim (left) accepts her Youth Leadership Award and thanks her family members for their never-ending support.

March 2020 Employee of the Month: Dr. Jennifer Altenhofel



Congratulations to Dr. Jennifer Altenhofel (left) for winning "Employee of the Month" in March! A parking space will be reserved in her name for the month of March.

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Taft College Dental Hygiene Visits Taft Firehouse

Remember when Dr. Vickie Kimbrough won her Winter Extravaganza basket that contained dinner with 10 Kern County Fire Fighters at the Taft Firehouse? On March 9th, Captain Matt Dickerson and nine Fire Fighters at Taft's Station 21 welcomed Dr. Kimbrough, seven Dental Hygiene staff members, Superintendent/President Dr. Deb Daniels, Vice President of Instruction Dr. Leslie Minor, and Executive Director of Marketing and Community Relations Susan Groveman for a thorough tour of Station 21 and dinner. Dr. Kimbrough even took a ride in the "bucket" of the Station's larger truck's ladder which was fully extended to 100 feet!



Above: Kern County Fire Fighter Chris Oliver (left) speaks about Taft Station 21's fire engine and its special equipment with Taft College Dental Hygiene staff, Superintendent/President Dr. Deb Daniels (in black) and Dental Hygiene Director Dr. Vickie Kimbrough (right).



Taft College Transition to Independent Living Celebrates 25th Anniversary

In 2020, the Taft College Transition to Independent Living Program (TIL) celebrates 25 years of success in facilitating better lives for developmentally disabled adults. This commemorative logo marks TIL's very important milestone.

Upcoming Events

Dedication of CIL Lobby to Dr. David Cothrun—
March 30 at 9:00 a.m.

Data Summit—
April 9 at 1:00 p.m.

Student Lunch with Administration—
April 15 at Noon

Ask an Administrator—
April 16 at 1:00 p.m.