

FEBRUARY 2023



Taft College Employee of the Month

Skilled Maintenance Worker **Sergio Gomez** was named January Employee of the Month. *Congratulations!*

Triple Play Dinner and Auction Bring Los Angeles Dodger Great Ron Cey to Taft



The Taft College Baseball Team's Triple Play Dinner and Auction were held at the Taft College Student Center on Saturday, January 28 with no-host cocktails at 5:00 p.m. and a Salty's Barbecue dinner at 6:00 p.m.

Keynote Speaker was Los Angeles Dodger Ron Cey, the 1981 World Series Most Valuable Player and a six-time National League All-Star. Cey led the Dodgers to the 1981 World Series win and four National League pennants.

The events raised much needed funds for Taft College Athletics.

GO SERGIO!



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Taft Union High School Oil Technology Academy Visits Taft College

On January 30, 11th and 12th grade students from the Taft Union High School (TUHS) Oil Technology Academy visited the Student Center to receive an introduction to pathways in Career Technical Education (CTE) and STEM, a presentation on our comprehensive services offered, and a nice lunch prepared by Chef Geoff and his team. Nine group tables were set up to showcase CTE, STEM (two tables), Welding, Counseling, WESTEC, Financial Aid, ASO, and EOPS. 70 students, along with Ted Pendergrass and TUHS staff, liked learning about the college and getting their questions answered.

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2022 FALL ATHLETICS AWARDS CEREMONY HELD FEBRUARY 2, 2023

Taft College Athletics applauded the outstanding performances of the:

- A)** 2022 Women's Volleyball Team
- B)** 2022 Women's Soccer Team
- C)** 2022 Men's Soccer Team

D) Soccer Coach Angelo Cutrona was *officially* recognized as the 2022 Central Valley Conference Coach of the Year.

GO COUGARS! CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF YOU FOR A JOB WELL DONE!



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New Trustee Mike Eveland Throws Out First Pitch

On February 3, Trustee Mike Eveland ceremoniously threw out the first pitch at a Baseball game at home. The brother of Taft College Professor Dr. Sharyn Eveland, Trustee Eveland received guidance from Baseball Student Athlete Andrew Sherrell prior to throwing out the pitch. As a new Trustee, Mike showed other trustees, staff, and faculty just how to do it. *Hooray, Mike!*

Taft College Fittingly Buries Centennial Time Capsule

On February 8, 2023, Taft College Superintendent/President Brock McMurray, Trustees, faculty, staff, and students bid a fitting farewell to our Centennial Celebration. Marked by a plaque directing its exhumation in 2122, our time capsule was officially buried under the Student Center's southwest cornerstone. *Happy Birthday once more, Taft College!*



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