

SEPTEMBER 2023

GO ALLISA AND MYISHA!



**Taft College Employees
of the Month**

STEM and CTE Program Technician **Allisa Tweedy** (above, top) and Coordinator of Student Life and Basic Needs/ASO Advisor **Myisha Cutrona** (above) were named Employees of the Month for July and August, respectively.

**Fall Semester 2023 Kicks Off with
Student-Athletes Back on Campus**



MAKE A STUDENT'S DAY

Clockwise, right, left to right: Dr. Sheri Horn-Bunk, Dr. Devin Daugherty, Richard Chapman, and President Brock McMurray. *Bottom, right:* Lunch is served buffet style. *Bottom, left:* Dr. Horn-Bunk interviewed each intern. *Middle, left:* The interns celebrate their success in helping to support hospital patients.



Allied Health Students Pre-Nursing Paid Internships Luncheon

This summer, the Taft College Foundation awarded 25 Allied Health Students Pre-Nursing Paid Internships at Dignity Health Memorial Hospital and Adventist Health Bakersfield. On August 10, Taft College leaders joined the interns for lunch at Seven Oaks Country Club in Bakersfield to celebrate the successful program. Hospitals benefited from the interns' work to help deliver high quality patient care. The interns gained valuable work experience in a hospital setting. Thanks to a new \$30,000 gift from Chevron, 50 internships are being planned for next summer.





Welcome Back Breakfast for Fall Semester 2023

On August 15, Taft College welcomed Faculty, Staff, and Trustees back to campus with a buffet breakfast and a fun game of Kahoot! Administrators shared their fall updates through Q&A quizzes rather than formal presentations. Heartfelt thanks to Executive Assistant Sarah Criss and Administrative Specialist Diana Duran for their *incredible work* on this event!



Congressman Kevin McCarthy's District Representative Jake Lopez Visits Taft College

On August 30, Jake Lopez, Field Representative for Congressman Kevin McCarthy (*Jake is also Holmes Western Oil Corporation Chairman Fred Holmes' grandson*), and Blake Center, Legislative Assistant for Congressman Kevin McCarthy, stopped by for a visit with Taft College Superintendent/President Brock McMurray and a campus tour!



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K-BAK TV Reporter Conducts Interviews on Campus

On September 7, Taft College proudly welcomed K-BAK TV Reporter Tony Salazar to campus for live interviews with Dental Hygiene leaders and both Soccer Head Coaches. The two live segments were shown on air in the morning and a third, produced spot aired later in the day.



Museum of Tolerance Bus Trip

On September 6, the Taft College Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Committee invited students and support staff to travel by bus to visit the Museum of Tolerance in Los Angeles. A "Human Rights Laboratory," the museum is dedicated to challenging visitors to understand Holocaust history and confront all forms of prejudice and discrimination in our world today.





9/11 Remembrance Ceremony by ASO

On September 11 at 8:40 a.m., 2023 Taft College ASO Leaders held their poignant ceremony to remember the 2001 terrorist attacks on the United States. The ASO showed displays of before photos, a timeline of the day's events and photos, as well as the names of people who lost their lives. Veteran Corey Morse spoke to the diverse crowd that gathered.



Fall Student Club Rush

On September 7, Taft College ASO Leaders held their 2023 Club Rush in the Student Center to actively recruit current students to participate in one of the varied Student Clubs on campus. These clubs are meant to bring together like-minded people who value working toward a common goal and cultivating their network.



2023 Kern County College Night

On September 11, Taft College Staff, Faculty, and Students headed to Mechanics Bank Arena in Bakersfield for what may have been our best College Night experience to date. The college had two locations in the arena and more square footage for the STEM trailer, Support Services and Instruction personnel, as well as a POPULAR new photo booth!

