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Friendsgiving Returns to campus

This month saw the return of our annual Friendsgiving Feast to campus. The event is a celebration of students and the holiday season, as well as a way to highlight the troubles that can be caused by food insecurity among our student population.

Friendsgiving is held each year as part of Hunger and Homelessness Awareness week.

Hunger and Homelessness Awareness week is a weeklong series of events organized by the PC Basic Needs Center

to raise awareness of food insecurity and homelessness among the campus community. Throughout the week several events are held to educate the community and feed students and community members. The Friendsgiving event is held at the end of the week.

At the Friendsgiving Feast students are able to visit with friends, lounge in the quad and “feast” on holiday treats and food provided by the PC Basic Needs Center, Cal Fresh and the PC Pirate Pantry.

Puente Students Visit Sacramento

by Dr. Elizabeth Buchanan

The Puentistas enjoyed a wonderful trip to Sacramento this month. Our adventure started out at Cal State Sacramento. Our tour guides were several fraternity and sorority sisters and brothers.

These young people gave us a thorough tour and inspired the students to attend their university. The State Capitol was next on our agenda, where we were given a tour, along with a special visit to the Assembly Floor, thanks to the office of Assemblyman Vince Fong.

This was followed by a quick trip to Old Town Sacramento, and then we had some delicious pizza at Woodstock's Pizza. We were up bright and early for the Puente Transfer Motivational Conference at UC Davis.

The guest speaker for the conference was Dr. Chris Emdin, USC Director of Youth Engagement and Community Partnerships at the USC Race and Equity Center. Students and staff then went off to various workshops that were provided by Puente.

For more information on the PC Puente Program, visit

<https://www.portervillecollege.edu/student-services/puente/>



PC Students Join over 1,200 Umoja Members at Annual Conference



by Dr. Ricardo Marmolejo

On November 2-4, 2023, Umoja students traveled to the Bay Area to attend the XIX Umoja Conference. On our way to the conference, we stopped at Stanford University for a tour and the opportunity to network with several Stanford University personnel.

The Umoja XIX Conference theme invited participants to engage in a critical dialogue about the challenges that impact African American students attuned and the legacy of the African Diaspora. At the Umoja XIX Conference, students, partner institutions, and other stakeholders actively engaged in exploring solutions that ensure student success for African Americans.

The Umoja Conference featured empowering speakers, culturally relevant discussions, and networking opportunities for more than 1,200 Umoja students from across California and Washington. Attendees explored our intersectional identities and strategized to bring the change our communities need.

If you would like to learn more about Umoja at PC, visit

<https://www.portervillecollege.edu/student-services/umoja.html>

Presidents Forum Highlights Transparency on Campus

In the spirit of participatory governance and open communication on campus, PC President Dr. Claudia Habib joined PC Academic Senate President Dr. Rebecca Baird, CSEA President Shauna Williams, and ASPC President Alicia Vargas to hold a public forum to provide campus updates and answer questions from attendees.

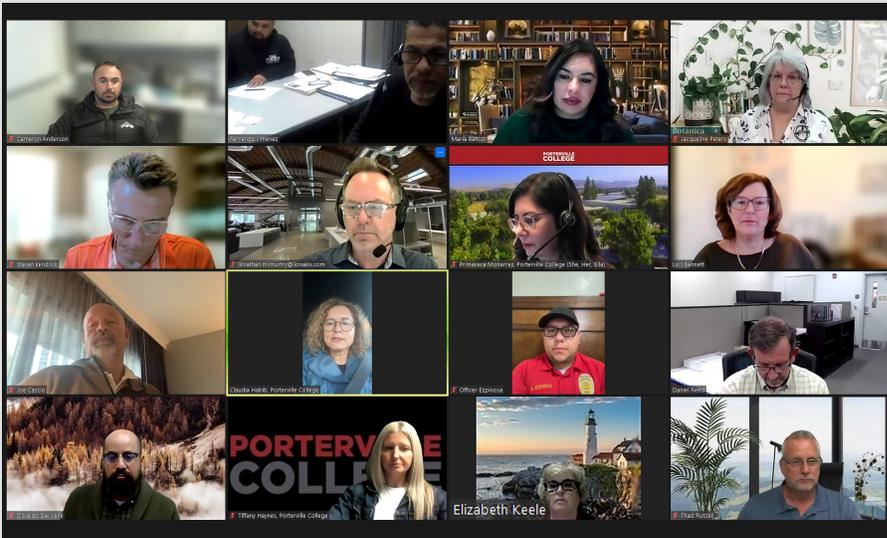
Students, faculty and classified professionals in attendance asked some great questions and all were given a look into the future of campus, planned growth, and exciting upcoming projects.



The PC Facilities Master Plan Process is Officially Underway

The creation of the new Campus-Wide Facilities Master Plan is officially underway. The project was announced at this past month's Open Facilities Forum which officially kicked off the process.

The Master Plan creation workgroup took another big step in that process this week by holding the first official meeting for the project with the technical assistance of **The College Brain Trust**. The Facilities Master Plan provides information on the college service area and plans for lands, buildings, and other facilities well into the future. We will keep the campus community posted on the progress of this exciting project as it continues to move forward.



Pizza with the President focuses on Student Athletes

The latest "Pizza with the President" event was held with our student athletes inside the Athlete's Success Center.

The event provided an opportunity for Dr. Habib to get direct insight from our Athletes about their college experience and need for additional support during their educational journey.

We are so proud of their dedication, they bring joy to the campus and exemplify student success!



PC Salutes Our Veterans - Honors one of our own.



On Tuesday, November 7th, Student Services and the Veteran's Resource Center celebrated our veterans with a luncheon and resource fair on the PC Campus. Dean of Student Success Erin Wingfield served as the mistress of ceremonies for the event and delivered the welcome address to the group of veterans, their families, students, and community members in attendance.

After the PC Choir, led by music professor Sarah Rector, performed a beautiful rendition of our National Anthem, a keynote address was

given to the crowd by Porterville Military Academy Commandant Lt. Col. Fred Dohnke.

At the end of the ceremony, veteran and retired PC faculty member Richard Osborne was presented with an award for his service both to our country and to Porterville College.

Many organizations that provide services and programs were in attendance to provide support to the event as well. The event concluded with lunch for the attendees and a resource fair.



Congratulations to PC Fire Fighter I Academy Class #39.

They received their graduation certificates in a ceremony held this month in the PC Gym.

We're so proud of you all!

Firefighter Academy Graduates Class #39



HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

From your PC Family

