

Celebrating our First-Gen Students



of higher education in transforming lives and increasing opportunities for socioeconomic upper mobility.

We are excited to celebrate PC's first-gen students because they are so close to the core of our mission to provide educational opportunities to those who wouldn't otherwise have the resources or support to get an education or continue with their education.

This November, colleges and universities across the country celebrate the success of first-generation college students, faculty, and staff on their campuses. PC extended this celebration to a full week of events to celebrate those First Generation Students, Faculty & Staff among us. The week began on Monday with a party in the quad that included a Photobooth, music and snacks for all attendees.



The week also included events such as luncheons, Study Breaks, Ice Cream Socials, and mixers that hosted discussions on issues affecting first-generation students, interactions between faculty, students, mentors, and peers; and celebrations of heritage and education.



This acknowledgement for students who were the first to attend college from each of their families was started in 2017 as the National First-Generation Day. Many of our first-generation students can attest to the power

Student Recognized for Excellence in Welding

The PC Career Education Division would like to acknowledge welding student Samuel Barajas for earning the "Best Welder" award for the 2024 Fall Semester.

This award was created by instructor Mauricio Vargas to reward welding students who have demonstrated exceptional welding skills in aluminum.



Firefighter Academy Graduation



Thirty-Five graduates from the Porterville College Fire Academy's Firefighter I Program were honored during a ceremony on Wednesday, November 13.

The ceremony was held inside the PC Gym. In attendance were the families and friends of the cadets, agency supporters and partners, and Porterville College Administrators and Faculty.

The graduates each completed an intensive, 12-week training program to get there. Several of the cadets were honored with awards and honors, including scholarships presented by the families of Ray Figueroa and Patrick Jones – two firefighters who tragically lost their lives in the fire that destroyed the Porterville Public Library on February 18, 2020.

Congratulations to the following PC Fire Fighter I Academy Graduates: **Agustin Aguilar, Daniel Altamirano, Ruben J. Altamirano, Jared J. Buckles, Emmanuel B. Castro, Alex L Elick, Enrique L. Felix, Anthony Gonzales, Drew T. Gonzales, Gabriel G. Gutierrez, Travis W. Harris, Arturo Hernandez, Daniel Hernandez, David L. Huddleston, Julia R. Hurtado, Dal L. Johnson, Emanuel Lemus, Brian F. Lozano, Jazmin A. Madrigal Tapia, Lennadine M. Mcdarment, Julisa Moreno, Jonathan W.**

Newsom, Daniel J. Nichols, Troy T. Nieto, Alexander O. Ornelas, Jose J. Ramos, Robert S. Rivera, Andres M. Rodriguez, Christian Rodriguez, Jerman Tapia, Owen J. Thompson, Sergio B. Torres, Noah C. West, Evan W. White, and Dallas D. Wright. We're so proud of you all!



President Monarrez Discusses Campus Road Realignment Project



Porterville College Interim President Primavera Monarrez hosted an information session to discuss the ongoing campus road realignment project this week. The session provided an opportunity for PC faculty and staff (and students, in a following Zoom session) to learn more about the project's timeline, potential challenges, and the impacts on campus traffic.

During the meeting, President Monarrez outlined the project's goals and the expected benefits, such as improved campus accessibility and safety. She also addressed concerns about parking lot closures and traffic diversions on East College Avenue, providing updates on the current situation and future plans.

The session concluded with a Q&A period, where attendees were encouraged to share their experiences and ask questions about the project. President Monarrez emphasized the importance of feedback and assured the campus community that their input would be considered as the project progresses.



Pirates Earn Four All-Central Valley Conference Postseason Honors

Following the close of the 2024 Porterville College women's volleyball season, four Pirates were honored with All-Central Valley Conference postseason awards.

Earning second-team All-Central Valley Conference honors was sophomore outside hitter/defensive specialist Noelani Espiritu.

Espiritu led the Pirates on defense with 296 digs and averaged 3.65 digs per set average. Offensively, she was second on the squad with 205 kills and served up 25 aces.

All-CVC honorable mention accolades went to sophomores Brandi Flores (DS), Rubi Guzman (DS), and Aliza Bun (Outside Hitter).

Flores was fourth on the squad with 227 digs while Guzman posted 273 digs to rank second.



Bun was top on offense for PC with 224 kills as well as a 2.80 kills per set average. She also totaled 257 digs and 31 aces.

Porterville closed out the season with a 7-17 overall record and finished tied for seventh in the Central Valley Conference with a 4-12 mark.

Annual High School Partners Retreat



The annual High School Counselors/Principals/Deans Retreat was held on Tuesday, December 3 from 8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. in the Student Center Conference Room (SCCR) at Porterville College.

This event provides Porterville College with an opportunity to update our high school partners regarding programs, services, early college, and important changes each year. It also provides an

opportunity for PC and the local high schools to collaborate on ideas to better serve our students in the future.

We would like to thank Treasure Weisenberger, Assistant Superintendent of Burton School District and Dr. Martha Stuemky, Assistant Superintendent of Porterville Unified School District for taking time out of their busy schedules to attend the event.

Transfer Success Stories - Carlos Rodriguez



Porterville College has been honored with the Campaign for College Opportunity's 2024 Excellence in Placement Award in Latinx Transfer-Level English Success.

This award recognizes an institution with an Equity Designation for its exceptional commitment to ensuring more Latinx students are succeeding in the critical transfer-level English courses that put them on a quicker path to their academic goals.

Congratulations to our English Division for receiving this fantastic honor.