

March, 2025



February 27, 2025 marked a significant milestone for Porterville College Student Services with the grand opening of the new **Transfer and Career Resource Center**. This centralized hub is designed to empower students by providing comprehensive support for transfer services and career development, ultimately shaping their paths after graduation.

More than just a physical space, the center represents the culmination of dedication, hard work, and vision from numerous individuals committed to student success. It provides students with the essential resources, guidance, and personalized support needed to navigate their academic and career journeys.

For the first time, Porterville College now offers a dedicated space where students can explore transfer opportunities, build resumes, practice mock interviews, and develop job search skills. This holistic approach extends beyond university transfers, focusing on the complete development of every student who walks through its doors. Whether exploring career options, refining goals, preparing for transfer, or seeking individualized

counseling, students now have a single, accessible location for these vital services.

Previously, students faced a “maze” of services, navigating between counselors and departments to find the information they needed. Now, the Transfer and Career Resource Center simplifies the process, providing clear direction and access to expert advisors.

The center also serves as a valuable resource for community partners and university representatives, offering a central location to connect with Porterville College students. This streamlined approach fosters stronger connections and enhances opportunities for students.

The resources provided by the center have the potential to significantly benefit both students and the local community, boosting transfer rates and job placements. By empowering students, Porterville College is taking a proactive step towards breaking the cycle of poverty and enhancing the socio-economic well-being of the region.

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Key features of the center include dedicated office space for visiting university representatives, enabling one-on-one appointments and demystifying the transfer process. Additionally, workshops, previously scattered across campus, will now be held within the center, creating a convenient and focused learning environment.

The Transfer and Career Resource Center serves as a “one-stop shop” for students, offering streamlined access to counselors and resources to help them achieve their goals. As a proud Latina and product of immigrants, one speaker expressed excitement about the center’s potential to help students with similar stories achieve their dreams.

Porterville College is committed to supporting its alumni, ensuring they continue to have access to valuable resources. The Transfer and Career Resource Center stands as a testament to this commitment, empowering students and alumni alike to achieve their full potential.



PC Student Athletes Score Big in the Classroom!

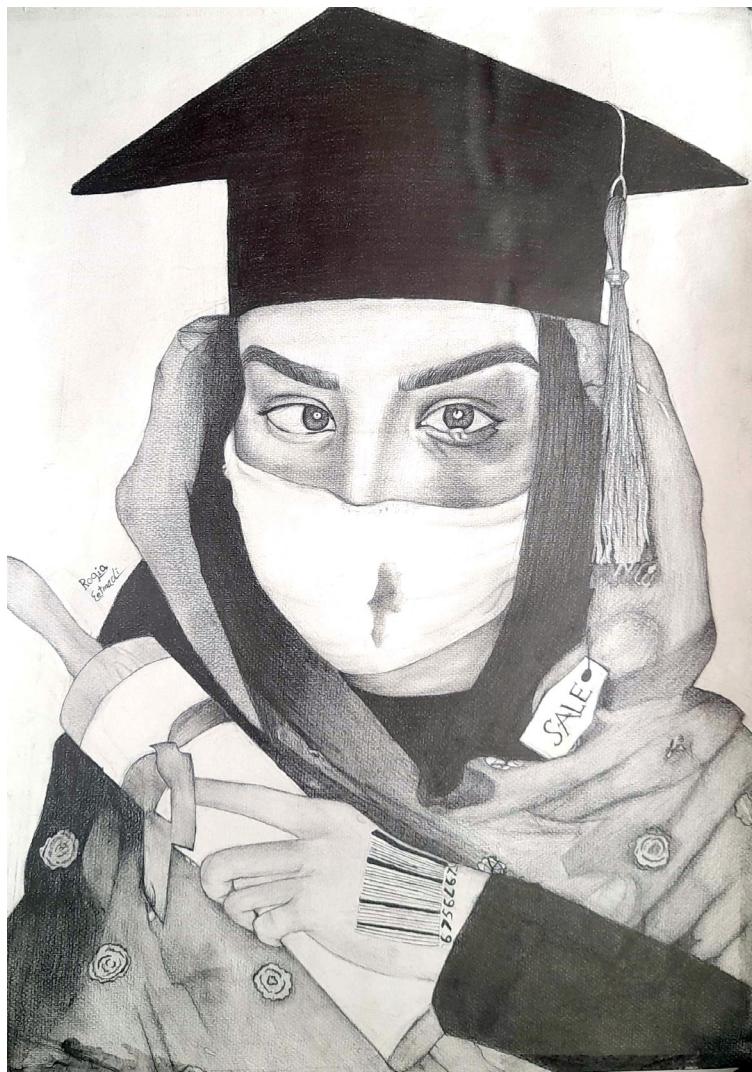
The Porterville College Athletic Department is bursting with pride as they celebrate the academic achievements of their student athletes!

A remarkable **81 athletes earned a place on the fall semester Honor Roll**. Of those, 28 achieved Dean’s List recognition with GPAs between 3.0 and 3.49, while an impressive 53 soared even higher, landing on the President’s Honor Roll with GPAs ranging from 3.5 to a perfect 4.0.

Teamwork truly makes the dream work, as evidenced by the seven teams who collectively achieved a team GPA of 3.0 or higher. Our Porterville College Student Athletes clearly demonstrate that success on the field goes hand-in-hand with dedication in the classroom!



The PC Art Gallery Presents: Veiled Voices (The Least of These)



Veiled Voices (The Least of These) is an exhibition featuring reproductions of drawings by Afghan women living under Taliban rule. It will be on display at the Porterville College Art Gallery from March 5 to March 27, 2025, coinciding with Women's History Month. The exhibition highlights the urgent struggle for women's rights and the courage of those who continue to resist systemic oppression.

The exhibition originates from a 2022 collaboration between Porterville College professors Elisa Queenan and Elizabeth Flynn, who encountered these drawings while participating in the EPIC Faculty Fellowship at Stanford University. There, they met Afghan activist Laila Haidari, who had been working directly with women under Taliban rule to document their experiences. Together, Haidari, Queenan, and Flynn developed the idea of Afghan women creating drawings to capture their lived realities. These works—raw, immediate expressions of fear, defiance, and survival—were first exhibited at Stanford and now take on an expanded form at Porterville College.

Curated by Diran Lyons, this exhibition introduces an interactive element: each drawing is veiled beneath black fabric, compelling viewers to lift the coverings in a performative act of defiance against imposed silence. A dual-screen video installation further deepens the experience—one screen remains dark, symbolizing the suppression of women's voices, while the other reveals the testimony of a woman speaking about the realities of life under Taliban rule. This iteration of Veiled Voices introduces a stark confrontation with the brutal realities depicted in the drawings. The images—created by Afghan women who have endured public floggings, stonings, and execution under Taliban rule—do not merely document the atrocities. They remember bodies battered for seeking education, for existing in defiance of patriarchal law.

The conceptual foundation of the exhibition also draws from Kazimir Malevich's Black Square, a work historically tied to radical abstraction and artistic reduction. Here, however, the black fabric does not represent an ending but an obstruction—one that must be actively overcome. The exhibition challenges viewers to consider the intersections of political repression, artistic censorship, and gendered violence, inviting critical reflection on the power structures that determine whose stories are seen and heard.

Veiled Voices (The Least of These) opens March 5 at the Porterville College Art Gallery and runs through March 27. For more information, contact Porterville College Art Gallery Director Theodore Lyons at theodore.lyons@portervillecollege.edu.



EVENT: Porterville College Art Show: Veiled Voices (The Least of These)

DATES OF SHOW: March 5 – 27, 2025

OPENING RECEPTION: March 5, 2 - 5 pm at the Porterville College Art Gallery

GALLERY HOURS: Monday – Thursday from 12 – 4 pm

PC Career Ed Team Makes a Splash at World Ag Expo!



The Porterville College Career Education Department, along with faculty, outreach staff, and enthusiastic agriculture students, made a strong showing at last week's World Ag Expo in Tulare. The team spent several days connecting with attendees, sharing information about PC's diverse career education programs, and highlighting the many opportunities available at Porterville College.

A special thanks to our PC Agriculture students who volunteered their time at the booth, passionately promoting the PC Agriculture Department and its programs. Their firsthand experience and knowledge were invaluable in engaging with visitors and showcasing the bright future of agriculture at PC.

Held at the International Agri-Center, the World Ag Expo is the largest annual agricultural show of its kind, attracting an estimated 100,000 attendees from over 70 countries. This premier event, held in Tulare, California, provides an important platform for networking, education, and business in one of the nation's most productive agricultural counties. Over 1,200 exhibitors showcase cutting-edge technology and equipment across the 2.6 million square feet of exhibit space at the expo.



National Electric Vehicle Consortium 2025 Annual Conference



Dr. Ellen Morris, Jose Daugherty, and PC Career Education Director Nick Griffith represented Porterville and the Kern Community College District (KernCCD) at the National Electric Vehicle Consortium 2025 Annual Conference in Hayward, CA this week.

The group delivered a compelling presentation showcasing the innovative work happening at Porterville College in partnership with vehicle electrification pioneer Zero Nox. The team also connected with industry experts and higher education leaders, including California Community Colleges Chancellor Dr. Sonya Christian and Vice Chancellor of Workforce and Economic Development, Anthony Cordova.

A special thanks to Dr. Morris for the opportunity to attend and to Jose Daugherty and the Zero Nox team for their participation. The conference provided valuable insights and new ideas to further enhance KernCCD's programs and support student and workforce success in the burgeoning green energy sector.