

PORTERVILLE COLLEGE

UPDATE

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Event Continues Tradition of Introducing Students and Parents to PC

The Porterville College Student Services Department hosted hundreds of students and their parents for the 2024 PC Connection High School Senior registration event on the PC campus this month.

Students and community members from 11 local high schools lined up on campus on Wednesday and Thursday, April 10th and 11th to register for Summer and Fall classes at PC.

PC Connection is an annual event held each spring by the Student Services office to provide on-demand registration services and to help local high school students get a jump on Summer and Fall classes with priority registration, advising, and counseling.

Food was provided for all those in attendance. Attendees are given assistance with registration, information on PC programs and services, and counseling assistance over the two-day period.



PORTERVILLE WELCOME

PC Job Fair brings thousands of job seekers to campus



The crisp morning air buzzed with anticipation as Porterville College (PC) hosted its 3rd annual Joint Job Fair. Spearheaded by PC, the Porterville Adult School, and the Tulare County WorkForce Investment Board, the event drew thousands of job seekers to campus with resumes in hand.

The PC Library was transformed into a hub for on-site interviews, while informative booths offered insights into a spectrum of career and educational opportunities.

John Hadad, Director of Business Development at GO Educate, showcased their AI-powered resume builder – a software designed to empower individuals by highlighting their skills and talents through robust language.

“We offer a comprehensive range of adult programs and are expanding to incorporate career and technical education from all Kern CCD schools, along with local training and trade schools,” Hadad elaborated.

Highlighting the value of trade professions, he emphasized the availability of well-paying jobs and “Earn and Learn” programs that enable participants to get paid while acquiring valuable skills.

Delighted participants received drawing prizes from the organizers, adding a touch of excitement to the event.

Representing Porterville Unified School District Early Education and Expanded Learning, Theresa Alvarado expressed her appreciation for the outdoor venue. “The beautiful weather is a real bonus,” she said. “It’s fantastic that the fair offers such a diverse range of resources for education and jobs.” Alvarado emphasized the importance of exposing students to career exploration early on, helping them discover their passions and build confidence.

From Porterville Unified School District and Americorps Tutoring Program to Teaching Fellows, Southern California Edison, and Porterville Development Center, the fair presented a comprehensive picture of available options for those seeking employment.

Bryant Hernandez lauded the job fair’s role in raising community awareness and providing avenues for exploring diverse career paths.

Andrea Tapia, a Porterville Military Academy Cadet attending the fair alongside Lexy Asunción, echoed this sentiment. “This is a golden opportunity to gain a foothold

in your chosen career path,” she affirmed.

Valerie Craig, representing PUSD Adult Education, highlighted the fair’s value for students seeking information and guidance from community partners. “We, as a community and sponsors, are united in supporting our students,” she emphasized.

Daniela Bergman, from the TC Human Resources booth, spoke enthusiastically about the event’s success in raising awareness about county job openings.

Professor Jim Carson, from PC’s Business and Information Systems department, expressed delight at the large turnout. “It’s wonderful to see so many people interacting and networking,” he observed,

The Community Job Fair serves a vital role in fostering connections. Porterville Adult School students see themselves seamlessly transitioning to PC, while community members gain a renewed sense of the college’s commitment to supporting their needs. As PC organizer Reagen Dozier aptly summarized, “The fair is about creating a space where everyone feels included and empowered to pursue their dreams.”

Students Show off incredible talent at latest gallery exhibition



The Porterville College Art Department invites the public to come view its Student Art Exhibition, featuring the best work of over 50 current PC art students in a variety of media from photography, painting, drawing, digital art, video, sculpture and more.



The exhibition began its run this month at a reception for the public to meet the artists. The event was heavily attended by people interested in exploring the many exhibits on display and discussing the amazing work with the many student creators on hand to present their work - sometimes for the first time.



These amazing works will remain on display throughout the month. Gallery hours are Monday - Thursday from 12 pm - 2 pm and 4 - 6 pm.



Law Enforcement Academy Graduates Largest Class



"Honoring yesterday. Preparing today. Sacrificing for tomorrow."

Congratulations to Porterville College Law Enforcement Academy Class 34 on their Graduation on Saturday, April 13th.

This dedicated group of cadets and their families, who represent one of the largest graduating academy classes in PC history, not only received their certificates, but several of them are moving right on to careers in law enforcement right here in Tulare County.



Special thanks to our talented faculty and staff for their hard work and consistent dedication to our academy cadets.

Honoring the PC Spirit



Porterville College Faculty, Staff, and Administration gathered on Wednesday, April 17 for the annual Porterville College Staff and Faculty Service and Retirement Awards. This event serves to honor those staff members retiring this year as well as those celebrating service milestones.

PC employees filled the cafeteria to share stories, thank each other, and remember the fond times working together. It has become one of those rare opportunities for our faculty and staff to take a moment and enjoy each other's company while honoring all of the hard work we do to ensure student success on campus.

This year we had some very special milestones to celebrate, with five retirements and a special celebration of the 40 (yes forty) years of service to PC from financial aid staffer John Ortega. The evening was filled with happy tears, fond recollections, and fare-thee-wells.

The PC Spirit Awards, created to honor and celebrate outstanding contributions from our dedicated faculty and staff members, were once again presented by President Habib.

This year, we celebrated individuals and groups who go above and beyond to make our college, our workplace, and the student experience better every day.

Congratulations to this year's "class" of PC Spirit Award Recipients: Jackie Peters, John Ortega, Primavera Monarrez, Kim Behrens, Theodore "Diran" Lyons, Elisa Queenan, and the Career Education and Allied Health Teams!



Important Upcoming Dates

Dates	Event	Time/Location
May 4-10	FINAL EXAMS	VARIOUS
May 10	END OF SPRING SEMESTER	
May 10	2024 COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY	7PM JAMISON STADIUM
May 27	MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY	CAMPUS CLOSED

"May, the month of sunshine, blooming flowers, and endless possibilities.

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