

## Record Attendance at Porterville College Job Fair!



Over 1,500 job seekers attended the 4th Annual Porterville College Job Fair held on Tuesday, April 15, 2025, from 9 AM to 12 PM. The event, hosted by Porterville College, Porterville Adult School, and the Workforce Investment Board of Tulare County, provided a valuable opportunity for local residents to connect directly with dozens of potential employers from various industries.

Held inside the campus quad, the free job fair offered job seekers the chance to speak face-to-face with company representatives looking to fill hundreds of open positions. Attendees were able to share their skills and experience, making valuable connections for potential employment. An American Sign Language interpreter was also available on-site to ensure accessibility for all attendees.

Participating employers represented a wide range of sectors, including healthcare (State Hospitals, Eagle Mountain Healthcare, HealthForce), construction (Champion Home Builders, Powers), education (Teaching Fellows, Kern Community College District), manufacturing (Orkin, Sequoia Family Services), staffing agencies (Employment Connection, Exact Staff, HT Staffing & Development, Valley Angels), public

service (Porterville Unified School District, City of Porterville, Tulare County), energy (SoCal Edison), and more.

This successful event marks the fourth year Porterville College has hosted the job fair, underscoring its commitment to connecting the local community with valuable employment opportunities.





## Celebration of Achievement at PC Foundation Scholarship Ceremony



Beyond recognizing current students, the Foundation continued its long-standing tradition of supporting local high school graduates through the PC First program. This year, **\$50,000 in PC First scholarships will be awarded** to students choosing to begin their college journey at Porterville College immediately after graduation. This vital program, now in its third decade and entirely funded by the PC Foundation Swap Meet, plays a crucial role in expanding access to higher education within our community.

**The PC Foundation invites the community to consider donating to support student success.** Any size donation can bolster existing scholarships or even create new opportunities for future PC students. [Click Here](https://www.portervillecollegefoundation.org/) to donate now or visit <https://www.portervillecollegefoundation.org/> for more information.

On Friday, April 18th, the Porterville College gymnasium was packed with students and parents brimming with pride as the PC Foundation held its 56th Annual Scholarship and Awards Ceremony. The evening was a resounding success, bringing together students, faculty, staff, administrators, Foundation Board members, and generous donors to celebrate academic excellence and the bright futures of PC students.

The Porterville College Foundation once again expresses its sincere appreciation for the continued partnership and unwavering support that empowers PC students to achieve their academic dreams.

The event highlighted the significant impact of community support, with the Foundation awarding an impressive **\$185,850 in scholarships**, funded by the generosity of **106 donors**. In total, **163 scholarships were granted to 117 deserving students**, a powerful testament to our community's commitment to fostering higher education opportunities for students.

The Porterville College Foundation extended their heartfelt gratitude to the many individuals who contributed to the evening's success. Special recognition was given to the dedicated campus scholarship selection committee, whose months-long commitment to reviewing hundreds of applications – dedicating 4-5 hours weekly – ensured a fair and thoughtful selection process.



## PC POST Academy Class 35 Graduates!



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

Congratulations to Porterville College Law Enforcement Academy Class 35 on their Graduation from the program on Saturday, April 12, 2025!

This dedicated group of cadets and their families not only received their certificates, but several of them are moving right on to careers in law enforcement right here in Tulare County. During the ceremony the class presented a gift of a large commemorative plaque that will be displayed in the academy classroom. Special thanks to our talented faculty and staff for their hard work and consistent dedication to our academy cadets.



# PC Student Elected National PTK Vice President!

Porterville College is thrilled to celebrate the incredible achievement of our very own student, Loretta Harris! Recently, Loretta was elected Vice President for the entire Northeast District of the Nevada and California regions of Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) International.

We sat down with Loretta, also the 2024-2025 President of the Porterville College (Alpha Chi Mu) chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, to discuss this amazing accomplishment. Loretta is a sociology major with aspirations of becoming a college counselor here at PC. She shares her excitement and the honor of representing so many chapters across Nevada and California.

Learn more about Loretta's journey in the video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IToyUNYFq4I>, from her induction into PTK to the involvement that led to her election as Regional Vice President.

Loretta emphasizes the value of PTK membership, highlighting the personal growth, skill development, and the strong support system it provides. She highly encourages students to attend PTK conferences, take risks, and get involved.

**All eligible Porterville College Students can become members of Phi Theta Kappa for free.** Contact PTK advisors Kendra Haney or Dr. Sherrie Burgess for more information.



## Student Talent Highlighted in Semester's Final Gallery Showing



This month, the Fine and Applied Arts Division celebrated student artists with a reception to launch the annual Spring Student Art Show held inside the Porterville College Art Gallery. Students shared their work, interacted with visitors, and some were even able to sell some of their art.

The Porterville College Art Department invited 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 much more.

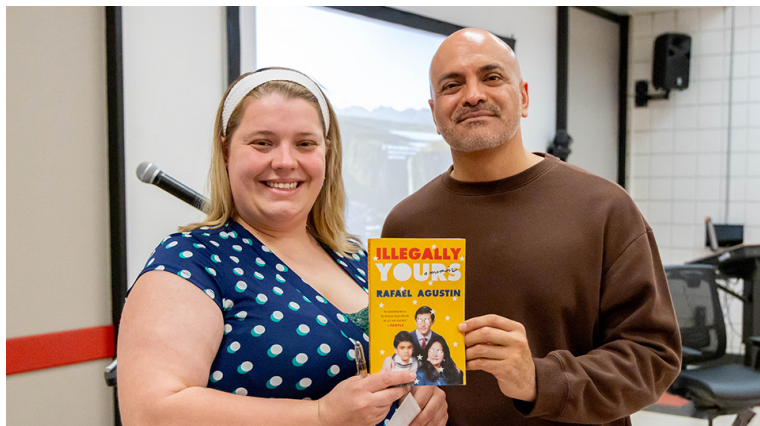
These amazing works featured on display throughout the end of the semester.

Check out the video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KJTpdYzIDwg> for a look inside the kick-off celebration for the exhibition.





## PC Welcomes Rafael Agustin for Writer and Poets Speaker Series



The Porterville College's Writer and Poets Speaker Series continued its successful run this week with an in-person event on April 3rd, featuring Rafael Agustin. The event drew a large crowd of students, faculty, and staff to the SCCR, eager to hear from the acclaimed author and writer.

Rafael Agustin, born in Ecuador and now a celebrated voice in literature and television, shared passages from his bestselling comedic memoir, "Illegally Yours," and engaged in a lively dialogue with the audience. His personal story of immigrating to the United States at the age of 7 and navigating life, education, and identity resonated deeply with attendees.

Agustin's impressive background includes writing for the award-winning television series "Jane The Virgin" and holding the distinction of being a past Sundance Institute Episodic Fellow. He has also served as the founding Executive Director of the Youth Cinema Project and the founding CEO of the Latino Film Institute. In 2018, the United Nations invited Agustin to speak at their 70th Anniversary Celebration of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and in 2022, the LA Times recognized him as a "Power Player" in their LA Vanguardia class. He currently serves on the Board of Directors for Mother Jones and the National Film Preservation Board at the Library of Congress.

The event, held inside the SCCR, provided a unique opportunity for the community to connect with Agustin's work and gain insights into his experiences. The question-and-answer session was a highlight, fostering a dynamic exchange between the author and the audience.

PC continues to be committed to bringing diverse and inspiring voices to campus through the Writer and Poets Speaker Series, enriching the cultural and intellectual landscape of the college and our community.

## Poetry Fills the Quad for Poem in Your Pocket Day!

The Porterville College Language Arts Department and the PC Literacy Innovation Center successfully hosted their annual Poem in Your Pocket Day Open Mic between the library and LRC, celebrating National Poetry Month and the simple pleasures of poetry.

Throughout the day, the quad resonated with the voices of students, faculty, and staff sharing their love for verse. A microphone was set up just outside the library. Individuals stepped forward to share their original creations and cherished favorite poems.

For those who arrived without a poem in their pocket, a well-stocked table offered a delightful array of poems to choose from, ready to be tucked away and enjoyed whenever.

The event closely echoed the spirit of National Poem in Your Pocket Day, which began in 2002 in New York and has grown into a nationwide celebration supported by the Academy of American Poets (AAP). As highlighted on their websites (<https://poets.org/national-poetry-month/poem-your-pocket-day> and <https://poets.org/national-poetry-month>), the AAP continues to champion this essential art form year-round.

It was amazing to see the turnout and the enthusiasm for poetry that filled the quad. It was a wonderful day of shared words and appreciation for the power and beauty of poetry.

