

Transfer Fair helps students make important connections

Many of the connections we make in our lives turn out to be extremely important. Connections with our coworkers, our families, and others help us to navigate the ups and downs of the big and small decisions we make every day. A few of the connections that tend to have a large impact are those we have with our learning institutions.

On Halloween, the PC Transfer Fair helped students make some great connections with over a dozen transfer schools.

The 8th annual transfer fair was held this Thursday on the Porterville College campus. This year over 30 representatives from 19 transfer schools set up in the quad so students could introduce themselves, ask questions and get help filling out applications. Some students were even accepted to the transfer institution of their choice on the spot during the event!

We'd like to send a VERY SPECIAL thank you to the PC Foundation for their support and donation of an ASUS Gaming Laptop for our prize drawings. We'd also like to send a shout out to Dr. Elizabeth Keele for her transfer pride. She wore her BYU apparel every day of the week leading up to the event to share her Alma Mater Spirit!

Check out a video overview of this year's event at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tz1b1CPdGil>



ADDI Students Get Inside PCs Digital Video Program

Students from Summit Collegiate High School's Academy of Digital Design and Innovation (ADDI) visited the campus for a tour and exploration of our Digital Video Production Program as well as our PC Print Shop and Marketing Offices this month.

Thank you to Fine and Applied Arts Division Chair Diran Lyons and his Advanced Video Production students for leading the tour and sharing their experiences in the Digital Video program with these potential future Pirates!



E. College Avenue Construction to Begin on NOVEMBER 12th



The construction project scheduled for E. College Avenue, including the traffic diversion through the PC Parking lots is scheduled to begin on November 12th. This will include the closure of the PC Administration and Athletics parking lots.

At this time we expect the project to last for a month with a targeted completion date of approximately December 12th. As a reminder, the project information is below:

Project Information:

- **Construction Timeline:** The road construction project is expected to last approximately four weeks and is expected to begin on November 12th, after the Veterans Day Holiday.
- **Closure of Administration and Athletics Parking Lots:** To facilitate a pass-through lane and improve traffic flow, we will be closing the PC Administration and Athletics parking lots on College Avenue.
- **Recommended Routes:** We have provided detailed maps outlining the recommended routes during construction. Please familiarize yourself with these routes to minimize travel time and avoid delays. You can access these maps at our website (www.PortervilleCollege.edu).
- **Alternative Parking:** While the Administrative and Athletics lots are closed, we encourage all Porterville College Students, Faculty, and Staff to utilize the ample parking available in the Jamison Stadium parking lot and the rear parking lots on campus (entrance from Plano Avenue). These lots will remain open throughout the project, and access will be available from Plano Avenue for the rear lots and from Main Street (at the stadium gates) for the Stadium lots.
- **Adjusted Entry to Jamison Stadium Parking Lot:** During the project, entry to the stadium lot will be accessible only through the gates on S Main Street. The southmost gate (Gate 5) will be available for entry only, and the northernmost gate (Gate 3) will be for exit only.

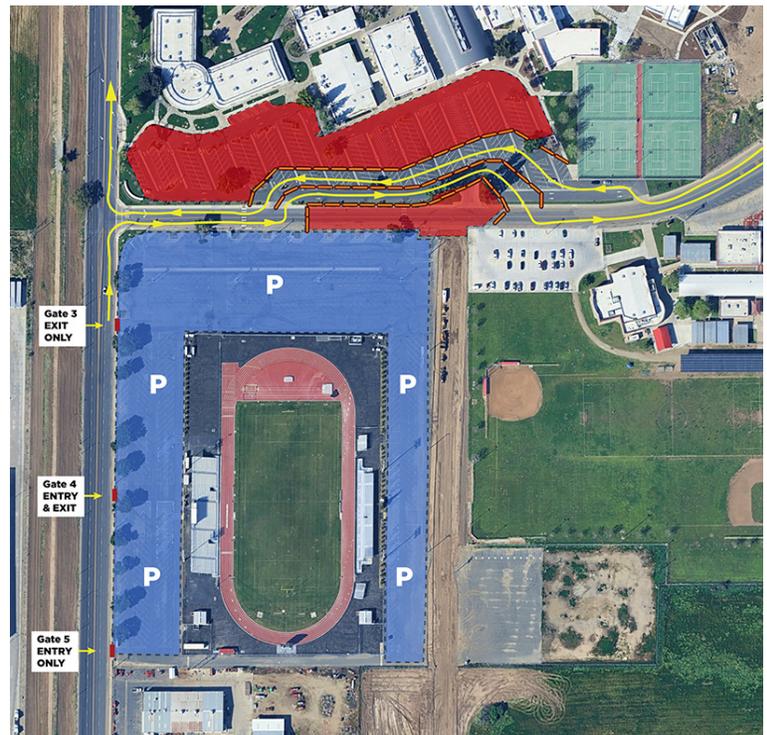
The center gate (Gate 4) will accommodate both exit and entry to the parking lot. Please be aware of signs posted at the gates for further explanation.

No parking will be permitted on Main Street during the project timeline, and only right turns out of the lot will be permissible. (See the image below showing parking entry points at Jamison Stadium).

- **Adjusted Pickup and Drop-Off Procedures:** Working with the Porterville Unified School District, the City of Porterville, Porterville Fire Department, and Porterville Police, we have adjusted pickup and drop-off procedures for Vandalia Elementary, Pioneer Middle School, and Porterville College students. These changes will help alleviate congestion and ensure the safety of students and staff.

We will continue to provide any necessary updates in the days before the expected project start.

Once again, we thank you in advance for your patience and understanding during this time.



Dra. Dulce's Inspirational Journal Celebrates Undocumented Students



As part of Undocumented Student Action Week, students and staff gathered in the SCCR for Dra. Dulce's Inspirational Journal, an event designed to give inspiration and a voice to students.

Dulce Lopez, Psy.D., is a first generation Mexican American, and a Licensed Psychologist whose life's purpose has been to empower individuals to transform through Love. She creates a sacred space for students to share their dreams, aspiration, challenges, and successes.

PC Students Tour USDA Labs

A huge thank you to our incredible partners at USDA San Joaquin Valley Agricultural Research Sciences Center for the tour of their molecular biology research laboratories, vineyard field experiment on insect control, and their national arid land repository field tour (they even gave the students seeds to plant)! Thank you to Juan Manuel Alvarez for connecting us with Dr. Adalberto Perez De Leon, who put together the program with several researchers and his team. And thank you to the speakers, Dr. Jessica Briggs, Dr. Rodrigo Krugner, Dr. Lindsey Burbank, Brandon Ortega, and Dr. Daniel Packer. Our students in their *Making Connections Worksheet*, indicated they could see themselves working at the Center and didn't realize how many different programs were within the facility.



Cross Country Runners Receive Academic Honors

Porterville College is proud to announce that three of its cross country student-athletes have been recognized for their outstanding academic achievements. **David Parra, Itzel Ferrar Huanaco, and Alondra Mora** have all been awarded the prestigious **Coach's Association Academic Excellence Award**.

To qualify for this honor, students must be sophomores who have completed at least 24 units of coursework with a **minimum GPA of 3.5**.

This recognition highlights the dedication and hard work of these student-athletes, who have excelled both at meets and in the classroom.

The trio will be officially honored at the state cross country meet in November, where they will receive their awards and be celebrated for their academic accomplishments.



Porterville College congratulates David Parra, Itzel Ferrar Huanaco, and Alondra Mora on this well-deserved recognition. Their commitment to academic success is a testament to their hard work and dedication. They are true role models for their fellow students!

Successful PC Student Cultural Heritage & Transfer Trip to UC Merced

Porterville College recently concluded another successful Cultural Heritage & Transfer Trip, this time in collaboration with UC Merced. The trip, led by PC Director of Student Success Programs Reagen Dozier, featured a diverse team of faculty and staff, including Jessica Malisch, Juan Villegas, Hector Cuevas, Juan Román Jr., Hala Alnager, Chad Williams, and five UC Merced students who shared their personal experiences and guided campus tours.

A highlight of the trip was an all-you-can-eat dining experience hosted by the Pavilion. This provided PC students with a taste of UC Merced's campus life and the opportunity to connect with current students.

Following the visit, PC students participated in the "Making Connections: After Transfer Visit Survey." The feedback was overwhelmingly positive, with many students expressing that UC Merced, its staff, students, and Jessica made them reconsider their transfer possibilities and feel a sense of belonging and success at the university.

Ms. Dozier and the team behind the Cultural Heritage & Transfer Trips have made a commitment to take PC students to every



undergraduate UC campus, demonstrating that there is a place for them at these institutions. So far, the program has visited UCLA, UC Irvine, and UC Merced. They plan to visit UC Berkeley later this Fall, and UC Davis in the Spring.

The care and treatment received at UC Merced has set a high bar for future visits. So much so, that trip organizers have pledged to make UC Merced an annual Fall tradition.

A special thank you to UC Merced for their exceptional hospitality and support!

Transfer Success Stories - Carlos Rodriguez



In a new video project from the PC Transfer Center, Porterville College highlights outstanding former PC students who've successfully transferred to 4-year institutions and achieved success in continuing their educational journey. We're excited to bring you the stories of some of these exceptional individuals who've overcome great odds to follow their dreams!

Carlos Rodriguez is a former PC student and ASPC President who graduated in 2023. Carlos overcame some substantial barriers to get to where he is today. He is currently working towards his Bachelor's degree at UCLA. In his first year at UCLA, Carlos participated in the Transfer Summer Program, he has given speeches all over California and he even held a UCDC internship in Washington D.C.! Please take a few minutes to see his story at https://youtu.be/TJ5zxuv8WpU?si=ja_Tsqs7-6TVJubJ

For more information on transfer services and opportunities at PC, visit the PC Transfer Center at <https://www.portervillecollege.edu/student-services/transfer-center/index.html>

