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West Hills College has a long history of educational, economic, civic and cultural commitments to the communities located throughout our district.

From degree and certificate programs to municipal improvements and social and civic group enrichment, West Hills Community College District makes its presence felt in more than a dozen towns and cities in the San Joaquin Valley. Here’s a partial list of collaborations that have enriched the lives of residents in our 3,400 square mile district.



Caruthers

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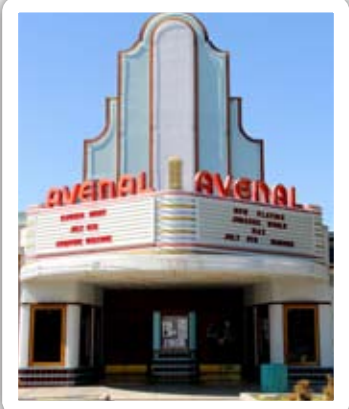
- Offered forklift certification
- Cash for College (financial aid workshops and grants)
- High School Outreach
- Scholarship Presentations
- Leadership Academy

..... In the past three years, West Hills College has served **97** students from Caruthers, including **5%** of graduating seniors from Caruthers High School.




Avenal:

- Short-term, certification vocational training
- Sanctioned/provided a job fair for the 500 acre solar farm in Avenal (194 local people hired).
- Partnered with Reef Sunset USD for West Hills mobile welding trailer at the high school site
- Hosted Ag Science summer camp for Avenal 8th graders
- Partnering with The Wonderful Company and Avenal High School to offer College Success, Health Science and Agriculture classes
- Promotion events of college CTE programs at WHC Avenal Preschool (100 families attending the Week of Young Child event organized by WHCCD Child Development Centers)
- Bond-funded improvements of \$2 million to Avenal High School science facility



..... In the past three years, West Hills College has served **748** students from Avenal, including **55%** of graduating seniors from Avenal High School.



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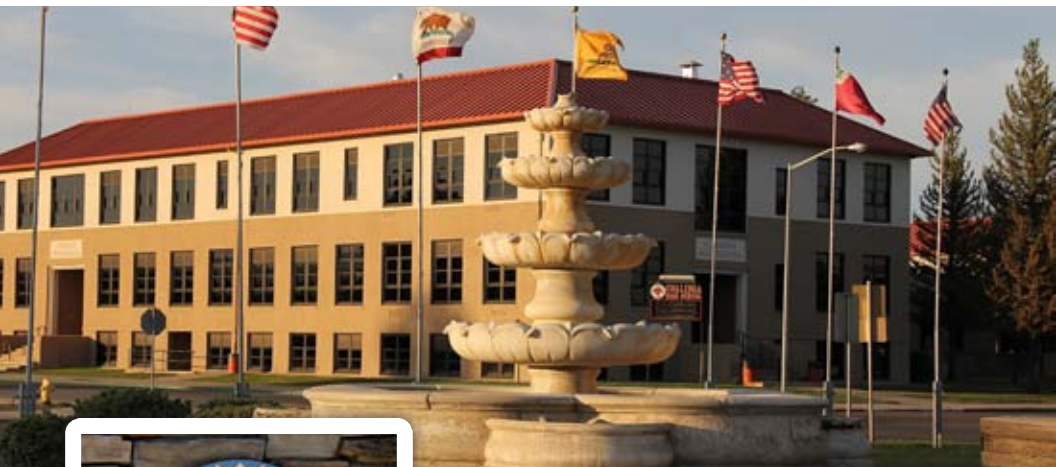
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Coalinga:

- 2002–2009 senior painting project renovation of fences, yards, and homes of eligible senior citizens
- Short term certification vocational training
- Provided training and coordinated a job fair for potential employees for the Chevron Concentrated Solar project (69 residents hired)
- Workforce Investment Act youth and adult programs
- Hosted CalWORKs and Disabled Student Programs and Services (DSP&S) roundtable plan to serve Cash Aid and Welfare to Work students; possible future GED classes
- 2015 Upward Bound Parenting Meeting
- Summer Parent Orientation of Coalinga High School
- Hosted Chevron Fun Physical Science camps during summer for youth



..... In the past three years, West Hills College has served **1,936** students from Coalinga, including **56%** of graduating seniors from Coalinga High School.



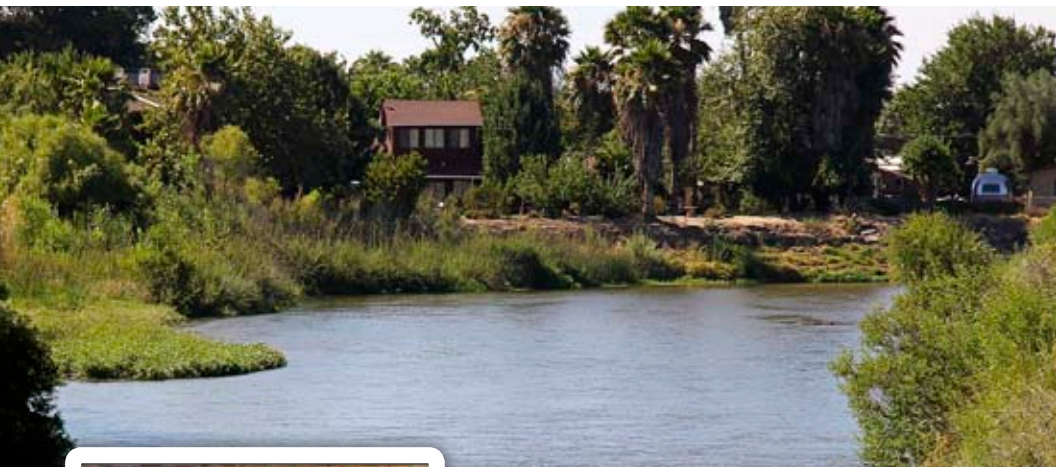
Corcoran:

- Career Day activities
- Teen Pregnancy Prevention Day
- Upward Bound services
- High School Outreach programs
- Cash for College programs
- Scholarship Presentations
- Leadership Academy
- Dual Enrollment
- Service Learning through Sociology, Education, English are out in the community



..... In the past three years, West Hills College has served **421** students from Corcoran, including **16%** of graduating seniors from Corcoran High School.





Firebaugh:

• North District Center – a fully accredited West Hills College educational center – has provided instruction and student services to residents of Firebaugh and Mendota and surrounding areas

since 1970. The site is an 11,700 sq. ft. building near the banks of the river.

- Hosted Health Fair
- Bi-monthly meetings of WHC Coalinga, UC Merced, Fresno State, Fresno City and staff from Kerman HS, Mendota HS, Firebaugh HS and Tranquillity HS
- Meetings with Mendota Youth Council, Firebaugh Rotary Club, UC Davis Coalition, B-3 Coalition/Firebaugh Foundation
- Participated in Migrant Parents conferences – Mendota, Firebaugh
- Paid for equipment and installation of distance learning equipment at the high school
- Multiple courses of forklift certification, truck driving, maintenance mechanic, janitorial training, security guard, residential electrical, motors & controls
- Westside Institute of Technology contributed use of tools and equipment to high school for vocational courses
- Workforce Investment Act youth and adult programs
- Offered college-level courses in partnership with local high school
- Assisted with San Joaquin River summer camp

Hanford/Armona:

- Cash for College campaign
- High School Outreach programs
- Scholarship Presentations
- Upward Bound
- 5 C's Summer Camp
- Senior Ethics Day at high schools (Hanford West, Hanford, Sierra Pacific) facilitation
- Leadership Academy
- Farmers Market
- Golden Eagle Ambassador and Retention team outreach by WHCL President's Scholars
- Clothing Drive to benefit area shelters
- Hanford Elite Basketball tournament
- Support of Hanford West Band with equipment and facilities
- Support for Hanford Dance Studio with facilities
- Kings Community Action Organization Service Learning projects
- Kings Behavioral Health partnership
- Active participants, Kings Economic Development Committee
- Kings Community Action Teacher of the Year host facility
- After School Program works with local girl scouts
- Kings Area Regional Transit program
- Presentations at all Hanford Elementary Schools



• • • • • In the past three years, West Hills College has served **786** students from Firebaugh, including **32%** of graduating seniors from Firebaugh High School.





HURON

(Hanford/Armona continued)

- WHCL has hosted local elementary schools on campus
- Kings Rehabilitation grant partnership

Future Plans:

- National TRIO Day, over 180 Upward Bound Students from West Hills Lemoore will join in the nationwide effort to collaborate with communities to make them cleaner and safer
- Outreach to non-traditional adults via local churches and other non-profits

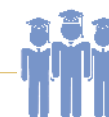
..... In the past three years, West Hills College has served **3,414** students from Hanford, including **24%** of graduating seniors from Hanford High, Hanford West, and Sierra Pacific.

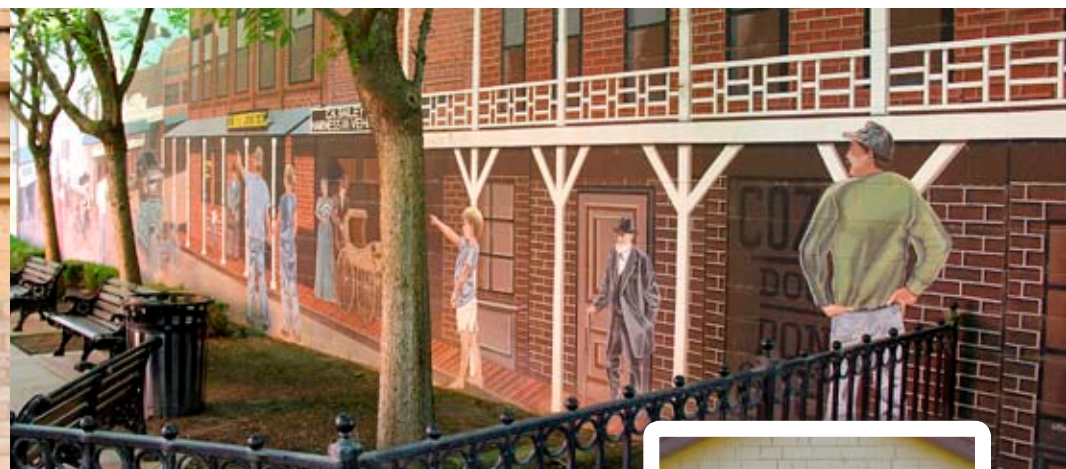


Huron:

- Offered a solar safety course and forklift certification in Huron
- Multiple short-term certification classes
- City improvement through USDA of minor repairs and painting to structures
- Senior painting project renovated fences, yards, and homes of eligible senior citizens
- Offered High School Equivalency Program (HEP) for five consecutive years
- Open entry/exit for basic computer and resume writing at the learning center
- City-wide clean up initiative sponsored by the colleges and WHCCD
- Offered Huron classes (ESL and Child Development) for the spring 2015 semester
- Outreach for Summer Class (Industrial Maintenance and Welding)
- Attend Westside Family Services Network meetings to promote our career technical education programs
- Provided computer and entrepreneur summer camps for middle school students

..... In the past three years, West Hills College has served **481** students from Huron.





Laton:

- Offered forklift certification courses
- Cash for College programs
- Upward Bound services
- High School Outreach programs
- Scholarship Presentations
- Leadership Academy



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Lemoore:

- Provided truck driving training/certification since 2007
- Have offered multiple courses of forklift certification, solar construction, solar panel installation, residential electrical, industrial electrical, motors & controls, Industrial Electrical Troubleshooting, programmable logic controller, solar farm technician, maintenance mechanic and others
- Senior painting project renovated fences, yards, and homes of eligible senior citizens through the use of the city's redevelopment funds
- Have assisted in coordinating Tune-in Tune-up events for approximately 4 years
- Walk in the Lemoore Christmas Parade
- Prostate Awareness Men's Soccer Game
- Breast Cancer Awareness Game (Men's/Women's Soccer/Women's Basketball)
- Athletic camps and sports clinics for area youth
- Thanksgiving prep for Salvation Army (Women's Basketball)
- Cash for College programs
- High School Outreach programs
- Scholarship Presentations
- Senior Exit Interviews
- Culinary providing lunches for senior citizens at Senior Center
- Culinary providing catering for numerous community events
- Eagle Pantry (student club food donations)
- Library offering Author Talks with community members
- Library Historical Archived Newspapers for the Community

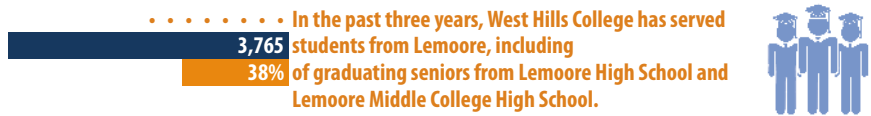


(Lemoore continued)

- Upward Bound
- Disability Awareness Week
- Parent Night for Eagle Dayz
- Creative and Cool Community College Camp; a two-week camp for youth (5th-8th graders) promotes career exploration, life skills, college-readiness
- After School Programs
- Leadership Academy
- Kings Area Regional Transit Advocacy
- Depression, Reduction, Achieving Wellness (DRAW) Mental Health Program for students
- Blood Mobiles hosted on campus
- 9-11 Veteran's Celebration
- Friends of Allensworth state historical park society promotion
- Achieving the Dream national certification
- Active members, Lemoore Chamber of Commerce
- Participation at City of Lemoore Pizza Festival
- Outreach and information booth at Lemoore Downtown Farmers Market
- Golden Eagle Arena/Conference Center serves as host venue for events such as: Academic Decathlon, Veterans Job Fair, Wine & Wellness- Nursing Program, Eagle Dayz, Gospel & Gumbo, South Valley Easter Services, Liberty Middle School Graduation, Lemoore Middle College High School Graduation, Run 4 Education, Robotics Competitions, Algerian Trade Dinner, Leprino Christmas Event, Kiwanis Valentine Dinner, Kings County Teacher of Year Awards, Lemoore High School Prom

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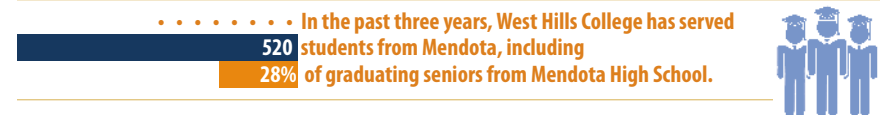
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MENDOTA

Mendota:

- Provided multiple industry certification courses
- Provided equipment and installation of distance learning equipment at the high school
- WIT contributed use of tools and equipment to high school for vocational courses
- Recruited and trained for a 40 acre solar site (74 people hired)
- Coordinated solar farm training 2014 for First Solar Mendota site (30 people hired)
- Offered High School Equivalency Program (HEP) for five years
- Workforce Investment Act youth and adult programs
- Parent orientation at Mendota High School. Information was shared to parents regarding WHC CTE Programs
- Mendota Firebaugh outreach services
- TRIO and Upward Bound weekly meetings at local high schools and regular parent meetings
- Meetings with counselors at Kerman and Dos Palos high schools
- Meetings with various community-based organizations, including Mendota Youth Council, Firebaugh Rotary Club, UC Davis Coalition, B-3 Coalition/Firebaugh Foundation
- Participated in Migrant Parents conferences – Mendota, Firebaugh
- Mendota church groups meetings
- Partnered with Mendota High School to offer college success, general education and health science classes





Riverdale:

- Have offered forklift certification and residential electrical courses at the high school
- High School Outreach programs
- Cash for College programs
- Scholarship Presentations
- Leadership Academy
- Dual Enrollment – Spanish Class
- Upward Bound Classic activities
- Upward Bound Library Project (Portable Birdhouse Traveling Library)
- Closing The Gap secondary and postsecondary educational research partnership
- Bond-funded facility improvements of \$1 million to Riverdale High School

Future Plans:

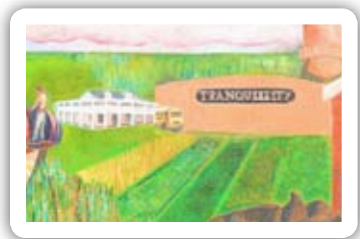
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SAN JOAQUIN

San Joaquin/Tranquillity:

- Provided multiple industry certification courses
- Provided equipment and installation of distance learning equipment at the high school
- Contributed tools and equipment to high school for vocational courses
- Workforce Investment Act youth and adult programs
- Provided citizenship classes
- Hosted Upward Bound parenting meetings
- Hosted free small business training workshop
- Invested nearly \$200,000 to renovate an instructional classroom adjacent to City Hall



West Hills Westside Institute of Technology

Westside Institute of Technology (WIT) is a collaborative project of West Hills Community College District and K-12 districts in the areas of Firebaugh-Las Deltas, Golden Plains and Mendota Unified School Districts. The mission of the WIT is to improve the quality of life through quality of work, linking individual learners and employers through regional collaboration between career and technical education and business.

Pooling facilities and financial resources, WIT provides short-term job training for high-demand careers. Most of the classes are mobile and move from community to community so the market is not over saturated and students save on transportation costs. Many of the classes are taught in English and Spanish. Working with local employers, the Fresno County Workforce Investment Board and Economic Development Corporation, WIT seeks to identify jobs of the future and the skills needed by those who will fill those jobs.

With WIT now well established and its success documented one student at a time, the communities are better positioned to survive the drought and its economic impacts. The model of trust, cooperation, collaboration and pooled resources has worked well. While curriculum is provided or dictated at the discretion of the employer, proven and successful education methodologies to instruct that curriculum are already in place. WHCCD is outfitted with competent faculty and staff as well as industry-leading educational resources and world-class training facilities in Lemoore, Coalinga, and Mendota. In addition, the Coalinga-based Farm of the Future, a world class instructional facility with dedicated lab space, offers a wide range of training.

The WIT offers customized training in multiple industry sectors, including

- Agriculture
- Medical/Clinical
- Business/Professional
- Construction
- Electrical/Solar/Renewables
- Heavy Equipment, Manufacturing
- Safety
- A full suite of Vehicle training is also available, including dump truck, lift truck, forklift, genie lift, loader truck, OSHA 10, rider pallet truck, rough terrain forklift, tractor, and truck driving.

West Hills College Community Education and Concurrent Enrollment Classes

- U.S. Citizenship Preparation Class
- Community Education Men's Basketball
- Basic Computers
- Literacy Group
- Power Fitness, Zumba
- Robotics for Kids
- "Refresh My Math" for Kids
- Mini-Movers Dance for Kids
- Zumbathon "Party in Pink" event to benefit breast cancer prevention and research
- Spanish for Beginners
- Basic Computers for Seniors
- Chevron Fun Physical Science Camp
- Completion Ceremony for the Community Education U.S. Citizenship Preparation Class at San Joaquin Center

Concurrent enrollment courses at Avenal High School

- Introduction to College Reading and Writing
- Introductory Spanish for Non-Native Speakers
- Restaurant Math
- Dining Room Service and Management
- Nutrition for Chefs
- Plant Science
- Computer Concepts in Agriculture
- College Success
- Art Appreciation

Concurrent enrollment courses at Lemoore Middle College High School

- College Success
- Personal Health & Hygiene

Concurrent enrollment courses at Mendota High

- Personal Health and Hygiene
- Emergency Medical Technician

Concurrent enrollment courses at Firebaugh High School

- Personal Health and Hygiene
- Introduction to Criminal Justice
- American Government

Concurrent classes previously held at Tranquillity High School

- Personal Health and Hygiene
- Introduction to Criminal Justice
- Music Appreciation



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