

Automotive Technology Program Receives High Marks for Student Success

The Golden West College Automotive Department had its NATEF recertification visit in November and the Team Leader pointed out that all employers who were called rated GWC students a “5” out of “5” for quality of employees. They also acknowledged that our faculty are highly certified and our tools/equipment are above industry standards.

Furthermore, 17 out of the 19 graduates from the Honda Care program were hired full time directly after graduation!

Dr. Claudia Lee, Dean of Enrollment Management and Acting Dean of CTE commended the Automotive Technology faculty, “for continuing to provide exemplary instruction and workforce training. Thank you for all the hard work and dedication you put into the program and our students!”

Golden West College is certified by the National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation (NATEF) in all areas of automotive technology. Certification through NATEF evaluation ensures that certified training programs meet or exceed industry-recognized, uniform standards of excellence. Students who train at a NATEF certified facility are eligible to become ASE certified mechanics.



The Vida Greer–Martin Memorial Project Page Turner

“The sun did not shine, it was too wet to play, so they came to GWC on that cold, cold wet day...”

On a cold day in November, with rain threatening, 150 second and third graders from College View Elementary School walked to Golden West College to participate in Project Page Turner, an annual event to promote the joy of reading. The event



featured published author Charles Royston and was hosted by the Student Senate Committee and the Intercultural Program. Student volunteers from the ASGWC Student Council, Student Senate, and Campus Clubs read to the children. The kids were served lunch and enjoyed other activities during their 90 minute stay.

Project Page Turner is dedicated to the memory of Vida Greer-Martin who was a long time employee in Student Activities and former student council member. It was dedicated to her because it was her favorite event and she enjoyed reading to the children and promoting early college outreach.



GWC hosts its Annual High School Counselor Breakfast

Early Tuesday morning on December 3, over 80 High School Counselors attended a breakfast event in the Student Center at GWC. This is an annual event, which provides a networking opportunity between the high school counselors, and GWC counselors, faculty and staff. It is also a venue to present important information to our feeder high schools at one time.

The guests visited faculty and staff, who represented their departments' at display tables, to learn more about GWC's programs and services. Everyone walked away with a GWC tshirt and a bag full of promotional materials.

Dr. Omid Pourzanjani, Vice President of Instruction and Student Learning, served as the Master of Ceremonies for the presentation portion of the morning's event. Golden West College Counselors Vanessa Bonilla and Stephanie Dumont presented important information about GWC's completion and transfer guarantees, changes in priority registration policies, and the Student Success Initiative.

The presentation wrapped up with Jessica Bravo, ASGWC member and Puente student, and Roman Osorno, Alpha Gamma Sigma member and Nursing student, who gave a brief talk about their positive experiences at Golden West.

The Ballet Repertory Theatre presents **The Nutcracker Ballet**

December 8 - 24, 2013 • GWC Mainstage Theater

Nearly 300 spirited performers in dazzling costumes gracefully bring to life beloved holiday music with vibrant props and sets. Travel through a magical world of life-size dolls, colossal mice, and delicate snowflakes to the fabulous Land of Sweets, home of the Sugar Plum Fairy and her Prince. Exuberant French, Spanish, Arabian, Russian, and Chinese dancers await you, along with twirling candy canes and waltzing flowers. Charming and cheerful, Orange County's longest-running *Nutcracker* is a feel-good, holiday tradition for the entire family!

Tickets are only \$14 to \$18 at www.gwctheater.com or 714-895-8150.

