



COS Vocational Education

two-minute report

COLLEGE OF THE SEQUOIAS VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

Rolando Gonzalez is taking the COS Architectural Program to new levels. “RO” as students and staff refer to him is a COS graduate who attended Texas A&M University at the coaching of former instructor and now teaching partner Dr. Ray Loyd. In just three short years Rolando has inspired COS students to reach for the stars and expand their horizons through competitions and applying to four-year universities.

Two years ago, *Edison International* approached COS about using the new Tulare Center farm property for a project for their global design contest. Students from all over the world entered the competition that was based on designing an energy efficient student housing facility on the new property. Rolando



Gerardo Lemus and Rosalie Dullane put the finishing touches on a design and model as part of their studies in the COS Architectural Program. Rosalie is from Lemoore and Gerardo is from Porterville. Both are in their third semester at COS and travel each day because they want to transfer to four-year universities to further their studies in Architecture. They are both excited about what they have learned at COS.



James Marford and Monique Corrales compare notes for a design project. James is from Visalia and admits he stumbled onto the COS Architectural program by accident. He is excited that he did because now he loves the program and looks forward to some new opportunities as a future architect. Monique is from Dinuba and has her sights set on completing her studies at COS before transferring on to the university level. She indicates she has learned a great deal about design in the COS program.

and his students took the challenge and for the first time ever the students from COS placed first.

A short time later Rolando had COS enter the prestigious Cal Poly Architectural competition and once again COS students placed first over other community colleges and universities from all over the country.

The COS Architectural program is on the rise. Hopefully next summer the program will be offering an architectural course that will include a trip to Rome, Italy to study architectural styles. If you are interested in such a class, you may contact Rolando at 730-3758.



COS Architectural Instructor
Rolando Gonzalez

COS Architecture is Rocking With Ro!

Behind the Turquoise Door Is Where Kids Count!

COS Vocational Education is *only* about teaching students how to repair engines, build houses, milk cows or operate computers, right! WRONG!

Take a minute someday and walk behind the turquoise door in room 504 and you will see a whole new world of education that teaches people about us! That's right, about us. *Consumer Family Studies* focuses on teaching students about how to take care of us. Whether it is child care, fashion, nutrition or dietetics, caring for the elderly teaching, CFS is dedicated to teaching students about how to function in life. *Deb Campbell, CFS Division Chair*, coordinates numerous certificate programs and courses designed to fill that educational void that exists today with so many high school programs being cut back or reduced.

The *COS Voc-Ed Two-Minute* report will feature several different parts of the COS CFS program in the weeks to come. However, today we want to focus on a little known part of the COS Consumer Family Studies, that of our *Foster Care* program.

What happens to the children when law enforcement officials are called to a home for domestic violence and the parents have to be taken to jail? Or when innocent children are left behind when their parent or parents are busted for drugs. That's when our court system steps into the picture and assigns these children to a foster care family to meet their basic needs.

One may ask, who trains foster parents to be good parents? Foster parents become foster parents



from the heart. Their primary motive for doing so comes from an inner need to help children.

Fortunately, that's when *Linda Paredez, COS Foster Care Program Director* comes into the picture. Linda coordinates the instructional program for the training of foster parents in Tulare and Kings Counties. COS is the only community college with such a program. Nearly 400 individuals participate in a variety of foster care training programs through COS. Courses such as Deciding to Adopt, Ages & Stages and Love and Logic Parenting are just a few of the courses that Linda coordinates in her program. For more information about the program you can contact *Linda Paredez at 737-4842*.



What's Cooking?

Anne Marie Vaughn and Micah Ramos practice their cooking skills in Barbara Reynolds foods class. Anne Marie is from Tulare and plans to attend Fresno State to get her degree in nutrition. She wants to work for a medical facility in dietetic work. Micah wants to be a chef at a five-star restaurant or on a cruise ship. Both feel that COS offers an excellent nutrition program. They feel that the instructors are real professionals that know their stuff and are really helpful in teaching the latest in food safety and preparation.