

## Welcome to the **Workforce Education Spring Quarter Newsletter!!**

Tacoma Community College's Workforce Education programs are dynamic in nature and we are excited to introduce a quarterly newsletter to share updates with our valued partners!

### **Embark on a new educational journey with Entry Services at Tacoma Community College!**

Led by Entry Navigator Christi Rose, we are excited to introduce our Spanish-language podcast, "Tu Guía al Éxito" (Your Guide to Success). This podcast takes a holistic, whole-family approach to the college entry decision. "Family is the central unit of life in the Latino community. If one person goes to college, the whole family goes to college," explained Rose.

Produced in TCC's state-of-the-art Building 16 Studio, the podcast comprises six insightful episodes, with two already available. Each episode is offered in both Spanish and English. The inaugural episode features TCC faculty members Sergio Hernandez, Ivan Ramirez Carrascal, and Dr. Tomas Ramos, focusing on faculty tips for college success.

The podcast's goal is to raise awareness of the value of higher education in the Latino community. Rose wants to give families an idea of what they can expect, and how they can support students undertaking the college journey. She also wants everyone to know that career options exist for undocumented citizens, and that college is for everyone. [Tune in, join the conversation, and let "Tu Guía al Éxito" be the compass to success in higher education!](#)

## **Bachelor Degree Programs Applications Now Open!**

- **Applied Management**
- **Community Health**
- **Health Information Management**
- **IT Networking Information Systems & Technology**

[Click here to learn more about Bachelor Programs & Individual Programs Applications](#)

If you have clients who are interested in the Healthcare Pathway (Allied Health, Nursing, Respiratory Therapy, Radiologic Science, DMS, HIT, Medical Billing, EMT, EMS), we offer information sessions. Please share this link:

[www.tacomacc.edu/healthcareers](http://www.tacomacc.edu/healthcareers)

### **Workforce has five funding programs:**

- Basic Food Employment & Training Grant
- WorkFirst Grant
- Worker Retraining Grant
- Opportunity Grant
- Early Achievers Grant

[Click here to learn more about Workforce Education](#)



**Would you like a presentation for your staff or customers?**

Please contact our Lead Outreach Navigator, Lorrie Ann @ [lann@tacomacc.edu](mailto:lann@tacomacc.edu), 253-566-5247

# FUNDING APPLICATION WORKSHOPS for spring quarter are shown below!

Students can scan QR code or visit our website to sign up!

ZOOM Mondays 10:00am

In-person Tuesdays & Wednesdays 1:30pm



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[WWW.TACOMACC.EDU/  
WORKFORCE](http://WWW.TACOMACC.EDU/WORKFORCE)

**Funding  
options  
available!**

## February 2024

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Enrollment for the upcoming spring quarter is now open!

Spring Quarter Starts on Monday April 1, 2024

*Reminder: [TCC Welcome Center](#) is located in building 8 on campus. They are a one-stop shop for potential and new students to get help with starting at TCC.*



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## Celebrating the Journey of a student: Fanny Ruiz Zuno Shines Bright in the Spotlight



We are thrilled to share an inspiring success story that exemplifies the spirit of dedication, resilience, and achievement within our student body. Today, we spotlight the incredible journey of Fanny Ruiz-Zuno a shining star whose path to success serves as a beacon for us all.

Fanny Ruiz-Zuno born in La Ceiba, Honduras, fondly recalls a joyful childhood spent playing outdoors in the hot and humid climate. Her pursuit of criminal law studies in Honduras was cut short by instability, leading to immigration to the United States. Despite challenges, including adapting to a new life and raising a son with special needs, Fanny's experiences shaped her critical perspective on problem-solving and a commitment to justice.

Upon arriving in the U.S., Fanny initially prioritized caring for her son over learning English. Driven by a desire for self-reliance, she later enrolled at Tacoma Community College, restarting her English studies. The 2020 pandemic temporarily paused her education, but in 2022, motivated by personal growth and supported by the Workforce program, Fanny returned to school.

Fanny's lifelong passion for helping others, cultivated through volunteering, led her to pursue a Human Services Program. Now Fanny is a second year Human Services student at the Tacoma Community College and doing the internship at the Workforce Education Department. During her internship, she gained valuable insights into program operations, resources, and student assistance, emphasizing the crucial role of support in academic success. During her second internship, Fanny shared her student experiences in "Tu Guía al Éxito", a Spanish-language podcast episode, emphasizing her dedication to making a significant impact and supporting students navigating their college journey.

Fanny aims to secure a part-time role in a community organization while working towards her bachelor's degree, with a focus on contributing to the community and aiding those in need. Her unwavering commitment to education includes aspirations for a master's degree without any interruptions until she achieves her goal.

Her motto, "Don't waste your time like I did and live your dream like I'm living right now," encapsulates her inspiring journey.

As Fanny prepares to take the next step in her academic journey, we celebrate the indomitable spirit that has brought her to this point. Her story is a testament to the transformative power of education, perseverance, and community support. Join us in congratulating Fanny for her outstanding achievements and wishing her continued success in all future endeavors. We are confident that she will continue to inspire us all with her passion, leadership, and unwavering commitment to excellence.