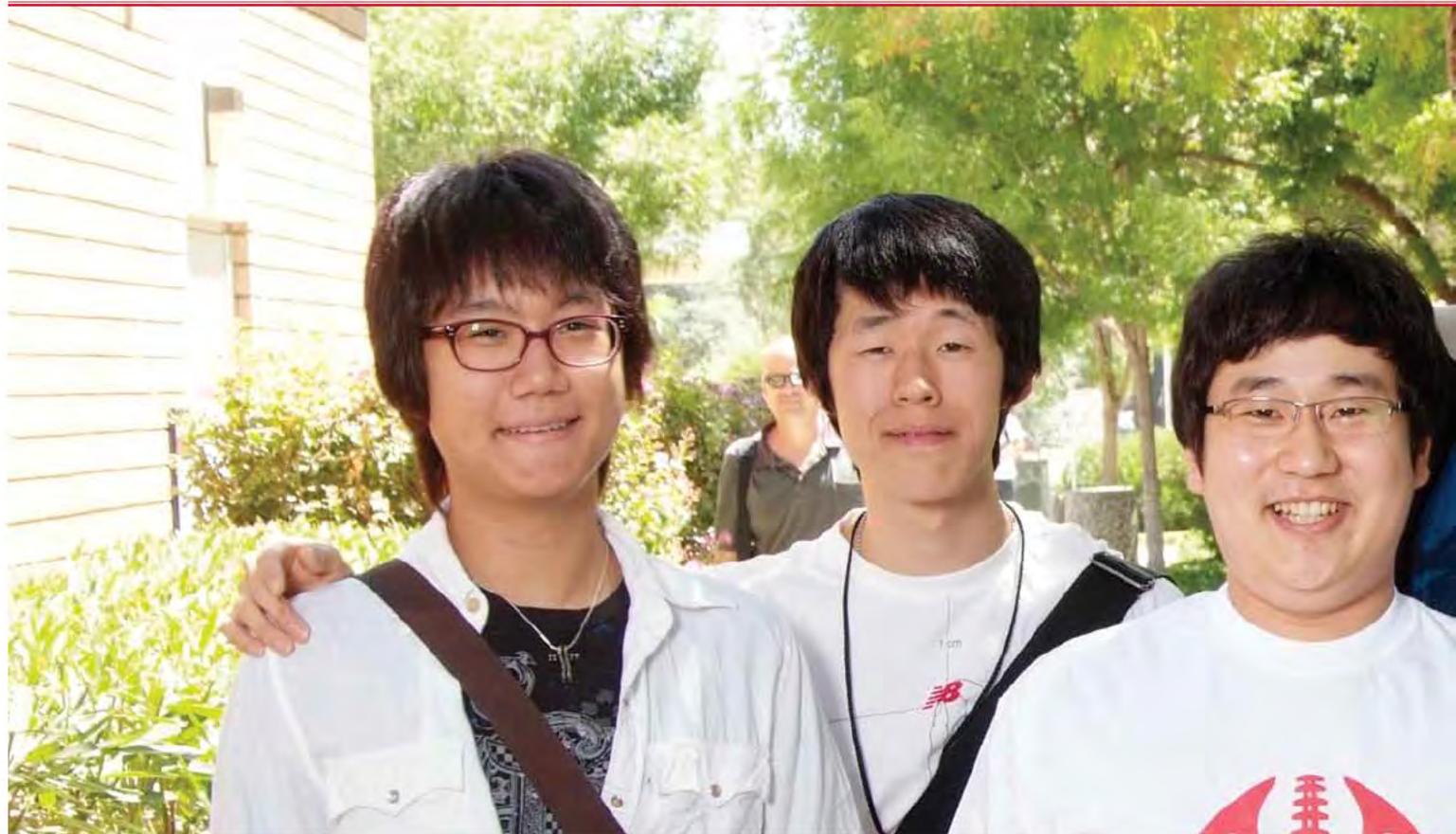


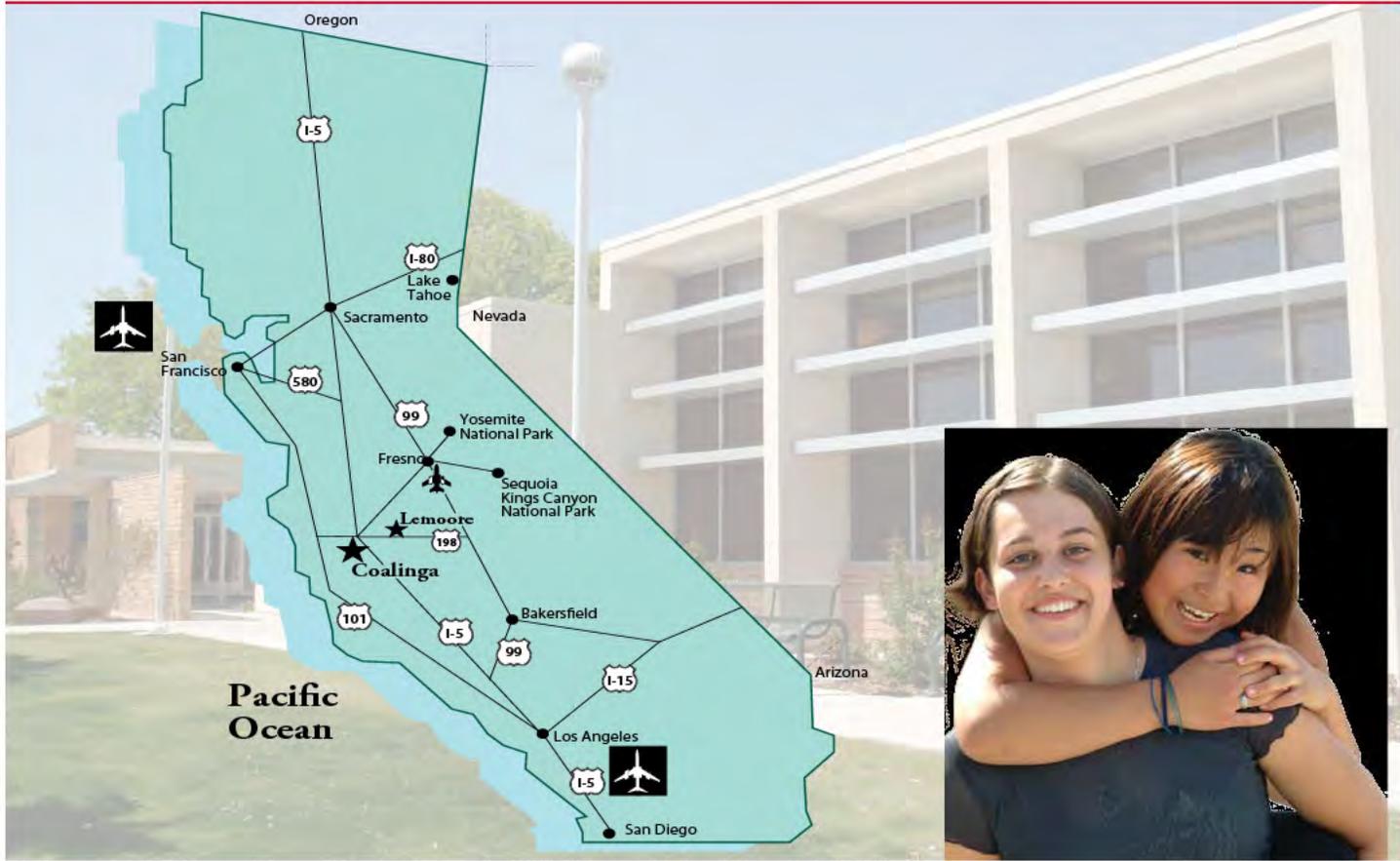
WEST HILLS COLLEGE COALINGA

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS PROGRAM









Congratulations on your decision to attend an American college.

Personal attention and dedication to our international students has allowed our program to grow significantly over the years. We have over 120 students from countries in Asia, Europe, South America, Africa, and the former Soviet Republic.

Students may choose to enroll in one of the many programs that exist at West Hills. An associate degree from West Hills facilitates admittance to the University of California or California State University systems, and is recognized by colleges and universities throughout the country. Short-term certificate programs are available that allow students to improve skills for their jobs at home.

Campus life offers a variety of activities including clubs and athletics. Some students may choose to work part-time on campus to help supplement their experience in the U.S.A. Our office also coordinates monthly field trips for international students.

Whatever the goal of the student, my job, as director of the International Students Program, is to make sure that students have an outstanding educational experience in America. Our motto, “once you go here, you can go anywhere,” is especially true for international students.

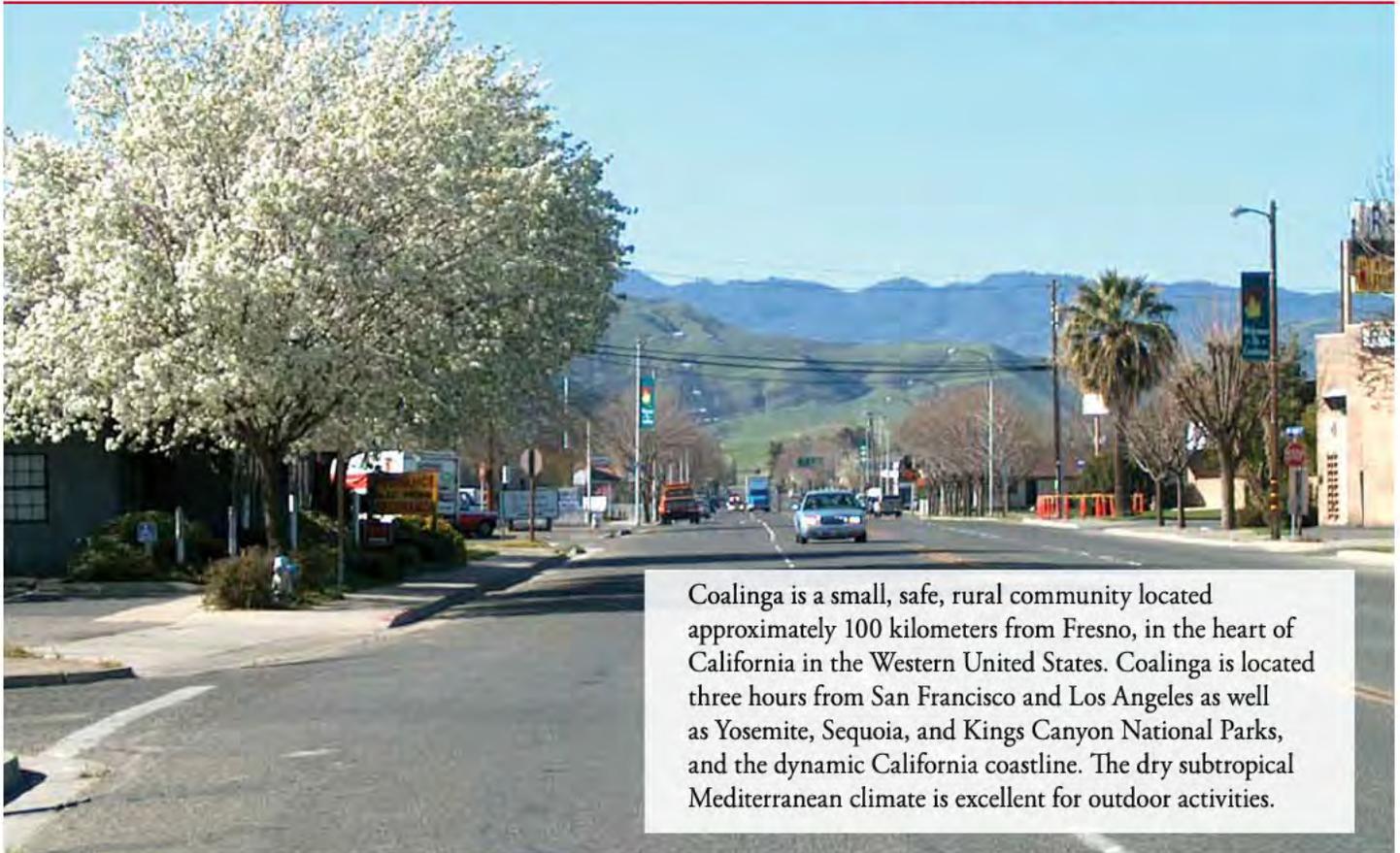
Daniel Tamayo
Director, International Students Program



West Hills College Coalinga is a public, two-year college located in the city of Coalinga, California. Coalinga is centrally located, mid-way between Los Angeles and San Francisco. West Hills College Coalinga is fully accredited by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (Western Association of Schools and Colleges).

West Hills College Coalinga is located in California's Central Valley, one of the fastest growing regions in the state of California and the U.S.

The Central Valley is considered one of the world's most productive agricultural regions. The central location is ideal for students interested in living and studying in a small, rural community while continuing to have access to many of California's main attractions.



Coalinga is a small, safe, rural community located approximately 100 kilometers from Fresno, in the heart of California in the Western United States. Coalinga is located three hours from San Francisco and Los Angeles as well as Yosemite, Sequoia, and Kings Canyon National Parks, and the dynamic California coastline. The dry subtropical Mediterranean climate is excellent for outdoor activities.





**2+2 SYSTEM
COMMUNITY COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY TRANSFER**

The first two years at West Hills College Coalinga are similar to the first two years in a university. Students may then choose to transfer to a university for the third and

fourth year. Students who need additional language preparation may take longer than two years at a community college.

Academic advisors and counselors at West Hills College Coalinga will assist you in reaching your academic goals. Students are expected to meet on a regular basis with their academic advisor/counselor to determine the appropriate coursework needed to transfer to a university. If your goal is to improve English language skills, you are at the correct place since we have skilled staff to help you achieve this goal.

Higher education in the U.S. is very different from most countries. The graph at right describes the educational structure in the United States, with each step building on the previous one.







West Hills College Coalinga offers students the same lower-division courses that four-year universities offer, with many added benefits:

- ◆ Low student to faculty ratio
- ◆ Instructors committed to students
- ◆ Friendly and resourceful staff
- ◆ Diverse student population
- ◆ Knowledgeable staff to help assist in transfer to four-year universities
- ◆ Lower tuition costs
- ◆ International student support services
- ◆ Introductory English courses designed for students learning English as a Second Language
- ◆ Intensive English Language Program
- ◆ Full-time 15+ hours of classroom instruction per week
- ◆ Computer assisted instruction
- ◆ Small class sizes
- ◆ Free tutoring offered
- ◆ Wireless internet access
- ◆ On campus housing



A young man with dark hair and a friendly smile is wearing a bright blue t-shirt. He is standing outdoors in front of a building with a white metal railing. The background shows green trees and a clear sky, suggesting a campus setting.

“West Hills College has proved to be one of the best decisions of my life. Not only has West Hills provided me with a great education, but they have also helped me to adjust to the American society. I had the opportunity to experience and be involved in a student club and working on the college campus. These two events have proven to be the best experience for me on campus.”

Josef Mondec - Sweden



West Hills College Coalinga is an excellent place to start your university degree. West Hills offers A.A. degrees that can be transferred to four-year universities. Our academic programs include:

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AVAILABLE

- ◆ Intensive English Courses (*non-transferable*)
- ◆ University Transfer and Career Training
- ◆ Certificate Programs
- ◆ Associate Degree Transfer

Among the associate degree programs that can be selected at West Hills College Coalinga are:

ASSOCIATE DEGREES

- ◆ Administration of Justice
- ◆ Art (Studio, Art History)
- ◆ Biology
- ◆ Business
- ◆ Business Administration
- ◆ Child Development
- ◆ Computer Information Systems
- ◆ Geography

- ◆ Health Science
- ◆ Humanities
- ◆ Law Enforcement/AOJ Corrections
- ◆ Office Management & Technologies
- ◆ Liberal Arts
- ◆ Performing Arts
- ◆ Physical Education
- ◆ Social Sciences
- ◆ Precision Agriculture
- ◆ Psychiatric Technician
- ◆ Psychology

CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS/CAREER

- ◆ Agricultural Business
- ◆ Business: Business Management, Bookkeeping, Clerk Typist, Word Processing
- ◆ Child Development Administration Certificate
- ◆ Heavy Equipment Operator
- ◆ Nurse Assistant
- ◆ Precision Agriculture
- ◆ Psychiatric Technician
- ◆ Teaching Assistant-Elementary and Secondary
- ◆ Television Production, Technical Theater Production



“All my life I had a dream. My dream was to get an education and to play basketball in the United States. At West Hills College Coalinga I met with staff and everybody has been very kind, friendly, and hospitable here; they have made it possible for me to feel at home. People are my best experience here at West Hills College Coalinga.”

Allen - Moscow, Russia



Many of our students transfer to local, state and national universities. Top choices include the 23 California State University campuses and the 10 University of California campuses in the state of California. International students may also choose to transfer to a university outside of California or to private colleges.

Some of the universities that our students have transferred to include:

- ◆ University of Southern California
- ◆ California State University, Long Beach
- ◆ Cal Poly San Luis Obispo
- ◆ California State University, Fresno
- ◆ California State University, San Francisco
- ◆ California State University, Los Angeles
- ◆ University of California, Berkeley
- ◆ University of California, Los Angeles
- ◆ University of California, Santa Barbara
- ◆ University of California, Riverside
- ◆ University of California, San Diego
- ◆ University of Ohio
- ◆ University of Montana
- ◆ Arizona State University
- ◆ Temple U, Japan





AIRPORT PICK-UP/DROP OFF

Airport pick-up/drop off is available for students at the Fresno Yosemite International Airport. The office of International Students Program requires students who have been admitted to provide an itinerary indicating their arrival date, time and airline. Students should provide this information at least two weeks in advance of arrival. The office of International Students Program will then make the appropriate pick-up arrangements.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ORIENTATION

International students must arrive one week prior to the start of classes. Students will be given a placement exam and will meet with an advisor/counselor to determine their courses and academic planning. Orientation week is very important, since this is the week when students meet instructors, counselors and advisors, International Students Program staff and other international students. Students are also given an orientation to the WHCC campus and the community of Coalinga.

TUTORING

Tutoring is available for students for courses in which they feel they need additional preparation, including conversational English. This service is free of charge.

COUNSELING AND ADVISING

Students are encouraged to meet with their counselor/advisor regularly to monitor their academic progress. Counselors and advisors are available for students year round; you may walk in or schedule an appointment.

PERSONALIZED CONTACT WITH HOME AGENCIES

Students who have been referred to West Hills College Coalinga may sign a release form that authorizes West Hills College Coalinga to have regular contact with their home agency.

HOUSING ACCOMMODATIONS

West Hills College Coalinga provides assistance to all international students seeking housing. Housing options include:

- ◆ **On-campus housing:** International students are required to live on campus during their first year at West Hills College Coalinga. International students admitted into West Hills College are guaranteed a place in the residence hall. Students living on campus will have three meals provided to them, Monday-Friday and two meals on Saturday and Sunday.
- ◆ **Off-campus housing:** Off-campus housing is recommended to returning students who have been at West Hills for more than one year, and who have adjusted to living in a foreign country. The office of the International Students Program can assist students who select this option.





CULTURAL PROGRAMS, LECTURES AND FIELD TRIPS

International students have several opportunities to become involved in lectures and programs as well as scheduled field trips. West Hills College Coalinga schedules educational and recreational field trips to

the San Francisco Bay area, Southern California and other locations throughout California.

SPORTS

West Hills College Coalinga offers several sports in which international students may participate. They include: football, basketball, baseball, rodeo, volleyball and softball.

ON CAMPUS COMPUTER LABS

International students have access to several on-campus computer labs, including the library and women's residence hall. There are over 300 computers on campus available for student use.

ON-CAMPUS HOUSING

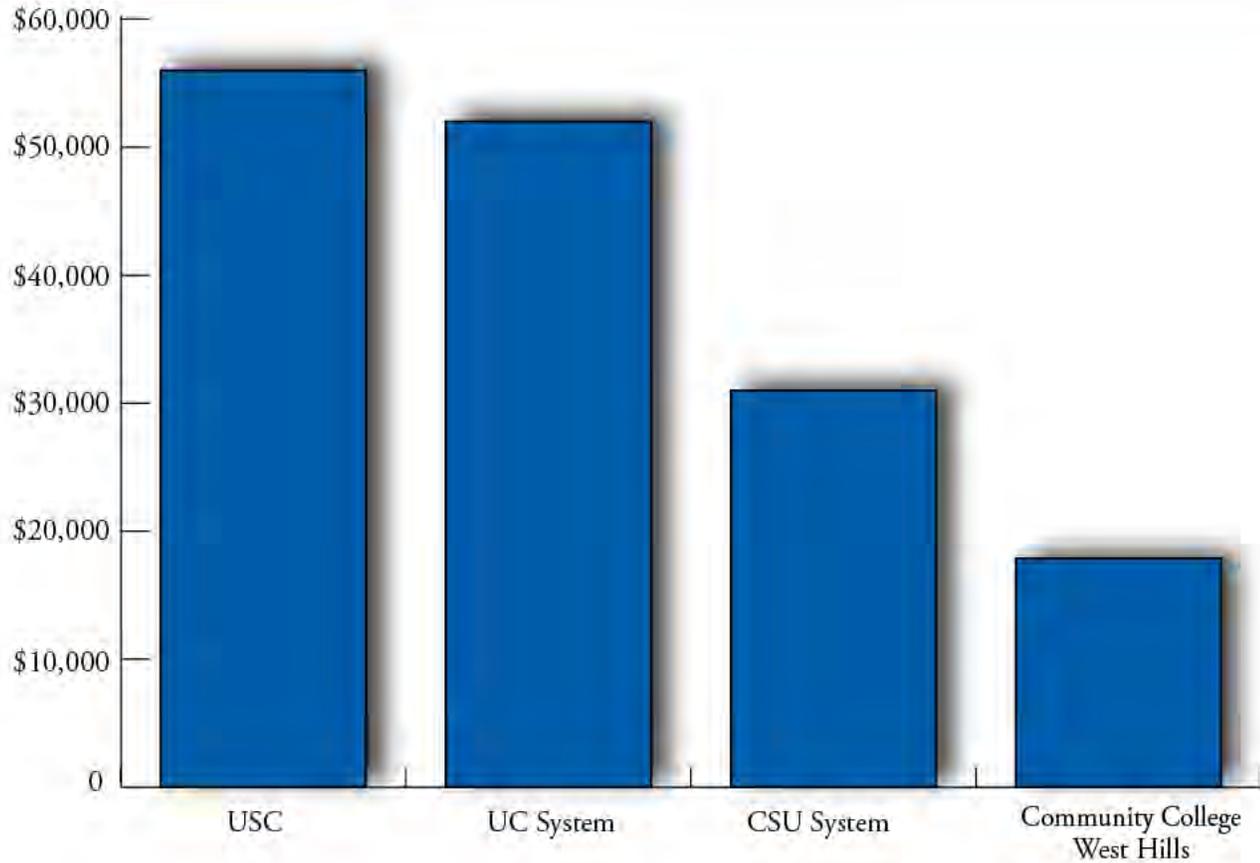
West Hills College Coalinga has two on-campus residence halls. The Edna Ivans Hall for women has capacity for 56. Gordon Hall, the men's residence hall, has capacity for 121.

ACADEMIC COUNSELING

International students may take advantage of the friendly advisors, counselors and staff to counsel them in their academic needs and goals.

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE PROGRAM

International students who need additional English preparation may choose to enroll in our ESL courses to acquire and improve their English skills.





COSTS PER YEAR

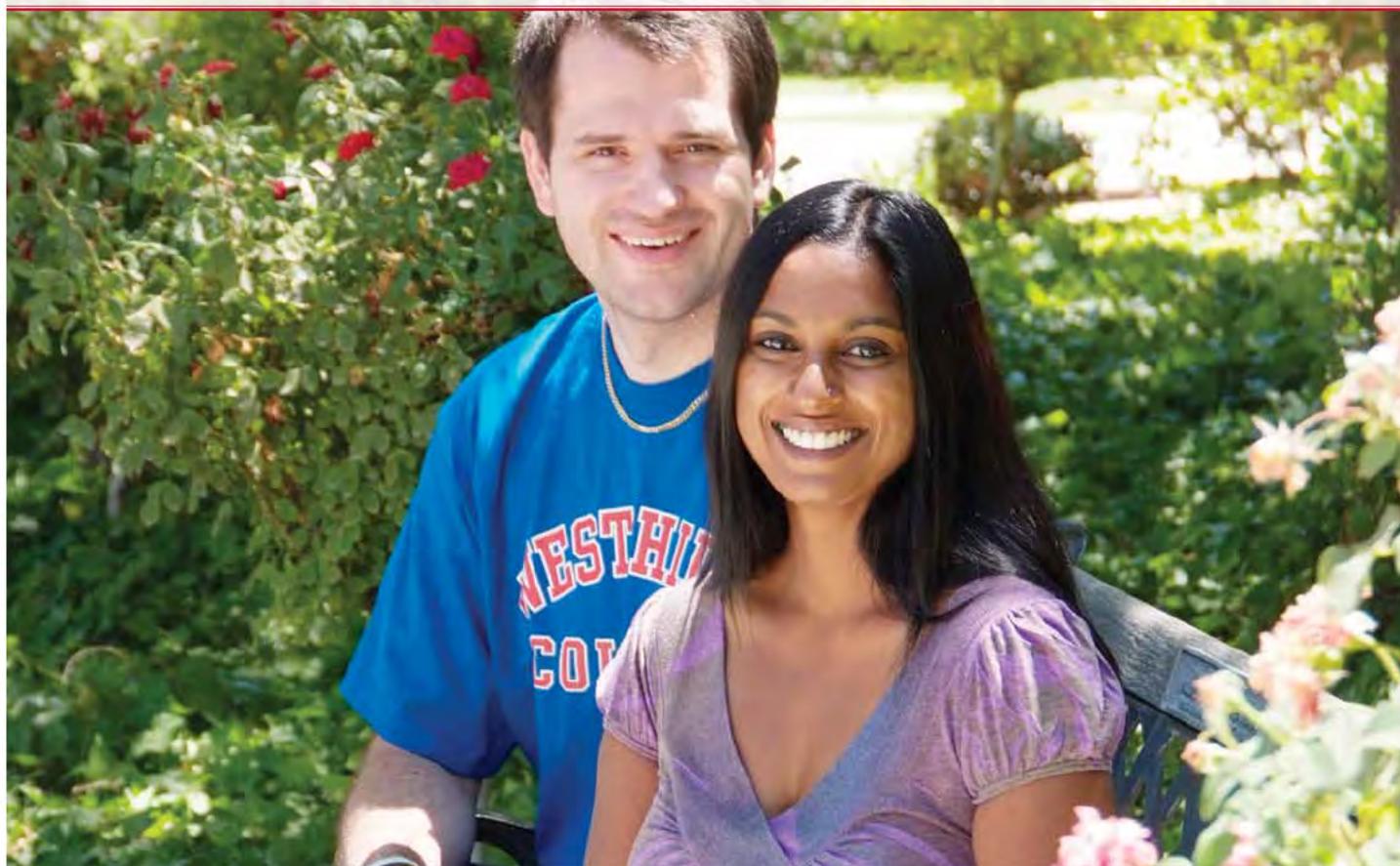
Private University	\$ 56,000	USC
Public University	\$ 52,600	UC System
Public University	\$ 31,000	CSU System
Community College	\$ 17,838	West Hills Community College

PROJECTED COSTS OF COMMUNITY COLLEGE EDUCATION

Starting your higher education at West Hills College Coalinga can save international students thousands of dollars every year. Below, are the estimated costs to attend West Hills College Coalinga.

◆ Tuition + Fees	\$6,992.00	(\$283 per unit + \$100 per semester international processing fee)
◆ Room and Board	\$6,806.10	
◆ Books	\$1,100.00	
◆ Insurance	\$1,140.00	(Fall and Spring semesters combined)
◆ Miscellaneous	<u>\$1,800.00</u>	(\$200 x 9)
◆ Total	\$17,838.10	*

* These totals vary, according to what accommodations the student elects, costs of books and the amount each student requires for living expenses. Tuition and fees are subject to change.





APPLICATION PROCESS

✓ Complete West Hills College Coalinga International Students Application for Admission (available online at www.westhillscollge.com/coalinga)

- ✓ Transcript from secondary schools and other colleges translated to English
- ✓ Proof of health insurance
- ✓ Financial statement from banking institution indicating bank account in good standing with sufficient funds.
- ✓ All documents must be sent to the following address:

West Hills College Coalinga
International Students Program
300 Cherry Lane
Coalinga, CA 93210
USA

APPLICATION EVALUATION

The office of International Students Program will review and process your application within three weeks of receipt. The application package should include all documents indicated above.

If admitted, you will then receive an admission letter with an I-20 form, and information regarding airport pick-up.

The student is then responsible for submitting the I-20 along with required documents to the local US Embassy or Consulate in their home country, and requesting a student visa.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

If you have any questions regarding the admission process please email the International Students Program office at internationalstudent@westhillscollge.com.



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