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## **College of the Desert Invites the Community to Attend Family Night 2019**

PALM DESERT, CA — For the second consecutive year, College of the Desert will host Family Night / Noche de Familia. The free, open house event will take place on Wednesday, December 11 from 5:30 - 8 p.m. at the Palm Desert Campus.

With Family Night, College of the Desert invites parents, families and students to learn about the admission process, how to apply for financial aid and how to qualify for the free tuition program available to high school seniors (or equivalent) in the Coachella Valley.

"Family Night is an innovative program that focuses on bringing prospective students and their families to visit our community college. We are here to support and answer their questions about how to embark on achieving greater educational and economic opportunities through enrollment at College of the Desert," said Dr. Oscar Espinoza-Parra, Dean of Enrollment Services.

During Family Night, participants will have the opportunity to meet faculty, counselors, staff and current students.

Representatives from almost every area of the College will be on hand to guide families throughout the evening and present them with the tools and information needed to enroll at College of the Desert.



Espinoza-Parra shared that the event will offer information on how to earn a certificate, an associate degree, enroll in English as a Second Language classes and the institution's general education equivalency program.

Presentations will be in English and Spanish.

Those interested in attending are encouraged to RSVP online by completing the [Family Night Participation Form](#). Dinner will be provided for guests who RSVP.

SunLine bus passes for the event will be available upon request by emailing [familynight@collegeofthedesert.edu](mailto:familynight@collegeofthedesert.edu).

Para información en Español, visite nuestro sitio web [Noche de Familia](#).

### **About College of the Desert:**

Established in 1958, College of the Desert, located in Palm Desert, is an accredited community college serving eastern Riverside County, California. The College leads the region in providing quality, higher education, technical training and lifelong learning opportunities, in response to the dynamic needs of our diverse community. The College serves more than 18,000 students each year and is the number one source of transfer students to California State University, San Bernardino Palm Desert Campus. For more information, visit [www.collegeofthedesert.edu](http://www.collegeofthedesert.edu).