CIT Monthly Newsletter

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JCAST Open House



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On Saturday, October 17, Fresno State's Jordan College of Agricultural Sciences and Technology (JCAST) welcomed the community for its annual Open House, bringing together agriculture, education, and family-friendly activities for a day of discovery. From farm tours and a pumpkin patch to a plant sale, face painting, horse petting, raffle prizes, and much more, the event offered something for visitors of all ages, especially the youngest members of the community.

For the Center for Irrigation Technology, the Open House was an opportunity to introduce visitors and prospective students to our work and show how irrigation research and technology contribute to water management and modern agriculture.



Visiting CIT's Hydraulics Lab

CIT welcomed visitors for tours of its hydraulics lab, offering a closer look at our facilities and the work we do. The tours helped educate community members and prospective students about CIT's role in irrigation technology, equipment testing, and applied research.

By opening our doors, we were able to share a behind-the-scenes look at the science and technology that support agricultural irrigation and help connect classroom learning with real-world applications.



Learning Through Play with the Irrigation Club

Alongside CIT, Fresno State's Irrigation Student Club introduced visitors to three irrigation methods through an interactive, hands-on display featuring drip, sprinkler, and flood irrigation. Water collected from the demonstration flowed into a small "duck pond," where children could fish for plastic ducks, answer simple water-and-agriculture-related trivia questions, and win fun prizes.

The club's interactive approach demonstrated how hands-on activities can make technical topics accessible and memorable for younger audiences, while also highlighting student involvement in agricultural education.



Bringing Agriculture and Community Together

The JCAST Open House was a wonderful opportunity to connect with the community, introduce visitors to Fresno State's agricultural programs, and showcase the people and facilities advancing agricultural innovation.

For CIT, the event reinforced the importance of outreach and education alongside research and testing. Whether through a tour of our hydraulics lab or a child's first introduction to irrigation at the duck pond, these experiences help spark curiosity and build awareness of the technologies that support agriculture.

We appreciate everyone who visited the CIT and Irrigation Club booths during the Open House, and we look forward to continuing to share our work with the Fresno State community and beyond.

Stay Connected

We invite you to stay connected with CIT by following our updates on social media, exploring our research and testing services on our website, and reaching out to learn more about collaboration opportunities.

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