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VICKIE AND JERRY DURANT HALL OPENS TO RAVE REVIEWS

# MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

New facilities, record high enrollment, another bachelor's degree, a new trustee and golf coach, and additional generous donors. These are a few of the topics highlighted in this edition of The Hilltop.

Thanks to the generosity of Vickie and Jerry Durant, Weatherford College now boasts one of the nicest residence halls in the country. This world class facility is not only helping us to recruit and retain championship caliber student athletes, it is also raising our entire institutional profile in the process.

Record high enrollment has led to a few growing pains, but they are wonderful problems to have! We are now embarking on the most ambitious building campaign in Weatherford College history. Several of our original buildings will soon be replaced with beautiful new state-of-the-art facilities.

Five years ago, WC had zero bachelor's degrees. With the latest edition of a bachelor's degree in computer science, we now have five bachelor's degree programs. Each of these five bachelor's degrees may be earned for about a third of the price of the most affordable university-based bachelor's degree.

We are excited to add Mary Beth Dennie to the WC Board of Trustees. Collectively, that group helps make the magic happen. We are also excited about the addition of our new head golf coach Dave Rennhack.

And finally, Gary and Linda Snow have joined the President's Circle by surpassing the \$100,000 mark in lifetime giving to the Weatherford College Foundation. Our generous donors are changing lives for generations to come.

Thank you for your support of Weatherford College. I hope that you enjoy this edition of The Hilltop.



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# COVER STORY

## DRIVING EXPECTATIONS HIGHER VICKIE AND JERRY DURANT HALL OPENS TO RAVE REVIEWS



by Brent Baker

Elk horn chandeliers, a giant fireplace and luxury lobby furniture are the first things you notice as you step through the front doors of Vickie and Jerry Durant Hall.

One thing is clear: this is not your father's dormitory.

Several hundred community members attended the grand opening celebration for Weatherford College's new student housing facility August 7.

The impressive facility was primarily funded by tuition revenue bonds authorized by the WC Board of Trustees. But a very generous donation from Vickie and Jerry Durant, the largest cash donation in WC history, allowed for the many extra details and amenities that make it one of the most impressive student housing facilities in the state of Texas.

"Wow," said Vickie Durant. "It does knock your socks off! It did exceed our expectations and we are thankful to have been a part of this project."

The four-story, 116-bed facility features a state-of-the-art weight room, a cardio room, sports medicine facilities, a space for team meetings, a student lounge/game room, an expansive balcony and more.

"Durant Hall is truly the type of world-class residence hall that will attract championship-caliber student athletes to Weatherford

College," said WC President Tod Allen Farmer. "It will drive continued student enrollment growth and will help us to further reduce the tax burden on our citizens."

Colby Wolf is a student ambassador and a resident assistant in Durant Hall.

"I love it, it's great," he said. "I don't know if I've gotten used to the niceness of it. The janitorial staff keeps it spotless."

Wolf said the outdoor patio and game room are bringing the students together.

"They can rest in a social way rather than stay in their rooms," he said. "There's a group of guys that will play guitars on the patio at night. It's a healthy environment where they can socialize and recharge."

Durant Hall opened at full capacity and the existing Coyote Village complex was also full, with waiting lists for both. WC officials already have a plan in place to expand Durant Hall as the student population continues to rise.

The Durants said they enjoyed seeing students taking advantage of the facility's many amenities before the semester even began.

"Second Corinthians says 'God loves a cheerful giver,'" said Vickie. "It has been a joy to partner with the college to provide this wonderful dorm for the students." 📧

# MEMORIES



## FOREVER NO. 4 - WC RETIRES JERSEY IN MEMORY OF BETHANY ALLEN

Weatherford College honored the memory of former softball standout Bethany Allen in September by retiring her No. 4 jersey. The ceremony, held before the first-ever alumni softball game, was attended by Allen's family and her teammates from the 2014-15 season.

Affectionately known as "B.B.," Allen played shortstop for the Coyotes, leaving an indelible mark on the program during her freshman and sophomore years. In her freshman season (2014-15), she boasted a .362 batting average with 64 hits, 37 runs, 20 RBI, and an incredible 35 stolen bases in 48 games. Her sophomore year (2015-16), though cut short, saw her batting average soar to .420.

Allen's athletic career at WC took a heartbreaking turn when an accident during practice led to the discovery of a massive brain tumor. Following two rounds of surgery and radiation,

she achieved remission and returned to the field in Arkansas at Henderson State University.

At HSU, Allen continued to excel academically and athletically, earning a bachelor's degree in sports management and garnering numerous accolades, including the prestigious Ben Hogan Perseverance Award in 2017. She was also named an Academic All-American and had the honor of throwing the first pitch at the Women's College World Series in Oklahoma City.

Allen's passion for softball extended beyond playing; she embraced coaching, mentoring young athletes at Murray State College, Hood College, Ball State University, and finally, Coastal Bend College.

Sadly, Allen's battle with cancer reemerged, and she passed away on April 12, 2024, at the age of 28. Her legacy, however, extends beyond the softball diamond.

## FRIENDS WE'LL MISS

**Cecil Dewayne Berry**, 76, of Coleman, passed away July 6. Former WC computer programmer.

**Vallarie Alyne Brown**, 67, of Wichita, Kansas, passed away September 21.

**Peggy Nell Brown**, 85, of Weatherford, passed away August 24. Former WC professor.

**Rebecca Diann Campbell**, 76, of Bryson, passed away July 30.

**Wanda Cavitt**, 96, of Hico, passed away September 9.

**Betty Marie Chandler ('96)**, 68, of Midland, passed away July 26.

**Calvin Carl "Corky" Dean**, 70, of Weatherford, passed away August 29.

**Dorothy Jane Doss**, 101, of Weatherford, passed away July 27. Mrs. Doss was a foundation board member emerita, past WC Alumna of the Year Award winner, Carlos Hartnett Award honoree and one of the most generous donors in WC history along with her late husband, James.

**Elizabeth Dawn Garrett**, 37, of Weatherford, passed away September 4.

**James Milburn Hamilton**, 61, of Weatherford, passed away June 25.

**Shaun Martin ('99)**, 45, of Dallas, passed away August 3. Distinguished Alumnus Award winner.

**Debra Kay Sledge**, 62, of Granbury, passed away June 18.

**Willard Michael Thomas**, 80, of Weatherford, passed away September 2.

**Betty Wagner**, 90, of Weatherford, passed away August 27.

# WC OPENS DOORS TO YOUNG JOB SEEKERS



Weatherford College hosted a Youth Career Exploration event in September sponsored by the North Texas Council of Governments, Workforce Solutions of North Central Texas and CBRE.

“We need to reach out to young people to let them know about the exciting opportunities we have in our technology fields, as well as to indicate to them how we can provide them support in their journey,” said Dr. Scott Douglas, a professor of engineering at SMU and a representative from the Texoma Tech Hub.

Approximately 500 youth from local middle and high schools gathered on the Weatherford campus to explore various career paths and educational programs to jumpstart their future careers.

“Workforce education and continuing education are extremely important,” said Amanda Stone, a health professions adjunct instructor. “It allows students to go pretty much right into the workforce with a shorter program. And I think that really helps out.”

In addition to traditional academic programs, WC offers dozens of certificate and workforce education programs including echocardiography, audio engineering, computer-aided design/

drafting, cosmetology, database programming, drone 4-D mapping, fire academy and so much more.

“It’s pretty cool that within 16 weeks you can go from not being in this industry to potentially having a job when you get out of school,” said Caleb Caviness, general manager of AryCo HVAC & Electrical.

A full listing of WC’s workforce programs can be found at [wc.edu](http://wc.edu) by clicking on programs and selecting certificate and workforce programs.

As for the Youth Career Exploration event, Merryl Carson, WC’s workforce education director, said she saw students gaining confidence throughout the day as they spoke with employers and learned more about potential career paths.

“I hope they walked away understanding that the world is wide open with lots of possibilities,” said Dr. Leslie Hancock, director of WC’s Early Childhood Education and Teaching bachelor’s degree. “And maybe they came away with a couple of ideas of what they might want to do in order to live a full and actualized life.”



## Q&A WITH MARY BETH DENNIE

The Weatherford College Board of Trustees recently swore in its newest member, Mary Beth Dennie, and now it's time to get to know her a bit better.

Dennie is a WC alumna and previously taught adolescent psychology and criminal psychology as a WC adjunct in 2010-2011. She has operated a counseling practice in Weatherford since 2006. In addition to her service to Weatherford College, Dennie is also a member of the Collaborative Divorce Texas Board of Trustees where she currently serves as the vice president.

### **Who is in your family?**

My husband, John Dennie, and I have a blended family made up of three sons, Chris, Bryce and John Michael Kleven; two daughters, Texanna and Bessie Dennie; along with two daughters-in-law, Priscilla and Skye Kleven; three grandchildren, Carter, Savannah and Benjamin, and another grandchild on the way. We just celebrated our 22nd wedding anniversary this past May and both consider the successful blending of our family to be our greatest achievement.

### **What motivates you to serve on the board?**

I was born in Weatherford. I have lived here all my life, and I've raised my family here. I am one of four out of five siblings who began academic journeys at Weatherford College. In short, both the city and the college will always be home to me. Serving on the Weatherford College Board of Trustees gives me an opportunity to give back to my community.

### **What do you see as WC's greatest opportunity in the future?**

This school clearly has its finger on the pulse of what students need. We have programs now where students can count on this institution to be a destination for their academic pursuits as well as a steppingstone to further education. That's how we

will have a hand in preparing tomorrow's leaders, not just for our city and county but for the country as well.

### **What are the greatest challenges for community colleges like WC?**

From a macro perspective, Weatherford College must continue to anticipate the challenges and opportunities all institutions of higher learning are facing today. We now live in an era where those challenges and opportunities present themselves at lightspeed and we want to be ready. From a micro perspective, the biggest challenge I see in our future is keeping up with the growth of Weatherford, Parker County and areas where we see opportunity. You don't have to have a stack of statistical projections to see that Weatherford is growing at a breakneck pace. While that growth is exciting, it lays an important educational responsibility at our feet. We must be absolutely committed to high academic standards while embracing innovative programs that meet the needs and desires of a growing and evolving population.

### **What is your greatest passion?**

My greatest passion has always been and will always be students. I'm a mental health counselor, and I have been blessed with the opportunity to work with young adults, as well as not so young adults, as they consider important life choices. Many times, they are faced with an urgent need to change career direction, and it is such a relief to know Weatherford College is an in-town solution for people who desire and even need higher educational opportunity. I have no qualms about recommending WC to them. It really is such a privilege to have a great school right here in our own backyard.

# WC ENROLLMENT SOARS AS NEW BUSINESS & TECH PROGRAMS TAKE SHAPE

The local population isn't the only thing booming in Parker County. Weatherford College experienced unprecedented growth this semester amid the addition of several new academic programs including a fifth bachelor's degree.

A Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences in Computer Science program at WC was approved by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board and the WC Board of Trustees this summer. Pending accreditation, the program is set to launch in the Fall 2025 semester and will be offered in a hybrid format.

Dr. Linda Robinson has been appointed interim program director while the college searches for a director with a discipline-specific degree.

This new degree pathway comes at an opportune time as regional data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics projects a 30 to 40 percent growth rate in computer science-related jobs by 2030, with an average hourly wage of \$50.58.

Dr. Shannon Ydoyaga, executive vice president of academic services, noted that the 150 students currently pursuing associate degrees and certificates in fields such as cybersecurity, database programming and networking systems will benefit from this seamless transition into the new bachelor's program.

In response to the growing business needs in Parker and Wise counties, the college formed the Department of Business and Behavioral Science led by Dr. Philip Mathew, who will also continue directing the bachelor's degree program in organizational leadership.

The new department aims to support the region's thriving business community by preparing students for leadership roles.

"This innovative move captures the natural synergies within these disciplines to help WC deliver even more value," Mathew said. "My hope is to build on the work of my colleagues and

leverage the talents of our expert faculty to prepare well-educated and well-rounded students who are positioned for success. When this happens, the businesses and other stakeholders in our community also benefit as they gain the talent they need to grow and thrive."

WC also continues to foster academic collaboration by growing partnerships with area universities. On July 17, WC President Tod Allen Farmer and Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi President Kelly Miller signed a transfer agreement to align their nursing programs. This agreement, spearheaded by WC's nursing director Renee Smith and dean of health and human sciences Kathy Boswell, will provide WC's Bachelor of Science in Nursing graduates with seamless access to TAMU-CC's Master of Science in Nursing programs.

Leadership from the University of Texas at Arlington met with WC administrators in mid-October to discuss additional partnerships with the expansion of UTA into Parker County.

At the same time these additional partnerships and programs are in the works, the college saw record enrollment this semester with a total of 7,742 students as of Sept. 9 comprised of 6,602 credit students and 1,142 workforce students. This represents a 23.5 percent increase in credit student enrollment and a 51.45 percent surge in workforce enrollment.

Executive Dean and Registrar Adam Finley attributed this growth to several factors, including expanded service areas, enhanced housing options, a wider range of program offerings, and a successful partnership with Weatherford ISD through the PTECH initiative at the Grizzard Regional Institute of Technology.

Overall, Weatherford College is experiencing a period of growth and innovation, positioning itself to meet the evolving needs of its students and the community.



**FREE STICKER**  
Grab a new WC alumni car window sticker! Drop by the Alumni House (301 East Park in Weatherford) or email [mowens@wc.edu](mailto:mowens@wc.edu).

# WEATHERFORD COLLEGE AROUND CAMPUS



1a & b. As of press time, the Coyote volleyball team, ranked No. 6 in the nation, was dominating conference play with an 8-0 record, 21-5 overall, with a ten-match winning streak and 11 sweeps. Volleyball fans were invited to an ice cream social with the team before their game on Oct. 9.

2. Ralph Willingham was honored this summer for his 48 years of service to WC and its student veterans with the dedication of the Veterans Tranquility Garden. The garden was the capstone project of WC alumna Beth Wetsel, who completed the bachelor's program in organizational leadership in 2023.

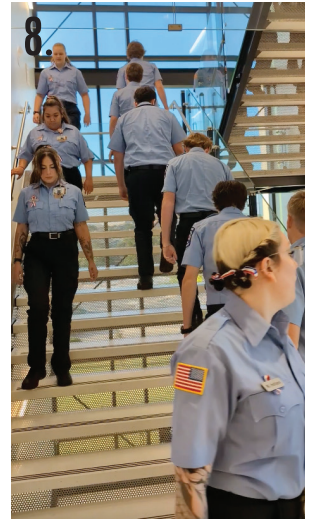
3. Theatre enthusiasts followed the yellow brick road to the Alkek Fine Arts Center in July for the community musical production of

“The Wizard of Oz.” The WC Summer Stage also produced “Robin Hood” for a young audience and Shakespeare’s “As You Like It.”

4. WC’s International Student Organization hosted a meet and greet in September. Any WC student with an international connection or interest in learning about the countries represented by the international student population is welcome to join the organization.

5. Political science and history instructors participated in a panel discussion on civilian and military relations in observance of Constitution Day.





6. WC hosted the Texas Governor's Small Business Summit on Sept. 6 where small business owners and aspiring entrepreneurs were able to collect and share vital information to build the Texas business community.

7. A behind-the-scenes moment with WC's wildlife ecology class as they explored plots for wildlife management plans and set up trail cameras.

8. EMT students and instructors completed three rounds of climbing and descending the three-story Emerging Technologies and Workforce Building on Sept. 11 in remembrance of the fallen.

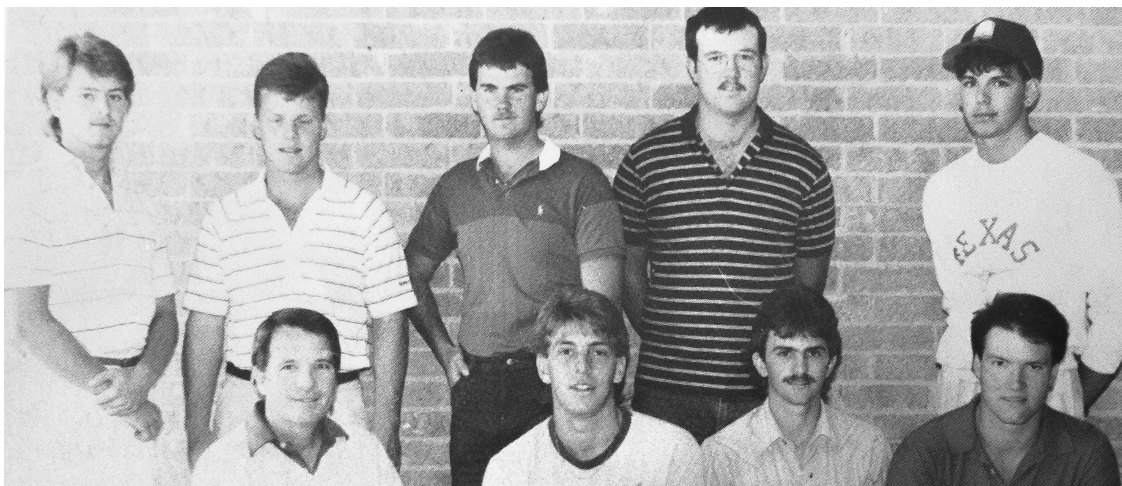
9. Students teamed up with Love Weatherford to pick up litter along Ric Williamson Highway at the start of October.

10. The Fall 2024 semester began on Aug. 26 with record enrollment.

11. The cafeteria staff, office of student life, CBRE, campus police and a ton of volunteers hosted another successful campus cookout for students at the beginning of October.

12. The student life office hosted a walk on Suicide Awareness Day. Before students trekked around campus, Toni Ramirez of JR98 gave a brief presentation about the importance of mental health and the resources available to students. Her husband is WC coach Carlos Ramirez. They established the JR98 foundation after their son Jean, took his life in 2022.

# NEW WC GOLF COACH BACK HOME



When Dave Rennhack heard that Weatherford College was looking for a new golf coach, he made a trip to the campus. While it was also a journey back in time, it was also a look at the future.

“I was amazed by the growth and all the recently updated changes. I couldn’t believe how nice the new state-of-the-art dorms, academic buildings and facilities were,” said Rennhack, who is now the head coach of the men’s and women’s golf programs.

Rennhack is also an alumnus of WC, where he played golf in the mid-1980s (pictured in team photo above, standing, second from left).

“I attended Weatherford College years ago and it does feel like a trip down memory lane,” Rennhack said. “It was exciting to discover that many of the staff members are still part of the campus, including the legendary coach Bob McKinley. A few of my former teammates are still in the area.”

Rennhack played for renowned WC golf coach Rod Embry, himself an alum who guided the golf program for more than three decades. A scholarship now exists in his memory following his passing in July of 2023.

“He was a true gentleman that cared deeply about his players. Coach Embry had a big impact on putting the game in perspective,” Rennhack said.

“Our team was really close, we had fun traveling together and many of us are still friends today.”

Following his days playing at WC (1985-86), Rennhack transferred to the University of Houston and played for the Cougars. The team was coming off winning its 16th national championship the season before.

Rennhack was most recently the head golf professional at Rockwood Park Golf Course in Fort Worth since June of 2022. His resume as a PGA professional includes positions as a director

of golf, general manager and teaching professional at several courses including being an owner of an indoor golf training studio in Colleyville from 2015 to 2022 and the Texas Legends Golf Ranch in The Colony from 1998 to 2002.

He is also the owner and inventor of the SwingWave Golf Trainer, a patented system that utilizes the flow of water in a high-tech designed chamber to facilitate the proper motion of the ultimate golf swing.

Rennhack has worked with college golfers before as a college instructor at the Golf Academy of America.

“The opportunity to coach at the collegiate level and be a part of a quality organization with great people that are driven to make a positive impact on the lives of others attracted me to Weatherford College,” Rennhack said.

“We have two very talented teams this year with great potential,” Rennhack said.

Returning players for the men’s team include Tyler Gray, Alan Martinez, Ethan Armendarez, Braylon Mahanay, Orphe Poitrasson and Samuel Wolfe. New players include Giovanni Vezza, Jett Moore, Dawson Langan and Trenton Wright.

“We have a great mix of international players along with great talent from the states,” he said.

Returning for the women’s team is Grace Burland. New players include Kyla Morales, Ella Barton, Ellen Wilson, Corrina Haros, Catie Evertson, Emily Gutierrez, Emily Caldwell, Haylee Deen and Cara Bolt.

“Everyone I’ve met at Weatherford College has a great attitude and is very supportive of all of our athletic programs,” Rennhack said. “It’s a great time to once again be a Coyote.”

Rennhack, 57, has been married to his wife Regina for over 31 years. She’s a CPA at Whitley Penn in Fort Worth.

They have three children, daughter Natalie and twin son and daughter Nicholas and Lindsey. ☺



## CANCER SURVIVOR SERVES AS AN INSPIRATION ON THE SOFTBALL DIAMOND

At an age when most girls are developing their first crush and looking forward to life in junior high school, Lilli Williams was simply trying to hang onto life.

The Weatherford College sophomore softball player from Granbury was diagnosed with Ewing's Sarcoma in September of 2018. She was 13 years old.

Ewing's is a rare form of bone cancer. She had an even rarer type that formed in her soft tissue.

"Just before my 13th birthday, I found a lump on my side close to my ribs, and I saw many doctors to figure out what it was," she recalled. "None of the doctors really knew what it was, so after seeing a surgeon, we decided to remove the mass."

The biopsy came back positive for cancer, and she began a nine-month chemotherapy treatment followed by surgery which included the removal of her last right rib and a lot of surrounding muscle.

"I finished my chemotherapy treatment in April of 2019. The battle was long, but I'm grateful for the people that surrounded me during my harsh treatment," Williams said. "I am officially in remission and cancer-free as of April of this year!"

The diagnosis and treatment sidelined her from softball, but she tried to stay as active as her body would allow. Occasionally, she'd watch her teammates play, but all she could do was watch from the sidelines.

"My coaches were kind enough to let me play one inning in a game I attended, and I was beyond grateful just to set foot on the field again," she said. "Not being able to play was tough, especially

since I'd always been active in every sport that came my way since I was a kid."

Today, she's proud to say she's back to nearly 100 percent physically and emotionally.

"While the chemotherapy left its mark on my body, I feel like I'm doing pretty well and I've gained a lot of strength since my treatment," she said.

Like many young athletes, Williams dreamed of playing in college. Most, however, do not have the additional challenges she has faced and conquered.

WC head coach Haylee Williams (no relation) saw more in Lilli than her talent - which, of course, there is plenty. She believes she has much more than a solid infielder, she has a walking inspiration for the rest of the team - including Coach Williams herself.

"Lilli is such a hard worker and so diligent in her process throughout each day," the coach said. "You would never know the struggle she has been through and always has a positive, upbeat attitude.

"She is a great teammate and a pleasure to coach."

At Granbury, Williams played on the varsity all four of her high school seasons. She helped the Lady Pirates reach the playoffs twice, earning first-team all-district and academic all-district honors all four years. Her senior year, she was named academic all-state.

She played her freshman season at the University of Arkansas Rich Mountain where she helped the Lady Bucks to a second-

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# PRESIDENTIAL LUNCHEON



Dream big and act now.

Weatherford College President Tod Allen Farmer reiterated this mantra throughout his annual address at the 2024 Presidential Luncheon held in September. And he's taking his own advice.

"We are now embarking on the largest building campaign in Weatherford College history," Farmer announced. "We will soon issue \$100 million in tuition revenue bonds that will transform our beautiful campus. Several of our original facilities will be replaced by a massive, five-story student union and cafeteria."

The newest facility at WC will provide a one-stop shop for students for advising, registration, testing center, tutoring center, dining rooms, bookstore and more.

"This new facility will not only transform our campus," Farmer said. "It will help us to serve students more effectively than ever before. We are going to dream big and act now."

These expansion plans come on the heels of record enrollment, the addition of five bachelor's degrees and numerous other certificate and associate degree programs at WC.



Farmer also emphasized the importance of community service and presented the Presidential Service Award to art instructor Eben Hall for his dedication to campus beautification.

And for her dedication to students and unwavering love of WC, executive assistant Debbie Alexander was presented with a Presidential Core Value coin.

Farmer also thanked the faculty, staff, donors, and community members for their support and dedication to student success. He concluded by challenging students to dream big and act

now, encouraging them to seize the opportunities available at Weatherford College to achieve their goals.

“Our faculty and staff care about you and your success,” he said. “Our generous donors care about you and your success. Our community cares about you and your success. You are our highest priority. You are surrounded by people who care about you and want you to succeed. Weatherford College is your college. This is your opportunity to work hard and turn your dreams into reality.”

# 2024-25 LADY COYOTES & COYOTES HOME SCHEDULE

DATE	TIME	TEAM	OPPONENT
11/1	6 P.M.	M	TRINITY VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
11/4	5 P.M.	W	SW ASSEMBLIES OF GOD UNIVERSITY
11/9	2 P.M.	W	DALLAS COLLEGE CEDAR VALLEY
11/12	5:30 P.M.	W	WESTERN TEXAS COLLEGE
11/12	7 P.M.	M	WESTERN TEXAS COLLEGE
11/17	1 P.M.	M	TEXAS WESLEYAN
11/25	4 P.M.	W	SW ASSEMBLIES OF GOD UNIVERSITY
11/26	4 P.M.	W	HOWARD COLLEGE
11/26	6 P.M.	M	MIDLAND COLLEGE
12/7	2 P.M.	M	TRIBULATION PREP
12/11	7 P.M.	M	LOYALTY COLLEGE PREP
1/4	2 P.M.	W	PARIS JUNIOR COLLEGE
1/4	4 P.M.	M	STRENGTH 'N MOTION
1/8	5 P.M.	W	COLLIN COLLEGE*
1/8	7 P.M.	M	COLLIN COLLEGE*
1/18	2 P.M.	W	SOUTHWESTERN CHRISTIAN COLLEGE*
1/18	4 P.M.	M	SOUTHWESTERN CHRISTIAN COLLEGE*
1/29	5 P.M.	W	CISCO COLLEGE*
2/1	2 P.M.	W	RANGER COLLEGE*
2/1	4 P.M.	M	RANGER COLLEGE*
2/12	5 P.M.	W	MCLENNAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE*
2/12	7 P.M.	M	MCLENNAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE*
2/15	2 P.M.	W	HILL COLLEGE*
2/15	4 P.M.	M	HILL COLLEGE*
2/22	2 P.M.	W	TEMPLE COLLEGE*
2/22	4 P.M.	M	TEMPLE COLLEGE*
2/26	5 P.M.	W	GRAYSON COLLEGE
2/26	7 P.M.	M	GRAYSON COLLEGE*

Home games played in the Betty Jo Graber Athletic Center

\*Denotes Conference play



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place conference finish. They also became the first UARM softball team to earn a national ranking, reaching No. 13.

“That’s a milestone I’m proud to have contributed to,” said Williams, who was also first-team NJCAA Academic All-American at the school. “Now at Weatherford, I’m excited to be part of a team with amazing talent and chemistry.”

Following her associate of science degree at WC, Williams intends to pursue a degree in animal science with the goal to attend veterinary school and become a small animal veterinarian. She’d also like to continue playing softball.

“I am currently in the process of getting recruited at a four-year school,” she said, adding, “It is going to be hard finding a four-year that compares to what Weatherford College has to offer.”

William’s battle with cancer taught her to appreciate life’s fragility and embrace every moment to the fullest, and she hopes to inspire others faced with similar challenges.

“My experience demonstrates that hard work and determination can take you anywhere you want to go,” she said. “I’ve put in countless hours of effort to get to where I am today, and I want to show others that they can achieve their dreams too.”

“My current favorite quote (from singer Jelly Roll) is ‘The windshield is bigger than the rearview mirror for a reason. Because what’s in front of you is so much more important than what’s behind you.’” 📖

## CLASS NOTES

**Tracy Derr**, LCDC '20, is now Pecan Unit counselor and case manager at Red River Hospital in Wichita Falls.

**Donna Dickinson** was honored in Austin with the Heroes for Children Award from the State Board of Education in September for her work supporting education. Donna was the 2022 WC Alumna of the Year.

**James Fesser**, RN, has been promoted to chief nursing officer at Golden Plains Community Hospital in Borger.

**Roman Candelario Flores**, AAS in Fire Services, has been named the City of Alamo’s new fire chief.

**Joseph Garza**, PTA, AAS Physical Therapist Assistant program '19, is a certified stroke rehab specialist, certified neuro specialist and is certified in the Parkinson’s LSVT Big program. Recently, he was recognized by his employer ClearSky Rehabilitation Hospital as the Employee of the Month.

**Connor Goff**, RN, ADN '23, and his wife, Gabriela Lima, welcomed their son,

Mason James Goff, on September 23. Connor also recently accepted a position in the Cardiovascular ICU at Baylor Scott & White All Saints Medical Center in downtown Fort Worth.

**Hart Hering**, former WC baseball pitcher, returned to the area as an assistant baseball and football coach at Mineral Wells High School.

**Charlene Randle Howland** is now a behavior specialist in the Conroe Independent School District.

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## FOUNDATION UPDATE



### Gary and Linda Snow

Gary and Linda Snow have become the newest members of the President's Circle, honoring donors who have given \$100,000 or more to WC or the WC Foundation. Linda is a longtime WC volunteer and chair of the original Bell Ringers' Ball. Gary is a recipient of WC's Distinguished Alumnus Award. Pictured with the Snows is President Tod Allen Farmer.

### Bad Enough to Wear Blue Foundation

The Bad Enough to Wear Blue Foundation is establishing a new permanent scholarship endowment with the Weatherford College Foundation. The scholarship, part of the Bob Glenn Endowment Program, will be earmarked for WC students from Parker County in health care-related fields. The gift was made in memory of former WC board member and community leader Don Allen. Pictured are (left to right) Judy Harris, Bad Enough to Wear Blue advisor; Shane Harris, BETWB president; Dr. Tod Allen Farmer, WC president; Seth Denbow, BETWB treasurer and Robert Dyer, BETWB secretary.





# UPCOMING EVENTS

<b>November 1</b>	Dr. Hyeyoung Song's Beethoven Piano Sonata Concert IV
<b>November 4</b>	Songwriter's Forum
<b>November 5</b>	Spring 2025 registration opens for current & returning students
<b>November 8</b>	Baseball Booster Club Sporting Clay Shoot
<b>November 11</b>	Ex-Students Luncheon
<b>November 12</b>	Jazz Ensemble "Spirio" concert
<b>November 16</b>	Coyote Chase Race
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<b>December 2</b>	WC Jazz Orchestra: "Hope for the Holidays"
<b>December 3</b>	Nathan Harmon: Student Piano Recital
<b>December 3</b>	Spring 2025 registration open for new & transfer students
<b>December 4</b>	Student Art Show Reception
<b>December 6</b>	Choir Performance
<b>December 9</b>	Ex-Students Luncheon
<b>December 12-18</b>	Final Exams for Fall 2024
<b>December 16</b>	Handel's "Messiah" concert



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