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An aerial photograph of the Weatherford College campus during a vibrant sunset. The sun is a bright white orb on the horizon, casting a golden glow over the sky and the buildings. The campus features several large, modern buildings with flat roofs and large windows. A large parking lot with many spaces is visible in the foreground. The surrounding area is lush with green trees and grass. The overall atmosphere is warm and serene.

A NEW HORIZON
DAWNS AT
WEATHERFORD
COLLEGE

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Great things continue to happen at Weatherford College. This issue of The Hilltop will highlight the bright future of WC. A new horizon dawns at Weatherford College!

New bachelor's degrees continue to be added, our agriculture programs are excelling, and the arts and athletics are reaching new milestones. We have new artificial turf on our ballfields, the new Emerging Technologies and Workforce Building is magnificent, and the forthcoming Stuart Tennis Center is in the final planning stages. Under the leadership of Bob Glenn and the foundation board, the Weatherford College Foundation continues to expand educational opportunities. Collectively, WC is becoming an even greater institution!

Weatherford College is very grateful to have recently received the largest cash gift in institution history from the Wiggs Family Foundation. The exceedingly generous gift will enable us to expand our nursing programs at both the Weatherford campus and the Wise County campus. We are also incredibly excited to open the newly formed Alesia Armstrong Wiggs School of Nursing as a result of the gift. While WC has long been recognized for excellence in nursing, we are now equipped to become the premier school of nursing in Texas and beyond.

Just as our growing bachelor's degree in nursing program expanded our health science students' educational opportunities, our new bachelor's degree in organizational leadership is poised to further enhance academic program offerings. Dr. Philip Mathew has been hired as the program director for the new degree. Dr. Mathew is a graduate of Gonzaga University and comes to WC from a respected organizational leadership program in Washington State. The new degree will have broad appeal to students from the business, health care, and governmental sectors. The program's flexibility will allow many who never finished university-based bachelor's degree programs to complete our program at the affordable Weatherford College price.

In addition to the significant advances in academics, our athletic programs are expanding and achieving. This year was one of the best in WC athletics history. The women's rodeo team won the Southwest Region title for the first time in WC history. Our women's basketball, baseball, and softball teams also enjoyed exceptional seasons. Golf and tennis are returning to WC this fall, and volleyball is scheduled to be added next year.

We are enjoying excellence in academics, agriculture, athletics, and the arts...and the best is yet to come. Thanks to all of you, a new horizon dawns at Weatherford College.



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COVER STORY

A NEW HORIZON DAWNS AT WEATHERFORD COLLEGE



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by Crystal Woerly

2019 was all about celebrating 150 years at Weatherford College, its long history of achievements and looking forward to the next 150 years. Then 2020 derailed plans across the globe.

But 2021—this is the year of a new dawn at WC.

The exterior view of the Weatherford campus continues to grow with the addition of the Emerging Technologies and Workforce Building, while inside programs are expanding. WC has added a Bachelor of Science in Nursing Degree and a Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences Degree in Organizational Leadership and is seeking approval for a Bachelor of Applied Technology Degree in Medical and Health Service Management.

Two more bachelor's degrees could be coming to WC in the future as the Texas Legislature increased approval to community colleges for up to five baccalaureate programs during their last legislative session.

For now, WC is preparing to graduate the first BSN class in August and start the first cohort for BAAS in Organizational Leadership this fall, all at community college prices.

“Looking at the price, a four-year university could be double if not triple the cost of Weatherford College,” said BSN student Elisha Schoonover.

And with a long-standing history of excellence, the line to enter the online BSN program will only grow.

“We’ve been graduating students for quite a while [from our healthcare programs], and they are a diverse group,” said Kathy Boswell, dean of health and human sciences. “I don’t go into any hospitals and do clinical checks where I don’t see a Weatherford College graduate working at those facilities.

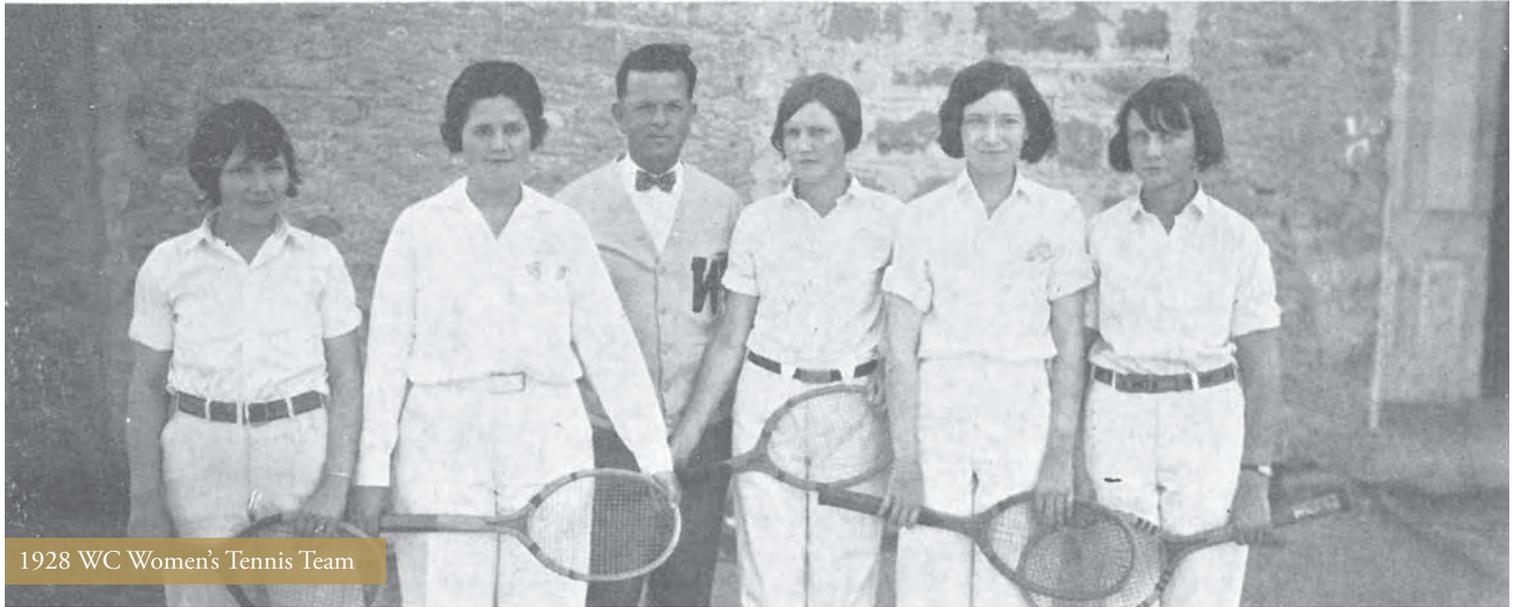
“I’m very proud of our programs. We take care of them. We have high standards, and when they graduate, they are prepared to go in as a beginning practitioner into whatever field they choose to go into. Hospitals and clinics have told us they prefer our students and will hire them over other programs. We take pride in that, and we make sure they are ready to go before they graduate.”

With the addition of the new Emerging Technologies and Workforce Building and the BAAS in Organizational Leadership, the sun really is rising on a new day at WC. The administration is currently looking into new programs like robotics and automation engineering that will best serve the community and future employment needs.

“We could not advance doing what we had always done,” said Mike Endy, vice president of instruction and student services.

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MEMORIES



1928 WC Women's Tennis Team



1924 WC Women's Tennis Team



1968 Old Main Tennis Courts



1963 WC Tennis Team

Tennis has a long history at Weatherford College, with the first tennis club being organized in 1912. In 1927 and 1928, doubles team Maxine Clayton and Alcorn won consecutive conference championships in doubles. Tennis was a sport at WC off and on through the years, last being played in 2001. Go to page 11 to meet our new women's tennis coach Alex Leatu. If you have any WC tennis history you would like to share, email kedwards@wc.edu.

FRIENDS WE'LL MISS

John Evan Davis, 62, of Weatherford, passed away March 19.

Paul Gerald Fuller II, 64, of Arlington, passed away May 18.

Betty Jane Gilbert, 79, of Weatherford, passed away on May 28. Class of '62.

Deborah Ann Holland, 60, of Granbury, passed away June 14.

Oscar "Coach" Holloway, 93, of Granbury, passed away May 29.

Samuel Anthony Medina, 58, of Millsap, passed away on May 15.

Edith Marie Thomas Mince, 94, of Weatherford, passed away March 18.

Debbie Haines-James Netterville, 59, of Weatherford, passed away February 3.

Lois Long Schatzel, 95, of East Longmeadow, MA, passed away May 31.

Kenneth Ray Smith, 72, of Brock, passed away June 8. Class of '69.

Claud Eugene Spivey, 78, of Millsap, passed away March 5.

Billie Anderson Sullivan, 96, of Mesilla Park, NM, passed away on March 10. Class of '43.

Jeremy Michael White, 41, of Willow Park, passed away on June 10.

Edna Pearl Williams, 89, of Weatherford, passed away on April 20.

WIGGS FAMILY FOUNDATION DONATES \$1,000,000 TO WC SCHOOL OF NURSING

The Weatherford College Foundation announced the largest cash gift in the history of Weatherford College, a \$1,000,000 donation from Brett and Alesia Wiggs through the Wiggs Family Foundation.

This gift will expand opportunities for the education of more nurses in the local community. Funding will provide critical equipment upgrades at both the Don Allen Health Science Building in Weatherford and the nursing facilities at the WC Wise County campus.

“What an unbelievably generous gift,” said Bob Glenn, WC Foundation president. “The Wiggs family has a long history of serving others, and this is proof positive. I am so proud to be associated with them, and I can’t wait to see how this helps train the next generation of nurses.”

In honor of this gift, the WC School of Nursing will be newly named the Alesia Armstrong Wiggs School of Nursing.

Weatherford College has made an incredible impact on the education and lives of many generations of the Armstrong and Wiggs families. Brett’s father, Bruce, and brother, Guy, as well as Alesia and her siblings, Craig and Angie, all attended WC. Brett’s mother, Laura, taught at the college for many years and was an active member of the WC Foundation Board. Alesia’s mother, Vera Armstrong, attended WC and worked in the WC Library for many years.

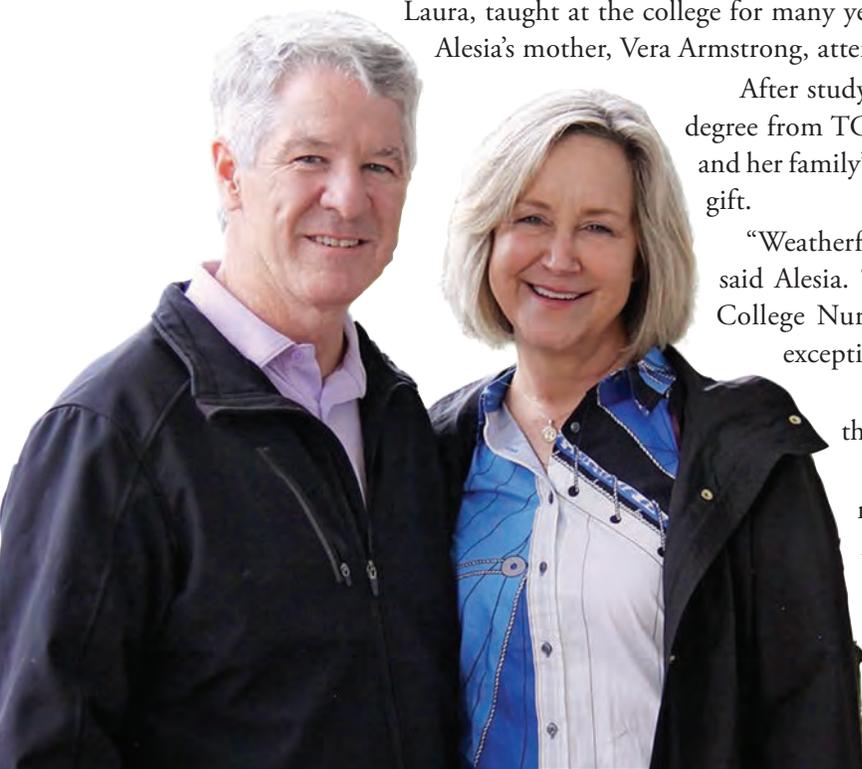
After studying at WC, Alesia earned her Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree from TCU and became a registered nurse. Alesia’s passion for nursing and her family’s focus on education helped guide the direction of this generous gift.

“Weatherford College gave me a great start towards my career in nursing,” said Alesia. “My family is honored to make this gift to the Weatherford College Nursing program. This gift will help WC educate and prepare exceptional nurses while improving the lives of many people.”

WC President Tod Allen Farmer said the Wiggs gift will put the college’s nursing program in a class by itself.

“Weatherford College is already known for our exceptional nursing programs, and this generous gift will enable the Alesia Armstrong Wiggs School of Nursing to become the premier school of nursing in Texas and beyond,” Farmer said. “We are extremely grateful to the Wiggs Family Foundation.”

The college will celebrate the gift with a public dedication of the Alesia Armstrong Wiggs School of Nursing this fall at a date to be determined.



UPCOMING EVENTS AT WC

NAN & BOB KINGSLEY BUILDING OPEN HOUSE

August 30, 11:30 a.m., 1710 Martin Drive, Weatherford

WC FOUNDATION GOLF TOURNAMENT

October 7, Canyon West Golf Course

COYOTE CHASE RACE: 5K & 1-MILE RUN

November 13



EXPERIENCED LEADER TAKES THE REIGNS OF WC'S NEW BAAS IN ORGANIZATIONAL LEADERSHIP

by Rick Mauch & Crystal Woerly

It turns out it's not that far from Washington state to Texas, especially if you take the road of success.

Dr. Philip Mathew took that road to Weatherford College, where he became director of the institution's new Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences program in Organizational Leadership in early April. He comes to WC after having launched a similar program at Olympic College, just outside of Seattle.

"Helping start the BAAS in Organizational Leadership and Technical Management for Olympic College in 2015 has been one of the highlights of my career," Mathew said. "It was a great opportunity to serve the students and community in our region as it opened up a pathway for students who have professional/technical backgrounds to continue their studies at the bachelor's level."

Mathew said that adding a two-year management and leadership track on top of a two-year degree serves as the perfect complement to students' technical education and professional expertise.

"Many of our graduates received new jobs and promotions while in the bachelor's program or soon after graduation. Many of them were first-generation college graduates," he said. "The degree, along with their initiative and hard work, opened up new doors and opportunities they never thought possible. Several of them went on to earn master's degrees, and one student was recently accepted to a doctoral program. It has been wonderful to see the transformative power of education."

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- DR. PHILIP MATHEW

OC's bachelor's program has enjoyed tremendous success, with eight cohorts since its inception, along with a more than 90 percent retention rate.

Starting a new bachelor's degree program is a team effort.

"You can't do it alone," Mathew said. "You must have visible support from the very top of the college, including the president, board of trustees and administration. Furthermore, you need the support of the deans, faculty, staff, students and community. All of these are clearly in place at Weatherford College, which makes me excited to embrace this opportunity."

Mathew also recently released a book on servant leadership titled "Global Servant-Leadership: Wisdom, Love and Legitimate Power in the Age of Chaos," published through Lexington Press.

"I served as first editor and contributor along with my wonderful colleagues. The book features international perspectives on servant leadership through a series of case studies, cutting edge research and essays from more than two dozen contributors from a number of countries and contexts, including Brazil, Canada, China, India, Kenya, Saudi Arabia, Tanzania, Turkey, South Africa, Spain and the Ktunaxa Nation in the United States," Mathew said.

Mathew earned his Ph.D. in leadership studies from Gonzaga University. His dissertation investigating the resilience and leadership through an analysis of the life of Holocaust survivor Dr. Viktor Frankl is now in the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum.

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2020-21 ATHLETIC SEASON IN REVIEW



One of the most successful athletic seasons in Weatherford College history wrapped up at the College National Finals Rodeo in Casper, Wyoming, in June.

The WC women's rodeo team finished fifth in the nation, ahead of many traditional powerhouses like the University of Wyoming, Oklahoma State University, Tarleton State University and Texas Tech University. Kodey Hoss brought home fourth place in goat tying and Bradi Good finished fifth in barrel racing.

Fans of the Lady Coyote basketball team enjoyed an exciting week in April as WC stormed through the conference postseason tournament to take the championship, winning all three tourney games as a road

underdog. A buzzer-beater by South Plains College in the Region V championship game was all that stood between Weatherford (16-8) and the national tournament.

The WC baseball team also played the role of spoiler, beating perennial contender Howard College on their home field in the Region V Tournament. The Coyotes finished with one of their best overall records in history, 37-20, and took second in conference, behind eventual national champion McLennan Community College. New artificial turf being added this summer to Roger Williams Ballpark will help an already salty team in recruiting.

The Coyote softball team, playing on Stuart Field artificial turf for the first time,

finished with an overall record of 27-22. Head coach Haylee Williams surpassed the 300-win mark and WC advanced to the semifinals of the Region V-North Tournament.

Longtime men's basketball coach Mark Osina announced his retirement after 25 years at WC. Osina's teams won 442 games during his run at Weatherford College.

In preparation for its two newest sports, men's golf and women's tennis, the college hired former professional golfer Jesse Speirs and former Georgia State University head women's tennis coach Alex Leatu. Those two programs will begin this fall.

For more information, go to wcatletics.com.

CLASS NOTES

Dusty Benthall was promoted to deputy chief at Mineral Wells Fire Department.

Jaran Floyd ('18) was named the 2021 Officer of the Year for the Kerrville Fire Department.

Michael Hanson ('18) graduated from Tarleton State University in May with a bachelor's degree in agriculture services and development with a teaching

certification. He will begin teaching at Gordon ISD as the ag science teacher.

Monica Hartman ('21) and **Angela Tubbleville ('20)** were recently hired as case specialists at Weatherford Housing Authority.

Kayla Martin-Miles ('14) is a professional horse trainer and manages her own horse training business, Miles Legacy Ranch based in Perrin.

Travis McClure was announced as the Parker County American Legion Post 163's Police Officer of the Year for 2020.

Reese Oxner ('17) recently accepted a position at the Texas Tribune as a breaking news reporter.

Morgan Patton ('19) was accepted into Texas A&M's College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences.

WEATHERFORD COLLEGE AROUND CAMPUS



1. Sharon Hayes was honored as the WC Alumna of the Year in April at the Doss Heritage and Culture Center. Dan Carney was also recognized during the ceremony as a Distinguished Alumnus along with Jessica Cundiff who could not attend the event. Hayes retired from the city of Weatherford after a 34-year career that culminated with her serving as the city manager.

2. Dozens of area youth participated in the WC Summer Stage production of Disney's Moana Jr. this June in the Alkek Fine Arts Center. After only two weeks of preparation, the cast and crew presented the hour-long musical to delight crowds over four performances.

3. WC Upward Bound students joined forces with Kids Against Hunger Parker County and Grace Presbyterian Church in April to

assemble more than 11,000 meals for an orphanage in Mexico. This is the fourth year the Upward Bound program has participated in this event as a way to perpetuate a culture of giving back.

4. WC President Tod Allen Farmer and Tarleton State University President James Hurley signed a memorandum of understanding in April further solidifying the partnership between the two higher education institutions and providing additional financial aid to Weatherford students transferring to the Stephenville university.

5. The best and brightest WC students from each subject and program were recognized in early May during the annual Convocation Ceremony.



6. Imperial Construction hosted a beam signing ceremony in May. At the construction site of the Emerging Technologies and Workforce Building. Pictured are Dr. Philip Mathew, program director for the BAAS in Organizational Leadership; Jessica McKee, workforce education director; Valerie Hopkins, director of cosmetology; and Janetta Kruse, dean of workforce education.

7. President Farmer joined Steinway and Sons CEO Ron Losby at an institutional conference in New York City in May. President Farmer was invited to speak to colleges and universities from across the country about WC's successful All-Steinway initiative and how Spirio r technology is helping WC connect with musicians around the world.

8. WC's TRiO program hosted a robotics class which included a field trip to the NASA Johnson Space Center in Houston in June where students were able to learn more about potential careers.

9. Students in WC's Phi Chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa honor society and WC's Student Government Association volunteered at the Weatherford/Parker County Animal Shelter in April. They also collected much-needed items like blankets, towels, toys, treats, and dog and cat food to benefit the shelter.

Q&A WITH NEW BOARD MEMBER

The Weatherford College Board of Trustees appointed Doug Dowd to the board on May 28.



DOUG DOWD

FAMILY: I have been married to my wife, Kristy Dowd, for 18 years. We have three children—Kaden (15), Isaiah (13) and Emma (9). We also have three dogs, chickens, fish, a rabbit and a tortoise.

CAREER BACKGROUND: I have been in the commercial banking industry for 13 years. I have been employed at Plains Capital Bank for the last six years. I attended Tarleton State University and graduated in 2002 with a bachelor's degree in business management.

MOTIVATION TO SERVE: My motivation to serve is rooted in the teachings and example of Jesus Christ. Serving others requires sacrificing time, energy and many other resources, but the reward is so much greater. I believe a great servant does so with humility and without expecting anything in return.

WC'S GREATEST OPPORTUNITY IN THE FUTURE: I believe WC's greatest opportunity in the future is the continued expansion of our course offerings, which will ensure that WC is a preferred destination for future college students. I also believe that continuing to provide students a cost-effective way to obtain their core college courses will help to keep WC among the very best community colleges in Texas. In addition, our dual credit and eLearning classes offer alternative ways for students to accelerate their postsecondary education.

GREATEST CHALLENGES FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGES LIKE WC: The greatest challenge for community colleges like WC is continuing to attract and retain quality instructors who are able to find new and creative ways to challenge their students in the classroom. I believe what has always set WC apart from other community colleges is the quality of instruction students can expect to receive, which helps them to build a strong foundation for future success.

GREATEST PASSION: My greatest passion is serving in my church, North Side Baptist Church, as well as spending time with my wife, Kristy. Our primary role as parents is to ensure that our children grow into responsible young adults who also have a desire to serve others. There is no greater joy in my life than my family.

WC FOUNDATION NEWS



The Weatherford College Foundation continues to celebrate the generosity of its donors, including 1) the Herbert G. Feldman Charitable Foundation, through the direction of Debbie Alexander (pictured with President Farmer), which has surpassed \$90,000 in gifts to the foundation, 2) the Parker County Women's and Newcomers Club (Scholarship Committee members pictured with WCF President Bob Glenn), which has surpassed \$100,000 in giving to its scholarship fund, and 3) the Rotary Club of Weatherford, which established their new Centennial Scholarship in celebration of the club's 100th year.

WC HIRES LEATU AS WOMEN'S TENNIS COACH



Alex Leatu is officially Weatherford College's new women's tennis coach, and she's ready to create the team from the ground up.

"I'm here to create a team that loves like a family, works like a championship depends on every detail, representing Weatherford College proudly, on every occasion," she said.

Leatu served as head coach for the NCAA Division I program at Georgia State University from June 2018 through this past April. Before that, she coached at the University of New Haven.

"I didn't plan to leave Georgia State and coaching a DI program, but when this opportunity at Weatherford College knocked on my door, I knew it was time to move on," Leatu said. "I couldn't let it pass me by."

Before her coaching career, Leatu played collegiate tennis at both Baylor University and Vanderbilt University.

Her tennis career began at age 8. She ranked in the top ten in the USTA 14, 16 and 18 and under divisions, won three national titles in singles and three in doubles, two silver balls in USTA doubles play and a bronze ball in USTA singles. Leatu also won two ITF Grade 3 tournaments.

While at Vanderbilt, Leatu earned Second Team All-SEC honors and was named to the SEC All-Tournament team. She played number one singles and number one doubles as a freshman and ranked as a top 75 player by the ITA.

She then transferred to Baylor University, where she was a three-time Big 12 Conference champion, and Baylor reached a top-15 team rating with Leatu on the team.

Now, she's glad to be in a part of Texas she calls home and to wear the many hats that come with being a head coach.

"As a head coach, you're a parent figure, a friend, a therapist, a mentor, and sometimes, just a really good listener," Leatu said. "Being a head coach is understanding that wearing all of these hats, being consistently optimistic through good times and bad, and never letting your standards drop are ultimately how you achieve success with your unit, your team, your family."

Women's tennis returns to the WC athletic lineup this fall.

BAAS *from page 6.*

He also holds a master's degree in counseling and a certificate in leadership and negotiation from Harvard Law School's Program on Negotiation.

Before his work at Olympic College, he was a lecturer in Whitworth University's bachelor's program in psychology and master's program in counseling. He also worked as a licensed mental health therapist in Washington state. In addition, he is a member of the editorial review board for the International Journal of Servant-Leadership and the Journal of Leadership Studies, where he regularly reviews and evaluates academic journal articles before publication.

Mathew is no stranger to North Texas, as he has family in Fort Worth and Carrollton. He was raised in the Pacific Northwest and jokingly said he's happy to get to a place where the climate is a "bit drier." The friendly folks in the south and WC's long tradition of success were also factors in the move.

"Southern hospitality is something special, and I'm grateful for the opportunity to live, work and raise a family in a community that is so welcoming," he said. "Moving across the country is a big decision and a step of faith, especially with a young family. When I saw this job opportunity, I was amazed at how well it aligned with my experience in launching a bachelor's program and my work as a professor."

Mathew's to-do list is long as the new program gets off the ground. Developing curriculum, building classes, meeting accreditation requirements and other tasks will keep him busy, as his team works with college and community stakeholders to build a quality program.

"We will create a win-win for students who can leverage their bachelor's degrees to compete for jobs and promotions, as well as for employers who are looking for an educated and prepared workforce to fill in-demand leadership, management and supervisory roles." 📖

“So new programs like CyberSecurity, the BAAS, BSN and Vet Tech, along with an evening cohort in Associate Degree Nursing, are strong indicators of our commitment to growing the college.”

The new building will open just a few months after classes begin for the new BAAS program, and when they take their seats in the three-story, 70,000-square-foot facility, they will have a front-row view of the new Weatherford College, Endy said.

“The BAAS in Organizational Leadership changes things for WC in a significant way,” he said. “The BSN program was created for working, licensed nurses to advance in that field. The BAAS in Organizational Leadership provides high-quality local access to baccalaureate degree completion for people in a variety of professions. The program serves working people who can complete the BAAS while remaining active and employed in Parker County and our five-county service area.”

The program is designed for students to “build upon their valuable two-year degrees to compete for higher-paying jobs and promotions, while employers get the rounded skill sets they seek in bachelor’s prepared employees—all at an affordable price point,” said program director Dr. Philip Mathew.

Students in traditional freshman and sophomore classes now have the option to challenge themselves even more with the addition of WC’s new Honors Program. Students can build lasting relationships with instructors for letters of recommendation and mentorship with even smaller class sizes.

“For the Honors Program, we want students to have a different experience,” said Michelle Burt, program coordinator. “In high school, they may not have taken this opportunity to take advanced classes before, and maybe now they do. They

see these different classes to challenge themselves, and they want to be a part of that.”

The program offers an advanced curriculum based on inquiry, research and a dedication to lifelong learning and leadership.

“The Honors Program isn’t about if you’re smart enough; it’s about the time and effort that you are willing to put in to achieve something greater,” said student Stephen Beare. “If there’s a class you think you want to pursue and you’re really passionate about, go for it. Look more in-depth and further your endeavors.”

As students returned to campus last year, an activity period was implemented near the lunch hour to provide increased

responsibility and provide additional time to meet with instructors and advisors to take care of crucial academic business.

To ensure students are aware of opportunities during the activity period, the Honors Program and the vast array of academic programs at WC, the Quality Enhancement Plan Committee has developed Weatherford College ROOTS (Resources Open Opportunity To Students). The ROOTS project is aimed to make sure students make the most of their time at WC and set them on a path to success both academically and for their future careers.

ROOTS has revamped the incoming student orientation program, rebranding it as CORE, the Coyote Orientation Registration Experience.

Rather than one large orientation day near the start of the fall semester, incoming students can pick from eight CORE days during the summer, providing more schedule flexibility and smaller groups for more of a one-

on-one orientation experience.

Looking toward the horizon, more changes are coming for WC. A new five-year strategic plan outlines new dorms, tennis courts, parking garages, a new student center, and many more potential projects.

The first of five new teams join the Coyote athletic roster this fall: men’s golf and women’s tennis. Volleyball will come on board in Fall 2022, and women’s golf and men’s tennis will be added in Fall 2023.

“We are now an institution better equipped than ever before to positively impact the lives of our students and the communities they serve,” said President Tod Allen Farmer. “Like the monarch butterfly, Weatherford College is changing for the better. The marvelous metamorphosis has empowered us to improve the human condition, and we are just getting started.” ☞

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- DR. TOD ALLEN FARMER

access to student life, including clubs, organizations, campus cookouts, career and transfer fairs, and other student events. With face-to-face interaction returning, those offerings are expected to grow more in the 2021-22 academic year.

“Student life and student involvement play a big part in student recruitment and retention,” said Doug Jefferson, associate dean of student development. “Our department provides events designed to assist with the holistic development of our students, including guest speakers, novelty shows, career events, university transfer fairs, cookouts, pep rallies and student professional development workshops. These activities are designed to keep the students engaged.”

Having this dedicated activity hour allows students time to participate in events that will enhance their student resume, encourage individual and social

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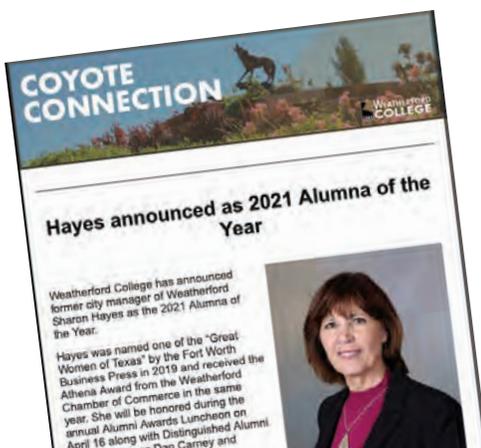
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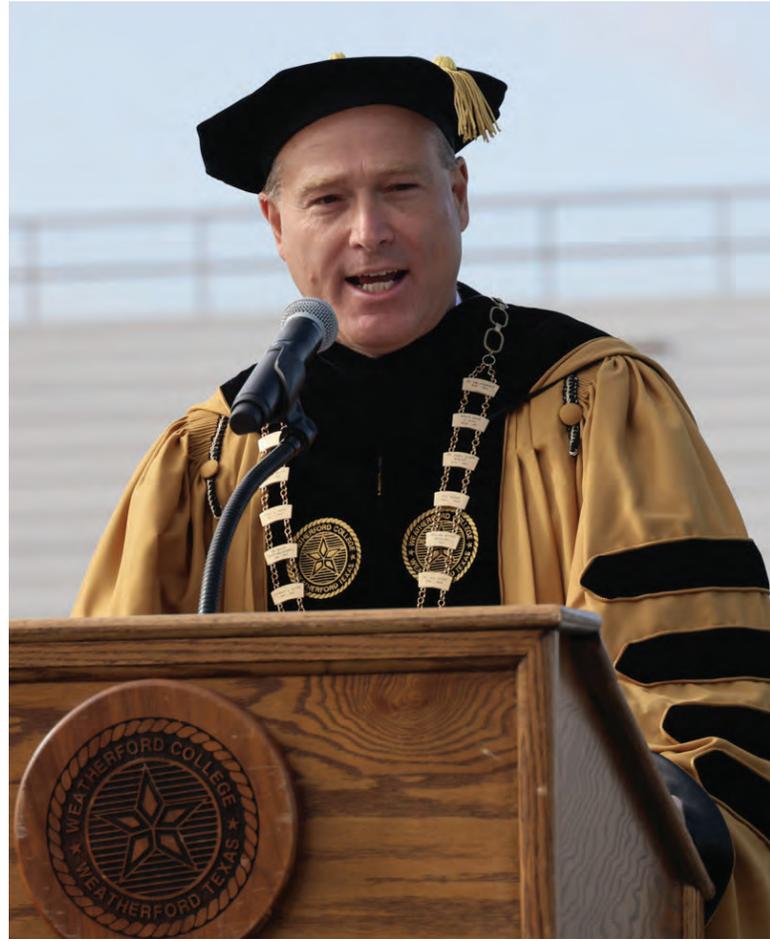
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