WEATHERFORD COLLEGE 2023 PRESIDENTIAL ANNUAL REPORT





### MESSAGE FROM

## THE PRESIDENT



A national championship, the launch of our third bachelor's degree, and yet another year of record-breaking philanthropy and student scholarships are just a few of the indicators that Weatherford College has enjoyed a remarkable year! The expansion of our academic, arts, and athletic programs have provided our students with additional educational opportunities. The addition of gorgeous new facilities and updates to existing facilities have enhanced our curb

appeal and beautified our campus. But at the core of what makes Weatherford College such a dynamic place is our people.

The people of Weatherford College are a remarkable group of individuals that form a vibrant collective. Our faculty, staff, students, donors, and community stakeholders work together to make this world an even better place one individual at a time. Our Weatherford College Board of Trustees and Weatherford College Foundation Board provide the governance and resources that are literally transforming our noble institution into something even greater. I count it a prodigious privilege to serve as a member of this astonishing team.

At the heart of our WC culture of caring lie the Presidential Core Values of faith, hope, and love. Our generous donors have shown their love for our students by generously sharing their hard-earned financial resources. Our faculty and staff have continuously demonstrated their collective faith in our students by challenging them, supporting them, and helping them mature into educated citizens of character. Most importantly, our students' hope of a better future for themselves and their families has fueled their efforts to succeed and realize the American Dream.

I hope that you enjoy reading the Presidential Annual Report as much as I did. The pervasive excellence demonstrated in the pages that follow remind us of the rich goodness that is in this world and of the amazing people that manifest that goodness. Together we will continue to build upon the strong heritage of Weatherford College and collectively reveal that our greatest days lie ahead! Go COYOTES!

- PRESIDENT TOD ALLEN FARMER



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# BOARD OF TRUSTEES



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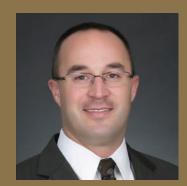
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### WC BOARD OF TRUSTEES

### VOLUNTEERS GUIDE WC INTO THE FUTURE



They are eight individuals with various backgrounds and viewpoints, but the members of the Weatherford College Board of Trustees come together to guide the institution forward in a unified manner.

"The Weatherford College Board of Trustees has provided the stability that has allowed the magic to happen," said President Tod Allen Farmer. "Their collective support, collaboration, and governance have propelled this noble institution to the next level."

Led by Chairman Mac Smith, board members volunteer their time to set policy, work with the president and represent the citizens of the district.

Board members serve six year terms and are required to undergo annual training conducted by the State of Texas. They meet regularly once a month but often have called meetings, especially during the summer months as the annual budget is finalized.

For board agendas or to see videos of board meetings, visit wc.edu.

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### FALL 2022 ENROLLMENT

TOTAL STUDENTS

**STUDENT AGE** 

AVG.

MIN.

MAX.

GENDER	%
Female	63.8%
Male	36.2%

**AVG. CREDIT HOURS** 

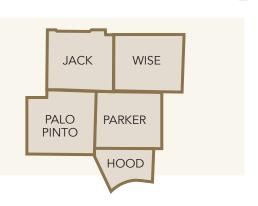
CLASS TYPE	%
In-person or Hybrid	69.6%
Online	30.4%

TOP 5 COUNTIES REPRESENTED BY THE STUDENT

POPULATION

COUNTY	70
Parker	45.7%
Wise	16.5%
Hood	9.2%
Palo Pinto	6.6%
Jack	1.6%

COLINITY



### ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

Bachelor's Degrees

Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences in Organizational Leadership, Bachelor of Medical and Health Services Management.

**Programs** of Study

Associate in Arts and Associate in Science degrees

Degrees

Associate in Applied Sciences

Certificates of Completion

# NCE

### DUAL CREDIT

TOTAL DUAL CREDIT 1,773

20.1%

of WC credit hours are generated by high school students

32.6%

CREDIT HOURS 5.6

AVG.

of WC students are Dual Credit Students

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CLASS TYPE	%
Face-to-face	62.1%
Online	26.6%
Hybrid	11.3%

**STUDENT AGE** 

GRADUATES

TOTAL GRADUATES IN 2022

1,047

DEGREE TYPE	#
Certificate	278
Associate	756
Baccalaureate	13

WEATHERFORD COLLEGE

# FAITE HOVE

### PRESIDENTIAL CORE VALUES

2022 PRESIDENTIAL CORE VALUE COIN RECIPIENTS



**GWEN CRABTREE** 



**MARY THOMAS** 



J.C. NICHOLS



**KAY LANDRUM** 



**MAC SMITH** 

"Values shape the actions of both individuals and institutions. At the heart of my actions as the 20th president of Weatherford College are the Presidential Core Values of faith, hope, and love.

I have faith in our students, faculty, staff, alumni, and community. I have faith that the better traits of humanity will prevail.

Hope guides me to believe that our shared future can be even brighter than our distinguished past.

Our shared love is our most powerful driving force. It is a love that transcends all that divides us and permeates every facet of our culture of caring.

At Weatherford College, we want to do more than provide our students with high-quality credentials.

We want to produce persons of character that will add value to our society.

We want to produce graduates that our employers will want to hire and promote.

We want to produce the type of citizens that you would be glad to have as a neighbor, a friend, or even as a family member."

-PRESIDENT TOD ALLEN FARMER



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#### WEATHERFORD COLLEGE CONTRIBUTED



### TO THE NORTH TEXAS ECONOMY

Weatherford College gives much more to the community than it takes.

That was the message received when Dr. Tasha Brown presented data from an economic impact study to the WC Board of Trustees in December.

The Economics Research Group at the University of North Texas found that WC contributed **\$139 MILLION** to the North Texas economy in 2021.

The study also found that WC supported **1,118 JOBS**, generated **\$5.3 MILLION** in state and local tax revenue and another **\$12.4 MILLION** In federal tax revenue. For each dollar the college received in local and state taxes, it generated \$4.60 in local economic activity.

"Sometimes we forget, not only does a college like this greatly contribute to the standard of living and quality of life we all enjoy in this community, but it is also a big economic driver for the community," said board member G.B. Bailey.

# THE THREE PILLARS OF HIGHER ED



# TEACHING

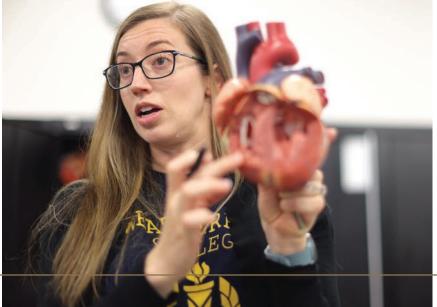
To enhance teaching, the college uses the expertise of its own seasoned professionals as well as experts from outside the community to continually hone our skills. THE MISSION OF HIGHER EDUCATION IS BUILT ON THREE ESSENTIAL PILLARS: TEACHING, SCHOLARSHIP AND SERVICE. WEATHERFORD COLLEGE STRIVES TO EXCEL IN ALL THREE.















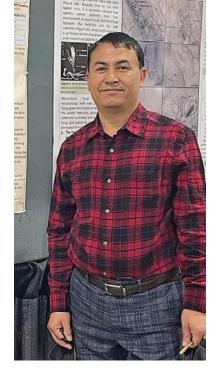














# SCHOLARSHIP

In this use, the word "scholarship" refers to the activity of research or generating new knowledge for a group or a field. WC has seen an uptick in the pursuit of scholarship in recent years.

From top left to right, top to bottom:

Faculty, staff and students participated in a study abroad trip in the summer of 2022 to Greece where they visited a number of historical and archeological sites.

Romney Landis, Behavior Sciences Department Chair and Honors Program instructor, is pictured with one of the first graduates from WC's new Honors Program, which encourages students to facilitate additional research during their academic journey at WC.

Social science faculty members participated in a Constitution Day panel discussion facilitated by the college's legal counsel, Dan Curlee.

Dr. Stephen Duarte, program director of the Bachelor of Applied Technology in Medical and Health Services Management, was published in the latest Cases in Health Care Management textbook, the "go-to" text when teaching classes in this field.

Dr. Christi Cook and Dr. Dana Brewer participated in the Creator Communities Academy. They

published an Open Educational Resource to the THECB OEP repository, which is accessible to any educator in Texas.

Steve Fox, owner and operator of Fox Auto Team in El Paso, kicked off the fourth-annual WC Interdisciplinary Academic Conference as the keynote speaker.

Biology professor Dr. Bishnu Twanabasu attended Botany 2022 in Anchorage, Alaska, in July to present research on behalf of his students. The students completed mycorrhiza and cover crops research at the WC Agricultural Center in collaboration with the National Resources Conservation Services in Weatherford and have presented their findings each summer since 2014.

Agriculture students assisted in judging a Career Development Event competition hosted by WC in the new Emerging Technologies and Workforce Building and the Parker County Sheriff's Posse Grounds. The event was held in the spring of 2022 and attended by dozens of area high schools.







# SERVICE

Service opportunities exist internally within the college community and externally in WC's five-county service area. Personnel and programs are encouraged to look for opportunities to improve the lives of others. From top left to right, top to bottom:

WC Student Ambassadors dropped off two large boxes of WC teddy bears to the Children's Advocacy Center of Parker County to help bring comfort to the children assisted by the CAC.

Vocational Nursing students participated in Kids, Kows and More in Stephenville in July. Designed to give youth a taste of all the agriculture in their area, the event also included first-aid training, safety information such as wearing helmets on ATVs and other safety devices they should use on farms and recreational vehicles.

College President Tod Allen Farmer and Weatherford Mayor Paul Paschall along with dozens













of faculty, staff and students assisted our Coyote Village residents during dorm move in.

WC Law Enforcement cadets stuffed 1,200 Easter eggs for the "Hopin' COHO Egg Hunt" hosted by the City of Hudson Oaks. Dozens of Upward Bound students were present at the event to help scatter eggs for hunters to gather.

Community members of all ages attended the first Public Safety Professionals Expo in October 2022. Public safety representatives from across the state attended to discuss career opportunities.

Dr. Diann Ainsworth helped judge the PTA Reflections art and writing contest at Bill Wright Elementary School. According to the National PTA website, the Reflections

program, which has been in place for over 50 years, provides opportunities for recognition and access to the arts.

Occupational Therapy Association members volunteered with the Tarrant Area Food Bank, loading up more than 100 families with food in just two short hours.

The Coyote softball team volunteers with The Challenger League, a program for athletes with developmental and/or physical disabilities.

Nursing and phlebotomy students participated in the annual wellness fair for college employees in the fall semester. Students took vital signs and conducted blood draws, while the Parker County Hospital District was on site to provide flu shots.

# CAMPUS EXPANSION

The curb appeal on College Park Drive in Weatherford is decidedly different after two significant WC building projects.

The Emerging Technologies & Workforce Building opened in the spring of 2022. The three-story, 70,000-square-foot building ushers in a new era for the college and serves as a beautiful new "front door" to the campus. WC's bachelor's degree programs, Corporate College, cybersecurity, industrial maintenance, cosmetology and other programs are housed in the facility.

The community celebrated the groundbreaking of the new Vickie and Jerry Durant Hall in the spring of 2022 and construction began in late fall of 2022. The 57,000-square-foot, \$27 million student housing facility will service students in WC's Honors Program and athletics teams with 116 beds. Durant Hall will also include a weight room, cardio room, a multi-purpose room for activities like yoga and Pilates and an expansive balcony. Completion is anticipated in 2024.























### BACHELOR'S DEGREES

WC has been adding a new bachelor's degree program each year for the past three, and that pace looks to continue to at least five programs.

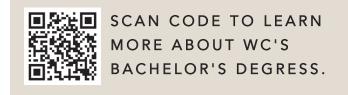
The inaugural class of WC's first bachelor's degree program, Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN), graduated in 2021. Over 90 students are now enrolled in the program, with cohort No. 8 beginning in Fall 2023.

The second bachelor's program, Organizational

Leadership, will graduate its inaugural class in 2023. This program continues to grow with its third cohort beginning in the Fall 2023 semester.

Medical and Health Services Management launched in the fall of 2022, helping health science professionals advance their careers.

WC's fourth baccalaureate degree, Early Childhood Education, launches in 2023 pending state approval.



### INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS AT WC Australia 🐺 Montenegro Bangladesh Nepal 🖁 Belgium Nigeria Brazil 🌎 Saudi Arabia Serbia Canada Slovakia Chad Dominican Republic Spain Estonia Sweden Thailand France Trinidad and Tobago Germany United Kingdom India Zambia Lithuania Mexico

Total: 54 Students



### MEET AMANDA VIANNA FROM BRAZIL

Amanda Vianna first traveled from her home country of Brazil to the United States on vacation to Universal Studios and Disney World in 2013.

She returned in 2019 as an exchange student and completed her senior year at Legacy High School in Mansfield. Now she's a proud WC Coyote.

"I always wanted to have an experience living and studying abroad," she said.

Her host mom, Mindy Skidmore, is an alumnus of Weatherford College, and both of her host sisters were also planning to attend WC. She went on a campus visit with them and the rest is history.

After completing three semesters of core academic courses, Vianna is now in the Associate Degree Nursing program and has plans to apply for the RN-to-BSN Bachelor's Degree program in the future.

#### LEGENDS LEGACIE

#### ATHLETICS YEAR COYOTE ΙN REVIEW

In the calendar year 2022, WC brought home championships in both a long-standing sport and a brand new sport as well as three total nationals appearances.

The women's rodeo team won the national championship at the College National Finals Rodeo in Casper, Wyoming, topping four-year programs including Texas A&M University, Texas Tech University, the University of Wyoming and Tarleton State University. In addition, team roper Jace Helton brought home WC's fourth individual national championship.

The Coyote volleyball team shocked the Northern Texas Junior College Athletic Conference by winning the league title in their inaugural season with a 13-2 NTJCAC record. Kailee May was deservedly named Coach of the Year in the conference.

It had been two decades since WC fielded teams in women's tennis and men's golf. But in their respective returns, both delivered big.

Tennis not only qualified for the NJCAA National Tournament in Tempe, Arizona, they surprised the collegiate tennis world by finishing in eighth place as a team, ranked as high as seventh nationally by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association. WC's Ana Khrustaleva earned ITA All-America honors.

Golf advanced to nationals with a dramatic finish on the final day of regional qualifying play. The team finished 17th at the NJCAA Division I National Tournament. The Coyotes also had their sport's fourth-highest team grade point average in the country with a 3.67.

The baseball team made a four-game run in the Region V Tournament, which included an upset of No. 1 seed New Mexico Junior College in the first round. The team was ranked as high as No. 4 in the nation by the JUCO Baseball Blog.

The Coyote softball team hosted the 2022 Region V-North Tournament at Stuart Field and didn't disappoint, winning three straight games to advance the tournament semifinals.

The Lady Coyote basketball team also advanced to regionals for the fifth straight year. Former Lady Coyote coach Betty Jo Graber was inducted into the NJCAA Foundation Hall of Fame, celebrating a groundbreaking 35-year coaching career at the college. The beloved coach passed away in January of 2023.

In December of 2022, the men's basketball team was ranked as high as No. 14 in the nation. At the printing of this report, the Coyotes were about to begin conference play as one of the most improved teams in the NTJCAC.



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# AWARDS





### RESPIRATORY CARE PROGRAM RECEIVES PRESIDENT'S AWARD

WC's respiratory care program earned the President's Award for Excellence in Credentialing Success from the Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care. This is the first time the program has received this recognition from CoARC, the organization responsible for accreditation of associate, baccalaureate and graduate-level degree respiratory care programs in the United States.

### DR. TARNOWIECKYI NAMED ASSISTANT VICE PRESIDENT OF STUDENT SERVICES

Weatherford College President Tod Allen Farmer named Dr. Scott Tarnowieckyi the college's new assistant vice president of student services in August of 2022. Tarnowieckyi spent 12 years as a WC history professor and eight years as chair of the social sciences department.

### **COLLEGE PARTNERS WITH SONGWRITING MECCA**

Through a unique partnership established in honor of the late Bob Kingsley—a renowned radio personality—a one-of-a-kind opportunity to digitize nearly 40 years of archived performances at the Bluebird Cafe in Nashville is underway at Weatherford College.





### PERRY VISITS WC

Former U.S. Secretary of Energy and Texas Governor Rick Perry toured WC's new Emerging Technologies and Workforce Building in early 2022. Pictured with Perry are President Farmer and State Representative Glenn Rogers.

# ACCOLADES

### ST. CLAIR NAMED PROFESSOR EMERITA

Weatherford College honored Marilyn St. Clair for her 40-plus years of service to the college by naming her Professor Emerita. St. Clair retired recently after serving as chair of the business computer information systems department. She began teaching at WC in 1978 and was Faculty Member of the Year in 2002.



### **JET GRANT**

Weatherford College received a \$296,263 Jobs and Education for Texans (JET) grant from the Texas Workforce Commission to support career training in a check signing ceremony August of 2022. This grant funding will help WC purchase and install earth-moving simulator equipment for the first line supervisors of construction trades and extraction workers program.

### FACULTY & STAFF MEMBERS OF THE YEAR

Sonography program director Kelly Staub was awarded as the 2022 Faculty Member of the Year. Staub created a Screencast-O-Matic training video for WC during the pandemic that is now published on the Texas Success Center website. Cafeteria cashier Rosie Villazana, described as humble, hardworking, and someone who radiates positivity and creates a nurturing environment, was honored as the 2022 Staff Member of the Year.















# STUDENT LIFE AT WC

The Office of Student Life hosts multiple events each semester to enhance the college experience for our Coyotes. Established, recurring events include Welcome Week at the start of the academic year, a fall and spring cookout, club fairs, and career

and transfer fairs. More recently, smaller events have been added into the mix, including breakfast every Wednesday morning, chalking the quad with positive messages before finals and weekly cornhole tournaments.

### PRESIDENTS HALL









Presidents Hall was established in the Nan and Bob Kingsley Building to honor the distinguished past of Weatherford College. All 20 presidents, from David Switzer to Dr. Tod Allen Farmer, are represented in the display.

In 2022, several family members of past presidents and one past president himself were able to visit the display for the first time.

**PRESIDENT JIM BOYD** served the college from 1993 to 1998. His wife, Dr. Veleda Boyd, is pictured with President Farmer.

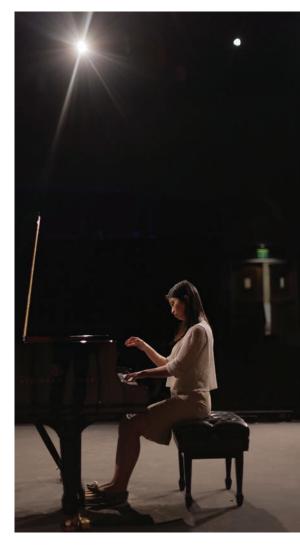
**PRESIDENT WILLIAM BRYAN MCDANIEL** served WC in 1941. Brian McDaniel, President McDaniel's son, and his wife, Jackie, made a recent visit to see the display.

**PRESIDENT DAVID SWITZER** was the first president of the college, serving from 1889 to 1901. Descendants Kathie Smyrl (center), Trustee Doug Dowd and his wife, Kristy, represented the family at the dedication of Presidents Hall.

**PRESIDENT J.C. NICHOLS** served WC in the late 1960s. He was able to visit the display and tour the campus he helped establish years ago.







### FINE ARTS AT WEATHERFORD COLLEGE

Weatherford College continues to support a robust fine arts program and added the rank of All-Steinway Sprio Institution to its list of accolades in 2022. While there are 17 institutions in Texas that own Steinway & Sons Spirio I r pianos, WC is the first public community college in America to become an All-Steinway Spirio Institution.

Young pianists from across the world performed on those Steinways during the fourth annual WC International Piano Competition held in July, as the competition returned to an in-person event. The competition had been held virtually for the previous two years.

WC's artist in residence, Dr. Hyeyoung Song, also hosted her personal concerts in the Alkek Fine Arts Center and booked several guest artist appearances including internationally renowned concert pianist Gustavo Romero, hailed as a "pianist of genius." Pianist Sophia Gilmson, an emeritus professor of piano pedagogy at the University of Texas at Austin

Butler School of Music, hosted a guest artist lecture and masterclass in the Alkek Fine Arts Center in March.

The Jazz Studies department welcomed Hollywood filmmaker and music supervisor Jamelle Adisa as the guest artist for a songwriter showcase held in the spring. And WC jazz alumnus Keith Loftis, composer and saxophonist, worked on more Grammy-nominated projects, including The Baylor Project's album "The Evening: Live at Apparatus" and Kelly Clarkson's "When Christmas Comes Around."

The Alkek stage hosted a number of theatrical productions, including "Chemical Imbalance: A Jekyll and Hyde Play," "Matilda Jr.," "A Midsummer's Night Dream," "Bye Bye Birdie," "Moon Over Buffalo" and "Dracula."

And WC vocal students Nikki Giunta and Tyler West-Sumrall qualified for the Texas Two-Year College All State Choir at the end of 2022. Giunta, a soprano, and West-Sumrall, a bass, performed with the All-State Choir at the Texas Music Educators Association Convention in San Antonio in February of 2023.



### 2021-2022 FISCAL REVIEW

### REVENUE BY SOURCE

%	REVENUE
28.7%	20,437,883
17.1%	12,193,736
15.8%	11,247,637
14.6%	10,382,227
8.9%	6,300,477
4.9%	3,518,332
2.9%	2,059,181
2.1%	1,523,501
1.3%	904,310
1.1%	793,619
0.8%	595,203
0.8%	577,213
0.6%	413,895
0.3%	241,853
	28.7% 17.1% 15.8% 14.6% 8.9% 4.9% 2.9% 2.1% 1.3% 1.1% 0.8% 0.8%

TOTAL: \$71,189,067

The Texas Comptroller's Office awarded WC with a Financial Transparency Star in Traditional Finances, one of only two community college districts to receive this



designation. Scan the QR code for the most up-to-date information about WC's finances.



### OPERATING EXPENSES

Instruction	31.6%	\$17,730,831
Institutional Support	15.3%	\$8,577,311
Student Services	13.5%	\$7,563,901
Scholarships and Fellowships	10.4%	\$5,813,265
Operations/Maintenance	8.6%	\$4,840,607
Academic Support	7.5%	\$4,211,540
Depreciation	7.0%	\$3,911,455
Auxiliary Enterprises	6.2%	\$3,477,821
Public Service	0.0%	\$20,072

TOTAL: \$56,146,803

# WC FOUNDATION

#### SCHOLARSHIPS RECORD NUMBER O F AWARDED

A record number of local students are receiving scholarships thanks to the Weatherford College Foundation's incredibly generous donors.

The foundation awarded more than \$600,000 in scholarships for the 2022-23 academic year, shattering the previous record of \$387,000 set in 2021-22.

"We are very grateful for all of our donors who generously give in order to make a difference in so many of our students' lives," said Brent Gough, WC Foundation president. "More and more people are seeing the need and getting on board, and this is the reason for the increase in giving and in scholarships awarded."

The foundation has awarded \$1.3 million in scholarships since 2020, \$2.2 million since 2017 and \$4.1 million since 2005.

On June 1, 2022, the local community lost one of its most beloved sons. WC Foundation President Bob Glenn was a great family man, a gifted businessman and a man of faith.

Weatherford College was blessed beyond measure to have Bob as a volunteer for decades, but the three years he spent at WC after retiring from 56 years in banking had the most impact. He raised more than \$600,000 in student scholarships in a focused effort that will impact students' lives for decades.

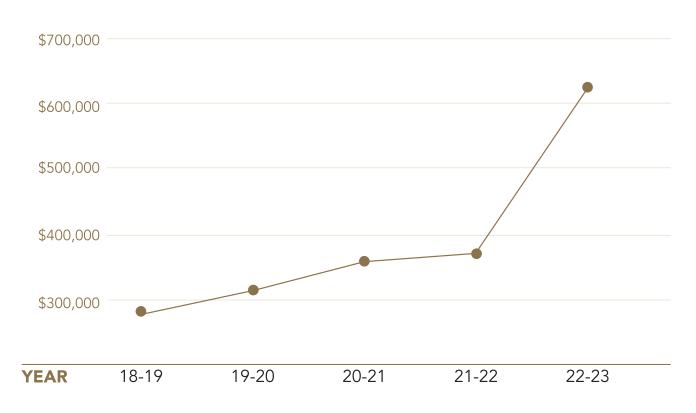
As a WC Alumnus of the Year Award winner, a Carlos Hartnett Award winner and a lifelong Coyote, WC could not have had a better ambassador in the community.

We miss you, Bob.



#### WC FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

#### **AMOUNT**



### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Brent Gough President

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# STUDENT AID

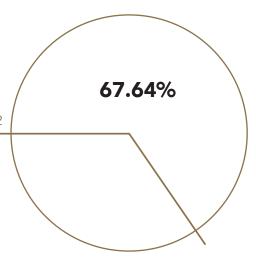
**WC** students who received Total financial aid

3,683

**Students:** 

Unduplicated Students in 2022

5,445



### INANCIAL

Numbers based on 2022

<b>AMOUNTS</b>	STUDENTS
\$6,056,966	2,039
\$905,266	676
\$2,399,040	643
\$721,813	520
\$32,194	18
\$5,111,469	1,140
\$1,007,246	504
\$403,641	222
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Some students received multiple forms of financial aid.

TOTAL: \$16,637,635

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Numbers as of June 22, 2022.

### TOTAL AMOUNT TO STUDENTS: \$7,776,239

The CARES Act provided emergency financial aid grants to students for expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to COVID-19.





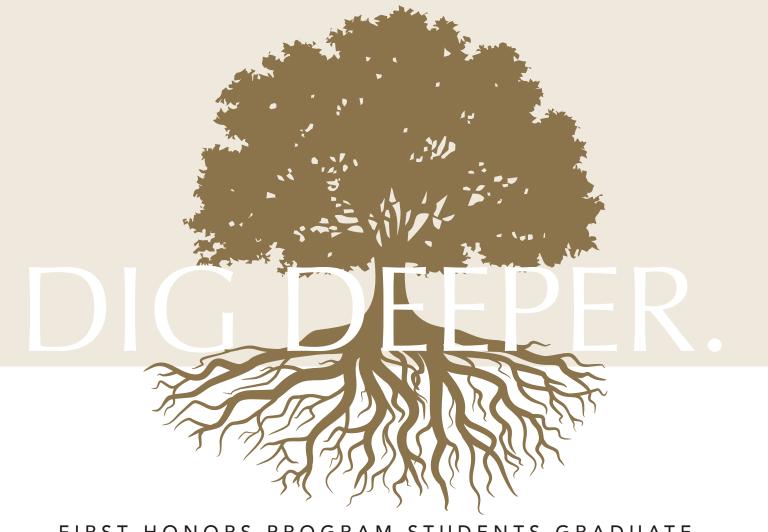


WC is now one of the few community colleges in the nation to own a radio station! 88.5/102.5 FM "The Coyote" launched in 2022 and broadcasts 24/7 over the college's five-county service area.

Thanks to donations from Nan Kingsley and Charlie Gilchrist, the station has state-of-the-art studios and serves as a community station for local news, weather,

sports and special events. WC students are receiving onthe-air training with more to come in the form of mass communications courses.

In addition to the station's FM signals, you can hear "The Coyote" on their smartphone app—search for "The Coyote" and the black and gold logo in the App Store for iPhones or the Play Store for Android users.



#### FIRST HONORS PROGRAM STUDENTS GRADUATE

Students in Weatherford College's Honors Program are given the opportunity to "dig deeper," the program's motto, by attending small classes with specialized curriculum, allowing a more in-depth study of select courses.

The program, launched in the Fall of 2021, is overseen by math instructor Michelle Burt and is part of the National Collegiate Honors Council.

The first group consisted of 28 freshman and sophomore students, with six of those students graduating in May of 2022.

To graduate as an honors student, WC Coyotes must complete 12 or more hours of honors coursework, five hours of community service and a capstone project.

The capstone project is an independent research project similar to what universities require of bachelor's and master's programs.

"So, they're kind of getting a taste of it here at Weatherford College," Burt said. "My favorite part is that students get to choose their research project topic, and for some, it's just something they enjoy learning about.

And so, it may not necessarily apply to their major, but they enjoy doing the research."

Over a semester, the student partners with a faculty member to guide them through the process. Capstone project topics have included social preparedness, climate change, the literary influence of Wilfred Owen and Siegfried Sassoon, and looking into the full process of diagnosis, interventions, rehab and prevention of an ACL injury through an athletic training perspective.

The current cohort consists of 32 students, with 16 expected to graduate this year.

Future plans for the program include expanding to the Wise County campus, creating online honors courses, an online honors community, and faculty and students presenting at local and national conferences over their research and experience in building and growing an honors program.



SCAN CODE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE WC HONORS PROGRAM

## UNIVERSITY PARTNERSHIPS

#### EXPANDING STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES









Weatherford College has been increasing its footprint in the region, and new agreements with universities are giving WC bachelor's degree students enhanced opportunities.

Texas A&M University-Commerce and WC have partnered to provide a pathway for WC graduates of the Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences in Organizational Leadership to transition to the Master of Science in Management at TAMUC. WC President Tod Allen Farmer and TAMUC President Mark J. Rudin made the arrangement official with an articulation agreement signing event in Dallas.

WC found a second master's degree partner in Tarleton State University. TSU President James Hurley and Farmer signed an agreement to allow eligible WC Organizational Leadership bachelor's graduates to qualify for fast-tracked admission in the Tarleton Master of Science in Management, Master of Business Administration and Master of Human Resource Management programs.

West Texas A&M University also stepped up to benefit WC Organizational Leadership graduates. Graduate students will receive enhanced advising, financial aid and scholarship counseling. WTAMU President Walter V. Wendler hosted a contingent of WC officials for a signing event in Canyon.

Midwestern State University agreed to benefit students in WC's forthcoming Bachelor of Arts and Sciences in Early Childhood Education and Teaching program. Interim MSU President James Johnson joined Farmer at an event in Weatherford.



### PRESIDENTIAL LUNCHEON

The 2022 Presidential Annual Luncheon was held on September 22 in the Alkek Fine Arts Center.

The Weatherford College Jazz Orchestra performed a few numbers and was joined by Adam Feriend, Weatherford ISD board member and COO of JRJ Construction, for a special operatic performance of America the Beautiful before President Tod Allen Farmer addressed the audience.

Farmer acknowledged a number of community stakeholders along with faculty and staff who support the mission of WC and called upon a 14th-century English proverb that states, "mighty oaks from little acorns rise."

"I love Weatherford College. There are so many things to love, but our old oak trees are one of my favorites," he said. "We have red oaks, post oaks, Burr oaks and our stately live oak trees. I remember, as a student at Weatherford College, seeking shade under the large branches of the old live oak trees and looking up at the birds in the treetops. Every one of those tall trees was once a tiny seed. Mighty oaks from little acorns rise."

He spoke of his caring professors who nurtured his intellect and fostered a love of learning that has continued to grow.

"The truth of the matter is that of everyone in this vast auditorium, I was the least likely among you to

complete my college education," Farmer said. "And yet, here I stand. Just as they have done for so many others, the caring faculty and staff of Weatherford College created a learning context that transformed my life. Today, I humbly stand before you as a child of Weatherford College and tell you that our noble purpose is worth our sustained efforts. Our students are our great hope for the future of our society."

Farmer then presented Jacob Beason, a team member with CBRE – WC's facility maintenance partner – with the Presidential Service Award for his positive attitude and sustained exceptional service to the college. Farmer also presented WC Board Chair Mac Smith with a Presidential Core Value coin for his commitment to the values of faith, hope, and love to the institution.

"Weatherford College sits high on a hill, her bell rings out the call of opportunity and our classrooms challenge generations of bright young minds," Farmer said in closing. "Weatherford College is the fertile ground where seeds of thought begin to sprout, where young minds are nurtured and groomed and where legions of leaders are created. Our mission is clear, and our shared purpose is pure. This year, I ask you to help me lift Weatherford College to even greater heights because, ladies and gentlemen, mighty oaks from little acorns rise."

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