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GRAMMY AWARD WINNER STEVE WARINER TO HEADLINE FOR WCJC GALA

WHARTON, TEXAS – Three-time Grammy Award winner, country music singer and songwriter Steve Wariner will headline for The Wharton County Junior College Foundation Gala on Friday, Oct. 16 at Safari Texas Ballroom in Richmond, Texas. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. and Wariner takes the stage at 9 p.m. following dinner.

Underwriters for the event are The Rosenberg-Richmond Auto Mile. Participating dealerships include The Finnegan Auto Group, Fort Bend Toyota, Legacy Ford Lincoln Mercury, and Gillman Honda Nissan.

Wariner is best known for his No. 1 hits like "Your Memory," "Holes in the Floor of Heaven," "The Weekend," "Small Town Girl," "Some Fools Never Learn," "Tips of My Fingers," "I Should Be With You" and "Where Did I Go Wrong."

He received his first Grammy in 1992 for Best Country Vocal Collaboration on "Restless" with Mark O'Connor and the New Nashville Cats. In 2000, Wariner received three Grammy nominations and won a Grammy for his contribution to Asleep at the Wheel's "Ride with Bob." In 2009, Wariner won Best Country Instrumental Performance for "Cluster Pluck" with Brad Paisley and friends.

Wariner is the songwriting genius behind many hit songs recorded by country music giants including "Longneck Bottle" by Garth Brooks, "Where the Blacktop Ends" by Keith Urban, and "Nothin' By the Taillights" by Clint Black. Wariner's formidable songwriting skills have earned him 16 BMI Country Awards and 11 BMI-Million-Air Awards for songs that top one-million on-air plays.

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**STEVE WARINER HEADLINES FOR OCT. 16 FOUNDATION GALA – 2
Wharton County Junior College**

In 1996, Wariner was inducted into the Grand Ole Opry and in 2008 he was inducted into the Music City Walk of Fame.

Proceeds from the gala will benefit student scholarships, faculty development, and academic programs at Wharton County Junior College. Underwriter sponsorships are available for \$10,000. Gold Sponsor tables are available for \$5,000. Silver Sponsor tables are \$2,500 and Bronze Sponsor tables for \$1,500. All sponsor tables offer seating for 10. Individual tickets are \$85. The event includes a reception, dinner, live auction, and the performance by Steve Wariner.

For more information about the gala or to purchase sponsor tables or individual tickets, please call 979.532.6322 or 1.800.561.9252, ext. 6322. Information is also available online at www.wcjc.edu by linking to the Foundation.

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