



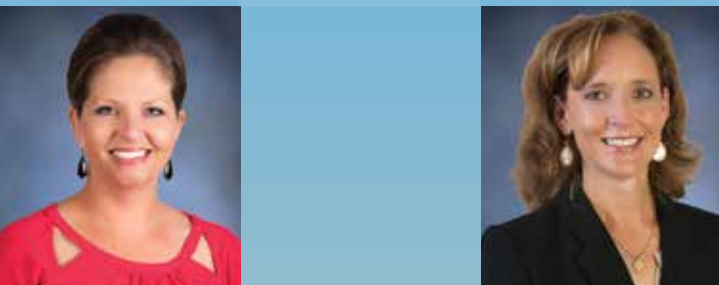
Wharton County Junior College

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2019-2020 WCJC President's Report to the Community





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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A YEAR OF CHALLENGE AND PROGRESS



The COVID-19 pandemic took the world by storm and presented challenges to higher education institutions around the globe. Although my career in education spans many decades, I can say 2020 was like no other I have seen. The year brought forth a time during which we were isolated, yet at the same time challenged to work at a fast pace to meet deadlines and provide a seamless business transition for serving our students. Proudly, we adapted quickly by training our face-to-face faculty to provide online instruction, moved more courses online, and implemented safety measures and protocols across all campuses to keep our employees, students, and visitors as safe as possible.

Junior College as part of his tour highlighting community colleges for the positive economic impact they bring to Texas. In early January, the college partnered with El Campo Memorial Hospital to open a medical clinic on the Wharton campus for the benefit of students, employees, and their dependents. Last fall our marketing team took on an ambitious project to film programs, alumni, employees, and students at the college's four campuses to create multiple digital marketing pieces. These beautifully filmed pieces capture compelling features about our programs and are being utilized for multiple digital media campaigns.

Over the summer we adjusted our operating budget to take into account uncertain revenue forecasts and made cuts where we could do so.

■ **OUR DEDICATED COLLEGE EMPLOYEES ARE TO BE COMMENDED FOR WORKING DILIGENTLY THROUGHOUT THIS CHALLENGING YEAR TO MOVE THE COLLEGE FORWARD.**

Thankfully, prior to the onset of the pandemic, we initiated a marketing video project that captured footage of our four campuses and various programs, opened a new medical clinic on the Wharton campus, hosted a Good for Texas Tour for State Comptroller Glenn Hegar, and held a grand opening ceremony for Corbett Park. The new baseball park was generously underwritten by donor and longtime friend Duncan Corbett. Elected officials from the region attended the Good for Texas Tour event, which provided Comptroller Hegar with a platform to announce the tour dedicated to community colleges. The Comptroller graciously chose to showcase Wharton County

Regardless of the challenges we have faced in the past, the present, or in the future, Pioneers find a way to stand together for strength. It is my honor to serve this college, and I thank all of our students, employees, community leaders, donors, partners, and friends for your continued support.

Warm regards,

Betty A. McCrohan

President, Wharton County Junior College

WE VALUE DIVERSITY. At Wharton County Junior College, we value the diversity of our students, faculty, and staff. The unique experiences and perspectives that this diversity provides the college community are invaluable. The college remains dedicated to the advancement of diversity, inclusion, equity, and anti-racism in the college and in our community, and we are working on concrete ways in which we can grow and improve our efforts in this regard. We have implemented employee training programs focusing on diversity and inclusion. Our continuous and ongoing efforts are focused on ensuring that our diverse community feels welcome and included on all of our campuses.



A NEW WAY OF BUSINESS

COVID-19 brought changes in operations and revamped learning opportunities to WCJC

Ranging from additional online classes to counseling for students and staff, the COVID-19 pandemic changed the way Wharton County Junior College did business in 2020.

Converting most courses to an online platform was a massive undertaking. Prior to the pandemic, the college offered fewer than 200 online courses each

THE COLLEGE CREATED THE **WCJC REOPEN PLAN**, A SET OF HEALTH AND SAFETY PROTOCOLS TO MITIGATE HEALTH RISKS FOR STUDENTS, FACULTY, AND STAFF.

semester. By September 2020, the number had expanded to more than 800.

Live training sessions and a series of five training modules

prepared faculty for online teaching, while the college also expanded support services to accommodate employee and student questions and concerns. Other college procedures also had to be adjusted, such as the moving of convocation week meetings to an online environment, the transition of the Adult Education and Literacy program to an online format, the reconfiguring of

vocational courses that maintained a face-to-face component, and the merging of course sections.

The college created the WCJC Reopen Plan, a set of health and safety protocols to mitigate health risks for students, faculty and staff. The plan's general framework, developed in March and April, was implemented in three phases, with adjustments made as new information became available. Protocols included issuing personal protective equipment (PPE), installing hand sanitizers, and locking down campus facilities to the public.

To help faculty, staff and students deal with anxiety and concerns related to the ongoing pandemic, WCJC counselors in April 2020 began offering virtual "Anxiety Management" sessions. The 45-minute segments, conducted online, covered such topics as social isolation, work challenges, proper rest and nutrition, and coping mechanisms.

One group of WCJC students chipped in to help with the pandemic response by working at a COVID-19 screening site in Fort Bend County. The students, part of the WCJC Emergency Medical Service program, were able to apply the experience to clinical training requirements.

WCJC instituted a wide-ranging set of protocols and safety measures as part of a response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Pictured wearing a face covering is WCJC Assistant Admissions Officer Rebecca McKnight.

Students of WCJC's EMS program participated in a COVID-19 screening in Fort Bend County in the spring of 2020. From left are Christopher Gilmer of Richmond, Kieran Rosas of Simonton, Bryce Armstrong of Brenham, and Dusty Hixson of Sugar Land.



WCJC Drama Department students took home awards from the 2020 TCCSTA Play Fest. Seated, left to right, are Jasmine Munoz of East Bernard, and Juan Monroy of Edna. Front row are Casey Dworaczyk of Needville, Alissa Ashcraft of Sealy, Kayleigh Frank of Richmond, and M. Grosser of Wharton. Middle row are Haley Keith of Edna, Hannah Rader of Needville, Camille Thrash of Wharton, Sydney Archer of Boling, and Reighan Perkins of Spring. Back row are Chase Stavinoha of Wharton, Hunter Dworaczyk of Needville, Kodi James of Boling, Idi Ooko of Katy, Troy Guerra of Hockley, Leo Pratt of Katy, and Jerry Ramirez of Wharton. Not pictured is Kaitlynn Chaffin of Wharton.

MAKING THEIR MARK

WCJC students, faculty excelled during 2019-20 school year

Wharton County Junior College students and faculty made their mark on the 2019-2020 school year, achieving success in various endeavors.

Notable student achievements included:

- TCCSTA Play Festival Awards. Twelve WCJC student actors earned awards, ranging from makeup and set design to acting and stage management, at the 2020 Texas Community College Speech and Theatre Association's (TCCSTA) Play Festival in February 2020.
- All-State Band. WCJC Band member Sophia Harding of Richmond, a flutist, qualified for the Texas Community College Band

Directors Association's (TCCBDA) All-State Symphonic Band.

- All-State Choir. WCJC Choir members Hannah Johnson of Bay City and Nick Paoletti of Sugar Land were selected for the Texas Two-Year College All-State Choir (TYCASC).



Sophia Harding

Hannah Johnson

Nick Paoletti



MAKING THEIR MARK (Continued)

Faculty achievements included:

- Faculty and Staff of the Year. WCJC's Faculty of the Year was Jennifer Jeffery, an instructor of biology, and WCJC's Support Staff of the Year was Victor Mata, a shipping and receiving clerk. The recognition usually occurs during an annual employee banquet, but the 2020 event was canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.



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- Excellence in Teaching. Deborah Yancey, an instructor of associate degree nursing, received the Excellence in Teaching Award for embodying the college's mission to build dreams and transform lives by making a difference inside and outside the classroom.

- Piper Award. WCJC's Kenneth Grubb earned a 2020 Piper Professor Award, which annually recognizes 10 outstanding college instructors in Texas. Grubb, an instructor of history, is based at WCJC's Sugar Land Campus.



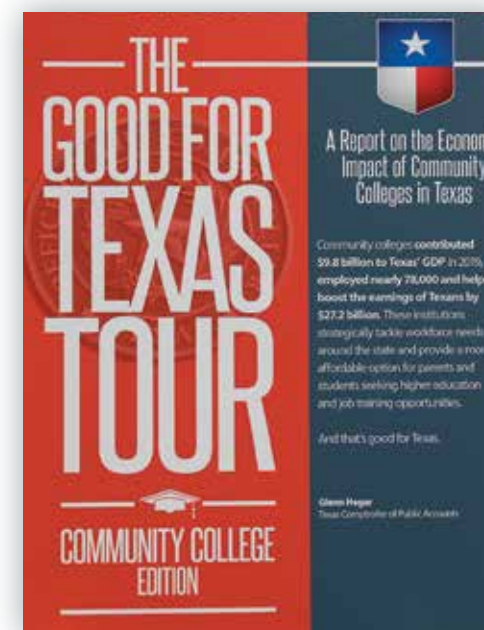
Kenneth Grubb

- NISOD Awards. Nine WCJC faculty members received Excellence Awards from the National Institute of Staff and Organizational Development (NISOD): Archna Basin, biology; Rudolph Henry, nuclear power technology; TaQuita Hogan-Claiborne, paralegal studies; Jennifer Jeffery, biology; William "Bill" Johnson, sociology; Karen Lescure, English; Yvonne "Bonnie" Maschek, vocational nursing; Natalie Pittman, computer science; and Jesi Ramirez, developmental math.

Wharton County Junior College faculty members were recently recognized by the National Institute of Staff and Organizational Development (NISOD). Pictured, left to right, are TaQuita Hogan-Claiborne, instructor of paralegal studies; Rudolph Henry, program director of the Nuclear Power Technology Program; Yvonne "Bonnie" Maschek, instructor of vocational nursing; Jennifer Jeffery, instructor of biology; Karen Lescure, instructor of English; and Jesi Ramirez, instructor of developmental math. Not pictured are Archna Bhasin, instructor of biology; William "Bill" Johnson, instructor of sociology; and Natalie Pittman, instructor of computer science.



Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar held a press conference announcing the Good for Texas Tour: Community College Edition at Wharton County Junior College in February 2020. Pictured, from left, front row, are WCJC Board of Trustees member Larry Sitka, WCJC Board of Trustees member Edee Sinclair, President and CEO of Texas Association of Community College Jacob Fraire, WCJC President Betty McCrohan, WCJC Board of Trustees member Danny Gertson, Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar, former Texas House of Representatives Speaker of the House Dennis Bonnen, and District Judge Randy Clapp. Back row, left to right, are Senior Field Representative and Grants Coordinator at U.S. House of Representative John Paul Anders (representing Congressman Pete Olson), Matagorda County Judge Nate McDonald, Bay City Mayor Robert Nelson, and Wharton Mayor Time Barker.



GOOD FOR TEXAS TOUR

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar kicked off his "Good for Texas Tour: Community College Edition" on Feb. 26 at WCJC. During the event, Hegar and other elected officials spoke on the economic impact of community colleges as well as specific economic data impacting WCJC's Gulf Coast Region.

CORBETT PARK GRAND OPENING



❖ Fans pack the stands at the grand opening of Corbett Park in February 2020. The \$1.7 million facility was made possible through the generosity of Houston resident Duncan Corbett.

❖ Corbett Park benefactor Duncan Corbett, left, visits with guests at the Corbett Park grand opening event.

❖ More than 500 people turned out for the February 2020 grand opening of WCJC's Corbett Park. Pictured, left to right, are State Rep. Phil Stephenson, Duncan Corbett, WCJC President Betty McCrohan, and WCJC Athletic Director Keith Case.

❖ Houston resident Duncan Corbett spent a few light moments with members of the WCJC Pioneers baseball team prior to their Feb. 2, 2020 game against Coastal Bend. The game was held during the official grand opening of the \$1.7 million Corbett Park facility.

February 2, 2020

WCJC officially dedicated Corbett Park, a new ballpark, on Feb. 2 with an event attended by more than 500 guests. The \$1.7 million facility was made possible through the generosity of Houston resident Duncan Corbett, a longtime friend of WCJC President Betty McCrohan. Corbett, accompanied by his relatives and friends, attended the special event and threw the first pitch to signify the start of the Pioneers' game against Coastal Bend.





A TIME OF ACHIEVEMENT

College Consensus, a ratings website, chose WCJC as one of the Top 50 community colleges in the nation for 2020.

WCJC reached milestones in 2019-2020

Wharton County Junior College had a busy and successful year in 2020, completing construction projects and achieving national recognition.

Some of the college's most memorable achievements for the year included the following:

- **Top 50 Ranking.** College Consensus, a ratings website, chose WCJC as one of the nation's Top 50 community colleges for 2020. The rankings were based on three components: cost, reputation, and success. Publisher rankings and student reviews were also considered as part of the criteria.




Mid Coast CampusCare



- **Mid Coast CampusCare.** In January, WCJC partnered with El Campo Memorial Hospital to open an on-campus medical clinic for students, employees and their dependents. Located in the LaDieu Technology Center on the Wharton campus, the clinic covers basic healthcare like sore throats, fevers, chronic conditions and well-woman exams. Staffing includes a physician assistant, a nurse practitioner, and nursing staff.

Mid Coast CampusCare, located on the Wharton campus, opened on Jan. 13, 2020. Pictured, from left, are Shelia Webel, registered nurse; Kelsie Barta, physician assistant; and Anita Crisp, ECMH's vice-president of physician services.

- **Video Production.** In the fall of 2019, WCJC's Office of Marketing, Communications, and Advancement produced a video showcasing college departments, faculty, and facilities. The college overview video featured the college's 40-plus college programs, each of the four campuses (Wharton, Bay City, Richmond, and Sugar Land), a look at the college's cutting-edge training opportunities, and testimonials from alumni, students, and employees.



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Grant Funding

WCJC received grants from foundations, governmental agencies, and individuals totaling approximately \$5,568,365 for the year ending August 31, 2020. These awards are used to support WCJC's academic and vocational training programs as well as for financial support for students.

ADULT BASIC EDUCATION/ ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

Adult Education and Family Literacy Act / Workforce Invest Act. \$765,000
Purpose: Adult Basic Education Program with support from federal funds, state funds, University of Houston, and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS

Senior Citizen Programs in Wharton County and Colorado County \$423,274
(Grant Period Oct. 1, 2019-Sept. 30, 2020)
Purpose: Nutrition, medical, and social support services for senior citizens

Wharton County Program: \$317,953
 Colorado County Program: \$105,321

FINANCIAL AID / SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDENTS

(All qualified students are eligible to apply.)

Carl Perkins Act \$ 241,308
Purpose: Technical training program for under-served populations. Funding used for instructional equipment, educational materials, professional development, student scholarships, and tutoring services for students

Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo \$80,000
Purpose: Scholarships for students enrolled in vocational programs

Henderson-Wessendorf Foundation. \$25,000
Purpose: Scholarships for graduating seniors from Lamar High School and Terry High School

LyondellBasel \$10,000
Purpose: Process Technology scholarships

ALLIED HEALTH

Johnson Foundation \$350,000

STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

U.S. Department of Education, TRIO/SSS Program \$252,191
per year for 5 years (5th year of project)

COVID-19 RELIEF FUNDING

Texas Higher Education Foundation Emergency Assistance Mini Grant – COVID-19 \$10,000

U.S. Department of Education Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act Emergency Aid to Students \$1,530,303

U.S. Department of Education Institutional Portion of the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act \$1,530,303

U.S. Department of Education Minority Serving Institution Portion of the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act \$ 214,986

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT/ CONTINUING EDUCATION

Tenaris S.A. \$25,000
Purpose: Instructional equipment and supplies for the Manufacturing Technology program

Texas Workforce Commission: FY19 Skills Development Fund COVID-19 Special Initiative for Small Business *(Grant Period June 8, 2020-June 30, 2021)* . . \$115,000

Texas Workforce Commission Skill for Small Business Program *(Grant Period Jan. 15, 2019-Dec. 31, 2020)*. \$21,000



❖ The WCJC Foundation golf tournament at the El Campo Country Club in February 2020 raised more than \$30,000 for student scholarships. Pictured above, left to right, are Suzanne Armour, vice president of the WCJC Foundation, winning Exelon Generation team members James Molina, Linda Gonzalez, and John Gonzalez, and WCJC President Betty McCrohan. Also, not pictured, is team player Chad Faucett.

FOR STUDENT BENEFIT

WCJC Foundation raised funds for scholarships

The Wharton County Junior College Foundation awarded area high school graduates a dozen \$4,000 scholarships to attend WCJC in the fall of 2020.

Scholarship recipients for 2020 were:

- Boling High School – Christian Clapp and Cortney Whetstein
- East Bernard High School – Carah Chilek and Jose Cubias
- El Campo High School – Isaiah Miller and Jessika Schulze
- Louise High School – Esmeralda Mendez and Elizabeth Rogers
- Needville High School – Wyatt Jordan and Jesus Ortiz
- Wharton High School – Evelyn Gomez and Chloe Villarreal

Since 2017, the foundation has offered financial assistance through funds raised from the golf tournament to recent high school graduates from WCJC tax district high schools including Boling, East Bernard, El Campo, Louise, Needville, and Wharton. The foundation's most recent tournament, which raised more than \$30,000, was in February of 2020 at the El Campo Country Club. Originally scheduled for the fall of 2019, the event had to be postponed due to inclement weather. The winning tournament team was sponsored by Exelon Generation.

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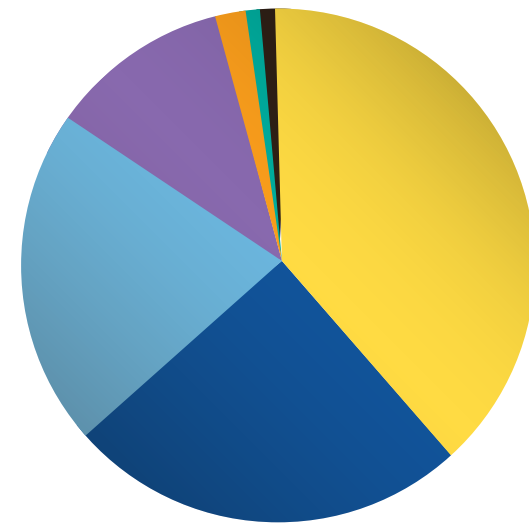
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FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

2019-2020 REVENUE SOURCES

Total Revenue	\$54,450,146	
Tuition & Fees	\$18,208,281	33%
State Appropriations	\$13,427,404	25%
Grants & Contracts	\$12,930,364	24%
Ad Valorem Taxes	\$7,532,901	14%
Income Investments	\$1,008,263	2%
Other	\$654,472	1%
Auxiliary	\$688,461	1%

2019-2020 Revenue Sources

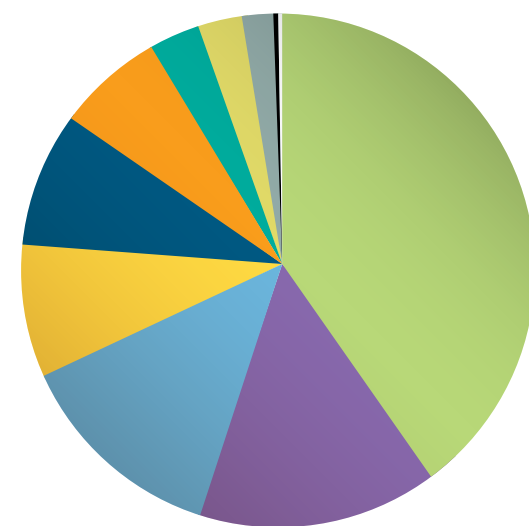


Source: Wharton County Junior College District Annual Financial Report for the Fiscal Year Ended August 31, 2020

2019-2020 BUDGET EXPENDITURES

Total Expenditures	\$54,060,629	
Instruction	\$20,815,270	39%
Instructional Support	\$8,116,422	15%
Operations/Maintenance	\$5,094,014	9%
Academic Support	\$3,431,947	6%
Scholarships	\$7,696,785	14%
Student Services	\$4,613,293	9%
Public Service	\$1,679,697	3%
Depreciation	\$1,776,852	3%
Auxiliary Expenses	\$771,165	2%
Interest	\$36,507	<1%
Other	\$28,677	<1%

2019-2020 Budget Expenditures



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WCJC Facts & Figures

All figures for Fall 2019 unless noted

Pell Grant Awards

Academic Year 2019-2020	
Number of Awards	2,069
Value of Awards	\$8,078,258

Student Age

Under 20	3,454	51%
20-24	2,309	33%
25-29	495	7%
30-39	430	6%
40+	216	3%

Unduplicated Credit Students

6,904

Unduplicated Enrollment by Campus

Wharton Campus	1,693
Sugar Land Campus	2,961
Richmond Campus	1,520
Bay City Campus	173

Student Gender

Women	3,944	57%
Men	2,960	43%

Dual Credit & Concurrent Enrollment

634

Student Residency

Texas Residents	6,766	98%
In-District Residents	1,320	19%
Out-of-District Residents	5,257	76%
Tuition Exempt Residents	189	3%
Outside Texas/Foreign	189	3%

Distance Education (Internet/ITV)

1,667

Approximately 1,559 students attended more than one campus.

Full-Time Faculty Educational Attainment

Doctorate	36	20%
Master's	110	60%
Bachelor's	15	8%
Associate/Certificate	22	12%

Annual Unduplicated Credit Enrollment

9,240

Academic Year 2019-2020

Faculty Teaching Status

Total Faculty	301
Full-Time	183 61%
Part-Time	118 39%

Other Unduplicated Noncredit Enrollment

Academic Year 2019-20

Continuing Education (Workforce)	460
Continuing Education Adult Avocation	174
Adult Education and Literacy	
GED	360
ESL	444

Average Age

51

Student Ethnicity

White/Non-Hispanic	2,044	30%
Hispanic	3,046	44%
Black/Non-Hispanic	808	12%
Asian/Pacific Islander	894	13%
Indian/Alaskan Native	8	<1%
International	3	<1%
Unknown	101	<1%

Full-Time Faculty Length of Teaching Service

5 Years or Less	55	30%
6-10 Years	42	23%
11-15 Years	36	20%
16-20 Years	27	15%
More than 20 Years	23	12%

Student: Faculty Ratio

22:1



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