



Wharton County Junior College



A year to *Remember*

2021-2022

WCJC PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



WCJC'S BEST DAYS ARE AHEAD

The closing of the 2021-2022 academic year marked a time for reflection and the recognition of the remarkable accomplishments earned by our current and past Pioneers. The college returned to full capacity offerings in 2021, making the in-person experience possible for our students. Our students have continued to graduate. After persevering through the pandemic shutdown, our appreciation has deepened for our four beautiful campuses located in Wharton, Bay City, Richmond, and Sugar Land.

New opportunities were initiated for our students thanks to Title V grant funds which allowed us to expand our career and transfer services. The college's outreach and engagement increased. Summer camps for area youth were sponsored by our volleyball, baseball, and drama programs. The first annual Athletic Hall of Fame event honored outstanding alumni, employees, and friends of the college. Together with Texas A&M University, the college hosted a Science on Saturday event at our Bay City campus. The event brought in students from the surrounding region to spark interest in STEM fields by providing hands-on demonstrations and interactions. Additionally, we embarked on the redesign of the college's website to enhance student success.

In 2022, our Board of Trustees welcomed Larry Sitka as a reelected trustee along with newly elected trustees Dr. Bret Macha and Dr. Priscilla

Metcalf. The board is focused on how the college can evolve to continue to meet the needs of our students as demographics and challenges change. We believe our best days are ahead.

Our faculty, staff, and administrators work diligently to ensure our students receive the support and educational opportunities they need to succeed. We recognize the people, businesses, organizations, and foundations in our community that provide their time and resources to Wharton County Junior College to help our programs and students. The combined efforts of everyone's dedication to student success are helping us to change lives.

Warm regards,

Betty A. McCrohan
President, Wharton County Junior College

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TRUSTEES TAKE OFFICE

Macha, Metcalf, and Sitka take oaths of office



Wharton County Junior College Board of Trustees members were officially sworn in by 329th District Judge Randy Clapp at the May 2022 board meeting. Dr. Bret Macha, left, and Dr. Priscilla Metcalf, center, began new terms of service.

NETWORK OF SUPPORT

WCJC partnered with global organization to help students prepare for the workplace

Wharton County Junior College partnered with a global company to help women graduates achieve career advancement and economic independence. WCJC vocational graduates participated in the inaugural program in the spring, receiving professional attire and development tools from Dress for Success, a non-profit founded in 1997. The organization operates sites in 150 cities worldwide, including Houston, and provides services to clients at no cost.

To become a client, WCJC female students had to be 18 or older and actively seeking employment or have a scheduled job interview. Those who qualified were referred to Dress for Success's Houston office.



Pictured, from left, are WCJC graduate Marilyn Flores of Rosharon and Tracy Simmons, Community Outreach Manager for Dress for Success.

WIEGHAT SCHOLARSHIP

Funds helped Needville ISD graduates attend WCJC

Funds donated by the Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo in the name of a Wharton County Junior College student who passed away unexpectedly in 2022 helped six Needville High School graduates attend Wharton County Junior College.

Kane Wiegat of Needville attended WCJC from 2017 to 2019 as a dual credit student and

as a traditional student in 2021. He was awarded a \$20,000 Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo Scholarship in 2019. Wiegat passed away in February of 2022 at the age of 21, leaving behind \$15,000 of the scholarship. Per the wishes of Wiegat's family, the HLS&R donated the remaining funds to the college to be awarded as scholarships for six 2022 Needville High School graduates.

ATHLETIC AWARDS

Athletes from Wharton County Junior College's baseball, rodeo, and volleyball programs were honored in the spring of 2022 for their outstanding achievements.

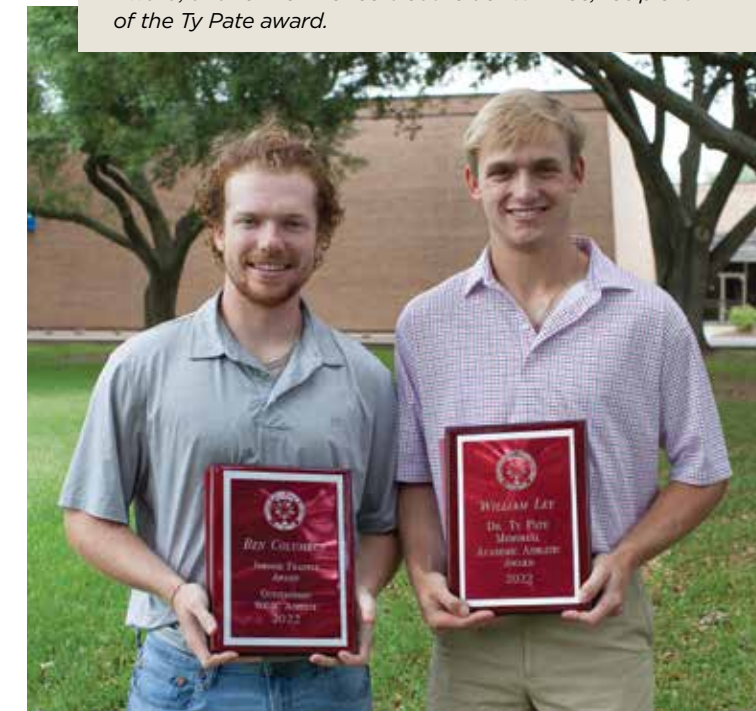
Baseball player Will Lee of Spring received the Dr. Ty Pate Academic Award, an honor established in the memory of the late WCJC administrator and former athlete that recognizes high academic achieving athletes. Lee held a 3.94 Grade Point Average, intends to pursue a pre-med degree, and played outfield for the Pioneers.

The Johnnie Frankie Award, a special honor for athletes who exhibit exceptional abilities and character, went to Ben Columbus of North Vancouver, British Columbia. Columbus played catcher for the Pioneers and signed to play baseball for the University of Nebraska after graduation.

Athletes recognized for other honors included: Tori Arrington of Boling – volleyball, Honorable Mention All-Conference; Kiah Barron of Corpus Christi – volleyball, Honorable Mention All-Conference; Ben Columbus of North Vancouver, British Columbia – baseball, Academic All-Conference; Matthew Delagarza of Victoria – baseball, Academic All-Conference; Ctrizian

Delgado of Kingsville – baseball, Academic All-Conference; Brayden Evans of Pearland – baseball, Academic All-Conference; Victoria Gehret of League City – volleyball, Honorable Mention All-Conference; Andrew Hoanzl of Spring – baseball, Academic All-Conference; A. J. Kostic of Surprise, Ariz. – baseball, Academic All-Conference; Will Lee of Spring – baseball, Academic All-Conference; Kera Lamb of Sealy – rodeo, women's team MVP; Ysabella Lockwood of Friendswood – volleyball, First Team All-Conference; Logan Moore of Pleasanton – rodeo, men's team MVP.

Pictured, from left, are former Pioneers baseball team catcher Ben Columbus, recipient of the Johnnie Frankie Award, and former Pioneers outfielder Will Lee, recipient of the Ty Pate award.



A WALK DOWN MEMORY LANE

Former cheerleader donated sweater to WCJC

Wharton County Junior College President Betty McCrohan posed with Pat McLeod, a Bay City resident who attended WCJC from 1956-1957. McLeod was a cheerleader during his time at the college and donated an original sweater he wore at WCJC athletic events. The sweater is more than 60 years old. President McCrohan met with McLeod at the Bay City campus to thank him for his memorabilia donation. McLeod shared stories of his days at the college as well as his memories from his extensive career as a teacher of English, history, and government.



CLASS OF 2022

WCJC held two commencement exercises

Around 200 graduates participated in Wharton County Junior College's commencement ceremonies in the spring of 2022, the first time in-person events were held since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic.

WCJC students and faculty were also recognized during the events. The President's Award was

presented to Nikhil Paul of Richmond, and Academic Excellence awards were presented to Mauricio Dell of Rosenberg, Nicole Zdarsky of Sugar Land, and Sara Pustejovsky of El Campo. Excellence in Teaching awards went to Cindy Diener, instructor of English; Johnson Cherukara, instructor of Biology; and Karl Johnson, instructor of EMS.



SUMMER CAMPS

WCJC's baseball and volleyball programs hosted summer training camps



Wharton County Junior College's baseball and volleyball programs hosted summer camps in June to help area youth brush up on their athletic skills. The Pioneers Volleyball Camp was held in June 2022 on the Wharton campus. The

camp was open to students in fourth through sixth grades. The Pioneers Baseball Camp was held in June 2022 on the Wharton campus. The camp was open to youth ages seven through 14.

ALL-STATE CHOIR

WCJC Choir students sing in San Antonio

Two Wharton County Junior College Choir students performed in San Antonio as part of the Texas Two-Year College All-State Choir.

Bailey Bronsell of Rosenberg and Jazmine Harris of Bay City attended the Texas Music Educators Conference in San Antonio earlier in the spring after being named to the all-state group. The students began rehearsing for their auditions last fall.

"The music was particularly challenging," said WCJC Choir Director Dr. Karl Paoletti.

In addition to a Latin piece by Mozart, Bronsell and Harris also had to learn selections in other languages. Two-hour rehearsals were held daily.

After making the All-State Choir, the students had the chance to perform

with approximately 100 community college singers from across the state at the San Antonio convention. A guest clinician from Baylor University conducted the group, which practiced for three days before participating in a live performance.

Pictured, from left, are Bailey Bronsell of Rosenberg and Jazmine Harris of Bay City.





SCORING HIGH

Volleyball players recognized for high grade point averages

Wharton County Junior College Pioneers volleyball team players were honored for their academic achievement. Players were named to the "3.0 Club" or the "3.5 Club" depending upon their Grade Point Average during the Fall 2021 semester. Pictured, from left, are Ashley Isbell of Rosenberg, Ysabella Lockwood of Friendswood, Tori Arrington of Boling, Brooke Johnson of Forney, Valerie Martinez of Corpus Christi and Freedom Stephenson of Santa Fe.

HALL OF FAME

WCJC's Keith Case inducted into Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame



Wharton County Junior College Athletic Director Keith Case of Needville, Texas, was inducted into the Mississippi Community College Sports Hall of Fame in April of 2022.

Case was the head baseball coach at Copiah-Lincoln Community College (Co-Lin) for 21 years until his retirement in 2013.

Case guided the Wolves to eight National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Regional Tournament appearances and five Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges (MACJC) State Tournaments. His 1998, 2000, 2001, and 2005 teams won the NJCAA Region XXIII Division II championship and advanced to the NJCAA Central District Tournaments. The 2000

and 2005 teams advanced to the NJCAA Division II World Series and finished No. 4 in the nation.

Case was named NJCAA Region XXIII Coach of the Year in 1998, 2000, 2001, and 2005. Case received the Louisville Slugger Excellence in Coaching Award in 1998. He was awarded Diamond Baseball Company's Coach of the Year in 2000, 2001 and 2005.

While at Co-Lin, Case compiled 633 victories as a head coach, which at that time accounted for the most wins among active coaches in Mississippi and was third overall in state history.

Case became the head baseball coach at Wharton County Junior College in 2014 and Athletic Director in 2020. He continues in that position today.

A WORLD OF OPPORTUNITY

Bay City Campus hosts trustees, community leaders

Wharton County Junior College Nuclear Power Technology Program Director Daniel Johnson, far right, discussed his program's cutting-edge training devices with, from left, Wharton attorney James Perez and Wharton County Junior College Board of Trustees Secretary Mary Ellen Meyer. Meyer joined board member Dr. Sue Zanne Williamson Urbis and former board member Scott Glass on a tour of the college's Bay City campus in October of 2021. Perez, representing the Wharton Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, was on hand to learn more about the educational opportunities offered by the college. Also taking part in the tour were Process Technology Program Director Willie Myles, Process Technology Instructor Ricky Schooler, and Bay City Campus Specialist Gloria Crockett.



BASEBALL PLAYERS EARN ACADEMIC HONORS



Wharton County Junior College Pioneers baseball team players were honored in 2022 for their academic achievement. Players were named to the "3.0 Club," the "3.5 Club," or the "4.0 Club" based upon their Grade Point Average during the Fall 2021 semester. Pictured, front row, left to right, are Andrew Hoanzl of Spring; A. J. Smith of Kilgore; Criztian Delgado of Kingsville; Hunter Smith of Spring; Rafael Capistran of Brownsville; Daniel Pineda of Deer Park; Julian Rodriguez of Humble; Casey Sunseri of The Woodlands; and Kameron Snodgrass of Corpus Christi. Back row, left to right, are Will Lee of Spring; Brayden Evans of Pearland; Ryan Pehrson of Southlake; A. J. Kostic of Surprise, Arizona; Cole Beddingfield of Spring; Ethan Campos of Houston; Matthew Delagarza of Victoria; Derek Saenz of Corpus Christi; and Ben Columbus of North Vancouver, British Columbia.

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS

WCJC instructors named as 2022 NISOD Excellence Awards recipients

Nine Wharton County Junior College instructors were recognized for their dedication and commitment to their particular fields of study by the National Institute of Staff and Organizational Development (NISOD). Representing WCJC, the 2022 NISOD Excellence Award recipients included Franci Bay, Instructor of Dental Hygiene; Larry Jenkins, Instructor of Electronics Engineering; Karl Johnson, Instructor of Emergency Medical Services; T. K. Krpec, Instructor of College Readiness English; Wiley Parkman, Instructor of Psychology; Amy Pendergraft, Instructor of Associate Degree Nursing; Sharon Prince, Instructor of English; Wendy Waters, Instructor of Biology; and Xuan Wu, Instructor of Physics.

Recipients were recognized during NISOD's annual International Conference on Teaching and Leadership Excellence, held in May 2022 in Austin.

Pictured, from left, are Larry Jenkins, Franci Bay, Sharon Prince, and Karl Johnson.





Pictured, from left, are Will Parker (football class of 1968); Venroy "Butch" Grant (basketball class of 1972); Karen Hemingway, representing Charles Franklin Brown Jr. (basketball class of 1952); Jenny Banker, representing Johnnie Frankie (coach from 1948-1959); Elaine Anderson, representing Clifford Branch (football/track class of 1969); Bonnie Sue Beard Pflughaupt (volleyball class of 1984); Caleb Smidt (rodeo class of 2010); Tyler Reves (baseball class of 2005); Gene Bahnsen (coach/athletic director from 1959-2019); and Trey Benton III (rodeo class of 2012).

WCJC ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

Wharton County Junior College kicked off its first annual Athletic Hall of Fame with a grand celebration attended by an audience of former athletes, students, elected officials, and college faculty and staff.

Held at the end of October 2022 in the Pioneer Student Center on the Wharton campus, the event included a reception luncheon and induction ceremony for the 10 individuals who will represent the inaugural 2021 Athletic Hall of Fame group. Plaques of recognition were also installed on a permanent display located in the hallway outside the Gene Bahnsen Gymnasium. The plaques included each recipient's name, years associated with the college, and athletic affiliation.

"We congratulate each member of our inaugural class of the WCJC Athletic Hall of Fame," stated WCJC President Betty McCrohan. "These award recipients are among many alumni and employees who have contributed to the Pioneer legacy of achievement. We are very proud of these Pioneers."

Named to the 2021 Athletic Hall of Fame were:

Gene Bahnsen – A Louisiana native, Bahnsen arrived at WCJC in 1959 as a coach, initially guiding the college's basketball, football, and track programs. In 1965, he was promoted to Athletic Director and held that position for 60 years, leading WCJC teams to numerous state championships and playoff berths. He retired from WCJC in 2019. WCJC's Gene Bahnsen Gymnasium was named in his honor.

Trey Benton III – From Richards, Benton was a rodeo sensation during his time at WCJC, named the 2012 and 2013 All-Around WCJC Cowboy for his achievements in bull riding, calf roping, and team roping, and earning Southern Region Bull Riding Champion honors both seasons as well as qualifying for the College National Finals Rodeo in bull riding both years. After WCJC, Benton qualified for the Wrangler National Finals Rodeo seven times between 2012 and 2021 and still competes.

Clifford Branch – A native Houstonian, Branch was a gifted athlete from an early age, excelling on the football field and the running track. In 1967, he arrived at WCJC and took top honors in sprinting and as a wide receiver for the Pioneers football team. After WCJC, Branch transferred to the University of Colorado before being drafted by the Oakland Raiders in 1972 and posting a host of impressive statistics over the next decade. He was inducted into the National Football League's Pro Football Hall of Fame in 2022. He passed away in 2019.

Charles Franklin Brown Jr. – Brown was born in Galveston and attended WCJC after being recruited by former WCJC Coach Johnnie Frankie. At WCJC, Brown earned All-American, All-District, and All-State honors, played on the 1952 National Junior College Championship Team and was the seventh highest scorer among all junior college players in the nation. He passed away in 2011.

Johnnie Frankie – Frankie coached at Texas A&M University before arriving at WCJC in 1948. Over the next decade, he guided the Pioneers to several successful football seasons as well as leading the basketball team to the 1952 national championship. He passed away in 1963, but his legacy lives on through the Johnnie Frankie Award and through the men's dormitory, "Frankie Hall."

Bonnie Sue Beard Pflughaupt – An El Campo native, Pflughaupt played at WCJC between 1982 and 1984, making All-Conference twice, All-Region twice, being named All-American her second year, and receiving the Johnnie Frankie award. After WCJC, she played at Sam Houston State University, where she was named Most Valuable Player twice, made All-American her second year, made First Team All-Conference both years, and was later named to the university's Hall of Honor.

Venroy "Butch" Grant – A New York native, Grant was recruited by WCJC Coach Gene Bahnsen to play basketball for the Pioneers in the early 1970s. At WCJC, Grant won the Johnnie Frankie Award and posted enough points to become the

college's all-time leading scorer and the third leading scorer in the nation at the junior college level. After WCJC, he attended Prairie View A&M University and later completed a 25-year career with the Houston Police Department. He served as Director of Team Security for the Houston Rockets from 2002 to 2012.

Will Parker – Born in Baytown, Parker moved to Wharton in the 8th grade and graduated from Wharton High School, where he excelled in football and track. At WCJC, Parker made First Team All-Conference in football, was an All-American, and was named the 1968 Most Valuable Player. Transferring to the University of North Texas, he was an NCAA All-American before being drafted by the San Francisco 49ers in the third round of the 1971 draft. He played 11 seasons in the NFL on the offensive line, first for the 49ers and then for the Buffalo Bills. He was named to the University of North Texas All-Century Team in 2013.

Tyler Reves – An Orange native, Reves came to WCJC in 2004 and immediately became known as a baseball power hitter, posting a .365 average his freshman year (with 12 homeruns) and then hitting an astonishing .487 average his sophomore year with another dozen homeruns. He was First Team All-Conference, All-Region, and Most Valuable Player before transferring to Texas Tech University and then being drafted by the Chicago White Sox in 2006. He played several years in the minor leagues.

Caleb Smidt – A Bellville resident, Smidt has been a rodeo champion his entire life, winning reserve champion in tie-down roping in high school before coming to WCJC in 2010 and taking all-around champion and tie-down reserve champion honors at the College National Finals Rodeo (CNFR). At Sam Houston State, he was a member of the CNFR Champion Men's Team in 2011. Since college, he has continued to excel in his sport, winning titles across the nation and being consistently ranked in the top 10 of the world standings. He is a two-time world champion.

A SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE

Drama Department students earn play festival awards

Pictured, kneeling, from left, are Micah Coleman-Longoria of Blessing and Brayden Leva of Sugar Land. Standing, left to right, are Jessi Frasier of Bay City, Riley B. Moseley of East Bernard, Meagan Hackstedt of Needville, Drama Instructor Jami Hughes, Alina DeJesus of Palacios, Benjamin Wandell of Needville, and Wil Harborth of Wharton.

Wharton County Junior College Drama Department students made their mark at the Texas Community College Speech and Theatre Association (TCCSTA) Play Festival, taking home a host of honors. WCJC students performed "Priscilla Dreams the Answer," a zany, reality-blurring play written by playwright Walt McGough.



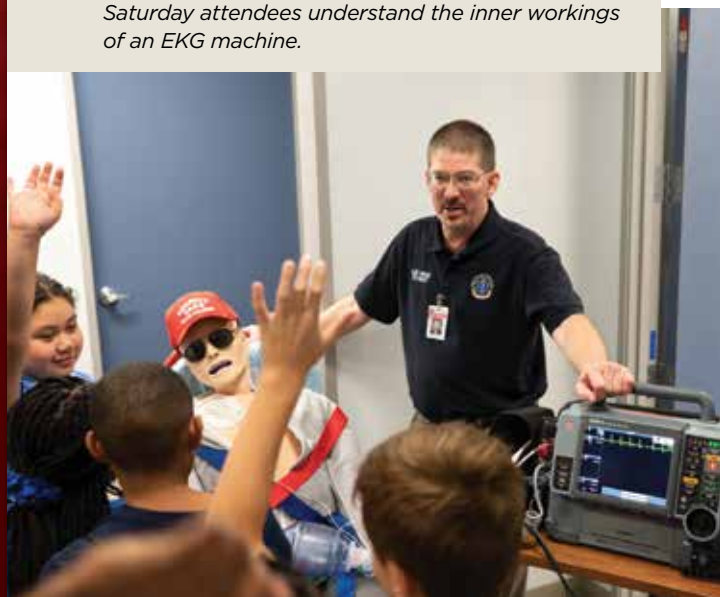
The overall production received a Superior rating in addition to the Sherri Ryan White Acting Ensemble Award.

Individual winners included: Jami Hughes of Wharton – Superior Respondent's Choice for directing; Jessi Frasier of Bay City – Superior Respondent's Choice and Superior Director's Choice for costume design, Superior Acting, and Professor's Choice Outstanding Performance; Meagan Hackstedt of Needville – Superior Respondent's Choice and Superior Director's Choice for costume

design, and Superior Acting; Benjamin Wandell of Needville – Excellent Respondent's Choice, Superior Professor's Choice, and the John Charles Corley Outstanding Technical Presentation Award for sound design; Riley B. Moseley of East Bernard – Superior Professor's Choice for stage management; Alina DeJesus of Palacios – Excellent Professor's Award for lighting design and Excellent Professor's Award for properties design; Brayden Leva of Sugar Land – Superior Acting; Micah Coleman-Longoria of Blessing – Excellent Acting and Audience Choice Outstanding Performance.

SCIENCE ON SATURDAY

Pictured, WCJC Emergency Management Services Instructor Karl Johnson, center, helps Science on Saturday attendees understand the inner workings of an EKG machine.



Wharton County Junior College partnered with the Texas A&M Engineering Experiment Station (TEES) Nuclear Power Institute, Texas State Technical College, South Texas Project Nuclear Operating Company, and Spark! K-12 Engineering Education, and Palacios Independent School District to provide a one-day "Science on Saturday" community event at the Bay City campus in October of 2021. Designed to ignite an interest in experiments, hands-on activities, and demonstrations on a variety of science and engineering topics, the event was free and open to K-12 students, parents, educators, and community members.

TOPS IN PRESENTING

WCJC Allied Health students win poster contest

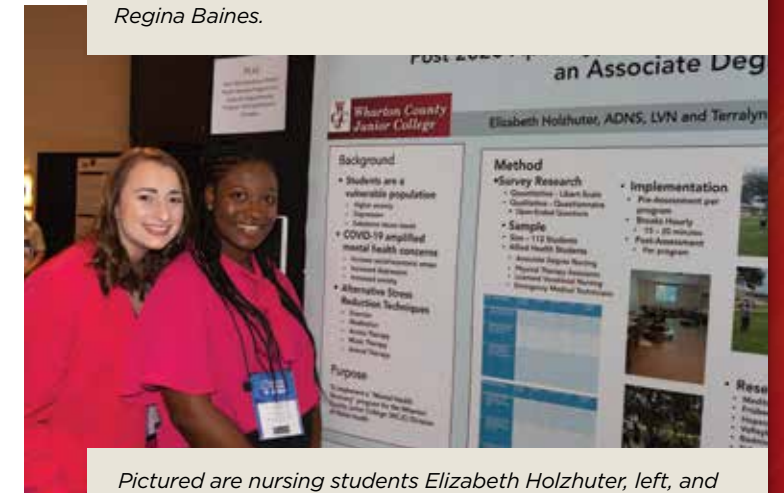
Students from Wharton County Junior College's Associate Degree Nursing program won top awards for presentations submitted to the Organization for Associate Degree Nursing (OADN) convention, held last fall in Austin.

Elizabeth Holzhter and Terralyn Williams presented "2020 Apocalypse: Mental Health Recovery Program in an Associate Degree Nursing Program," which focused on ways of improving the mental health of allied health students. Meditation, relaxation, fitness activities, brain activities, and musical therapy were all utilized as part of the program. The presentation received first place and \$3,000.

Regina Baines conducted research on the non-traditional clinical opportunities utilized during the COVID-19 pandemic by WCJC Associate Degree Nursing students. Her presentation – titled "Achieving Differentiated Essential Competencies Through Alternative Clinical



Pictured, from left, are Organization for Associate Degree Nursing Treasurer Cynthia Maskey and nursing student Regina Baines.



Pictured are nursing students Elizabeth Holzhter, left, and Terralyn Williams.

Experiences" – found that alternative clinical experiences allowed students to meet criteria needed to graduate and practice safely as a registered nurse. Her presentation received second place and \$1,500.

BRANCH MEMORIALIZED

WCJC alumnus inducted into Pro Football Hall of Fame



Clifford Branch, an alumnus of Wharton County Junior College and a WCJC Athletic Hall of Fame Award recipient, was inducted into the National Football League's Pro Football Hall of Fame in 2022.

A Houston native, Branch distinguished himself during his time at WCJC. He arrived at WCJC in 1967, played football, ran track, and took top honors in the sprints and the gridiron. After WCJC, he attended the University of Colorado, leading the team to a No. 3 ranking before being drafted

by the Oakland Raiders in 1972. He led the league in receptions and touchdown catches in 1974 and played in three Super Bowls and four Pro Bowls. His 501 career receptions rank 14th on the NFL's all-time list. He was previously named to the WCJC Athletic Hall of Fame in 2021, the Texas Black Sports Hall of Fame and the Texas High School Hall of Fame in 2004, the University of Colorado Hall of Fame in 2019, the Prairie View Interscholastic League Coaches Association Hall of Honor in 2014, and the California Sports Hall of Fame in 2018.

Branch passed away in 2019 at the age of 71.

WCJC RODEO TEAM MEMBERS RECOGNIZED FOR ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

Wharton County Junior College rodeo team members were honored in 2022 for their academic achievement. Members were named to the "3.0 Club," the "3.5 Club," or the "4.0 Club" based on their Grade Point Average during the Fall 2021 semester. Pictured, seated, left to right, are Katie Howard of Salisbury, Md.; Kyla Stamps of Harwood; Coy Baxter of Ethel, La.; Kirby Rawlinson of Waller; and Elisabeth Moon of Missouri City. Standing, left to right, are Hadley Broussard of Richmond; Donovan Murphy of Houston; Xavier Davis of East Bernard; and Joseph Hammett of Andalusia, Al.



2022 WOMEN IN INDUSTRY CONFERENCE



Wharton County Junior College participated with other area colleges in the 2022 Women In Industry Conference, held at the Moody Gardens Convention Center in Galveston.

The fifth annual event was sold out, with 1,419 registered attendees, up from the 1,256 in attendance the last time the event was held in 2019 (pre-COVID). There were high school students registered from 29 different school districts and private schools. In addition, college students from the nine Gulf Coast colleges were on hand. Women from throughout the Gulf Coast region attended the event.



Pictured front row, left to right, are Alissa Ashcraft of Sealy, Annastacia Muthini of Richmond, Shabana Noorani of Beasley, Micaela Escochea of Rosenberg, Kimberly Cardona of Rosenberg, Claudia Zapalac of East Bernard, Jacquelyn Reyes of Rosenberg, and Ana Perez of Richmond. Back row, left to right, are Allison Zemanek of Boling, Ebraylone Allen of Bay City, Megan McGill of Richmond, David Dick III of Needville, Laura Garza of Bay City, Craig Isenhower of Rosenberg, and Marilyn Ervin of Richmond. Not pictured are Roxan Tijerina of El Campo and Sara Magana-Ballesteros of Bay City.

WITH HONORS

WCJC nursing students inducted into honor society

Seventeen Wharton County Junior College nursing graduates were inducted into the Alpha Delta Nu, Delta Delta honor society. An induction ceremony was held in April 2022 at the Horton Foote Theatre on the Wharton campus. The students

were selected during their third semester for provisional membership in the honor society based upon academic excellence, the exhibition of positive professional behavior, and the completion of a capstone project.

STATE QUALIFIER

WCJC's Jeffery qualifies for All-State Band

Wharton County Junior College Band student Elizabeth Jeffery of Nada earned a spot on the Texas Community College Band Directors Association's All-State Symphonic Band.

"There were 26 different flutes that participated in this contest and only the top 11 were chosen to be a part of the band," said WCJC Band Director Joe Waldrop. "Elizabeth made the top nine."

As part of her accomplishment, Jeffery was invited to perform at the 75th Texas Music Educators Association Convention in San Antonio. Jeffery said her achievement was something of a surprise as she was one of the only non-music majors to qualify for the event. A Boling High School graduate, she began playing the flute in sixth grade and later picked up the piccolo.



Pictured is Elizabeth Jeffery, who plays the flute and piccolo.

WCJC FOUNDATION: A YEAR OF GROWTH

WCJC Foundation hired its first director and expanded its impact

The 2021-2022 academic year was an important year of change for the WCJC Foundation. In October, Jonathan Jeter was hired as the first full-time Director of the WCJC Foundation.

Jeter's background in non-profit management in the Houston area proved the right fit to take the Foundation to the next level. In addition, the Foundation's Board of Directors also welcomed new members Gary Gillen, of Gillen's Pest Control in Richmond, and Bruce Krauskopf, of Matagorda Concrete in Bay City.

The Foundation expanded its outreach and impact by introducing a new brand and logo, a new website, and new social media accounts,

and by committing to move forward on its Access to the Arts project. The project plans include the addition of a circular drive in front of the Duson-Hanson Fine Arts Building.

The Foundation also continued its tradition of awarding scholarships by awarding 18 high school students \$4,000 scholarships over two years to attend WCJC in the fall. Since 2017, the Foundation has offered financial assistance through funds raised to recent high school graduates from WCJC tax district high schools including Boling, East Bernard, El Campo, Louise, Needville, and Wharton.

Pictured Left to Right (Back Row): Jonathan Jeter, director of the WCJC Foundation; Betty McCrohan, president of WCJC; Vince Reina, Jr., WCJC Foundation board member; Landon McClain, WCJC Foundation board member; Tyrus Fields (Wharton HS); Lila Munoz (East Bernard HS); Ana Gonzalez Perez (Boling HS); Preston Dale (Needville HS); Spencer Dale (Needville HS); Suzanne Armour, president of the WCJC Foundation; Gordon Sorrel, vice president of the WCJC Foundation; Amanda Sitka, WCJC Foundation board member; (Front Row): Kimberly Santillan (Boling HS); Maricruz Flores (Wharton HS); Haley Tupa (El Campo HS); Makenna Fish (Needville HS); Jasmine Davidson (East Bernard HS); Kelly Lemus (Louise HS); Clarissa Montes (Louise HS).



Thanks to a U.S. Department of Education Title V Grant, Wharton County Junior College has expanded its services to Hispanic and First-Time-In-College students through career and transfer preparation, financial literacy, and internship opportunities. The grant has also funded the creation of the college's Career and Transfer Center, which is located in the Wharton campus library. Pictured, from left, are Linda Vacek, Title V HSI (Hispanic-Serving Institutions) student success assistant; Elvia Rodriguez, Title V HSI engagement and communications facilitator; and Dr. Mike Adkins, Title V HSI project director.

TITLE V GRANT FUNDS ENABLED WCJC TO EXPAND STUDENT SERVICES

A U.S. Department of Education grant enabled Wharton County Junior College to expand its student services by offering career and transfer preparation, financial literacy, and internship opportunities.

Thanks to the Title V Grant, WCJC will receive \$3 million in grant funds over a five-year period. Funds were initially distributed in October of 2020 and will conclude in September of 2025, with \$600,000 distributed annually. Dr. Mike Adkins, Title V HSI Project Director, said the grant is focused on several key areas, including the renovation of library space for the creation of the college's Career and Transfer Center, the first of which was completed on the Wharton campus in the fall of 2021. A second center is under development for the Richmond campus.

More than 2,400 career advising sessions have been held and more than 1,000 transfer advising sessions have been completed between Sept. 1, 2021, and Aug. 31, 2022. In addition, Title V staff conducted a career fair and the Pioneer Career

Summer Bridge Program for 17 students. The bridge program was designed to give high school graduates a jumpstart on the college experience while earning three college credit hours.

Adkins said the grant is focused on increasing transfer, retention, and graduation rates for Hispanic and First-Time-In-College students.

"The benefits to students include learning about career and transfer preparation earlier in the advising process and having dedicated professionals in the areas of career and transfer, internships and experiential learning, and financial literacy," he said.

In addition to Adkins, Title V staff includes Alexis Brooks, Title V HSI Career Development and Transfer Coordinator; Monica Oliver, Title V HSI Experiential Learning Specialist; Alexiah Wilson, Title V HSI Academic Advisor for Financial Literacy; Elvia Rodriguez, Title V HSI Engagement and Communications Facilitator; and Linda Vacek, Title V HSI Student Success Assistant.

Wharton County Junior College Summary of Resource Development Activities by Program/Discipline

WCJC was awarded grants from foundations, governmental agencies, and individuals totaling approximately \$25,136,539 for the period September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2022. These awards are used to support WCJC's academic and vocational training programs and to provide financial support for students.



ACADEMIC YEAR 2021-2022

ADULT BASIC EDUCATION/ ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

Adult Education and Family Literacy Act/Workforce Invest Act \$815,000
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 \$295,222
(Grant Period Oct. 1, 2021-Sept. 30, 2022)
Sources of funding: federal and state funds, Wharton County Commissioners Court, church donations, private donations, program income, and special fundraising events.
Purpose: Nutrition, medical and social support services for senior citizens

Wharton County Program: \$176,641
Colorado County Program: \$118,581

FINANCIAL AID/SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDENTS

(All qualified students are eligible to apply.)

Carl Perkins Act \$208,098
Purpose: Technical training program for underserved populations. Funding used for instructional equipment, educational materials, professional development, student scholarships, and tutoring services for students

Chevron Phillips \$6,000
Purpose: Scholarships for students enrolled in Process Technology program

Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo \$50,000
Purpose: Scholarships for students enrolled in vocational programs

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

LyondellBasell \$10,000
Purpose: Process Technology scholarships

ACADEMIC YEAR 2021-2022

Texas Reskilling Support Fund Grant Program \$112,500
(Grant Period March 4, 2021-Feb. 15, 2022)
Purpose: Scholarships for reskilling stop-out students

Trull Foundation \$10,000
Purpose: Scholarships for students in a nursing program

ALLIED HEALTH

Johnson Foundation \$350,000
Purpose: Scholarships for students in allied health programs

NIGP – Supporting Clinical Learning to Mitigate Impediments due to COVID-19 \$90,000
(Grant Period Nov. 20, 2020-Nov. 30, 2022)

STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

U.S. Department of Education, TRIO/SSS Program \$261,018
per year for 5 years (2nd year of project)
Purpose: Identify qualified individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds, prepare them for a program in post-secondary education, and provide support services for them

U.S. Department of Education, Title V Developing Hispanic Serving Institutions Program \$600,000
per year for 5 years (2nd year of project)
Purpose: Expand educational opportunities for and improve the attainment of Hispanic students

COVID-19 RELIEF FUNDING

U.S. Department of Education Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund Emergency Aid to Students . . . \$8,692,503
Purpose: Direct financial assistance to students impacted by COVID-19

U.S. Department of Education Institutional Portion of the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund . . \$11,819,764
Purpose: Provide institutional support for expenses related to COVID-19

U.S. Department of Education Minority-Serving Institution Portion of the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund \$1,242,436
Purpose: Provide institutional support for MSIs for expenses related to COVID-19

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT/ CONTINUING EDUCATION

Texas Workforce Commission: Skills Development Fund Shell Grant \$50,000
(Grant Period June 22, 2021-July 31, 2022)
Purpose: Enhance the ability of eligible grantees to respond to industry and work force training needs and to develop incentives for public community and technical colleges.

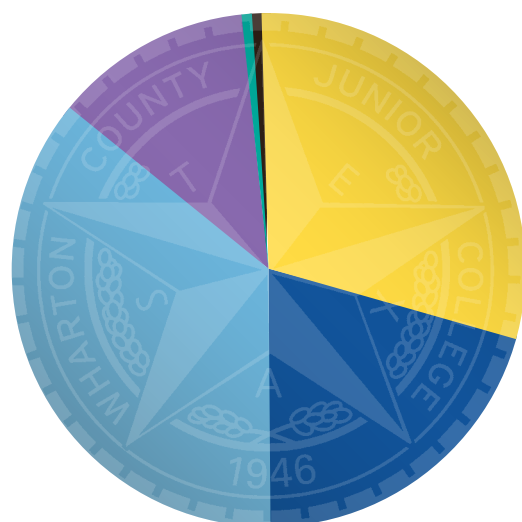
TRUE Grant \$498,998
Purpose: Expand the Emergency Medical Services program at the Richmond campus

2021-2022 FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

2021-2022 REVENUE SOURCES

Total Revenue	\$53,930,601	
Tuition & Fees	\$14,829,227	28%
State Appropriations	\$11,728,534	22%
Grants & Contracts	\$20,579,940	38%
Ad Valorem Taxes	\$7,805,479	14%
Investment Income	\$(2,257,371)	(4)%
Other	\$453,994	1%
Auxiliary	\$790,798	1%

2021-2022 Revenue Sources

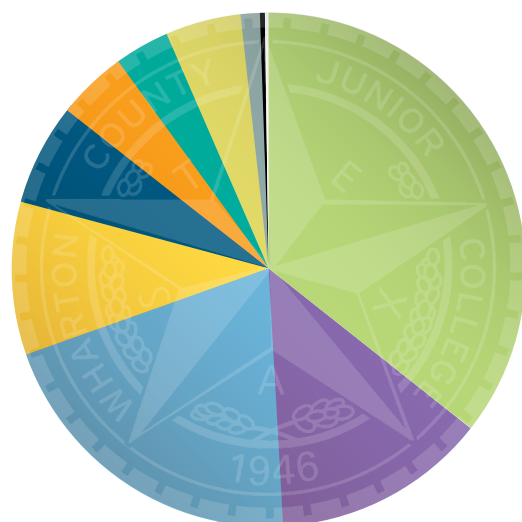


Source: Wharton County Junior College District Annual Financial Report for the Fiscal Year Ended August 31, 2022

2021-2022 BUDGET EXPENDITURES

Total Expenditures	\$55,474,205	
Instruction	\$19,149,506	34%
Instructional Support	\$7,295,627	13%
Operations/Maintenance	\$3,823,321	7%
Academic Support	\$2,883,895	5%
Scholarships	\$11,646,173	21%
Student Services	\$4,738,995	9%
Public Service	\$1,709,536	3%
Depreciation	\$3,144,538	6%
Auxiliary Expenses	\$887,745	2%
Interest	\$168,354	<1%
Other	\$26,515	<1%

2021-2022 Budget Expenditures



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WCJC Facts and Figures

All figures for Fall 2021 unless noted

Pell Grant Awards

Academic Year 2021-2022	
Number of Awards	1,651
Value of Awards	\$6,487,920

Unduplicated Credit Students

5,479

Unduplicated Enrollment by Campus

Wharton Campus	1,342
Sugar Land Campus	1,725
Richmond Campus	971
Bay City Campus	143
Dual Credit & Concurrent Enrollment	539
Distance Education (Internet/ITV)	2,664

Approximately 2,800 students attended more than one campus.

Annual Unduplicated Credit Enrollment

7,428

Academic Year 2021-2022

Other Unduplicated Noncredit Enrollment

Academic Year 2021-2022

Continuing Education (Youth Activities)	1,044
Continuing Education (Workforce)	353
Continuing Education (Adult Avocation)	324
Adult Education and Literacy	
GED	453
ESL	344

Student Ethnicity

White/Non-Hispanic	1,545	28%
Hispanic	2,480	45%
Black/Non-Hispanic	651	12%
Asian/Pacific Islander	708	13%
Indian/Alaskan Native	5	<1%
International	2	<1%
Unknown	88	2%

Student Age

Under 20	2,622	47%
20-24	1,950	36%
25-29	389	7%
30-39	331	6%
40+	187	4%
Student Average Age	21.7	

Student Gender

Women	3,203	58%
Men	2,276	42%

Student Residency

Texas Residents	5,379	98%
In-District Residents	1,126	21%
Out-of-District Residents	4,090	74%
Tuition Exempt Residents	163	3%
Outside Texas/Foreign	100	2%

Full-Time Faculty Educational Attainment

Doctorate	33	19%
Master's	105	60%
Bachelor's	16	9%
Associate/Certificate	22	12%

Full-Time Faculty (Fall 2021)

Length of Teaching Service		
5 Years or Less	55	31%
6-10 Years	40	23%
11-15 Years	26	15%
16-20 Years	32	18%
More than 20 Years	23	13%

Faculty Characteristics

Total Faculty	273	
Full-Time	176	64%
Part-Time	97	36%
Total Minority Faculty	78	29%
Average Age	52	



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