



Wharton County Junior College

*President's Report
to the Community
2004-2005*



In Memory

*This report is dedicated
to the memory of the late
Lawrence J. Petersen*



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Betty A. McCrohan
WCJC President

Dear Friends,

I am proud to offer this report on the success of Wharton County Junior College during the past year.

Although reductions in state funding continued to challenge us, WCJC maintained its key role in the community. In addition to making higher education in this area affordable and accessible, we embarked on new initiatives to expand our offerings.

One initiative included the launch of a fund-raising campaign called Building Futures Together, which was developed as a partnership by WCJC and the University of Houston System at Sugar Land to raise funds to support a new facility in Sugar Land. A \$4 million gift from The George Foundation kicked off the campaign for the proposed facility to be shared by both institutions at the UHSSL site. This new facility will give students the opportunity to complete a bachelor's degree in one location.

Another initiative was the creation of new programs in teaching and human services. To meet the demand for these highly employable fields, WCJC now offers three Associate of Arts in Teaching degrees, an Associate of Applied Science in Human Services degree, and a Human Services Technician Level One certificate.

Important programs like these are possible because of strong community support. We are grateful to our many contributors who are instrumental in the college's success through their support of our programs and operations.

Other supporters include The Wharton County Junior College Foundation, which continued its summer fundraisers to benefit the college, faculty, and students. Among the foundation's new initiatives was a commitment to replace seating in our Horton Foote Theatre. In addition, the Johnson Foundation and the Gulf Coast Medical Foundation continued their long-standing support of the college, helping to fund much needed equipment upgrades. Funding from these supporters and many others helps us leverage our limited resources and enables us to provide a quality education to our students. We can never thank them enough for their support.

I would be remiss if I did not give credit to all those associated with this fine college – students, faculty, staff, administrators, and trustees – who each day give of themselves unselfishly as they carry out our mission. It is the combination of their deep commitment, along with community support, that makes the WCJC educational experience so enriching.

Thank you for your continued support of Wharton County Junior College and for helping make this a great learning environment for our students.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Betty A. McCrohan". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid and legible.

Betty A. McCrohan
President



Dr. Kirby Lowery
WCJC Division Chair of
Math and Physical Sciences

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With a highly acclaimed, 23-year career in plastics research for The Dow Chemical Company, Dr. Kirby Lowery brings a wealth of real world knowledge to Wharton County Junior College. His accomplishments include 132 foreign patents and 26 U.S. patents, one of which was the “crown jewel” for Dow – a catalyst that has produced billions of pounds of polyethylene.

In the late 1970s, Lowery was honored with an IR-100 Award from *Industrial Research Magazine* for developing one of the year’s 100 most significant technological products – Linear Low Density Polyethylene, more commonly known as Dowlex®. For years, this product has been the world standard for high density plastic, like that used in heavy duty trash bags.

After Lowery’s early retirement from Dow in 1994, he was encouraged by a research associate at the University of Wyoming to pursue teaching. For two years he taught chemical engineering and served as faculty adviser to the UW student chapter of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers.

Upon returning home to Lake Jackson, Lowery agreed to a one-year, part-time teaching term at Brazosport College. Two years later when WCJC offered him the chance to teach organic chemistry, he jumped at it, despite the daily 100-mile round trip to Wharton. Now Lowery oversees the math and science classes for over 6,000 students at three campuses. He also teaches chemistry and mathematics. “This has turned out to be as good a career as Dow,” he said.

Lowery holds a bachelor’s degree in chemistry and mathematics from Stephen F. Austin University and both a master’s degree and doctorate in chemistry from Texas A&M University.

Jess W. Coleman, Jr.

WCJC Art Department Head

“A desire to do something positive and something that wasn’t strictly about money” drew Jess Coleman from a successful graphic design career into teaching. In January 1999, while working full time at the Houston Chronicle, Coleman began serving as an adjunct professor at his alma mater, Sam Houston State University.

There he found renewed energy and a resolve to permanently pursue teaching. One year later, he joined Wharton County Junior College as art instructor and department head.

At WCJC, Coleman teaches drawing, painting, design, sculpture, ceramics, art history, and general art fundamentals. As department head, he schedules adjunct professors, develops curriculum objectives, and provides career counseling to students.

Along with advising graduates about their careers, Coleman’s greatest joy in teaching is “seeing students’ attitudes completely change and for them to become more positive.”

Although his job responsibilities make it challenging to pursue his own artistic passion – oil and watercolor painting – Coleman’s work toured six cities in Russia during a year-long exhibit. Some other exhibits include “Spirit of the People” at Houston’s Gallery of Distinctive Arts, “Martin Luther King Tribute” at Austin’s George Washington Carver Museum, and media and open juried exhibitions at Clear Lake’s Art Alliance Center.

For someone who took his first art class in college, Coleman has accumulated some impressive awards. Among them are a 2001 Bronze Medallion of Merit from the National Council for Marketing and Public Relations and a 1999 Bronze Addy from the Houston Advertising Federation. Coleman’s degrees from Sam Houston State University include a bachelor of fine arts degree in advertising/graphic design, a master of arts degree in painting/drawing, and a master of fine arts in painting/drawing.



Jess W. Coleman, Jr.
WCJC Art Department Head

Sarah Glass

WCJC Alumna

Sarah Glass was a young mother operating an afternoon registered home day care for her two children, plus five others, when she enrolled at Wharton County Junior College. In the mornings she took classes toward her health information technology (HIT) degree and then dashed off to pick up her young children from kindergarten and elementary school.

Glass feels WCJC provided her with an excellent foundation that included subject matter as well as skills such as teamwork, communication, leadership, and ethics. Equally important was the encouragement of her HIT instructor.

“When we had issues with time, or children and husband management, Ms. King (chair of allied health) put things in perspective and gave us tips to overcome whatever difficulties we were having,” Glass said.

After graduating from WCJC in 1983, Glass worked at El Campo Memorial Hospital. One year later she was managing health information management (HIM) systems for two units of the Texas Department of Corrections. Glass would later serve as director of HIM at Gulf Coast Medical Center, while completing her bachelor’s degree from UTMB. Passing the national certification exam earned her the credential of Registered Health Information Administrator. She is also credentialed as a Certified Coding Specialist.

About the time her youngest child, Crystal, graduated from high school, Glass completed her master’s degree. Since 1999 she has been assistant director of HIM at St. Luke’s Episcopal Hospital. Glass and her husband Scott also have a son, Travis, and three grandchildren.

A career highlight for Glass was serving as a delegate to China where she discussed coding education with medical personnel.



Sarah Glass
WCJC Alumna

Jack C. Moses
WCJC Trustee and Alumnus

Serving on the boards of Wharton County Junior College and the WCJC Alumni Association is how Jack Moses gives back to his alma mater.

“The college was great for me,” he said with a broad smile and twinkling eyes.

A lifelong Wharton resident and the 2004 WCJC Distinguished Alumni of the Year, Moses has an unyielding commitment to promote the college. “You can’t beat WCJC for a junior college,” he said, crediting great teachers and a strong curriculum.

Moses attended WCJC in 1966 and 1967, returned in 1988, and graduated in 1990. He went on to earn a bachelor’s degree in social science at the University of Houston-Victoria in 1996 – the same year he was appointed as the first minority member of the WCJC Board of Trustees. In 1998, Moses won election to the board and now serves as secretary.

Always curious about people’s thoughts, Moses pursued a mental health career. He began at Riceland Mental Health and Mental Retardation as a caseworker and vocational instructor, winning the Mental Health Aide Award from the Fort Bend County Mental Health Association. He went on to be a rehabilitation facilitator for The Citadel Group.

In 2002, Moses joined Kendleton ISD as a 5th and 6th grade language arts and social studies teacher. By working with at-risk children, he can impart life lessons. “At this age, the kids need someone to guide them in the direction they need to go.”

The Kendleton children are not the only ones in Moses’s life. Along with his wife, Julia, he has 11 grandchildren, seven of whom live in the Wharton area and four in California.



Jack C. Moses
WCJC Trustee and Alumnus



Robert Wolter
*WCJC Director of
Sugar Land Campus*

Building Futures Together Campaign Expanding Educational Opportunities in Fort Bend County

Understanding the need to provide for their growing student populations in Fort Bend County, Wharton County Junior College and the University of Houston System at Sugar Land (UHSSL) embarked on a campaign to support construction of a new \$30 million academic building at the UHSSL site that will be shared by WCJC and the UH System.

A \$4 million gift from The George Foundation in the spring of 2005 launched the Building Futures Together campaign. An 18-member campaign committee will lead the fund drive and includes Campaign Chair Mike Piwetz, vice president of process, Fluor Corporation; Brij Agrawal, president/CEO of VKC 1, LP; Betty Baitland, superintendent, Fort Bend ISD; Mike Baldwin, president, Provident Engineering; Bob Brown, chairman of the board, Greater Fort Bend Economic Development Council; Jim Heitzenrater, administrator/CEO, Methodist Hospital Sugar Land; Bill Jameson, president, WJ Interests, LLC; Diana Miller, owner/broker, New Home Builders; Randy Miller, vice president, marketing, Tyco Valves and Controls; Thomas Randle, superintendent, Lamar Consolidated ISD; Gene Reed, president, E.E. Reed Construction; Lina Sabouni, principal, Autoarch; Dinesh Shah, president, Business Diversified Corporation; David Shaw, immediate past president, Sugar Land Rotary; Joan Smith, ethics and compliance manager, Shell Global Solutions; Jim Sturgeon, president, First Community Bank; David Wallace, mayor, City of Sugar Land; and Daniel Wong, president/CEO, Tolunay-Wong Engineering.

“We are excited about the opportunity our students will receive through the combined educational resources of WCJC and UHSSL,” said Robert Wolter, director of the WCJC Sugar Land campus. “Shared resources and facilities will provide for improved efficiency. Our students will save time by being able to complete a bachelor’s or master’s degree at a central location in Fort Bend County.”

The committee is charged with raising \$2.5 million in private funding from individuals, corporations, and foundations. As of November 1, 2005, private commitments to the project totaled \$641,000, in addition to the \$4 million contribution from The George Foundation.

Groundbreaking for the new facility is scheduled for August 2006 with an opening in January 2008.

Workforce Demands Brings About New Programs in Teaching and Human Services

To meet the growing need for early childhood workers and social and human service assistants, Wharton County Junior College created new programs in teaching and human services in 2005.

In the spring the college announced three Associate of Arts in Teaching (AAT) degrees. The degrees, Plan A, B, and C, are fully transferable to any Texas public university, and may be obtained in any one of three areas of specialization. "The track students take with the AAT depends on which area of education they intend to work in," said Patricia Rehak, instructional assessment coordinator.

All degrees lead to initial Texas teacher certification. Plan A prepares students for early childhood education, Plan B is for those who wish to teach at all grade levels, and Plan C is for teaching at the secondary level (grades 8-12). For students who are undecided about which grades they wish to teach, Rehak recommends Plan B.

The Associate of Applied Sciences in Human Services degree and Human Services Technician Level One certificate were announced this past summer. Graduates are prepared to work as social work assistants, community support and outreach workers, mental health aides, life skills counselors, gerontology aides, and case management aides. The Human Services Technician Level One certificate will prepare graduates for entry-level positions in the fields of psychiatry, psychology, rehabilitative services, and social work.

The U.S. Department of Labor predicts a 49 percent growth in employment opportunities for social and human services assistants in the 10-year period ending in 2012.

Rehak, who served as WCJC division chair of technology and business when the programs were proposed, led the planning and research to add these programs to the WCJC course offerings.

"We had representatives from advisory boards, other colleges, and school districts participate to help develop programming that could be articulated into a four-year degree and that potentially we could articulate up from high school. The associate degree programs have been developed and designed to facilitate the seamless transition from high school through the four-year university," Rehak said.



Patricia Rehak
WCJC Instructional Assessment Coordinator



Dr. Bruce Kieler
WCJC Resource Development Officer

\$496,000 Federal Grant for WCJC Funds Instructional Technology Equipment

Resource Development Officer Dr. Bruce Kieler first suggested the idea of asking for a Congressional grant after hearing about this approach to educational funding at a meeting with Congressional staffers in Washington in 2002. President McCrohan approved the idea and directed Kieler to get in touch with Congressman Tom DeLay's staff. After several discussions with DeLay's staff manager, Kieler prepared the documents for President McCrohan's signature.

In 2005, Wharton County Junior College was awarded a Congressionally-directed grant of \$496,000 for instructional equipment and information technology infrastructure. The funding was secured by Congressman Tom DeLay (R-Sugar Land).

The grant is administered through the U.S. Department of Education's Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE) program. WCJC used the grant to purchase computers, network printers, work stations, data projectors, and servers for instructional use at its Wharton campus and its two Fort Bend County campuses. Among the programs that benefited are computer science, CISCO networking/engineering technology, developmental education, workforce education, and computer-aided drafting.

One hundred percent of the total cost of this instructional equipment project was financed with federal funds. WCJC provided "in-kind" technical and administrative support, as needed, for the implementation of the project.

"This grant was well worth the wait," stated Kieler. "WCJC will see direct and continued benefits from this grant through the strengthening and expansion of instructional and job-skills training capabilities of our faculty. It allows us greater opportunities for effectiveness in learning and skills development of our students."

DeLay added, "These federal funds have gone a long way by helping WCJC to purchase the equipment they need to expand the learning and career training opportunities for their students. Obtaining these skills will put them on the right track for finding new and better jobs, which will lead to rewarding, successful careers that improve our economy and the overall quality of life."

Approximately two-thirds of the funding was used to purchase equipment for the WCJC Sugar Land campus and the WCJC Fort Bend Technical Center in Richmond. The remaining funds were used to purchase equipment for the Wharton campus.

*The WCJC Foundation
Supports College*

The Wharton County Junior College Foundation continued its commitment to support the college in 2005 by hosting “American Jubilee: A Gospel and Patriotic Show” in the summer, along with a commitment to fund new seating for the Horton Foote Theatre.

The dinner and musical performance raised \$16,732 to benefit the foundation’s endowment that funds student scholarships, faculty development, and academic programs.

“The foundation is known for providing the community enjoyable and outstanding evenings of entertainment,” said Dr. Paul Spellman, division chair of communications and fine arts. “Their support of the college, and particularly of the communications and fine arts division, makes them part of the legacy of WCJC.”

Spellman stated in his praise of the work of The WCJC Foundation, “The foundation provides critical funding to maintain the quality and accessibility of the educational experience offered at Wharton County Junior College, and for that we can never thank them enough.”

Several years ago the foundation funded the replacement of the theatre curtain in the Horton Foote Theatre. This past summer, the foundation made a commitment to fund \$60,000 for the replacement of 300 seats in the theatre through the Have a Seat campaign. The original seats were installed in 1967 and repair parts are no longer available.

Donors to the Have a Seat campaign will have the opportunity to provide a lasting tribute to an important person in their lives by naming seats in memory of loved ones or acquaintances, or in honor of special occasions or individuals.

“Thousands of community members attend events at the Horton Foote Theatre on the WCJC campus each year,” continued Spellman. “By naming a seat after a special friend or loved one, donors contribute to the lasting legacy of that individual while helping to refurbish the theatre.”

For more information about the Have a Seat campaign, contact the WCJC Office of Marketing and Communications at 979.532.6322.



Dr. Paul Spellman
*WCJC Division Chair of
Communications and Fine Arts*

Administrative Profile

Christine Nevarez

WCJC Coordinator of Adult Basic Education

Prior to becoming coordinator of the Wharton County Junior College Adult Basic Education (ABE) Program in May 2002, Christine Nevarez taught ESL, GED, and TAAS reading full time at Palacios High School, plus ESL part time at WCJC. At Palacios High School, her ESL and GED students had an impressive 100 percent pass rate.

At WCJC, Nevarez has expanded ABE – which includes day and night ESL and GED classes – from 17 to 21 sites in Wharton, Colorado, Fort Bend, and Matagorda counties. She has also added a GED program for teens on probation – the first in Texas – through the Fort Bend Juvenile Probation Program.

The daughter of migrant workers, Nevarez has an intense passion for education because it helped her improve her own quality of life. With encouragement from her father-in-law, Nevarez earned an associate's degree at WCJC and a bachelor's degree in education at the University of Houston-Victoria. She earned certifications in English, ESL, bilingual, elementary, and high school education.

A highly motivated wife and a mother of three children (ages six to 13), Nevarez is president-elect of the Texas Council for Adult Basic Education. When she assumes the presidency in January 2006, she will work closely with former House Speaker Gib Lewis for the betterment of ABE. In addition, Nevarez serves on the advisory committee for a national publishing company that prepares ESL materials. She is also a Wharton Rotarian. Finally, Nevarez trains ABE instructors for Region 20 Education Service Center's Project GREAT in student motivation, retention and progress, as well as classroom management.



*Christine Nevarez
WCJC Coordinator of
Adult Basic Education*

Kwei-Feng Hsu

WCJC Director of Library Information and Technical Services

A native of Taipei, Taiwan, Kwei-Feng Hsu earned a bachelor's degree in journalism at the University of Chinese Culture. After immigrating to the United States, she earned a master's degree in library science from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee in 1994. There she was an intern in the university library.

Soon after completing graduate school, Hsu worked for the Northwestern Mutual Life Corporate Information Center and a law firm library. After moving to Texas and working in the public library system for six years, she longed to return to academia. Hsu joined Wharton County Junior College in 2001 as the technical services librarian and was promoted to director of library information and technical services in 2005.

"Library science is a satisfying career," said Hsu. "I am always learning something new when I work with patrons in accessing information in all media. My professional knowledge and skills are put to practical uses that are of benefit to others."

Hsu appreciates WCJC's administrative support, particularly when pursuing new projects. One such project is the reclassification of the college's 60,000 works from the Dewey system to the Library of Congress system – the standard for university libraries.

A resident of Sugar Land, Hsu contributes her knowledge of Chinese culture to WCJC events. That includes explaining her compound name that came from her birth in the month of September – "Kwei" represents a flower tree that blossoms in the fall and "Feng" symbolizes a nice scent.

Next year, Hsu will celebrate her silver anniversary with her husband, Jim. In addition to traveling, watching movies, and cooking, she is proud of their daughters. Angela is a junior at the University of Texas-Austin majoring in education, while Jennifer is a sophomore at Harvard University studying biochemical sciences.



*Kwei-Feng Hsu
WCJC Director of Library Information
and Technical Services*

2004-2005 Supporters

The following grants and awards were received and expended September 1, 2004, through August 31, 2005:

Fund for the Improvement of Post-Secondary Education, \$496,000

* Used for computer laboratories, curriculum development centers, and information technology infrastructure improvements.

George Foundation, \$50,000

* Used for scholarships.

Gulf Coast Medical Foundation, \$62,500

* Used for purchase of instructional equipment for the Allied Health programs.

Houston-Galveston Area Council, \$185,159

* Used \$111,546 for Senior Citizens Program/Wharton County.

* Used \$73,613 for Senior Citizens Program/Colorado County.

Johnson Foundation, \$400,000

* Used \$200,000 for refurbishing three chemistry labs.

* Used \$100,000 for purchase of instructional equipment for the Allied Health programs.

* Used \$100,000 for scholarship endowment.

Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, \$236,178

* Used for Vocational Support Services (Carl Perkins Award).

U.S. Department of Education, \$25,000

* Waiver of required matching funds.

WCJC Adult Basic Education Program, \$706,141

* Sources of funding included various federal and state grants, plus a Corrections and Institutionalized Grant, a Federal Professional Development Grant, a 21st Century Grant, and a Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) Grant.

Other funding for WCJC Senior Citizen Programs, \$100,000

* Sources of funding: Wharton County Commissioners Court, Colorado County Commissioners Court, Lower Colorado River Authority, program income, church and private donations, and special fund-raising events.

The following grant is pending:

CampusEAI/Oracle Corporation, \$1,200,000

* This grant was an equipment-and-training-only grant (no cash) to enable WCJC to establish portal capacities for all its constituents (i.e., students, faculty, staff, and administrators).

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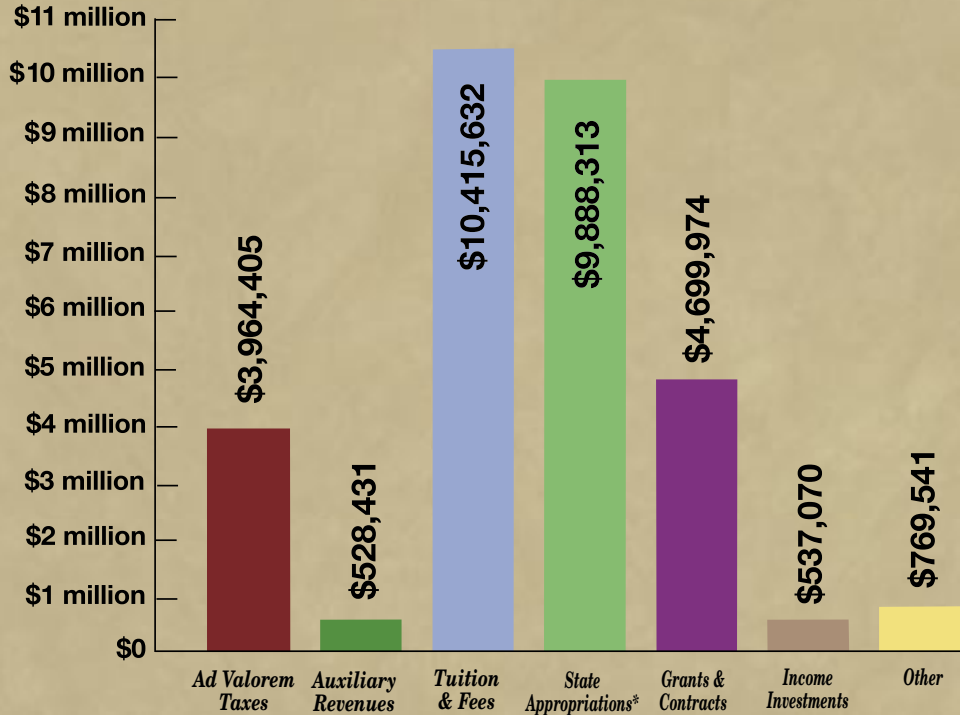
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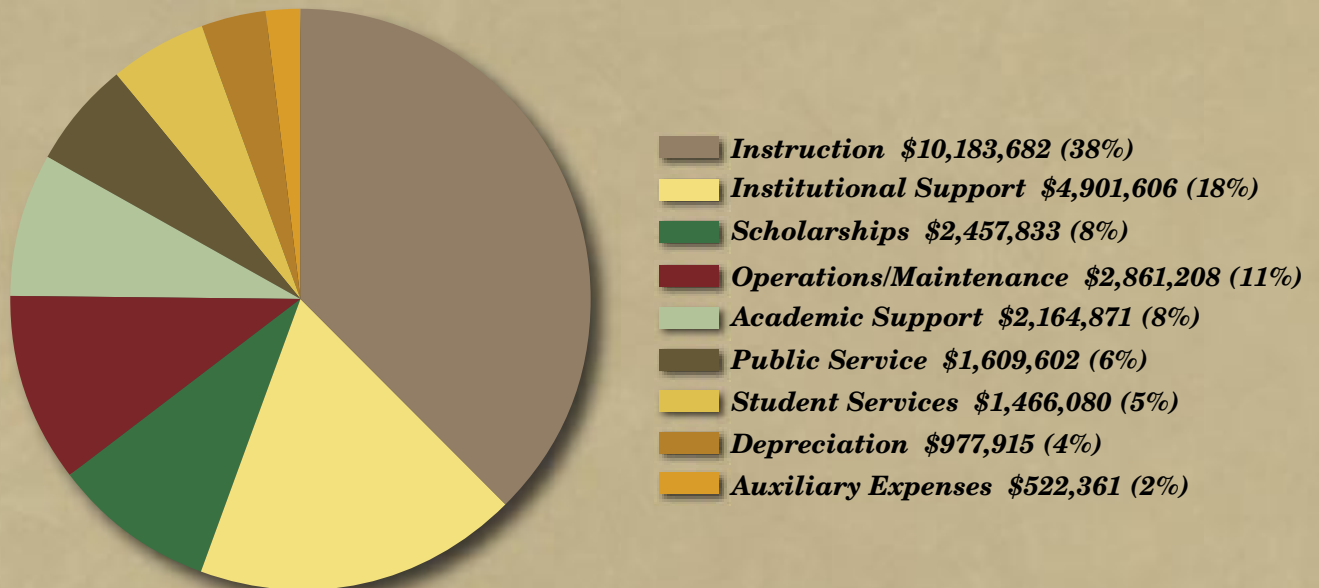
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2004-2005 Revenue Sources










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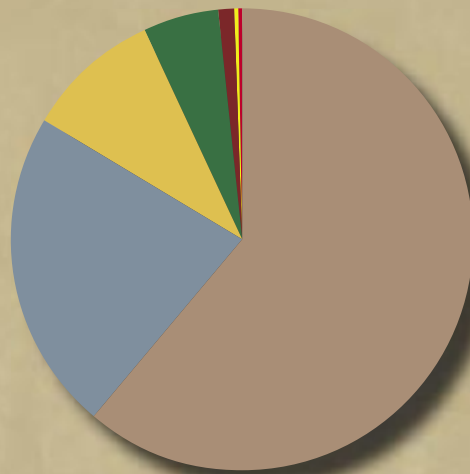
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




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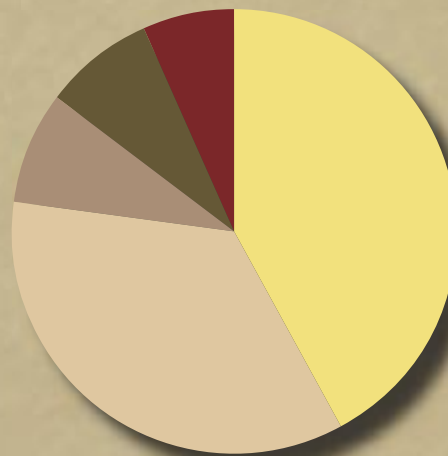
By Ethnicity

	White/non-Hispanic	59.64%
	Hispanic	23.79%
	Black/non-Hispanic	8.79%
	Asian/Pacific Islander	4.50%
	International	2.61%
	Unknown	0.46%
	Indian/Alaskan Native	0.21%





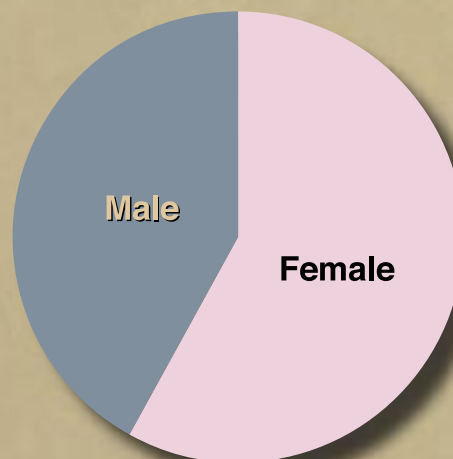
By Age

	Under 20	(2,563)	42.02%
	20-24	(2,142)	35.11%
	25-29	(499)	8.18%
	30-39	(490)	8.03%
	40-over	(406)	6.66%



By Gender

	Female	58%
	Male	42%



Enrollment by Campus Fall 2004

	2004
Wharton Campus	1,920
Sugar Land Campus	2,118
WCJC Fort Bend Technical Center	1,505
Richmond Ext. Center (Oakbend Medical Center)	37
Dual Credit & Concurrent Enrollment.....	670
Distance Education (Internet/ITV)	663

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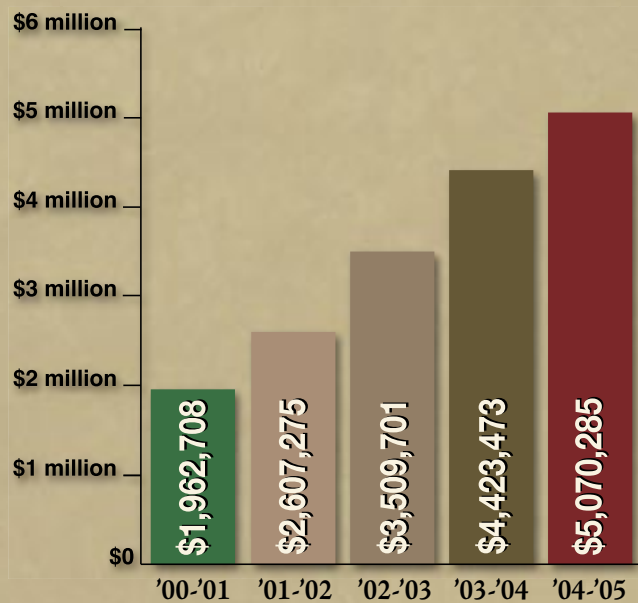
The college's former Legacy computer system assigned distance education, dual credit, and concurrent enrollment students to the Sugar Land and Wharton campuses.

The Sugar Land campus and Wharton campus enrollments no longer include distance education, dual credit, and concurrent enrollment students.

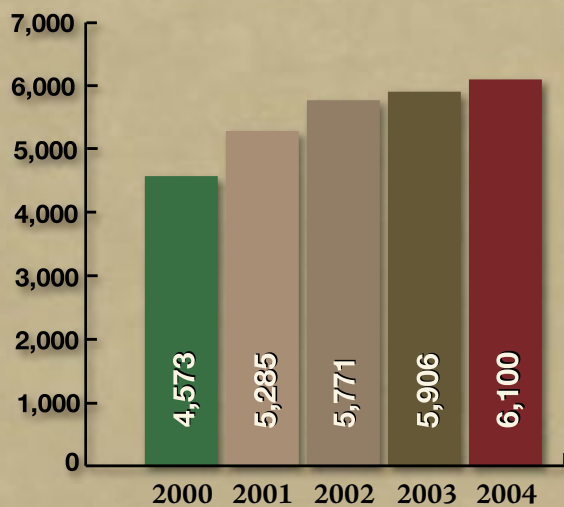
Student Residency Fall 2004

	2004
Texas Residents	98%
In-District Service Area Residents	24%
Out-of-District	74%
Outside Texas/Foreign	2%

State and Federal Financial Aid Disbursement Per Academic Year



Credit Enrollment History Fall 2000 - Fall 2004



Non-Credit Enrollment History 2004-2005 Headcounts

	2004-2005
Continuing Education.....	1,271
Kids' College	1,886
Adult Basic Education	1,940

Full-Time Employees Fall 2004

	2004
Faculty.....	135
Administrators	37
Support Staff.....	114

Educational Programs Offered by WCJC

Associate of Arts Degree

The Associate of Arts degree is offered in general studies for students planning to pursue four-year degrees. It enables students to enter four-year institutions as juniors. The degree offers emphasis of study in:

Agriculture	English
Art	General Studies
Behavioral Science (Psychology/Sociology)	Kinesiology
Biology	Mathematics
Business Administration	Music
Chemistry	Nursing (pre-baccalaureate)
Computer Science	Physics
Criminal Justice	Social Science (History, Geography, Government)
Drama	Speech
Engineering	

Associate of Arts in Teaching Degree

- Grades EC-4 - Plan A
- Grades 4-8 - Plan B
- Grades 8-12 - Plan C

Associate of Applied Science Degrees and Certificate Programs

Automotive Technology	Health Information Technology
Computer Science:	Heating, Air Conditioning, Refrigeration
Engineering Technology: CISCO Router Networking	Human Services
Programming	Law Enforcement
Microcomputer Support Technician	Legal Assisting
Network Administrator	Nursing:
Cosmetology	Associate Degree
Dental Hygiene	LVN-ADN Transition Program
Early Childhood	Vocational Nursing Certificate
Electronics Technology	Office Administration
Emergency Medical Services	Physical Therapist Assistant
Engineering Design:	Police Academy
Architectural Design	Process Technology
Computer-Aided Drafting (CAD)	Radiologic Technology
Fire Academy	Surgical Technology



Wharton County Junior College Mission

Wharton County Junior College is a public, two-year, comprehensive community college offering a wide range of postsecondary educational programs and services including associate degrees, certificates, continuing education courses, cultural affairs, and leisure-time activities for the benefit of the community and a population of students that varies in age, background, and ability.

The college affords opportunities for individual growth and expression and promotes the development of the total person through scholarly and creative activity and the application of knowledge for the good of society. Its curricular and co-curricular activities lay a foundation for lifelong learning and involved citizenship and encourage the pursuit of knowledge, innovation, experimentation, and excellence in human endeavor. It prepares students for entry-level positions, for advancement in various occupations and professions, for a broad understanding of the liberal arts and sciences, and for transfer to baccalaureate-granting institutions.

Wharton County Junior College is an institution that emphasizes personal attention to students, innovation, and flexibility in its credit and noncredit offerings, and responsiveness to the diversity of communities it serves. The college is dedicated to providing an educational environment that recognizes individuality, stresses the importance of human relationships, and reflects the democratic values of society.



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