

### Message from THE PRESIDENT



Every fall semester I am energized by the droves of students, both new and returning, that arrive at our campus. I have always been proud to welcome them, but now the feeling is greater than ever before. Our students are getting a first-hand view of what college life is really about.

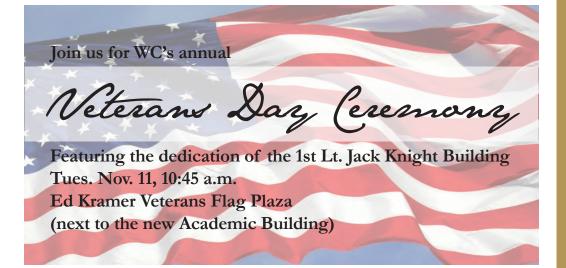
As you can tell by the image on our Hilltop cover, Weatherford College has really changed over these past few years! After four years of construction, renovation and energy-saving projects, the college has finally unveiled the new Weatherford College. As you drive past the college you can see that changes have occurred, but to get the full picture of what has taken

place over the past few years, you really need to walk our campus and tour our new and renovated buildings.

While greeting our students at the beginning of the semester, I was impressed with their take on all of the changes that have occurred. Many of our students commented on how beautiful our campus is, and how incredible our new buildings look. I am also very pleased to see how many of our students are staying around campus after their classes are over for the day. With the added common areas both inside and outside of the buildings, our students have taken advantage of the opportunity to study and network on campus. It is a great feeling to know that we have created a space that is both educational and inviting for our students.

In closing, I am always here to provide you with a personal tour of our wonderful campus. If you are in the area and have some time to spare, please drop by my office and allow me to show you what your college looks like today.

> Kevin J. Eaton, Ed.D. President



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# **ER STORY FUDENTS, INSTRUCTORS THRIVING IN NEW** ON ALLEN HEALTH SCIENCE BUILDING

#### by Crystal Brown

The Don Allen Health Science Building has done more than bookend the campus with a beautiful new structure; it has allowed Weatherford College's allied health programs to evolve.

For decades, instructors and students used cozy accommodations located in various places around campus.

"We were very crowded in the old labs," said Vocational Nursing Program Director Nita Parsons. "There was not enough

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storage space, so we had to store items and equipment in the actual lab space which limited our movement in the lab. Also, the space

mimicked the hospital care environments from the 1970s. It was difficult to teach current practice in an environment that was 40 years out of date."

Not only was much of the equipment outdated, it was also limited. Instructors in the Radiologic Technology program had one lab and one X-ray machine for their 24 students to share.

That all changed this summer with the addition of 31,000 square feet of instructional and lab space along with state-of-the-art equipment in the new Don Allen Health Science Building. The building is home to WC's Radiologic Technology, Phlebotomy Technology, Respiratory Care, Associate Degree Nursing, Vocational Nursing and Diagnostic Medical Sonography programs.

"We have more lab space with lots of storage for supplies and equipment," Parsons said. "The patient care areas more closely resemble today's environments. We have a great simulation lab and labs that reflect a homehealth situation and a physician's office."

Nina Maniotis, Phlebotomy Program Director, said the new space has enhanced learning and shows the college's commitment to the students.

"They are thriving in the new space,"

she said, "using the "IT'S A GREAT TIME TO BE computer room to study, the lounge areas to eat and rest, moving DENNIS MAGUTH through laboratory assignments with ease and gaining more

practice due to the increased number of workstations in the lab.

"Looking back, I cannot see how we fit so many people into one room and got anything accomplished."

Students in the programs, who are often on campus for eight or more hours on class days, said they enjoy the space of the new facility along with the lounge areas both inside and outside the building.

"I use the lounge frequently," ADN student Emily Lee said. "I love having a refrigerator to put my lunch in. I don't always have time to go somewhere else to eat. There are nice places to sit in the lounges, not just hard chairs. It feels like home."

Dennis Maguth, a diagnostic ultrasound student, said the new facility provides a





Top Photo: Don and Glenda Allen posed for a photo with Vickie and Jerry Durant during the grand opening ceremony.

Bottom Photo: Students enjoy the new second floor lounge between classes in the Don Allen Health Science Building.

better, brighter learning environment with modern technology.

"As we come up the hill and see the building, there's a great sense of pride," said Maguth. "It's a great time to be a student."

Between classes students congregate in the lounge areas to study and socialize. Instructors said the space has broadened student interaction across programs.

"WC has always provided a great learning environment for students and continues with HLSC Building on page 10.

### **MEMORIES**



### Last issue's Do you know...

Charles Brinkley and Mary Nell Davis, Freshman Favorites from the 1944 WC Oakleaf yearbook.



### Friends <u>we'll miss</u>

**W. L. (Bud) Barber** of Weatherford passed away July 24. He was 100.

Gloria Louise (Willmon) Blakely of Austin passed away September 10. She was 93. Gloria was a member of the WC Class of 1939 and was named a Distinguished Alumna in 2009 for her dedication to the Alumni Association.

**Alden Ray Carter** of Fort Worth passed away August 9. He was 64.

**Janell Sue Corley** passed away March 24. She was 55.

**Aubry Hugh Duckworth** passed away. He was 75.

**Melba Sharon Lewis Gifford** passed away April 24.

**Irabelle "Mimi" Nash Graham** passed away June 19. She was 87.

**Eloise Roberts O'Donald** of Weatherford passed away June 4. She was 68.

**Louise Cordero Schmidt** of Weatherford passed away March 14. She was 80.

**Ed Shivers** of Weatherford passed away June 24. He was 89 and had worked in the Weatherford College Maintenance Department before retiring.

**Alla Beth Kitchens Skinner** of Azle passed away June 5. She was 89.

**Jeffery Lee Thompson** of Springtown passed away March 24. He was 55.

Terry Clay Washington passed away.

**Gary Daniel Wilson** of Weatherford passed away June 9. He was 49.

### **ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT**

# THE COYOTE: WHAT'S IN A NAME?

#### Guest article by Arnold Pitchford ('48)

It doesn't take much to cause an old man to meditate a bit, then drift off on some tangent of a story and write about it. Such was the case this morning and maybe the old coyote who drifted by my south fence line helped in that meditative moment.

World War II was still creating the killing fields when a Weatherford College recruiter stopped by a red dirt farm in western Parker County and told a skinny young plowboy running out corn middles that he could get him a job that would pay most, if not all, of his college expenses if he would enroll in that revered school of learning. The offer was accepted and that young guy with not much hope of being anything more than another acorn from the tree of sharecropping learned about the importance of becoming involved in a legacy and to perpetuate that legacy for future generations.

The small country school he graduated from had no mascot, and he was quick to learn about the Weatherford College Coyote and to become one of the leaders of the pack. Perhaps mascots are associated with sports more so than with academics, but the Weatherford College Coyote established itself in all realms of college activity.

He was one of the basketball players on the Coyote team of the late mid-'40s. He had the privilege of meeting and coming to know several of those fellow students who distinguished themselves not only in sports, but, perhaps, even more so in the development of their learning abilities. They have not only honored a legacy, they have built upon it with an amazing service of improving the lot of man. It is a difficult decision to not bring the names of some of those great citizens into this writing, but they became some of the best of the best in the fields they chose to make their mark. Great judges, attorneys, educational leaders, outstanding military officers, engineers, business executives, homemakers and community servants have indeed led a pack of coyotes to the summit.

It was once said that the sun never set on the British Empire, and I suspect the same can be said of Weatherford College's finest. Whether we refer to them as Coyotes, doctors, scientists, educators or the best in their chosen fields, I know they feel honored to drape the cape of black and gold across their shoulders as they let the glint of a setting sun beckon them in their proud march into eternity.

### **FACULTY & STAFF AWARDS**

#### WILLIAMS NAMED FACULTY MEMBER OF THE YEAR



WC honored American History Instructor Scott Williams as the 2014 Faculty Member of the Year during commencement ceremonies in May.

Tonya Edwards, the 2013 awardee, presented this year's award to Williams.

"This year's recipient is a true teacher who has passion for learning and shares that passion and knowledge with both students and colleagues," Edwards said during her introduction of the winner. "His goes well beyond the classroom walls. When not actively teaching students, this instructor is constantly creating innovative methods to challenge the students' thinking. He is flexible, adaptable and, most importantly, creative."

Williams holds a bachelor's degree from Rice University and a master's degree from Penn State. He has taught at WC since August of 2006.



The 2014 NISOD Excellence Awardees from Weatherford College were honored during a faculty luncheon between commencement ceremonies in May. Recipients of this year's award are: (back row) Mike Endy, Scott Tarnowieckyi, Jared Abraham, Vicki Traweek; (front row) Myrlan Coleman, Jackie Bennett, Beverly Gibbs, Kay Landrum; (not pictured) Mary Ziegler and Becki Byrd. The National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development (NISOD) is an outreach organization of the community college doctoral concentration at the University of Texas at Austin.

### WEATHERFORD COLLEGE AROUND CAMPUS















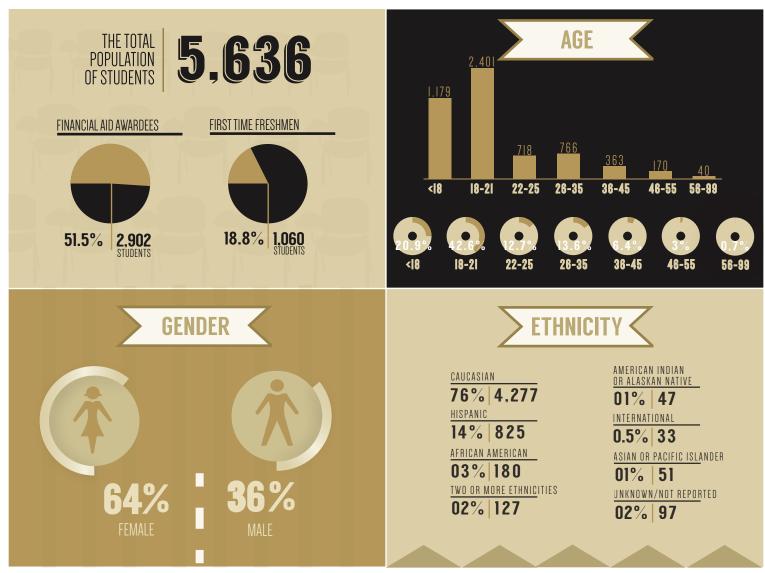






- 1. WC honored (left to right) Distinguished Alumni Kenton Harvey ('58), Jamie Bodiford Brinkley ('67) and Gary Snow ('68), as well as Alumnus of the Year Vickie Durant ('66) during the Alumni Awards Luncheon in April. Durant is a well-known philanthropist and volunteer, Harvey served as a Church of Christ preacher for 31 years, Brinkley is an accomplished realtor and volunteer, and Snow is partner in a successful accounting and wealth management business. For more details on these four honorees, go to www.wc.edu/alumni.
- 2. The Coyote statue in the campus quad received a much-needed "face lift" this summer, through the artistry of WC's Mike and Christine Endy.
- 3. Hart Herring, who threw the first pitch for WC's baseball team back in 2003, threw out the first pitch at a WC game this spring. Herring was in town for a reunion of WC 's 2004 conference championship team.
- 4. New students gathered in August for WC Live, the college's freshmen orientation.
- 5. The WC Foundation honored outgoing President Dr. Mike White (pictured right) at their board meeting in May. White led the Foundation from 2006 to 2014, a period in which the organization awarded more than \$1 million in scholarships. Pictured with White is Brent Baker, WC's Vice President of Institutional Advancement.
- 6. WC President Dr. Kevin Eaton, Jeanne Grogan and Roy Grogan ('47) gathered with a large crowd during the college's 145<sup>th</sup> birthday party in August (photo #9). Mr. Grogan is a former WC board member and a past recipient of the Alumnus of the Year Award.
- 7. Rob Laney and the WC choir led the birthday party crowd in the singing of "Happy Birthday" and "Old Black and Gold."
- 8. Heather Sharma of Short Chef Creations puts the finishing touches on WC's  $145^{\rm th}$  birthday cake.
- 10. WC's Coyote Chase Race went world-wide, as SPC Connor Goff sported his race shirt near Jalalabad, Afghanistan. Goff serves in the U.S. Army, 47<sup>th</sup> EOD. He is the son of Karmann Goff, who works in the college's Office of Disabilities.

### **FALL 2014 ENROLLMENT STATISTICS**



# WC FOUNDATION SETS RECORD SCHOLARSHIP YEAR

The Weatherford College Foundation has offered 212 scholarships to 126 different students for the 2014-15 academic year totaling more than \$200,000, a record year for the foundation.

This year the WCF was able to increase its standard per-semester scholarship to \$1,000 thanks in part to contributions garnered in the recent capital campaign.

"The generosity of our community through the recent successful capital campaign has not only helped enhance the college's facilities, but it has also allowed us to increase the scholarships the Foundation gives to many deserving students," Foundation President Bob Glenn said. "We are excited and proud to enable these students to reach their educational goals."

# MICHAEL FEELY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP



Dan and Marsha Feely have continued their support of WC students with another annual gift for the Michael Feely Memorial Scholarship. The Feelys have directed more than \$47,000

in scholarship support to the WC Foundation over the years and \$82,000 total to local students since 2001. Dan is a member of the WC Foundation Board of Directors. Pictured with the Feelys is Dr. Mike White (left), past president of the Foundation.



### THANK YOU

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Weatherford High School Class of 1953

Io Ellen Welborn

Dr. Mike and Avalon White

Kathy Williams

Gail Wright

### Class notes

Andra Cantrell ('75) was named to the Board of Directors of the National Ranching Heritage Center at Texas Tech University. The center exists to preserve ranching history and tradition. Cantrell is WC's Vice President of Financial and Administrative Affairs.

Edward Dealecio ('12) performed as a featured guest trombone soloist with the University of Texas at Arlington Wind Symphony on Sept. 14. The former WC Jazz Band member performed Arthur Pryor's "Blue Bells of Scotland."

**Josh Jones** ('13) and **Nicole Lee** ('13) are now playing intercollegiate tennis at the University of Texas-Permian Basin in Odessa. Both Josh and Nicole were part of the Student Ambassadors

at WC and are both on the Dean's List at UTPB.

Brice Nengsu ('05) recently passed the bar exam and is now a practicing attorney. Brice played basketball for the Coyotes in 2004-05, moved on to play at Creighton University in Nebraska, played professionally in Europe, and returned to Creighton, where he earned his law degree this year.

**Matthew Skates** is travelling the country playing bass in the popular novelty bluegrass band The Cleverlys. Matthew has also played with Ruben Studdard, The Osmonds, Pat Boone and Debbie Boone.

**Brittani Wilkins** ('10) and her teammates on the 2008 Naaman Forest High School girls basketball team were singled out as a 2014 Honor

Team by the Garland Sports Hall of Fame during induction ceremonies Sept. 27. Wilkins was a Lady Coyote basketball player and graduated from the University of North Texas with a bachelor's degree. She can now be seen on D210 Television on Time Warner Cable and as a Dallas Sidekicks Dancer.

Andy Holubova Wooldridge ('97) was inducted into the Oklahoma Baptist University Athletic Hall of Fame on Sept. 26. The basketball standout was an All-American at both WC and OBU. She led the Lady Coyotes to a fourth place finish at the 1997 NJCAA National Tournament and is 12th all-time in scoring at OBU with 1,250 points. Andy lives in Bethany, Oklahoma. Her husband, Quinn, is the head basketball coach at Southwestern Christian University.

### ATHLETICS UPDATE

#### RODEO SENDS FIRST TEAM TO NATIONALS



The WC rodeo program made history last season, sending their first men's team to the College National Finals Rodeo in Casper, Wyoming in June. Individuals from WC have qualified for the CNFR in each of the last 10 years, but 2013-14 was the school's first for a full team of six athletes.

Jared Parsonage posted WC's highest finish in Casper, reaching the short-go of bull riding and finishing 10th in that event.

Head Coach Johnny Emmons said the success of last year bodes well for the 2014-15 season.

"Going to nationals is going to be a positive in the way of confidence, especially the returners," said Emmons, who is entering his third season as head coach. "They know they can make it. They've been there and done that now, and hopefully it will give them the confidence to start strong."

WC began the new rodeo season in mid-September with a trip to Sul Ross State University in Alpine, Tex.

# WC ATHLETES WIN NATIONAL ACADEMIC AWARDS

The National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) has announced its 2013-14 Academic Student-Athlete Awards, and three Weatherford College competitors are on the prestigious list. Softball player Courtney Duplechin earned the Superior Academic Achievement Award, basketball player Kaylee Brooks won the Exemplary Academic Achievement Award and softball player Bailee Wortham is also an Exemplary Academic Achievement Award winner.

Duplechin, a utility player from Corinth, earned a 3.9 GPA while competing for the Coyotes. She transferred to the University of North Texas after two years at WC.

Brooks is a Weatherford High School graduate and played guard for two seasons at WC. She earned a 3.63 GPA last year and will play basketball at UT-Tyler this upcoming season.

Wortham, a pitcher from Fort Worth Western Hills, earned a spot on the award roster with a 3.69 GPA. She is continuing her softball career at Texas Woman's University.

### HLSC BUILDING from page 3.

given instructors the tools to make this possible," said Barbara Baker-Morrison, Radiology Technology Program Director. "The Don Allen Health Science Building is a demonstration of Weatherford College's continued excellence in quality education."

More than 200 WC supporters gathered in June for the facility's grand opening and ribbon cutting celebration.

The \$6 million project was funded from the college's reserves and augmented by a \$400,000 contribution from Jerry and Vickie Durant, who requested the college name the building in honor of their longtime business associate and WC Board of Trustees member Don Allen. College officials said the project, much like the recent Academic Building, was completed on time and under budget.

"Our mission is to provide effective learning opportunities that enrich the lives of our students and the communities we serve," said WC President Dr. Kevin Eaton. "I truly believe that all of the capital projects we have completed over the past four years have done just that. They have enriched the lives of both our students and our community."

## HALL OF FAME INDUCTION



Weatherford College Rodeo Coach Johnny Emmons was inducted into the Texas Rodeo Cowboy Hall of Fame in the Fort Worth Stockyards in April. In 25 years of professional rodeo, Emmons qualified for the Wrangler National Finals five times and brought in more than \$800,000 in career earnings as a tie-down roper. Pictured presenting the award to Emmons are Miss Teen UPRA Kiley Huie and Miss Four States Fair Destinee Brown (Photo by Devin Sisk).

### WEATHERFORD COLLEGE 14-15 BASKETBALL SEASON

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COYOTES SCHEDULE:

#### NOVEMBER

O1 SOUTH PLAINS @ COLLIN | 10 A.M.

O2 PARIS @ COLLIN | 8 P.M.

PANOLA | 7:30 P.M.

MOUNTAIN VIEW | 4 P.M.

SWESTERN TX @ SNYDER | 4 P.M.

BLINN | 7:30 P.M.

GREATER HOUSTON PREP | 6 P.M.

20-22 NEW MEXICO TOURNAMENT

25 NEW MEXICO | 7:30 P.M.

#### DECEMBER

O2 RICHLAND @ DALLAS | 7 P.M.

GREATER HOUSTON PREP | 6 P.M.

O5 MOUNTAIN VIEW @ DALLAS | 2:30 P.M.

CORNERSTONE CROSS ROADS ACAD. 7:30 P.M. WESTERN TX 3 P.M.

#### JANUARY

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O5 HOWARD @ BROWNWOOD | 4 P.M.

RICHLAND | 2 P.M.

\*HILL @ HILLSBORO | 4 P.M.

\*RANGER @ RANGER | 4 P.M.

21 \*TEMPLE | 7:30 P.M. 24 \*COLLIN | 4 P.M.

**28** \*MCLENNAN @ WACO | 7:30 P.M.

31 \*SW CHRISTIAN @ TERRELL | 4 P.M.

#### FEBRUARY

\*HILL | 7:30 P.M

\*RANGER

\*TEMPLE @ TEMPLE | 4 P.M.

\*COLLIN @ PLANO | 7:30 P.M.

\*MCLENNAN | 4 P.M.

\*SW CHRISTIAN | 7:30 P.M.

LADY COYOTES SCHEDULE:

#### NOVEMBER

**O5** PANOLA | 5:30 P.M.

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BLINN | 5:30 P.M.

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#### DECEMBER

12 WESTERN TX | 1 P.M.

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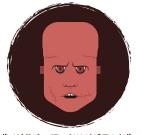
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JAZZ CONCERT November 20



December 1 By the Parker County Community Choir



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December 4 - April 2

