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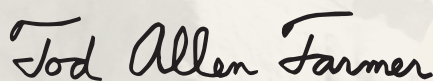
This edition of The Hilltop highlights the recent election of trustee officers, images of our recent commencement ceremony, an update on the new Vickie and Jerry Durant Hall, and previews what will become one of the largest gifts in WC history. What an amazing spring!

Trustee Dan Carney was recently elected as board chair and trustee Doug Dowd was elected as vice-chair. Trustee Lela Morris was re-elected as secretary. The Weatherford College Board of Trustees has quietly been the driving force behind many of the recent advances at WC. Collectively, their support makes the magic happen! I know that chair Carney and the entire board will continue to build on the progress that was achieved under the exceptional governance of outgoing chair Mac Smith.

United States Congressman Pat Fallon was our commencement ceremony speaker this spring. During one of the best ceremonies ever, we had graduates from 34 states as well as 12 international graduates. Two of the 38 recent dual-credit graduates who earned their associate degrees prior to graduating from high school are showcased in this edition. With the continued growth of our student population and programs, it is good that the new Durant Hall is on time and under budget.

This edition also highlights the success of our students and expansive programs. The Coyote baseball team won the Region V Tournament and advanced to the College World Series for the first time in WC history. Meanwhile, the rodeo team went to the College National Finals Rodeo for the 19th consecutive year and produced two more reserve national champions. In the arts, Dr. Hyeyoung Song was honored by Steinway and Sons, and one of our arts students headed off to a bright future in New York.

Finally, we are excited to share that Nancy and Richard Stuart are in the process of donating Canyon West Golf Course to WC! Breaking details are included in this edition, and a detailed feature story will follow in the fall. Because of generous donors like the Stuarts and dedicated stakeholders like you, amazing things continue to happen at WC! Please enjoy this edition of The Hilltop.



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## ALL-AMERICANS AND ALL-TIMERS

### RODRIGUEZ AND VILLENEUVE HELP TAKE WC BASEBALL TO NEW HEIGHTS



by Brent Baker

They came to Weatherford from different countries and didn't speak the same language. One traveled 20 miles to get here, the other 1,700.

They played together for one magical year and then moved on to universities in separate states and different time zones.

But Ryne Rodriguez and Robin Villeneuve will always be linked in Weatherford College baseball history as the school's first All-Americans and the foundation of their first World Series run—one of the greatest seasons in the history of WC sports.

Villeneuve came to Texas from Quebec, Canada, two years ago. He was first a pitcher, then converted to a full-time hitter. The center field wall at Sam Suplizio Field in Grand Junction, Colorado, can tell you that offense is Villeneuve's strong suit, still bearing a dent from one of his 400-foot blasts. He hit four home runs at the NJCAA Division I World Series, including the walk-off game winner in the Coyotes' first-ever World Series game. He led the nation in home runs with 28 on the season and had the second-most RBI in the country with 102.

Rodriguez spent his one year at WC after graduating from Trinity Valley School in Fort Worth. The left-handed pitcher was

WC's ace, with one of the lowest earned run averages in the nation at 1.59. He was credited with 11 wins and zero losses in 2023, and he was a workhorse all year long, logging 90 and two-thirds innings—fifth in the country. In the World Series, he threw more innings than any pitcher in Grand Junction.

Villeneuve was the conference Hitter of the Year; Rodriguez was the Pitcher of the Year. Both made the World Series All-Tournament team. Both made first-team All-America.

Both broke school records: Villeneuve for home runs, RBI (102) and slugging percentage (.899); Rodriguez for wins and innings.

No one outside of the WC locker room predicted this breakout season. But when asked if he expected it, Rodriguez didn't hesitate.

"I did," he said. "Coach [Jeff] Lightfoot and his coaches always put together a competitive team, and this year's team was the best one I've been a part of. I'm sure my teammates can say the same. Everyone got along on and off the field, and our team and the coaches always stayed in the game no matter the circumstances."

Villeneuve wasn't quite as confident going into the season.

"Nah, honestly, I knew we had a really good team, but I didn't expect us to play like that," he said of their record-breaking 53-11 year. "I feel like everyone played better than what people expected."

Even though the modern era of Coyote baseball has seen much success since its inception in 2003, WC never had a baseball All-American. But when it was all said and done in 2023, Lightfoot had two in the same year.

"You don't have a special season without special players," he said. "These two guys put up elite number, and they did it consistently all year and throughout the postseason. These guys are great players but even better young men. They have a work ethic and a competitive mindset to match their talent."

That mindset and talent have landed both of them in the Southeastern Conference (SEC) next year, the highest level of the NCAA in most sports, including college baseball. Villeneuve will play at the University of Tennessee and Rodriguez at the University of Mississippi (Ole Miss). They will both perform in front of big crowds, on television, and most likely in the postseason.

And they will very likely face each other one-on-one in multiple at-bats that fans back in Weatherford will want to watch.

"It's gonna be nice to face an ex-teammate," Villeneuve said.

As usual, Rodriguez had a different reaction.

"Man, that would be awesome but scary at the same time... he's an incredible hitter. After playing with him for a year, I know where not to throw it." 📧

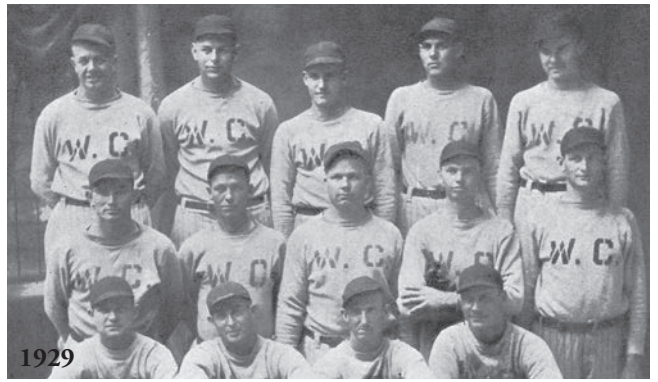
# MEMORIES



1924



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1929



2003

WC fielded a baseball team as early as 1924 when H. J. Gregory kept busy coaching baseball, football, boys' and girls' basketball and tennis. Baseball disappeared from campus until a brief stint in the early 1970s, and then disappeared again until 2003.

## FRIENDS WE'LL MISS

**Kristopher Cole Biggs**, of Georgetown, passed away May 16.

**Winfred Brannan Brown, Jr.**, of Weatherford, passed away June 17.

**Kimberly Ann Adams Dale**, of Dallas, passed away May 29.

**Rodney Lynn Embry**, of Weatherford, passed away July 2. Rod coached WC golf for more than 30 years and was a Distinguished Alumnus Award recipient.

**Lois Gail Hisey**, 1974, of Weatherford, passed away May 16.

**Jean Hoffman**, of Waco, passed away July 14, 2021.

**Jimmy Lance Hook**, of Weatherford, passed away June 20.

**Linda Jane Kinnamore**, of Weatherford, passed away June 8.

**Melba June (Matney) McCall**, of Rotan, passed away June 18.

**Patricia Jean (Bahlman) McClish**, of Winters, passed away May 18.

**Doris Pittman**, of Buffalo, passed away June 7.

**Homer S. Pittman Jr.**, of Mineral Wells, passed away June 1.

**Gloria Esperanza Zapata**, 2022, of Del Rio, passed away May 30.



# WC, STUARTS IRONING OUT DETAILS OF CANYON WEST GIFT

Richard and Nancy Stuart are finalizing the details of donating Canyon West Golf Club to Weatherford College.

While negotiations are ongoing and the WC Board of Trustees will consider accepting the generous gift later this summer, it will be the largest gift in WC history once completed.

Canyon West, originally opened in 1997, is an award-winning 6,653-yard, par 72 golf course in southwest Parker County in the Brock community. The Stuarts purchased the course in late 2012.

The college plans to continue operating Canyon West as a golf course, retaining its

current members and remaining open to the public. It will also benefit the college with room for potential instructional programs in turf management, culinary arts and others.

WC will use the course's pavilion and clubhouse for special events and other uses. The college's men's golf team and women's golf team (added for 2023-24) will also utilize the course.

"Nancy and Richard Stuart have already helped countless WC students make a better life for themselves and their families," said WC President Tod Allen Farmer. "This transformational gift will support new and

existing academic, workforce and athletic programs for generations to come."

The Stuarts are among the most generous donors in Weatherford College history, giving to support scholarships, artificial turf for softball and baseball, Steinway pianos and other projects. WC's softball facility, Stuart Field, is named in their honor, and Nancy Stuart serves as vice president of the WC Foundation.

"We are very pleased to help Weatherford College in this way," Nancy Stuart said. "We think this will enhance the college's programs and put WC on an even higher level."

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**WC FOUNDATION GOLF TOURNAMENT**  
**SEPTEMBER 28 AT CANYON WEST**

# CONSTRUCTION ON SCHEDULE FOR DURANT HALL



Imperial Construction, Jerry and Vickie Durant, and WC celebrated the ongoing construction of Durant Hall with a beam signing ceremony on the morning of June 22.

WC President Tod Allen Farmer spoke briefly about the new student housing facility's impact on recruiting thanks to the generosity of the Durants' donation toward the project. The Durants said they were honored to continue their support of the college.

Jon Jones, VP of operations for Imperial, provided details about the facility, which will include 57,000 square feet, four stories, and 116 beds reserved for WC Honors Program students and athletes. The new facility will also include a weight room, cardio room, a multipurpose room for activities like yoga and Pilates, and an expansive balcony. Construction is anticipated to be complete in the first quarter of 2024.

# WC GRAD IS MOVIN' ON UP FROM COLLEGE PARK TO CENTRAL PARK

## AUSTRALIAN PIANIST TAKES HIS MUSIC EDUCATION TO NYC



by Misty Browning

Weatherford College graduate and pianist Xavier Kim always knew he would travel to the United States for his education because of its eclectic music scene.

The problem was that after visiting a wide variety of schools in North Texas, he just couldn't decide which school he wanted to attend. It took some fatherly intuition to set him on the path to Parker County's own college on the hill.

"My dad works in Fort Worth and worked with Weatherford College," he explained. "He was meeting and talking about some digital agriculture stuff he was working on and found out that they have a music program. He talked to Dean Duane Durrett and said I should come to check it out. I was offered a scholarship and it looked like a great way to spend two years getting my basics done before I branched out to somewhere else."

Xavier started playing the piano in Australia at a young age after his mom asked him one day in the car if he wanted to take some lessons. Most young piano students start by playing traditional classical music, including Xavier, but he didn't like that technique and decided to take a four-year break.

It wasn't until middle school that he started to play the piano again, but this time it was jazz and not classical music. It was the broad style and complex harmonies of jazz music that has kept Xavier playing all these years, paving quite a musical path.

"I love jazz because of the creativity and the communication you can have between other musicians. I feel like jazz is improvising and being creative; you can really let your personality shine," he said. "It's a collaborative form of music with drummers, bass and horn players, and other musicians. It is awesome how well you can communicate with the other people just by playing music."

Xavier said it wasn't much of a culture shock coming to the United States from Australia. One of his favorite things back home was Mexican food, but in Australia it was Tex-Mex and not authentic Mexican food. He says he was able to learn a lot about Mexican culture and grew to love it. He also learned a lot about himself these past couple of years.

"Weatherford College has given me a lot of room to grow and become a leader and more confident person. I've been a student worker for the past year and led numerous orientations. I've also had opportunities to go out and play by myself at clubs and concerts during my free time. For college, I've led the jazz band and been sent out to play on occasions for school in Dallas and Arlington. I've become a more confident leader."

Durrett agrees that Xavier shows leadership traits both in and out of the classroom.

"Xavier is an incredible student, musician and young man. Xavier graduated this spring semester from WC, and because of all the talent and hard work he brought, he and our jazz program grew," Durrett said. "He is the type of student that makes good programs great. Along with his school-related music performances, he and fellow student musician Nuri Han perform in the community, on campus, and for the Arlington Memorial Hospital, which the WC Music program provides music monthly. He is an excellent ambassador for WC."

Xavier's hard work and talents earned him a scholarship to the City University of New York (CUNY) where he will begin classes there this fall to earn a bachelor's degree in jazz performance.

"I want to stay in the city and be present in the jazz scene there. Eventually, I might go on to Europe and go back home. As of right now, I want to spend the foreseeable future in New York," Kim said. "I would love to have a 10-year career in the city working, playing music, meeting new people. Later down the road, I wouldn't mind getting my master's degree at Julliard."

Even though Xavier is excited to be headed to New York in a couple of months, he will miss WC. This small-town college has left a lasting impact on him in the short time he has been here, preparing him for the next step in his educational journey.

"I've met so many good people here in the 2.5 years I've been here," he said. "Many awesome people, like the staff that helps around the school. I've met a lot of awesome students and made lifelong friends." 🎹

# WEATHERFORD COLLEGE AROUND CAMPUS



1. WC alumni gathered for a mixer at Courtside Kitchen in Fort Worth for some food and fun on the pickleball court at the start of June.

2. Dr. Hyeyoung Song, WC's artist-in-residence and master pianist, received word this spring that she will be inducted into the Steinway & Sons Teacher Hall of Fame later this year.

3. First-time Coyotes have visited campus in waves this summer through sessions of the Coyote Orientation and Registration Experience.

4. Winners from the 2023 creative writing contest (from left to right) Mya McKinney, first place poetry; Pixie Easley, first place short story; Jareth Woodson, second place short story; Bridget Lapp, third place short story; Brendan Dixon, third place poetry; and Harvest Bowman, second place poetry.

5. The annual WC teen musical theatre camp was back this June with Finding Nemo Jr. The cast and crew performed the show to three packed audiences in the Alkek Fine Arts Center.

6. Weatherford College recognized John Forrest as its Alumnus of the Year and Distinguished Alumni Award honorees Harvey Catchings and David G. Rogers at the 2023 Alumni Awards Luncheon held Friday, April 14, in the Emerging Technologies and Workforce Building.

7. WC voice students Audrey Randall, Ethan Sebree, Dandee Nance, Richard Wooten and Nikki Giunta earned top awards at the National Association of Teachers of Singing Competition.

8. WC baseball team celebrates after winning the Region V championship title and earning their first berth to the JUCO World Series in Grand Junction, Colorado. This was WC's first year to host the regional tournament.





9a&b. Flavor on 51 shows off their awards from the 2023 Taste of Parker County held at Heritage Park. Flavor on 51 won the honors of best overall, second place for best appetizer, third place for best side dish, honorable mention for best dessert, third place for most unique dish, first place for best “mom & pop,” third place for most hospitable and second place for the judge’s favorite entrée.

10. Carter Johnson from the Yale School of Music earned first place at the fifth annual WC International Piano Competition on April 22. You can find his competition performance on the WC YouTube channel.

11. Texas A&M University-Commerce President Mark J. Rudin and TAMUC Dallas Chief Operating Officer Abbie Harper made a visit to WC in early June. WC President Tod Allen Farmer and Acting Executive Vice President of Academic Services Dr. Alex Ibe took the visitors on a campus tour. The two higher education institutions signed an articulation agreement in 2022.

12. WC hosted the Philosophy of Religion and Politics Conference in late April in the Academic Building. Among the many presenters was a keynote address from Dr. Francis Beckwith, professor of philosophy and church-state studies at Baylor University.

# TWO COWBOYS WIN RESERVE NATIONAL CHAMPION TITLES



Year after year, Weatherford College athletes are among the best at the College National Finals Rodeo, and this year was no different.

WC's Dawson Gleaves and Jace Helton both earned reserve national champion honors after finishing as runners-up in their events in Casper, Wyoming.

Gleaves turned in an 80.5 ride in the finals, his best of the week. Nicknamed "Sticky," the Amarillo native finished with 233.5 on four bulls, only 2.5 points behind two-time national champ Tristen Hutchings of Sul Ross State University and 67.5 ahead of the third-place competitor.

WC's Jace Helton (heeler) and Quade Hiatt (header) of West Texas A&M University finished second in team roping despite a 10.5 in the finals, their slowest time of the week. They finished with 29.1 on four. The run helped Hiatt win the men's All-Around national championship.

The combined points from Gleaves and Helton gave WC a sixth-place men's team finish with 470 points.

This was Weatherford College's 19th consecutive College National Finals Rodeo.



## BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

Following the re-election of Doug Dowd, Lela Morris and G.B Bailey to the Weatherford College Board of Trustees, new board officers were selected. Dan Carney is now the board chairman, Dowd is vice chair and Morris remains board secretary. Their duties as board officers will last for two years, while their elected terms to the board are for six years.



### SCAN QR CODE TO GO BOARD WEB PAGE

Board web page has contact information, meeting times, agendas, board packets.

# DONATION FROM BETTY JO GRABER ESTATE



Trustees. She passed away in January at the age of 90.

“Betty Jo Graber had a profoundly positive impact on countless Weatherford College students throughout her professional life as both a coach and WC trustee,” said WC President Tod Allen Farmer. “This bequest will continue that lasting influence on WC students for generations to come.”

The new endowed scholarship will be earmarked for players and managers in the women’s basketball program.

After coaching at Weatherford High School from 1954 to 1956, Graber joined the WC coaching staff, where she served until her retirement in 1991. She was a national pioneer for women’s basketball at the two-year college level and was inducted into six halls of fame, including the inaugural class of the Women’s Basketball Hall of Fame in Knoxville, Tennessee.

She was also involved in international basketball, serving with national teams for

the United States for eight years, including as a manager of the 1984 gold medal-winning Olympic Team.

WC’s gymnasium is the Betty Jo Graber Athletic Center and the female student athlete of the year award from the National Junior College Athletic Association is the Betty Jo Graber Award.

“Betty Jo was instrumental in the growth and development of NJCAA women’s basketball,” said WC Foundation President Brent Gough. “Her involvement as a coach at many levels, regional director, as well as numerous other pivotal positions all contributed to growing the sport to the point it is today. We are thankful for her gift and the opportunities that it will provide for other athletes to follow in her footsteps.”

Established in 1978, the WC Foundation exists to raise funds to support Weatherford College and its students.

The Weatherford College Foundation has announced it has received a gift of more than \$155,000 from the Betty Jo Graber estate.

Graber coached women’s basketball at Weatherford College for 35 years and was a former member of the WC Board of

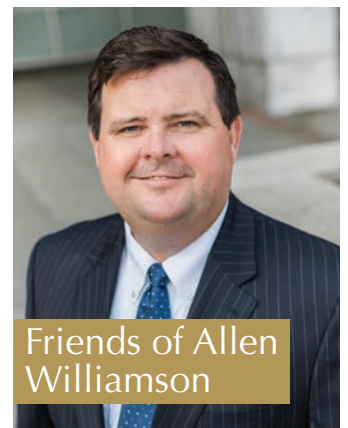
## SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENTS



Parker County Retired School Personnel



Chris & Monica Hodges



Friends of Allen Williamson

Parker County Retired School Personnel has made a \$16,000 gift to continue their scholarship program. The scholarship is earmarked for graduates of Parker County public high schools who are pursuing careers in education.

Chris and Monica Hodges have established a new permanent scholarship endowment. Mr. Hodges recently joined the WC Foundation Board of Directors.

Friends of Allen Williamson have established a new permanent scholarship endowment in memory of Williamson, a popular Decatur attorney and former chair of the Republican Party of Wise County. Senators Phil King, Drew Springer and Tan Parker; State Representatives Lynn Stucky and David Spiller; and the Boyd, Powers & Williamson Law Firm made the scholarship a reality.



# WC COMMENCEMENT 2023



Weatherford College's Class of 2023 celebrated commencement on May 18 at the Fort Worth Convention Center with US Representative Pat Fallon as the guest speaker. Hundreds of graduates attended the celebration representing Texas and 33 other states from Hawaii to Connecticut and 12 international graduates from the Czech Republic, New Zealand, Serbia, Brazil, Australia, Germany, Estonia and France. Twenty-seven military veterans also walked the stage along with nine honors program graduates, the first 14 graduates from the Bachelor of Applied Arts and Science in Organizational Leadership and 38 dual credit high school students.



# VALEDICTORIAN DUAL CREDIT GRADUATES

Two 2023 Weatherford College graduates were also named top in their respective high school classes weeks after finishing their associate degrees. WC asked them about their experience as simultaneous high school and college students. (Answers have been edited for length and clarity.)



Mariah Hernandez



Yareni Davila Cabrera

## MARIAH HERNANDEZ

Mariah Hernandez is the valedictorian of the 2023 class from Mineral Wells High School.

**When did you start dual credit classes?** Freshman year.

**Did you plan to complete your associate degree by the end of high school?** Not at first. But when I heard of a senior completing their degree, I asked my Upward Bound advisor what an associate degree was. I then decided to take more courses in my last two years in high school to complete my associate's in December 2022.

**Was it more difficult than you anticipated?** I have always been studious and knew that setting this goal for myself would require extra effort and time.

**How did you manage high school classes, college classes and finish as valedictorian of your high school class?** I remember times when I would complete my homework and study for tests on weekends. I didn't mind having to manage college classes and high school classes at the same time because I knew it would pay off in the long run. I always get my work done before making plans with friends and family.

**Were you involved in TRiO?** Yes, Upward Bound provided me with many opportunities and taught me numerous things about the college experience. Upward Bound has a summer program every year that allows us to get college experience by staying in the dorms while also having fun summer activities.

**As a first-generation college student, did you feel you had more help or hurdles than the average student?** There were times when I felt that I had more hurdles than the average student, but I have always managed to find information and use my resources, like Upward Bound, when I had questions.

**Advice to the next set of students in your shoes?** I encourage students to apply for the Upward Bound TRiO program. They help students in so many ways with anything college related.

**What are your education plans?** I am attending The University of Texas at Arlington for my Bachelor of Science in Nursing in the fall. I will then continue my education to get a master's in nursing.

**What are your future goals?** My future goals involve helping people better their health by working in the medical field. I want to work at a pediatric hospital.

## YARENI DAVILA CABRERA

Yareni Davila Cabrera is the valedictorian of the 2023 class from Gordon High School.

**When did you start dual credit classes?** Freshman year.

**Did you plan to complete your associate degree by the end of high school?** When I first started high school, I was just taking classes because I knew it would give me a head start. Luckily, during my senior year, my counselor and I saw the opportunity that I could finish with my associate's, so that's what I did!

**Was it more difficult than you anticipated?** There were some instances where I doubted

my ability to handle a larger course load due to my already busy plate, but thankfully I was able to handle that and much more.

**How did you manage high school classes, college classes and finish as valedictorian of your high school class?** It was not easy, and I had to push myself outside the classroom and manage my time so that I could turn in assignments on time while balancing sports and my outside life.

**Did you feel you had more help or hurdles than the average student since you are a first-generation American and first-generation college student?** The college world was very unknown to my family, and every step of the way was a new obstacle each time. Luckily, with the help of so many wonderful people, I took the needed steps to further my education.

**Advice to the next set of students in your shoes?** If you choose to pursue a career that involves attending college or a university, go for it. I promise there will be lots of wonderful people who will be more than glad to help. Although it may be scary at first or during the entire journey, remember you are never alone and will always have lots of support and people rooting for your success.

**What are your education plans?** I plan to attend Tarleton State University, where I will pursue a career as a bilingual elementary teacher.

**What are your future goals?** I aspire to be financially stable with a wonderful career that I enjoy and love and a caring family. 📖

# VOLLEYBALL

H O M E

# SCHEDULE

Home games played in the Betty Jo Graber Athletic Center

•Denotes Conference play



DATE	TIME	OPPONENT
8/18	11 A.M.	INDEPENDENCE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
8/18	6 P.M.	BLINN COLLEGE
8/19	TBA	DALLAS COLLEGE RICHLAND
8/19	1 P.M.	AMARILLO COLLEGE
8/19	3 P.M.	PANOLA COLLEGE
9/8	11:15 A.M.	EASTERN WYOMING COLLEGE
9/8	6 P.M.	NAVARRO COLLEGE
9/9	TBA	WESTERN TEXAS COLLEGE
9/9	1:30 P.M.	HUTCHINSON COMMUNITY COLLEGE
9/12	6 P.M.	TYLER JUNIOR COLLEGE
9/13	6 P.M.	NORTH CENTRAL TEXAS COLLEGE*
9/16	1 P.M.	SOUTHWESTERN CHRISTIAN COLLEGE*
9/30	1 P.M.	TEMPLE COLLEGE*
10/11	6 P.M.	SOUTHWESTERN CHRISTIAN COLLEGE*
10/14	1 P.M.	VERNON COLLEGE*
10/18	6 P.M.	HILL COLLEGE*
10/21	1 P.M.	RANGER COLLEGE*
10/28	1 P.M.	CISCO COLLEGE*



## CLASS NOTES

**Kendall Berry** has been named the new principal of Weatherford ISD's Austin Elementary School.

**Kade Bragg** and **Jacob Guerrero**, now with Angelo State University, earned First-Team All-American honors from the American Baseball Coaches Association for the ABCA/Rawlings 2023 NCAA Division II All-America Team. Bragg was also voted the NCAA Division II Pitcher of the Year by the American Baseball Coaches Association and Rawlings Sporting Goods.

**Alecia Arnold** ('18), **Felicia Farris** ('23), **Lacey Lee** ('21), **Casey Satterfield**

('21), and **Zach Spurlock** ('17) work for NTACE, North Texas Addiction Counseling and Education in Weatherford and Lake Worth as addiction professionals.

**Amelia Hatthorn** ('23), former Coyote softball player, has gone on to Angelo State University to pitch for the Rambelles.

**Rodney Johnson, Jr.** ('23) has signed a national letter of intent to play basketball at Tennessee Tech University next season. The Bryan, Texas native was an All-Conference honoree at WC this past season, averaging 14.3 points and 8.3 rebounds per game.

**Morgan Rackel** is competing in the upcoming Canada Cup International

Softball Championships. Rackel won a bronze medal with Team Canada at the 2020 Olympics in Tokyo.

**Xyanthe Rojas**, BSN, RN, CEN, NC-BC ('16), opened a new coaching practice, Golden One Wellness.

**Gary Snow** has been formally recognized for 50+ years of service as a CPA in Texas. Snow is a founding partner with Snow Garrett Williams in Weatherford.

**Bret Stidham** has been named the City of Arlington's new fire chief and director of emergency management.

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Dr. Tom and Nancy MacKenzie  
Ron and Tammy McBee  
Melissa McLean  
Leo and Prissy Neely  
William and Jann Newton  
Michelle Owens  
Sen. Tan Parker  
Parker Co. Cruisers  
Parker Co. Hospital District  
Paul and Courtney Paschall  
Parker County Retired  
School Personnel  
Parker County Women's &  
Newcomers Club  
Norma J Phillips  
Plains Capital Bank  
Zan Prince  
Prosperity Bank  
Rosa's Café

Rotary Club of Weatherford  
Roy and Martha  
Knight Foundation  
Patty Shaw  
Mac and Janice Smith  
Southwest Ford  
Senator Drew Springer  
Marilyn St. Clair  
Shannon Stoker  
Richard and Nancy Stuart  
Rep. Lynn D. Stucky  
Donna Tillman  
Twentieth Century Club  
of Weatherford  
Staci Tyler  
Bruce and Laura Wiggs  
Joe and Karen Wilkinson  
Bob and Sammie Gay Williams  
Gail Wright



## 5TH ANNUAL ALUMNI RODEO

**Saturday, October 7 at 7 p.m.**  
**\$10 tickets at the gate - cash only**

Parker County Sheriff's Posse Arena • Weatherford, TX

**Featuring Rowdy Decker at dance after rodeo**





# UPCOMING EVENTS

August 14 August 21	Ex-Student Monthly Luncheon Fall Classes begin
September 8	Beethoven's Piano Sonata Series, Concert II by Dr. Hyeyoung Song
September 11 September 28	Ex-Student Monthly Luncheon WC Foundation Golf Tournament
October 7 October 9 October 26-28	5th Annual Alumni Rodeo Ex-Student Monthly Luncheon WC Theatre Department presents "Godspell"
November 4-7	WC Hosts Regional Volleyball Tournament
November 9 November 13	WC Faculty Art Show Ex-Student Monthly Luncheon & Opera Workshop
November 20-24 November 29	Campus closed for Thanksgiving Holidays Beethoven's Piano Sonata Series, Concert III by Dr. Hyeyoung Song
November 30	WC Generations Big Band Jazz Concert
December 1 December 4	Choir Concert Parker County Community Choir performs "Messiah"
December 7 December 11	Student Art Show and Reception Ex-Student Monthly Luncheon



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