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REMEMBERING THE  
LEGACY OF  
**BOB GLENN,**  
THE MAN WHO  
DEDICATED HIS LIFE  
TO SERVICE

# MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Great things continue to happen at Weatherford College. In this edition of The Hilltop, we say farewell and fondly remember the amazing Mr. Bob Glenn, and we gladly welcome our newest trustee, Mr. G.B. Bailey. We also cover our latest recipients of the Carlos Hartnett Award, the well-deserving Bruce and Laura Wiggs. And finally, we highlight the National Championship WC Women's Rodeo Team.

I have never known a man who gave more and took less than Mr. Bob Glenn. Bob was a proud graduate of WC and supported our noble institution throughout his decades-long, highly successful banking career. Following his retirement from banking, Bob volunteered his time serving as the president of the Weatherford College Foundation. He individually raised hundreds of thousands of dollars in newly endowed scholarships and collaboratively helped us raise millions. Bob was a Carlos Hartnett Award winner and was named president emeritus of the WC Foundation before his passing. He was a special person who will be deeply missed.

Bruce and Laura Wiggs are the most recent recipients of the Carlos Hartnett Award. They have encouraged others to give to Weatherford College for many, many years. Most recently, they helped facilitate the \$1 million gift from Brett and Alesia Wiggs. That gift led to the naming of the Alesia Armstrong Wiggs School of Nursing. We are deeply appreciative of the entire Wiggs family.

Our distinguished athletic department had its best year in WC history. Capping off this exceptional year was a national championship in women's rodeo. Our amazing Coyotes beat strong rodeo schools like The University of Wyoming, The University of Colorado and dozens more. We have a community-wide celebration scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 27 at 4 p.m. Please come out and help us celebrate.

We are very pleased to welcome Mr. G.B. Bailey to the WC Board of Trustees. Mr. Bailey has a wealth of experience and will undoubtedly add value to the board.

Thank you for all that you do to continue making Weatherford College an even greater place!



*Tod Allen Farmer*

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# COVER STORY



## BOB GLENN

REMEMBERING THE LEGACY OF THE MAN WHO DEDICATED HIS LIFE TO SERVICE

by Crystal Woerly

Bob Glenn was a man who made friends easily and never forgot them.

When he talked, people listened—and when he listened, people felt like they were being heard. That’s how Bob made his mark on the world: by putting others first.

He was the kind of man who knew everyone in Weatherford. The grocer, the mayor, the mail carrier, the banker (especially the banker).

“Many successful bankers and business leaders build a relationship around the deal or the issue, but Bob built the relationship around the person,” said WC Foundation Board member Lin Bearden. “The deal was secondary. He was authentic.”

His passing in June after a short but courageous battle with cancer left a hole in the community that will not soon be filled, especially at Weatherford College.

Bob retired from PlainsCapital Bank in 2019 and wasn’t content to sit around at home or spend his hours on the golf course. After 56 years in banking, he donated his time to his alma mater. In his three years volunteering for the WC Foundation, Bob raised more than \$600,000 in student scholarships that will change lives for generations.

He was generous with his time, contacts and resources—but not just because it made him feel good about himself. Bob loved his community and its western heritage; he was a proud Weatherfordian who loved to talk about the Mayberry days of the town. In other words, the days of his childhood.

“At five years old, my mother passed away and my dad was a Weatherford city policeman,” Glenn told the Weatherford Democrat in 2019. “He was working the night shift and I was an only child, so he didn’t see how he could keep me. He was a member of the [Knights of Pythias] Lodge and they operated the Texas Pythian Home, so he decided the thing to do was to put me in the Pythian Home.

“Well, it all worked fine until he got me out there at that castle and I looked up at it through the eyes of a five-year-old, and it terrorized me. I threw a hissy fit—I threw such a fit, he couldn’t leave me.”

Bob returned home with his father and his four aunts stepped up and started taking turns raising him. In the process, Bob rotated through four different churches, four different neighbors and learned about four different worlds. Is it any wonder how he knew so many people in the community?

For his service to the community and commitment to supporting WC, Bob was named Alumnus of the Year in 1997. He formally started his philanthropic journey at Weatherford College when he joined the WC Foundation board in 2010. He chaired the capital campaign that began in 2011 and exceeded its goal with \$2.4 million raised, and he became president of the foundation board in 2014. A week before his passing in June, the WC Foundation Board of Directors named him their first-ever president emeritus.

“I’ve never known a person who gave more and took less,” said WC President Tod Allen Farmer.

Bob was an engrossing storyteller with a dry sense of humor, amped up by his Don Knotts-like stare. Whether he was telling you about the call that never came from Folgers Coffee Company (he wanted to sell their product) or how he had a Forrest Gump moment after being drafted in 1960 (he was shot in his posterior), Bob had a way of connecting with individuals that imbued trust.

“Bob taught me you could have some fun but still take care of business,” said Tammy Gazzola, president of the Weatherford Chamber of Commerce.

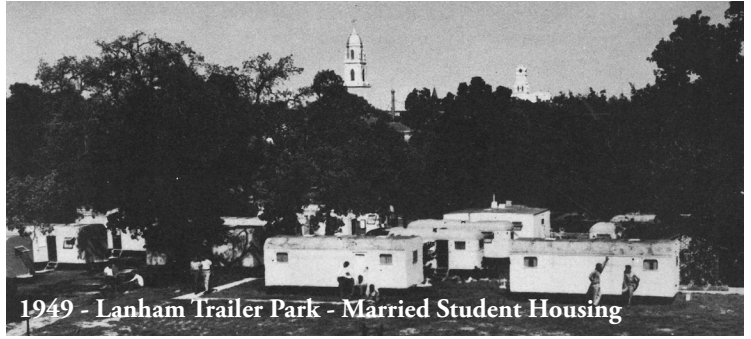
Bob was the type of man who made you feel like you were someone special. We’ll miss his smile, his laugh and his wit. We’ll miss his words of encouragement and inspiration. And we’ll miss taking in one of his stories over a piece of red velvet cake.



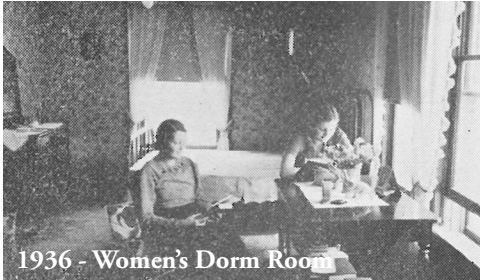
# MEMORIES



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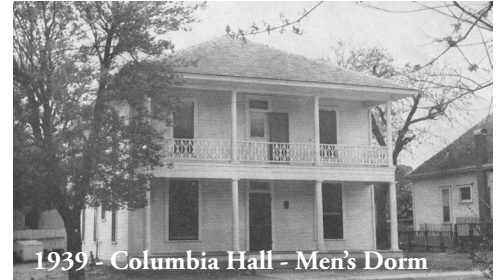
1949 - Lanham Trailer Park - Married Student Housing



1936 - Women's Dorm Room



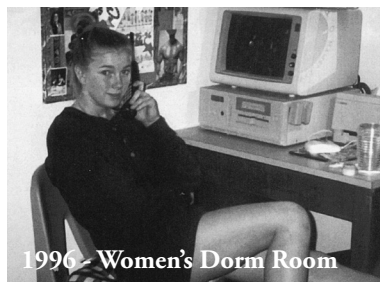
1949 - Men's Dorm



1939 - Columbia Hall - Men's Dorm



1975 - Women's Dorm Room



1996 - Women's Dorm Room



2013 - Coyote Village

Student housing at Weatherford College has gone through a plethora of locations and styles over the past 153 years. WC's original president, David Switzer, strongly recommended the addition of dorms, but it wasn't until 1926 that student housing was available at WC. A two-story brick structure named Couts Hall on North Elm housed 20 female students. The cost to live in Couts Hall was \$15 per month.

A male dorm was added in 1927 when the college rented a two-story house on West Columbia. Two years later, a larger,

three-story property was rented to house male students at a cost of \$18 per month. The college provided bus transportation to students in this dorm since it was outside of town. In 1938, a two-story residence in the first block of West Columbia was purchased for use as a boys' dorm.

Following the construction of the existing campus in the late 1960s, dorms were once again a growing need. A 96-bed dorm was added in the early 1980s and served the college until 2003 with the construction of Coyote Village – 76

units with 280 beds – that replaced the previous dorms.

With Coyote Village currently full and a growing waiting list, WC administrators are looking to the future with the construction of Vickie and Jerry Durant Hall, a 116-bed dorm that will be completed in 2024 (see page 14). Located on the southeast corner of College Park Drive and East Park Avenue, the 57,000-square-foot facility will house Honors Program students and athletes and include athletic training facilities, an expansive balcony and other amenities.

## FRIENDS WE'LL MISS

**Dr. Richard Bowers**, 78, of Weatherford, passed away May 28. WC Vice President Emeritus.

**Bob Glenn**, 80, of Weatherford, passed away June 1. Class of 1963, WC Foundation President Emeritus.

**Billy Glen Samford**, 68, of El Paso, passed away April 21.

**Jon Roy Vandagriff**, 87, of Weatherford, passed away May 29. Class of 1955, Alumnus of the Year 2019.



# NATIONAL CHAMPIONS!

## WOMEN'S RODEO BRINGS HOME OVERALL TITLE



### By Rick Mauch

Johnny Emmons is still waiting for it all to set in. His Weatherford College women's rodeo team is champion of the college rodeo world.

Not a much larger school or a university, such as fellow perennial powers Texas Tech or Tarleton State. Nope. The 2022 College National Finals Rodeo championship resides in Weatherford.

"I don't think it has really set in yet," Emmons said. "I keep seeing the videos pop up on Facebook, it's fun to read all the comments, receiving calls and emails, etc. It's just been crazy, but so well worth it. I am so proud of our entire team in Casper (Wyoming, site of the CNFR)."

Along with the ladies winning the program's first team national championship, Jace Helton became the fourth individual in school history to win an individual national title. He captured the team roping title along with his partner Riley Kittle from Cisco College.

Weatherford College achieving success at nationals is nothing new. Previously, Cody Tew won a team roping national championship in 2007, including a national record time of 3.8 seconds. Arena

Roberson won the women's All-Around title in 2008 and Cole Wheeler was a team roping champion in 2016.

Several who went to nationals this season will be back next year, including Brie Wells, who was second nationally in breakaway roping; and Bradi Good, who was third in barrel racing. Back for the men will be Helton to defend his title; along with Chance Thiessen, who had a CNFR record of 7.3 seconds during one go-round in tie-down roping; and Cash Enderli, who was 13th in the same event.

Gone from this season's women's team include Kristin Reaves, who placed third in goat tying and had a national record time of 5.5 seconds in the final round. Reaves is transferring to Sam Houston State University. Also, Kodey Hoss, who placed seventh in the same event, is moving on to the University of Wyoming.

"It's been awesome, the outreach has been great," Emmons said of public response to the CNFR success. "It makes me so proud to see so many be WC proud!"

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## WC RESPIRATORY CARE PROGRAM RECEIVES NATIONAL AWARD

Weatherford College's respiratory care program received the President's Award for Excellence in Credentialing Success from the Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care this July in Palm Springs, California.

This is the first time the program has received this recognition from CoARC, the organization responsible for accreditation of associate, baccalaureate and graduate-level degree respiratory care programs in the United States.

"We are honored to receive this award which is the cumulative effort of a like-minded team striving toward a common vision of growth, success and leadership in the respiratory care profession," said Tonya Piehl, program director. "From full-time instructors to knowledgeable clinical adjuncts, to students and graduates, we are all here to fulfill that vision."

"Our bedside clinical instruction given by Weatherford College instructors helps to bring the didactic information to the bedside," said Christel Brenner, director of clinical education for the program.

"The students are able to piece together the classroom knowledge and utilize it to improve their patient care in the hospital. I believe this helps students to perform well on the national board exams."

In order to receive the President's Award for Excellence in Credentialing Success, programs were required to have three or more years of outcomes data, hold accreditation without a progress report, document Registered Respiratory Therapist (RRT) credentialing success of 100 percent and meet or exceed established CoARC thresholds for the Therapist Multiple Choice (TMC) high cut score and retention.

According to the most recent annual report from CoARC, WC's respiratory care

program is the top program in the state of Texas based on the TMC high cut score and RRT credentialing success and is tied for top in the nation with 22 other high-performing programs.

"I am honored to work with Tonya and Christel who have served this program selflessly for years and fostered a culture of caring and excellence," said instructor Samantha Cowling, who is a 2011 graduate of the WC program. "This culture begins with the passion we all have to extend knowledge to our students. This care, passion and knowledge is further developed in the clinical setting as the students help their patients."

"Our greatest joy is watching the students achieve their goals as they navigate our program, take their credentialing examinations and become critical thinking registered respiratory therapists."



# WC FOUNDATION HONORS BRUCE AND LAURA WIGGS WITH HARTNETT AWARD

The Weatherford College Foundation has recognized Bruce and Laura Wiggs for decades of advocacy and support with the 2022 Carlos Hartnett Award.

Named after the college's first development officer, the award recognizes those who "encourage others, by word and by example, to give from their abundance for the benefit of Weatherford College."

"Bruce and Laura are a special part of Weatherford College and the foundation," said Brent Gough, WC Foundation president. "We are so appreciative of their efforts and dedication. The students of Weatherford College will benefit for years to come because of their generosity."

Bruce Wiggs is a 1955 graduate of WC. Laura retired as a WC instructor and spent 16 years on the WC Foundation Board, taking an active role in raising funds for scholarships and other student support.

In addition to establishing the Richard "Mac" Wiggs Scholarship Endowment years ago, the couple was instrumental in a \$1 million gift from the Wiggs Family Foundation to support the newly-named Alesia Armstrong Wiggs School of Nursing.

"Bruce and Laura Wiggs are pillars of the Weatherford College community," said WC President Tod Allen Farmer. "Their decades-long commitment to our noble institution has changed countless lives. This award is an appropriate recognition of the lifelong positive impact they have made on Weatherford College."

The foundation has given the Hartnett Award only 15 times in its history. Previous awardees are Jack Borden, Dr. Jim Boyd, Jean Bryan, Marjorie Kimbrough Dome, Dorothy Doss, Jerry Durant, Roy Eaton, Bob Glenn, Roy Joe Grogan, I.B. Hand, Eddie Kidd, Mark Littleton, Joe Tison and Dr. Mike White.



## WC NAMES NEW AVP OF STUDENT SERVICES



Weatherford College President Tod Allen Farmer has named Dr. Scott Tarnowiecky the college's new assistant vice president of student services.

Tarnowiecky has spent 12 years at the college as a professor of history and eight years as chair of the social sciences department. In 2018 he founded the Weatherford College Interdisciplinary Conference and has administered the event annually. He also founded and

organized the Kent Miller/Quinton Reeves Lecture Series and serves as chair of the Inclusive Access Task Force, overseeing a project to make textbooks more affordable for students.

"Dr. Tarnowiecky was the unanimous choice of the hiring committee," Farmer said. "Dr. 'T' has demonstrated his leadership abilities through his work with the WC Interdisciplinary Conference and his leadership as a department chair. Under his leadership, we will now be able to do an even better job of serving our students."

Tarnowiecky has also been a visiting professor and instructor at institutions such as Texas A&M University, the University of Arkansas, Arkansas Tech University and Missouri Southern State University. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Secondary Education from MSSU, a Master of Arts in History from Pittsburg State University and a Doctor of Philosophy in History from the University of Arkansas. He was also the 2019 WC Faculty Member of the Year.

In his new position, Tarnowiecky reports directly to the president and serves on the Executive Cabinet.

As the Student Services Division welcomes a new leader, Farmer said he appreciates the team's efforts over the past several years.

"Under the leadership of Executive Dean Adam Finley, student services enhanced and expanded student orientations, improved student information systems, and expanded student life opportunities," Farmer said. "Collectively, the student services team has been lean and mean, yet has worked very hard for a very long time. I am extremely pleased that we are now in a position to refill vacated positions and grow student services into a stand-alone division."

Finley will now serve as executive dean of enrollment management and registrar. Tarnowiecky began his new position Aug. 1.



# WEATHERFORD COLLEGE AROUND CAMPUS



1. The college hosted the 4th annual WC International Piano Competition in the Alkek Fine Arts Center at the end of July. After two years as a virtual event, finalists were able to compete live for a panel of distinguished judges.

2. The first graduating class from the Veterinary Technology program participated in a pinning ceremony in the Strain Community Room in May.

3. A record number of area high school students competed in the CDE (Career Development Event) competition in March hosted by the WC agriculture program. The competition took place at both the new Emerging Technologies and Workforce Building and the Parker County Sheriff's Posse Grounds.

4. WC's community production of Shakespeare's "A Midsummer's Night Dream" included an expansive, detailed set in the Alkek Fine Arts Center. The show ran for two weekends to delighted audiences.

5. This past May, WC faculty, staff and students had the chance to explore Greece including some island hopping and visiting archeological sites.

6. More than two dozen local vendors participated in the annual Taste of Parker County held May 12 at Heritage Park. Aaron's Catering took home prizes for best overall, best appetizer and best décor.





7. The Weatherford College Coyotes hosted their summer basketball camp the week of June 20 in the Graber Athletic Center. Kids from kindergarten through fifth grade met in the morning to learn basketball foundations while students sixth through 12th grade had the gym in the afternoon to work on their skills.

8. WC received a \$296,263 Jobs and Education for Texans (JET) grant from the Texas Workforce Commission at the beginning of August. The grant will help the college purchase and install earth-moving simulator equipment and drone technology.



# Q&A WITH NEW BOARD MEMBER

The Weatherford College Board of Trustees appointed G.B. Bailey to the board in June.



## G.B. BAILEY

### Who is in your family?

My wife, Arlene, and I have been married for 53 years. She retired after being a high school counselor, a career that included working at Weatherford High School. Our grandson Taylor, who is 14, lives with us. He attends Trinity Christian Academy and will be in the eighth grade this year.

### What is your career background?

I graduated from Texas Tech University with a degree in mechanical engineering. We moved to Weatherford 37 years ago, and I worked for Lockheed Martin until my retirement in 2014. I consulted for several aerospace companies since my retirement. Prior to moving to Weatherford, I owned and operated a group of companies that manufactured equipment for the oil and gas industry.

### What motivates you to serve on the Board?

I served on the Weatherford ISD Board for six years and the Texas Educational Service Center Region 11 Board for 26 years. I firmly

believe that the educational level of the community that we live in has a tremendous impact on the standard of living and quality of life that we all enjoy.

### What do you see as WC's greatest opportunity in the future?

I read Dr. Farmer's article in the Weatherford Democrat and could not agree with him more about the great opportunities that lie ahead for our students. The rapid increase in technology and the associated new skills and capabilities that will be required will open an incredible array of jobs for them.

### What are the greatest challenges for community colleges like WC?

The greatest challenge will be staying abreast of all the technologies created and providing our students with the skills and knowledge to advance these opportunities. This will require the college not only to update our facilities but also to create opportunities for the staff and faculty to grow and stay on the leading edge of these technologies.

### What is your greatest passion?

I will have to admit that I spend a lot of my spare time bird hunting and fly fishing. I am giving my grandson every opportunity to experience these wonderful outdoor activities with me.

## FOUNDATION WELCOMES NEW SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENTS



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## COLLEGE PARTNERS WITH SONGWRITING MECCA

By Brandi Addison

Through a unique partnership established in honor of the late Bob Kingsley—a renowned radio personality—a one-of-a-kind opportunity to digitize nearly 40 years of archived performances at the Bluebird Cafe is underway at Weatherford College.

Arranged by Kingsley’s wife, Nan, the partnership showcases Kingsley’s passion for both the Parker County area and music education.

“After Bob’s passing there was never any question in my mind that Bluestem Studios, where Bob recorded for 25 years, should be in the possession of Weatherford College,” said Nan Kingsley, wife of Bob, when announcing the partnership. “The Parker County community became Bob’s adopted hometown, and I know he would be overjoyed to know that present and future generations will learn the art of engineering and audio production in Weatherford.”

The Bluebird Cafe, located in Nashville, is known for discovering many up-and-coming music artists, laying the foundation for Vince Gill, Dierks Bentley, Keith Urban, Taylor Swift and Garth Brooks, who auditioned there in the late 1980s.

For 40 years, The Bluebird has recorded nearly every performance and audition that’s occurred there—and now has hundreds upon hundreds of boxes containing tapes, CDs and cassettes. General Manager Erika Nichols said they’ve wanted to catalog these performances for a while but couldn’t do it on their own. Then, the opportunity with WC arose unexpectedly and fell into place so perfectly, it was impossible to say no.

“We knew this was an opportunity for this to do what the Bluebird does, which is to get young people involved in the music business—whether that’s people coming into the club as budding publishers or up-and-coming songwriters or we have student

interns,” Nichols said. “We just really felt like this was a full-circle kind of moment to get Weatherford College involved on the ground, where Bob used to live, and utilizing his studio.

“I just feel like he [Kingsley] would be smiling on this project,” Nichols added.

WC Dean of Fine Arts Duane Durrett is grateful for the educational opportunity, which he said is irreplaceable for students seeking a career in the music industry—especially those pursuing audio engineering.

Students digitize the works onto computers over several class periods, Durrett said. In doing so, they gain a new understanding of the industry that many people may never obtain.

“We’re getting all this information—these CDs and cassettes—that were created over the last 40 years by songwriters that wrote hits or songs on the radio, and our students get to hear them in their initial form,” Durrett said. “It’s different because they see this music from birth—before it became a hit or popular song on the radio.”

In addition to the distinguished educational resources it provides, Durrett said he also believes the partnership will open new doors for some of WC’s singer-songwriters students since some students will have already established a relationship with the famed venue.

“Getting the opportunity to digitize work for them is major, and we certainly get the bragging rights for that,” Durrett said. “There are all kinds of ideas and visions going on between Weatherford College and the Bluebird, and even other folks in Nashville’s music scene.”

Learn more about WC’s audio engineering associate degree and certificate at [wc.edu](http://wc.edu).

Pictured at the Bluebird Cafe in Nashville are (left to right), Megan Zarling, Nashville Songwriters Association International Executive Director Bart Herbison, Dr. Tod Allen Farmer, country music artist Rhett Akins, Nan Kingsley, Erica Nichols, 88.5 “The Coyote” General Manager Dave Cowley, Karleen Watt and 615 Leverage + Strategy President John Zarling.



# WC COMMENCEMENT 2022



For the first time in WC history, Commencement was held in the spacious Fort Worth Convention Center in May. United States Congressman Roger Williams gave an inspirational address, and a host of Coyotes walked the stage in a beautiful ceremony.





# 2021-22 ATHLETIC SEASON IN REVIEW

You could say the 2021-22 year was the best in Weatherford College history.

Besides the aforementioned women's rodeo national championship (see page 5), two other WC teams advanced to nationals and three more competed in regional tournaments.

It had been two decades since Weatherford College fielded teams in women's tennis and men's golf. But in their respective returns this season, both delivered big.

Tennis not only qualified for the NJCAA National Tournament in Tempe, Arizona, they surprised the collegiate tennis world by finishing in eighth place as a team, ranked as high as seventh place nationally by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association. WC's Ana Khurstaleva earned ITA All-America honors after advancing to the semifinals of

main flight singles in Tempe and winning the Spirit of Competition Award.

Golf advanced to nationals with a dramatic finish of the final day of regional qualifying play. The team traveled to Odessa Country Club and finished 17th at the NJCAA Division I National Tournament. In addition to representing WC well on the course, the Coyotes had their sport's fourth-highest team grade point average in the country with a 3.67.

The baseball team made a four-game run in the Region V Tournament, which included an upset of No. 1 seed New Mexico Junior College in the first round. The Coyotes finished the season with a 38-21 overall record. The team was ranked as high as No. 4 in the nation by the JUCO Baseball Blog. Former Coyote Matt Hickey was selected by the St. Louis Cardinals in the Major League Baseball Draft in June.

Weatherford hosted the 2022 Region V-North Softball Tournament at beautiful Stuart Field, and the Coyotes didn't disappoint. After losing a marathon 13-inning opener, WC won three straight games to advance to the tournament semifinals. They finished 24-21 overall.

The Lady Coyote basketball team also advanced to regionals for the fifth straight year, losing to No. 7 New Mexico by just four points. WC was 15-11 overall on the season. Former Lady Coyote coach Betty Jo Graber was inducted into the NJCAA Foundation Hall of Fame in June, celebrating a groundbreaking 35-year coaching career at the college.

The men's basketball team had an overall winning record for the season (15-13), but finished one spot shy of the regional tournament.

## CLASS NOTES

**Neda Benitez ('17)** became an instructional designer at Sam Houston State University in March.

**Rhett Butler ('16)** and his wife, Allyson, welcomed a baby boy on May 28.

**Scott Butler ('16)** and **Melissa Whiteman** were married June 12 at Pass Lake/Loveland Pass in Colorado. Melissa is WC's student services administrative assistant and will graduate from WC this December.

**London Green**, now a senior baseball player at Tarleton State University, earned All-WAC Second Team and All-Defensive Team as an outfielder.

**Ronda Hardin ('21)** recently accepted a position as case manager for Pecan Valley Behavioral Healthcare in Granbury.

**Sarah Kinnard**, Springtown High School and WC graduate, earned a full ride to Colgate University.

**Cidney Madison** celebrated her marriage to Alfonzo Creed Alexander. She is working as a dental assistant for Dr. Greg Hubbard.

**Nate Mara ('15)**, Decatur fire chief, was named city manager by the Decatur City Council.

**Kit Marshall** served eight terms as mayor of Aledo and two terms as a city councilmember, making her the longest-serving mayor in the city's history.

**Madi Mayfield ('19)** accepted a position at Cook Children's Medical Center as the Child Life Zone assistant coordinator.

**Elizabeth Mederos, ('20)** WC Brad Tibbitts Faculty Scholarship Recipient, graduated Summa Cum Laude with a BSW from the University of Texas at Arlington and was promoted to outpatient counselor at Recovery Resource Council in Fort Worth.

**Taylor Williams** and **Julian Matlack**, graduates from WC's Law Enforcement Academy, have earned deputy positions at the Erath County Sheriff's Office.

**Bo Willis**, WC baseball alum and now catcher for Northwestern State, was named first-team All-Southland Conference. He finished 14-for-28 with three doubles, four home runs and 14 RBIs in a seven-game stretch May 6-14.





# DURANT HALL GROUNDBREAKING



Members of the WC community gathered in April to celebrate the construction of Vickie and Jerry Durant Hall, a state-of-the-art residence hall being built at the corner of College Park Drive and East Park Avenue in Weatherford.

The project is scheduled for completion in 2024 and 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.

The facility will be named after the Durants in honor of a generous contribution from the couple toward construction costs. The donation is the largest cash gift in the history of the college.



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and Rodeo  
Wayne and Sharon Garrett  
Landon and Crystal George  
Gilchrist Automotive  
Bob and Carolyn Glenn  
Paul and Cassy Gray  
John and Cathy Gurica  
Jacy Guynes  
Pat and Sharon Hamilton  
Dr. Rickey and Judy Harman  
H-E-B, LP  
Herbert G. Feldman  
Charitable Foundation  
John and Karen Hinton  
Jenie Hobbs  
Imperial Construction, Inc  
Suzie Jary  
Mark and Janet Jones

Sharron Lawrence  
Ryan Lawrence  
Stacey Lawrence  
Dr. Thomas and Nancy  
MacKenzie  
Karin and Leland Malone  
Kirk and Angie Martin  
Ron and Tammy McBee  
Lela and Butch Morris  
Autumn Moss  
NADA Foundation  
Christina Grudzinski Nail  
Leo and Prissy Neely  
Dr. Janie and Jerry Neighbors  
North Side Baptist Church  
Parker County Farm  
Bureau Insurance  
Parker County Women's  
and Newcomers Club  
Paul and Courtney Paschall  
Evelyn Payne  
Weta Mince Phillips  
Plains Capital Bank  
Donald and Frances Plumlee  
Dr. Tola Plusnick  
Prosperity Bank  
Carol Pyle  
Shirley Riebe  
Dr. William and Paula Roddy  
Rotary Club of Weatherford  
Roy and Martha Knight  
Foundation

Skyview Networks, LLC  
Mac and Janice Smith  
Snow Garrett Williams  
Southwestern Exposition  
and Livestock Show  
Speaker Jim Wright Library Staff  
Shannon Stoker  
Brenda Lee Stout Powell  
Richard and Nancy Stuart  
Thresea Tabor  
Bob and Kristen Tallman  
Texas Health Resources Willow Park  
Joe and Patsy Tison  
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Larry Walden  
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Weatherford Evening Lions Club  
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Tom Wells  
Alan and Lee Ann White  
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Hall of Fame  
Weatherford High School Class  
of 1964  
Loy Dell Wickware  
Roger and Patty Williams  
Joe and Karen Wilkinson  
Gail Wright

## WC FOUNDATION NAMES GOUGH PRESIDENT



The Weatherford College Foundation voted in a new president in May.

Bob Glenn had stepped down as president of the foundation in early May, so the board named Brent Gough as its new president. The group then gave Glenn the distinction of president emeritus, the first in the history of the foundation.

Glenn passed away one week later at the age of 80.

"Bob was one of a kind, no one can replace him," Gough said. "He inspired the rest of the board to continue his mission of changing the lives of WC students through scholarships and other support."

Gough, an alumnus of Weatherford College, has served on the board since 2014, including several years as treasurer and chairing the investment committee. The Graham native earned his bachelor's degree in business from Tarleton State University and has been in the financial services industry for almost 25 years, now as president of Gough Wealth Management in Aledo.

"Weatherford College was very good to me and is so important to this community," Gough said. "It's my honor to help this foundation and support WC President Tod Allen Farmer in all of the great things the college is doing for our students."

He and his wife, Meredith, have four children, two grandchildren and reside in Parker County. They established the Brent and Meredith Gough Scholarship Endowment several years ago.

For more information on the Weatherford College Foundation, visit [wc.edu/about/foundation](http://wc.edu/about/foundation).



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# WEATHERFORD COLLEGE FOUNDATION GOLF TOURNAMENT

A photograph of a golf course under a clear blue sky. A golf cart with two people is driving on a paved path in the foreground. The background shows a vast green golf course with a winding path and a large tree on the right side.

**THURSDAY, OCT. 6**  
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