

WTC to Celebrate 50th Anniversary in 2019

Plans Include Unearthing Time Capsule

Western Texas College is celebrating 50 years of student success this year!

During the 10th Anniversary celebration in 1979, almost 40 years ago, Western Texas College students, faculty and staff buried a time capsule to be opened on the 50th anniversary of the College in 2019.

With this in mind, WTC has commenced planning for the celebration.

An event to unearth the time capsule is planned for Monday, November 18, 2019, at 11:00 a.m. In addition, the College will bury a new time capsule, to be opened in 50 years, with items representing the current culture.

Alumni, former and current faculty and staff, and the community are welcome at the event.

A Quick History

On October 20, 1969, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board gave approval for holding an election to create a junior college district in Scurry County.

An election was held on November 22, 1969 to create the Scurry County junior college district, approve a \$3,225,000 bond, and elect a Board of Trustees.

The bond issue passed by a 10-1 margin.

The first trustees elected were M.L. Broman, Dr. Robert Hargrove, L.A. (George) Patterson, R.C. Patton, Edwin Parks, W.A. (Bill) Jones and W.H. (Bill) Wilson, Jr.



The 50th Anniversary logo.

On December 1, 1969, the College hired its first employee: an administrative secretary, Mavis Brumbelow. The College office opened in the basement of Snyder Savings & Loan Association.

The Board of Trustees named Dr. Robert Clinton President of the College on December 20, 1969.

For updates about the 50th Anniversary celebration, navigate to wtc.edu/50.

WTC Raises \$4,400 for United Way

Fall Festival and Employee Giving Support Community

Each year, Western Texas College employees volunteer their time and donate personal funds to raise money for the Scurry County United Way.

The Scurry County United Way supports local nonprofit agencies who provide valuable services to our community. These agencies include:

- Boy Scouts
- Cancer Services Network
- Gateway Family Services
- Girl Scouts
- Jumpstart Enrichment for Tomorrow's Students
- Scurry County Food Cupboard
- Snyder Volunteer Fire Department
- West Texas Children's Advocacy Center

Western Texas College raises funds through two means: the Fall Festival and employee giving.



Pictured (l-r): Alex Phillips, Director of College Advancement; Ralph Ramon, Vice President and Dean of Student Services; Dr. Barb Beebe, President; Sheila Hale, United Way Executive Director; Sonya Vinson, United Way.

The Fall Festival offers games, candy and prizes for children pre-k through fifth grade at a fall carnival held at The Coliseum. Western Texas College employees donate their time as well as candy, sodas and water. WTC raises funds at this event through admission prices.

In addition, employees make contributions through WTC's Employee Giving program.

For United Way's 2018 giving campaign, Western Texas College raised \$4,401.00. The check was presented to United Way on December 13, 2018.

Message from the Development Office

Introducing the Director of College Advancement



*Alex Phillips
Director of College Advancement*

Alex Phillips has joined the staff of Western Texas College as the Director of College Advancement.

"I am honored to be a part of Western Texas College as well as the Snyder community," says Phillips.

Originally from Denver, Colorado, Phillips moved to Snyder in the summer of 2017. Prior to the move, Phillips worked in Event Management for Marriott International in St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands.

In her new role at WTC, her passion for people and community

involvement will continue to grow both the WTC Foundation and Alumni Association. Phillips' goals include creating significant growth in WTC community outreach, providing student assistance from Foundation scholarships, and engaging alumni long-term.

Phillips continues to develop and promote the Foundation's Scholarship program in order to help as many students as possible.

"With this assistance, WTC can foster meaningful long-term connections with students during their time at the College and beyond."

Be Inspired!

WTC Foundation Awards INSPIRE Grant Funds for College Projects

The WTC Foundation Inspire Program provides a straightforward method for staff and faculty to directly request funds from the WTC Foundation for projects supporting education and cultural activities or campus improvements and development.

The program has grown each year since its inception in 2016, and the fall 2018 round of applications was the largest yet with a total of 9 applicants.

The fall 2018 Inspire applications were thoroughly discussed and reviewed at the 2018 October WTC Foundation Board of Directors Meeting. The Foundation generously awarded \$26,400.00 to faculty and staff for various projects to benefit WTC.

50th Anniversary Celebration.

The Foundation will provide

supplemental funding for the College's 50th Anniversary celebration. These funds will be used for events, promotional materials, etc.

Sand Volleyball Court.

A new sand volleyball court will be built in the East Courtyard between the Fitness Center and Barkowsky Hall. The Athletics Department plans to establish a sand volleyball team as a women's sport. The court will also be available for student recreation. The Foundation will supply supplemental funding for the project.

Phi Theta Kappa Dues.

The Foundation established a need-based assistance fund for new Phi Theta kappa members not able to afford the membership dues.

VTE for Petroleum Technology.

The Foundation will give funds to

create a custom process model for Virtual Training Equipment at the Cavender Energy Field Lab. The model will be designed to work in conjunction with the Polaris Hands On Trainer currently used by students.



Construction of the Sand Volleyball Court in the East Courtyard.

Gifts to the WTC Foundation

August 2018 thru December 2018

Joshua K. Beebe Memorial Scholarship

*In memory of Joshua K. Beebe
Russell and Tara Lowery-Hart*

C.B. Edmiaston and Charles Bethel Memorial Scholarship

*In memory of C.B. Edmiaston
Gary Edmiaston
In memory of Charles Bethel
Wayne Bethel*

Betty Burrow Memorial Scholarship

Manley D. Burrow

Darden Family Foundation Scholarship

Larry Darden

Hubert and Mary Cargile/Kiwanis Club of Snyder Scholarship

Kiwanis Club of Snyder

Chevron Corporation Scholarship

Chevron Corporation

Dr. Robert L. Clinton Memorial Scholarship

*In memory of Dr. Robert Clinton
Wanda Clinton*

Lincoln Clean Energy Scholarship

Lincoln Clean Energy

Evelyn Claire McLaughlin Memorial Scholarship

Evelyn McLaughlin Davies

Shawn Odom Memorial Scholarship

Scott and Sherry Odom

Snyder Palette Club Scholarship

*In memory of Rodger Sullenger
LaVerne Lee*

Sam Walker Memorial Scholarship

Lanette and Jack Callaway
Joe and Wanda Falls
Mike and Frances Glass
Karen J. Hall
Gay and Kay Hickman
Mark and Tammy Krawczyk
Marilyn Lockhart
McDonald Welding Supply
Gary and Sammie Poe
Kyle and Wendy Scott

Westerner Fund

Mark and Rachael McClain

Western Texas College Memorial Scholarship

Lois and Kitty Clark
Trisha Claxton
Helen and Mike McLeod
Jerry and Barbara Owen
Xalyn And Chris Palacios

Thank you for your generous support and investing in our students!

New Murals for Cafeteria Installed

Artist and Former WTC Art Instructor Creates New Murals of Student Life

If you've ever eaten in the WTC Cafeteria, then you've probably seen the murals on the east wall of the dining area.

The murals were created by Ben Sum, a former art instructor at Western Texas College and current professor at Angelo State University in San Angelo.

During his time at WTC, Sum created murals that captured the heart and experience of WTC. Sum based his imagery on actual students, so the paintings have a familiar and authentic feel to them.

When the cafeteria expansion was completed in 2016, the Administrative Staff approved adding additional murals in the new section.

The new murals were installed on the west wall of the expansion by Sum, his wife, Cycris Ho, and TD Industries.



Ben Sum and his wife, Cycris Ho, at the installation.

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