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Introducing the new Western Texas College Alumni Association

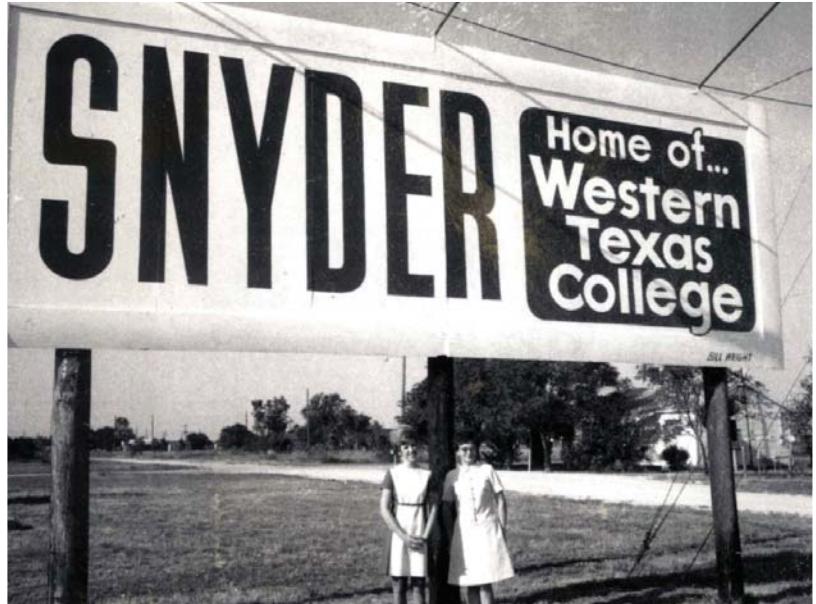
After graduating more than forty classes, Western Texas College welcomes home its alumni with the newly established WTC Alumni Association. WTCAAA offers opportunities for WTC and former students to reconnect.

Thousands of students have passed through WTC on their way to achieving their educational and life goals. The Alumni Association is reaching out to alumni to find out where they have gone and what they have accomplished after leaving WTC.

The new website, wtcalumni.com, is a one stop shop for former students. Alumni will find news on WTC and WTC alumni, information on upcoming events, articles about WTC graduates, and other alumni services. Submissions to our WTC Memories Blog are always welcome. The Alumni Association is interested in our past students' and faculty's outcomes and experiences. We would like to share these experiences to inspire current and future students.

Be sure to like the Western Texas College Alumni Facebook Page. It will keep you up to date on what's happening here on campus and let you in on events or news you will find of interest. Also keep your eye out on Thursdays for our #throwbackthursday photos!

In addition, mark your calendars for the first WTC Alumni Reception to be held April 2, 2016. Catch up



with old friends, meet other WTC alumni and finish up the day at the WTC Rodeo. Stay tuned for more info.

You can join the Western Texas College Alumni Association by signing up at wtcalumni.com or by calling the WTC Foundation office at (325) 574-7943. There is no cost to join.

We welcome feedback on the Alumni Association and want to hear how we may improve. Are there activities or services you are anxious to see? We are keen to grow and provide a welcoming place for our alumni.



*Lynn Mullinix,
Sophomore,
adds color to her
window.*

Wall of Opportunity

When life gives you lemons, make lemonade

Everyone here at WTC is thankful for the opportunity to upgrade our campus and for the wonderful, future outcomes of these projects. However, between torn up walk ways, loud jack hammering, and intermittent outages of water and air conditioning, the campus upgrade has its downsides.

In the meantime, faculty, staff and students are finding ways to make lemonade out of our lemons.

In November, a temporary wall was constructed in the WTC cafeteria. Behind the wall, the cafeteria will be expanded, nearly doubling its capacity. Other renovations for the cafeteria include standalone kiosks

for faster serving lines in addition to new paint, floors, and fixtures for a more pleasant dining experience.

For the interim however, an ugly, bare wall faced students dining in the cafeteria. WTC students saw opportunity.

Patrick Schneider, WTC Art Instructor, tasked his students to paint their own windows on the wall. Described as “lawful graffiti”, the student’s imagination provided a glimpse of far off places, magical creatures, and the comforts of home. Originally intended to only be a drawing exercise, the students had such a good time with their assignment, they asked to bring out the paints and add color to their artwork. The resulting creations provide a wall of artistic expression and inspiration for everyone to enjoy.

By all accounts, the \$15 million renovation project has progressed smoothly. The renovation includes multiple utility replacements, plaza repairs, and building renovations of the gym, the Student Center, and the Fine Arts building. Beautification of the campus grounds is also included in the project.

Gifts to WTC Foundation August thru November 2015

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Correction: Gifts to the Kevin Lacik Memorial Scholarship were given in memory of Harold Lacik, not Howard Lacik, by A. and P. Faver and Morris and Charlene Light.

Message from the Development Office

Your update on the WTC Foundation

The WTC Foundation is another step closer in their mission of providing meaningful support for Western Texas College. September 2015 was the culmination of a ten year, matching grant opportunity provided through two U.S. Department of Education Title V grants.

Gifts to the Century Club (2005 – 2010) and the Legacy Fund (2010-2015) were matched dollar for dollar by the Title V grant thereby doubling their impact. These generous contributions established a formidable endowment totaling over \$1.16 million dollars.

The entire principal amount plus the matching funds has been invested and the interest will be used to provide ongoing support for WTC. Part of the Fund has been designated

for student scholarships. The remaining proceeds from the Fund will be used for educational and cultural activities, campus improvement, and development projects benefiting students, educators and the community.

Thank you to all of our supporters who helped establish this fund. Your efforts make a quality education possible here in West Texas. You help bring students experiences and opportunities that otherwise may be unavailable to them. These experiences and opportunities allow WTC students the chance to spread their wings and realize their greatest potential. Thank you for making this possible.

Sincerely,

Katherine Neilson
Director of College Advancement

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Student Spotlight: Lupita Quintanilla

A powerhouse addition to the WTC Volleyball team and recipient of the Davidson Family Foundation Scholarship, Lupita Quintanilla has big dreams of helping others as an oncologist nurse. After her mother was diagnosed with bone cancer, Lupita's experience with her mother's kind hearted and supportive nurses solidified her decision to pursue a degree in nursing. "WTC has prepared me to continue to a four year university and achieve my goal of getting my BSN. The generous financial aid, small class size, and attentive professors have allowed me to succeed in my studies."





Jock Jams 2015

WTC Students take the dance floor by storm

On a pleasant fall night, the WTC Gym buzzed with excited anticipation. When Jeanette Pettigrew, HPE Facility Coordinator, grabbed the microphone and made her way to the center of the floor, the students let loose an enthusiastic welcome. The fun was about to begin.

Jock Jams 2015 showcased the hidden dance abilities of WTC athletes. Teams competed against each other judged by a panel of two assistant coaches (whose teams were not competing) and a community guest judge, WTC alumna Laura Greenwood. These students proved they are not only gifted athletes, but also very talented and coordinated dancers.

To warm up the crowd, Pettigrew opened the evening with a selection of popular dances including The Dougie and Cat Daddy. The beats drew dancers from the crowd and other songs inspired dance-offs between students.

Five members from the WTC Baseball team opened the competition. The Women's Soccer team followed with a West Side Story dance battle resulting in the resurrection of zombies to Michael Jackson's "Thriller." The Track and Field team then stormed the floor making spectacular

use of a fog machine and fake money. The Volleyball team began with a cheer followed by a wonderfully synchronized and choreographed dance.

The winners of the evening performed last: the WTC Softball team. Their dance started simply enough, but then they revealed their secret weapon: three Hawaiian softball team members. The music shifted to some sweet Hawaiian beats, and the three team members performed traditional Hula moves, causing the crowd to go wild. Following Hawaiian tradition, they grabbed the WTC coaches and gave quick Hula lessons.

Jock Jams showcased the hidden talents and diversity of WTC students. WTC is home to a wide variety of students from all backgrounds: rural, urban, local, and international. These activities provide opportunities for cultural exchange as well as introductions to new ideas and interaction, contributing to a memorable college experience.

Check out the highlights from Jock Jams 2015 on our Western Texas College Alumni Facebook Page: facebook.com/WesternTexasCollegeAlumni.

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