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Providing Resources Right Where They're Needed

The WTC Foundation Inspire Program

Have you ever had an idea, but before it even got off the ground it was dead in the water due to lack of funding? Last July, the Western Texas College Foundation set out to solve this problem for the faculty and staff.

The WTC Foundation is excited to announce the first recipients of the newly established WTC Foundation Inspire Program.

This new program provides a straightforward method for staff and faculty to directly request funds from the WTC Foundation for projects supporting educational and cultural activities or campus improvements and development. As an institutionally-related foundation, all projects directly relate to Western Texas College and are administered by the college.

This school year's fall Inspire Program recipients include four projects:

- **Wind Energy Education Expansion**
  Requested by Marina Gonzales, Wind Energy Curriculum Development Specialist
  Allows for purchase of needed software and additional model wind turbine kits.
- **Classroom Whiteboard Upgrades for Building 6**
  Requested by Jessica Colvin, WTC Agriculture Instructor
  Replaces outdated chalk boards with new whiteboards.
- **WTC Facebook Training**
  Requested by Lorenzo Sands, Director of Marketing
  Provides in-depth training on social media, specifically using Facebook to its greatest advantage.
- **Instructional 3D Printer**
  Requested jointly by Patrick Schneider, Art Instructor, Marina Gonzales, Wind Energy Curriculum Development Specialist, and Dana Fahntrapp, Petroleum Technology Instructor. Purchase of 3D Printer for joint use.

(l-r) WTC Employee recipients of the INSPIRE Grant: Dana Fahntrapp, Patrick Schneider, Marina Gonzales, Lorenzo Sands, Jessica Colvin, and Kat Neilson

Each project was fully funded. A total of over $11,600 was awarded. The WTC Foundation plans for a second round of awarding in the spring of 2017.

New Endowed Scholarship Means No Excuses

Joshua K. Beebe Memorial Scholarship

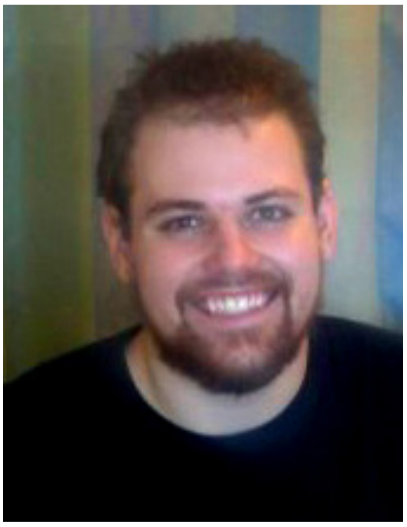
No Excuses. That was Josh's motto. Josh was a thrill seeker, equally fun-loving and driven to accomplish the seemingly impossible. His life not only inspired family and those who knew him, but also people around the world who found encouragement in his passion for accomplishing the amazing.

Born in Pittsfield, Massachusetts on August 17, 1991, Josh later moved to Hinsdale, Massachusetts. He earned his General Equivalency Diploma through Berkshire Community College and was studying for his ASE Master Mechanic Certification through Allegany College of Maryland. Josh worked as a Veterinary Technician in his father's business, Wahconah Veterinary Services.

Josh's free time was spent on adventures. He enjoyed hang gliding, scuba diving, and sky diving, but his passion was martial arts tricking. Tricking combines martial arts kicks with flips and twists from gymnastics. Elements from break-dancing are also incorporated to achieve an aesthetic display of amazing talent.

Josh was a well-known tricker. His determination to succeed and his love for the hobby made him a well-respected, tour-de-force in the tricking community.

"[Josh] ended up inspiring people from all walks of life, from trickers to free-runners to even famous break-dancers," recalled Gabriel of Soultrickers. "It's amazing the kinds of positive effects he had on people. We've seen a lot of tributes to Josh based on his "btwist" video; people who wanted to go out and learn moves they thought they couldn't. He was an ambassador to tricking. Everyone had a positive experience being around him and learning from him."



Joshua K. Beebe

The Joshua K. Beebe Memorial Scholarship was established by his mom, Dr. Barb Beebe, in Josh's honor to inspire students to do the amazing and make no excuses for not achieving their goals.

Message from the Development Office

Your Update on the WTC Foundation

The WTC Foundation endeavors to enhance life here at Western Texas College. Objectives to meet this goal take many forms and are constantly reinvented into progressive and sustainable projects.

Since its inception in 1977, the WTC Foundation worked to establish a thriving and ever-growing scholarship program to support worthy and needy WTC students. Our scholarship program is a main pillar to our mission and continues to be our strongest initiative. Every scholarship gift and every new endowed scholarship is one step closer to providing more scholarship opportunities to our students.

In 2003, the WTC Foundation board expanded its purpose to not only support scholarships, but also educational and cultural activities, and campus facility improvement and development. The Inspire Program grew from this movement. Faculty and staff have their eyes and ears on the ground and are positioned to let us know how the WTC Foundation can help. They have great ideas, great projects, and great needs. Our job is to help make it happen.

The newly established Westerner Fund was created to help fund these types of projects. All gifts to the Westerner Fund are invested and only the interest is used. This ensures there is funding in perpetuity that creates a sustainable resource for Western Texas College.

A special thank you to Dorothy Kayser and the Opal Denison Trust for their lead gifts to this fund and getting the ball rolling! For more information on the Westerner Fund, please contact me.

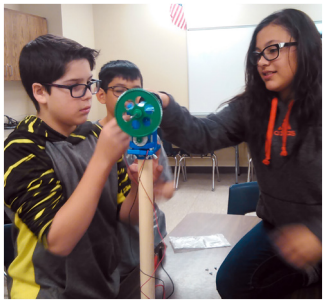
Sincerely,

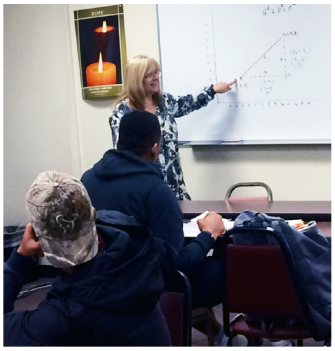
Katherine Neilson
Director of College Advancement

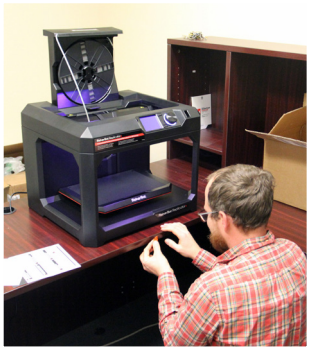
Be Inspired!

Photos from the Fall 2016 Inspire Program Projects

Counter Clockwise beginning at left: Facebook Training with Valerie Morris; Dr. Alisa Carter using the new white boards in Building 6; A print using the new 3D Printer; Patrick Schneider sets up the new 3D Printer; Snyder Junior High School students build a model wind turbine.







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Thank you for your generous support and seeing the value of investing in our students!

Come back to Campus

Everyone is Welcome to Attend

You're invited to come back to campus to visit old friends, see old professors, and check out our new improvements. The WTC Alumni Reception is an informal gathering where we encourage you to bring your family, take a tour of campus, and join us for the annual WTC Rodeo!

At the reception, we will also be honoring our 2017 WTC Distinguished Alumni.

RSVP at wtcalumni.com or call the WTC Foundation office at 325-574-7943. RSVP isn't necessary, but it sure is nice for planning purposes!

Ralph Ramon Named WTC Vice President

This West Texas Native Recognized for Exemplary Service to WTC

WTC College President Dr. Barb Beebe named Mr. Ralph Ramon as Vice President at the October 2016 Board of Trustees meeting. Mr. Ramon will add the new title to his current one, Dean of Student Services. Beebe noted that Ramon's promotion was based on exemplary service to WTC and always going above and beyond.

"I have the utmost respect for Ralph Ramon. Ralph accepts every challenge with a smile and the most positive of attitudes. He is a wonderful ambassador for WTC and truly puts the needs of students, faculty, and staff above his own," said Dr. Beebe.

"Mr. Ramon is a great example of servant leadership and consistently leads his department through the collaboration of ideas", added Dr. Ben Martin, WTC Assistant Dean of Student Services.

A native of Lubbock, Ramon graduated from Lubbock High School. He furthered his education by earning a Bachelor of Science from Sul Ross State University in 1990. He then earned a Masters of Education from Sul Ross in 2005.

"I value education and truly respect those working towards furthering their education,' said Ramon.

Ramon started his career at Snyder Junior High in 1992 as the Industrial Technology class instructor. During this time he also coached junior high football and basketball as well as high school baseball. The school district promoted him to Assistant Principal at the junior high in 2002 and he served the district until 2005.

Ralph Ramon, Vice President and Dean of Student Services

In June of 2006, Ramon began working at Western Texas College as the Associate Dean of Student Services. He was named Dean of Student Services within his first year and has held that position since.

His many hours of service to local organizations is how many in the community know Ramon. He is a past president of the Rotary club and sits on the board of the Scurry County Boys and Girls Club and the Scurry County Federal Credit Union. Ramon is currently the Snyder Independent School District board president and the WTC liaison for the Scurry County United Way fund drive.

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