

Foundation Update

Prepared for 10/25/22 WTC Foundation Board Meeting by Sheila Hale

Benches – The Dedicated Bench Project has been a complete success! One additional bench has been dedicated in memory of Elaine Ann Galyean. This bench currently sits in the courtyard outside of Palmer Hall.

There are three benches available for dedication that are currently installed on campus. More detailed information can be found <u>here</u>.

Inspire Program – The WTC Foundation's Inspire Program will begin accepting applications for the Spring 2023 application cycle on January 1st and applications will be accepted until Friday, April 21, 2023.

Scholarships – All scholarship applications will open on January 1, 2023. Two options for application will be available: an electronic application through JotForm and a fillable PDF form. Scholarship applications will be accepted until Friday, April 7, 2023, unless otherwise adjusted by the Foundation Board of Directors.

Speaking Engagement – I was invited by Geron Scates to speak at Rotary Club on Thursday, October 13, 2022. A financial report was given on the state of the Rotary Club scholarship and at what point the club could expect to receive a funding report in order to award scholarships. The Rotary Club Scholarship is a Century Club Title V grant through the Department of Education where the interest cannot be awarded for 15 years from the close of the grant on September 30, 2010.

Designated Donation – Since April 19th, I have been in communication with Emily Dunnam, who is the mother of Brennan Medford, a lineman that graduated from the WTC Electrical Lineman program in 2012. Brennan went to work for AEP following his graduation from WTC. Unfortunately, Brennan was killed in an ATV accident on August 1, 2020, at the age of 29. To preserve Brennan's Memory, Mrs. Dunnam has made the decision to provide a scholarship to one student in the Electrical Lineworker Program. As of Friday, October 17th Mrs. Dunnam has chosen Woodrow Stiewert as the award recipient of the Brennan Medford Memorial Scholarship. Memorial photos from Brennan's mother can be found here.