



Foundation Update

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Benches – The Dedicated Bench Project has grown by one additional bench! Another bench has been ordered to be installed next to Elain Ann Galyean for Edwin Galyean. This bench is currently in storage but will be installed in the courtyard outside of Palmer Hall in the coming weeks.

There are still two benches available for dedication that are currently installed overlooking the up and coming outdoor volleyball court.

Designated Donation – I have been in communication with Emily Dunnam, mother of Brennan Medford, a lineman who graduated from the WTC Electrical Lineman program in 2012. The Brennan Memorial Scholarship was awarded at the WTC Lineman Rodeo in 2023. Mrs. Dunnam has indicated that their family has intentions to award this scholarship again for the class of 2024. As of our last correspondence, Brennan's family and Woodrow Stiewart are still in regular communication.

Inspire Program – The WTC Foundation's Inspire Program will begin accepting applications for the Spring 2024 application cycle on January 1, 2024, and applications will be accepted until Friday, April 19, 2024.

Potential Donor Meeting – Mr. Ramon and I met with a potential donor who is interested in making a contribution to meet the educational needs of underprivileged students who will be attending Western Texas College as commuters. This donor understands the need for community colleges and desires to provide educational opportunities not afforded to students outside of the Opportunity Tuition Waiver. This donor desires to remain anonymous until after their contribution has been completed.

Scholarships – All scholarship applications will open on January 1, 2024. 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 12, 2024, unless otherwise adjusted by the Foundation Board of Directors.

Student Grade Checks – Grade checks for all students who receive a foundation scholarship are completed at 5 and 10-week increments. This is a benefit not only to the foundation to ensure that students are in compliance with their written agreements for funding but also to the students and the campus of Western Texas College. During the 5-week grade checks completed on Monday, September 25, 2023, eight students fell below the 2.5 GPA requirement or currently held a D or lower grade in a single subject. 10-week grade checks will be completed on Wednesday, November 1, 2023.