



## Foundation Report

Prepared for 7/26/22 WTC Foundation Board Meeting by Sheila Hale

**Foundation Website** - Following a deep dive into all scholarship folders and a compilation of historical information, we have updated the current website to include criteria and personal information about each scholarship held within the WTC Foundation. If you look at the [website](#), you will find that a donor can now click on a scholarship, find awarding criteria, and learn more about who the scholarship was created to memorialize. I feel this is a great way to commemorate the legacy of those entrusted to us!

**Scholarships** – The electronic format for the Foundation Scholarship Application was by far the best-utilized option and well worth the investment. The investment cost for one year of the JotForm program was \$174 with the nonprofit discount and averages to a little over \$3 per application accepted through the system. 55 applications were received through JotForm this year compared to 7 for the 2021-22 cycle and 15 for the 2020-21 cycle.

The WTC Foundation Scholarship program received 82 applications, with 81 submitted to the scholarship committee. One application was received but was missing the 500-word essay. The student was contacted and did not respond with materials as requested. Two applicants did not qualify for the award due to a part-time attendance basis.

The 2022-23 scholarship committee is composed of:

- Dr. Beebe, WTC President
- Eddie Peterson, Board of Trustees President
- Ralph Ramon, Dean of Student Services
- Tevian Sides, Director of Financial Aid
- Isrell Lawson, College Relations Coordinator
- Donna Robinson, Service Center Supervisor

Of the 79 applications, 19 are not involved in athletics, 29 are involved in athletics, and 31 are athletes receiving scholarships. An additional 15 scholarships were awarded by direct selection. The Snyder Kiwanis Club awarded \$4,000 to benefit returning students and \$3,000 to support new incoming students. An additional \$6,936 in scholarships were awarded by direct donor selection.

Of the 86 scholarship awardees, 70 plan to attend Western Texas College for an academic education pathway, and 9 for a Career and Technical Education program; 2 have an interest in the Farm and Ranch Management program, 3 in the Lineman Certificate Program, and 4 in the Welding program. 7 of the applicants stated that they were undecided on a major or did not indicate one on their application.



The Scholarship Committee provided an invaluable service! This year we saw a significant increase in scholarship applications and were able to award 71 scholarships for a total of \$73,436.00. The scholarship recipients must attend a mandatory meeting on Friday, August 12, 2022. At that time, they will be invited to report about the person or family the scholarship was created to honor and write thank you notes to the donors of the designated scholarship. More detailed information can be found [here](#).

**Benches** – The Dedicated Bench Project has been a complete success! Two additional memorial benches have been purchased for Jimmie Nan Tate and Dr. Mike Dreith. There are three benches available for dedication that are currently installed on campus, and one bench is available for donation in storage. More detailed information can be found [here](#).

**Inspire Program-** The WTC Foundation's Inspire Program will continue this Fall. The due date for the Fall 2022 INSPIRE application is Friday, October 14, 2022.

#### An INSPIRE Grant Update; presented by Britt Canada

In April 2021, the WTC LRC/Library and Marketing Department received an Inspire grant. The purpose of this project is to create a digital, online database of materials from the WTC archives that can be electronically accessed. A report of the progress on this project follows:

The first step was to contact professionals and identify the specific resources needed to efficiently accomplish the goals of the project. As a result, we determined that a Fujitsu ScanSnap SV600 Scanner would be needed. In our proposal, we estimated the cost of a flatbed scanner to be \$2000. We were able to purchase this scanner for \$600. We immediately put it to work and were able to scan WTC catalogs from 1971 through 2012. (Catalogs after 2012 were already available in electronic format.) Using the scanner, it took about 15 minutes to scan each catalog. Thus, the LRC contributed about 10 hours towards this effort. This was a significant accomplishment because WTC is required to have its catalogs available to the public. This is a requirement of WTC's accreditation agency (SACSCOC) as stated in Standard 10.3 which says "The institution ensures the availability of archived official catalogs..." The archived catalogs can be found at: <https://www.wtc.edu/Information/publications/archivedcatalogs.html>

The next step was to verify that larger documents could be scanned. We have demonstrated that larger documents can be scanned and archived. The LRC has copies of WTC newspapers and other materials from previous years. These can be scanned and software can be used to search the documents. The challenge at this time is finding the time. The LRC, under the leadership of Mr. Fancher, is conducting an extensive weeding of the collection. To the best of our knowledge, weeding of the collection has not occurred in the past 25 years. Weeding is a standard procedure that should occur continually. The library staff is currently focused on the weeding project.

So, we have many of the parts in place, have made progress on this project, and are looking forward to completing it as time allows.

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