



Foundation Report

Prepared for 4/25/2023 WTC Foundation Board Meeting by Sheila Hale

Foundation Donations - A donation of \$1,000 has been made by John Lacik to the *Kevin Lacik Memorial Scholarship Fund*. This donation comes after a social media post in the Westerner Wednesday Alumni Spotlight that showcased Kevin Lacik's WTC journey and the memorial stone at the Golf Landscape Technology Center. When Kevin's father called on 3/7/23 he mentioned how much he enjoyed reading the write up about Kevin on Facebook and how much he appreciated our efforts to memorialize him.

The Foundation also received a \$20,000 donation from Larry Darden to the *Darden Family Charitable Foundation Scholarship*. Mr. and Mrs. Darden toured the WTC campus on August 12, 2022. The Darden family has given to this scholarship account for almost 20 years and have increased from the original \$2,000 amount to the current \$20,000 contribution.

Scholarships – The electronic format for the Foundation Scholarship Application was by far the best utilized option and well worth the investment! The cost of investment for 1 year of the JotForm program is \$174 with the nonprofit discount and averages to a little over \$5 per application accepted through the system. 32 applications were received through JotForm this year compared to 55 for the 2022-23 cycle, 7 for the 2021-22 cycle, and 15 for the 2020-21 cycle.

The WTC Foundation Scholarship program received 44 scholarship applications, with 43 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..

The 2023-24 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 43 scholarships presented to the scholarship committee for consideration, 15 are not involved in athletics, 10 are involved in athletics, and 18 are athletes receiving scholarships.

35 of the applicants are attending Western Texas College for an academic basic education pathway whereas 6 are attending for a Career and Technical Education program; 3 are attending for the Farm and Ranch Management program, 2 are attending for the Lineman Certificate Program, and 1 are attending for the Welding program. 2 of the applicants stated that they are undecided on a major with all of those student being involved in athletics.



The Scholarship Committee is hard at work grading redacted applications in order to support students at Western Texas College. I owe a debt of gratitude to each Scholarship Committee member for their participation in the awarding process this year. I am beyond thankful for their help in ensuring that we have done our due diligence by our donors.

Designated Scholarship – A \$2,000 scholarship has been awarded to Woodrow Stiewart who will graduate from the WTC Lineman program on May 2, 2023. He was chosen as the recipient of the Brennan Medford Memorial Scholarship by Emily Dunnam, mother of Brennan Medford. Mr. Stiewart graduated from Paint Creek High School, the same high school as Brennan and has a personal connection to the family. The award ceremony will be held at the WTC Lineman Rodeo on Thursday, April 27th at 11:30 AM.

Alumni Professionals of Texas Annual Conference – On Sunday, April 23rd and Monday, April 24th, I had the opportunity to attend the Alumni Professionals of Texas Annual Conference hosted by Texas Tech University.