

President's Annual 2026 State of the College Report

Academic Achievements

- The college continued its commitment to academic quality and continuous improvement following the successful completion of the SACSCOC 5th Year review submission.
- A record number of students earned degrees or certificates with 378 students graduating at spring commencement
- The college continued to develop academic and career pathways that connect high school, college, workforce training, and employment opportunities across the Texas Panhandle.

Enrollment and Student Opportunities

- The college entered the 2026-2027 academic year with record enrollment for the fall semester.
- The college continued to enhance access for traditional students, dual-credit students, adult learners, and workforce students.
- The college expanded opportunities for students through the launch of the Dalhart prison education program, providing access to college education and credentials for students at the TDCJ Dalhart Unit.
- The college expanded opportunities for rural students through the PRIME partnership of the Rural Pathway Excellence Partnerships (R-PEP) program at the Allen Campus. The PRIME partnership includes Perryton, Canadian, Follett, and Darrouzett ISDs.
- The college continued to emphasize student access, persistence, completion, and pathways to transfer and employment.

Workforce Development

- Workforce education continued to be a central priority for Frank Phillips College, with welding remaining one of the college's strongest workforce programs.
- The college continued to work with regional employers and industry leaders to identify workforce needs and opportunities for improvement in curriculum, equipment, and instructional staffing.
- The Rahl Campus workforce facilities continued to support the college's commitment to diesel technology and other high-demand workforce programs.
- The college continued to expand short-term and career-focused training opportunities designed to meet the needs of students, employers, and communities throughout the region.

Facilities Enhancements

- The new Plainsmen Hall residential facility represents a major investment in student housing and the future of Frank Phillips College. The project is designed to provide modern, safe, and comfortable housing for students and strengthen the college's ability to attract and retain students.

- The college completed a major remodeling of the campus cafeteria, creating an improved gathering and dining space for students, employees, and community patrons.
- The college remodeled the tennis courts, including improvements that provide opportunities for tennis and pickleball.
- The college continued campus improvements and maintenance projects designed to provide safe, attractive, and functional learning and living environments.
- The college continued to replace and upgrade vehicles and other infrastructure needed to provide safe and reliable transportation and operations.

Financial Overview

- The college entered FY2026-27 from a significantly stronger financial position than in previous years, following substantial growth in state funding during the preceding biennium.
- The college continued to emphasize responsible financial management, long-term planning, and investment in facilities, academic programs, student services, and workforce education.

Community Engagement and Partnerships

- The college continued to expand its role as a regional partner by working with school districts, families, employers, community organizations, and governmental partners.
- Frank Phillips College transfer of the Tyler Street Residential property to Borger ISD is expected to be completed this fall so that the facility can be transformed into a childcare center serving Borger-area families.
- The college continued to provide community education and enrichment opportunities, including classes and activities designed for residents of the Texas Panhandle.
- A record number of children participated in “Kids’ Camp” activities and community programming continued to provide opportunities for young people and families to engage with the college.

Athletic Achievements

- The volleyball team advanced to the national tournament for the first time in many years and continues to be a strong contender in the region.
- Frank Phillips College launched men’s and women’s wrestling programs, beginning competition during the 2026-2027 season. The programs represent the first junior-college wrestling programs in Texas.
- The new wrestling programs expand opportunities for student-athletes to compete at the NJCAA level while earning college credentials and scholarships.
- The college continued to support the development of athletics as an important part of student engagement, recruitment, retention, and the overall Plainsmen experience.

Looking Ahead

As Frank Phillips College begins another year of growth and opportunity, the college will continue to focus on student success, academic excellence, workforce development, and meaningful partnerships throughout the Texas Panhandle. Priorities include strengthening enrollment, expanding educational and workforce pathways, supporting student completion, developing new partnerships, and making strategic investments in facilities and programs.

The college will also continue to build on the opportunities created by Plainsmen Hall, the remodeled cafeteria and tennis courts, the new wrestling programs, the Dalhart prison education program, and the PRIME rural education partnership. Together, these initiatives position Frank Phillips College to serve more students and respond more effectively to the needs of the communities and employers it serves.

Conclusion

This year's State of the College report reflects Frank Phillips College's continued commitment to creating opportunities, investing in students, strengthening communities, and preparing the Texas Panhandle for the future. From new facilities and athletic programs to expanded educational partnerships and workforce opportunities, the college continues to build on its tradition of service while preparing for the opportunities ahead.

The work of Frank Phillips College is ultimately measured by the success of its students and the impact those students have on their families, employers, and communities. As the college moves forward, we remain committed to providing accessible, high-quality education and to being a strong partner in the continued growth and prosperity of the Texas Panhandle.