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PURPOSE AND MISSION

The Office of Institutional Effectiveness is devoted to ensuring that the college community has access to the information and resources needed to make data-driven decisions across all levels of the institution. As a step toward the fulfillment of this mission, the office will release a semesterly newsletter with data and findings that will help advance institutional planning and promote a culture of continuous quality improvement.

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Happy New Year!!

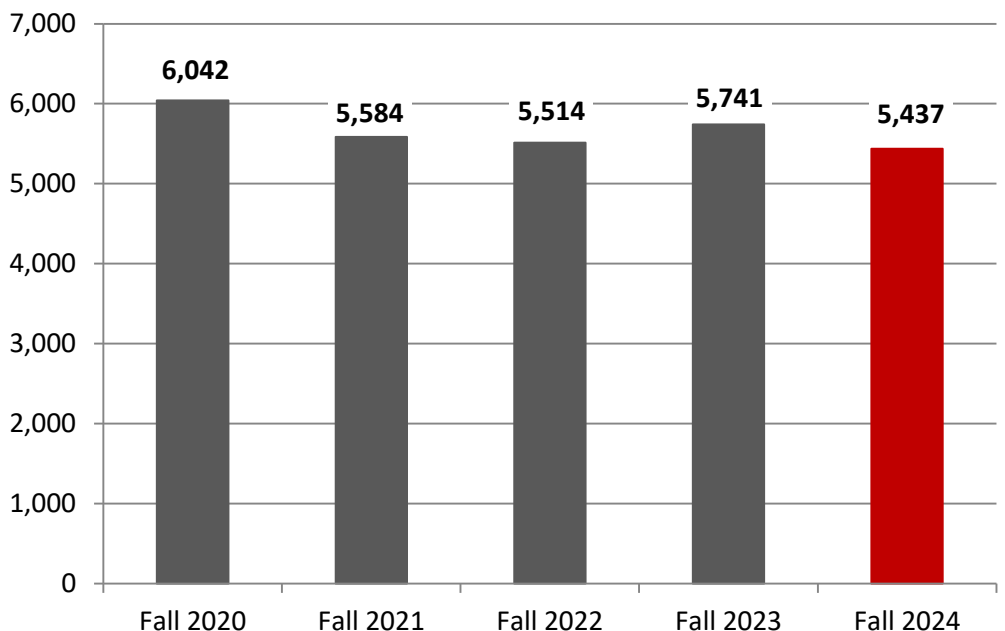
...well, happy new ACADEMIC year!!

If you are new to WCJC...WELCOME! You have joined a fantastic team of dedicated educators. For our returning WCJC family members...Welcome Back!! This year promises to be a spectacular one! Thank you for being a part of the WCJC team. YOU are what makes this place GREAT!

Fall First-Day Enrollments

First-day headcount enrollment for Fall 2024 is **5,437 students**. In addition, students are registered for **54,165 credit hours**!

Students may still register for 16-week classes through Friday, August 30, and for 14-week sections through Monday, September 9.



Fall Pioneer Spirit Days

This fall, show your **Pioneer Spirit!** Wear your **WCJC polo** (or other WCJC shirt) in support of our outstanding student athletes on the following days:

Friday, September 6: Help our Lady Pioneers get psyched for the North Central Texas College Tournament where they'll take on four opponents in two days!!

Friday, September 27: Saddle up in support of our Cowboys' and Cowgirls' first rodeo of the year at Panola College!

Friday, October 18: Our Pioneer baseball team hosts UH-Victoria in their first home game of the year! Game time is 1pm at Corbett Park!!

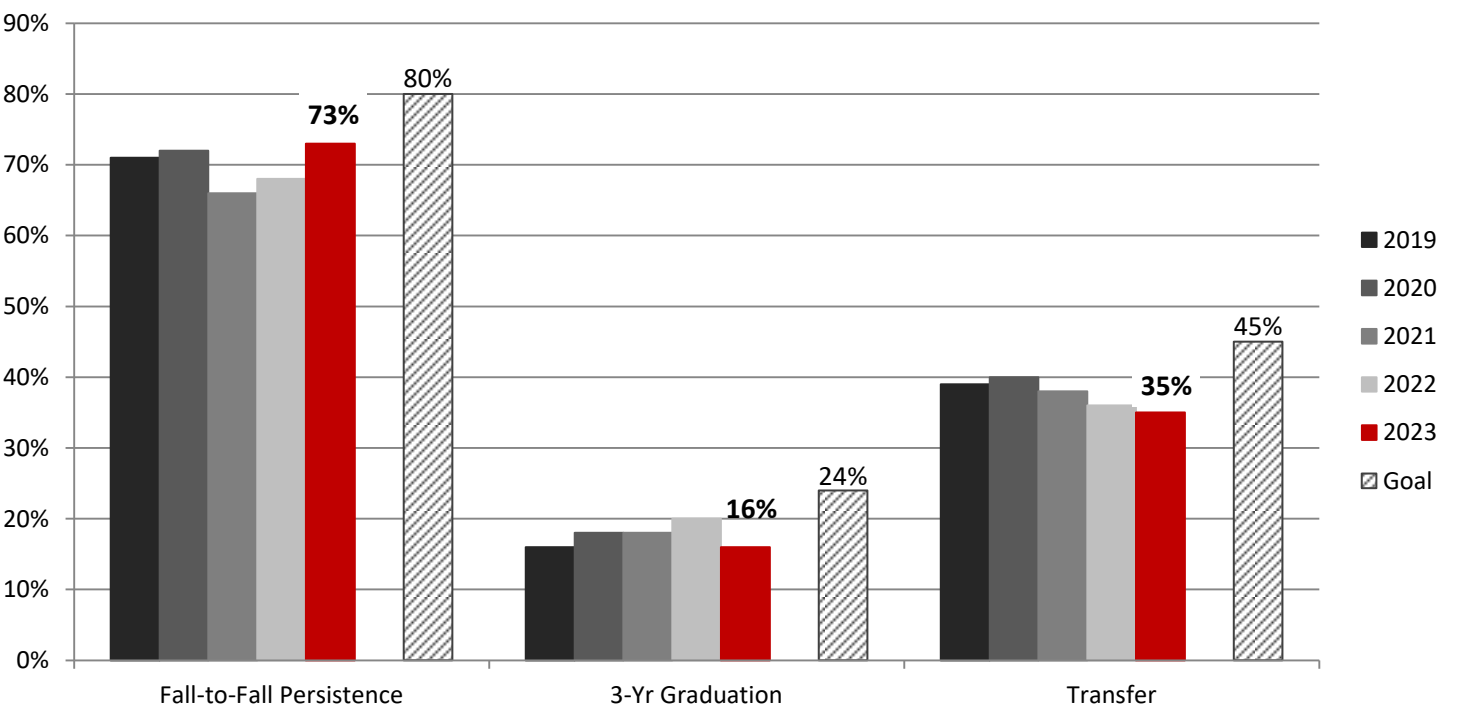


Strategic Plan Key Performance Indicators

With the recent passage of House Bill 8, the majority of funding for Texas Community Colleges will now be based primarily on performance outcomes, specifically metrics such as the number of degrees and certificates awarded, number of dual credit students with 15+ hours, and number of transfer students.

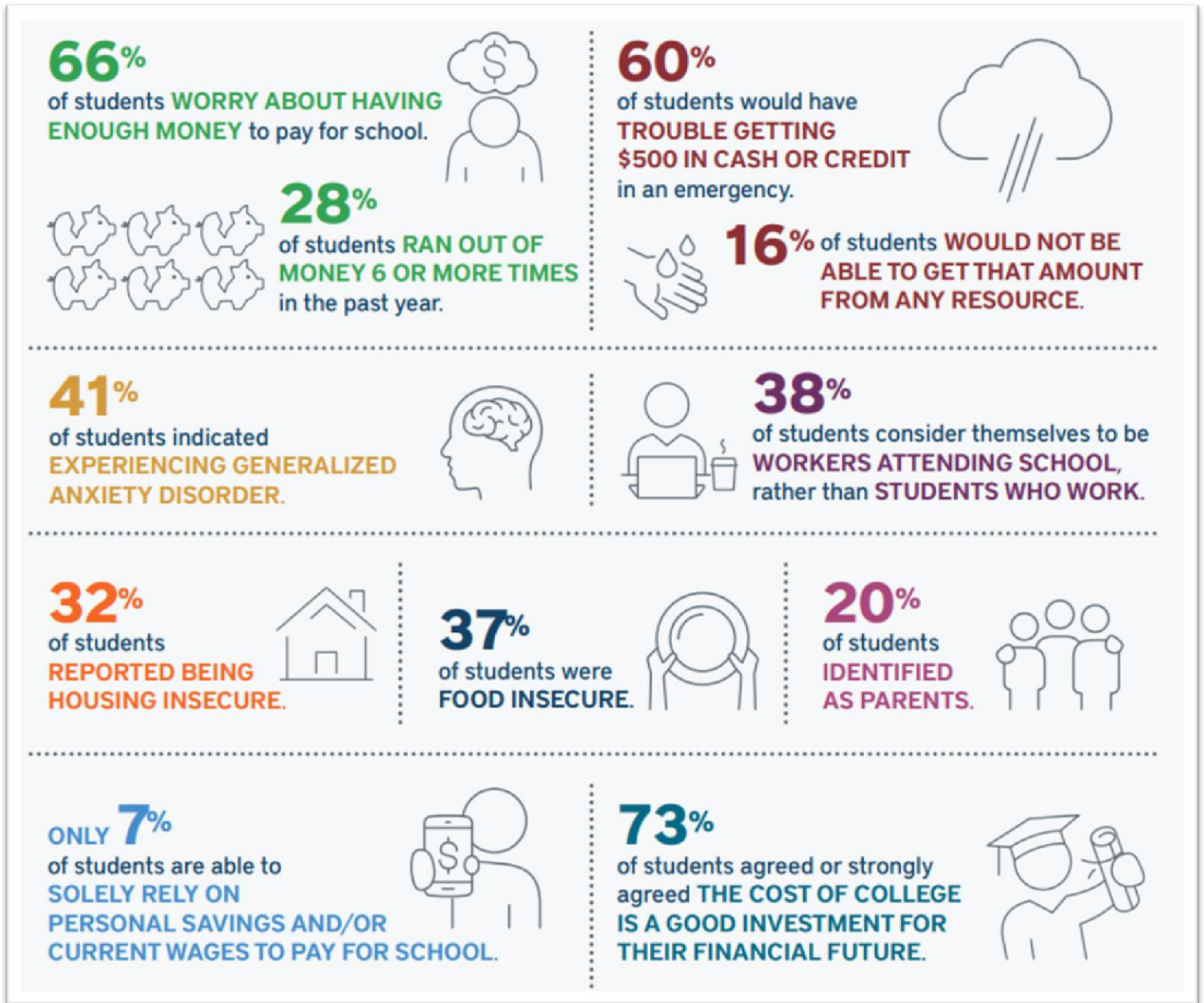
The WCJC Strategic Plan includes multiple key performance indicators (KPIs) that allow for us to holistically evaluate student achievement, including persistence, graduation, and transfer rates. The AY 2024 Annual Report for the Strategic Plan will be published in September 2024 and will include progress reports for each goal, as well as updated data for all KPIs.

Persistence, Graduation, and Transfer Rates.



Student Financial Wellness Survey

WCJC recently collaborated with the Trellis Foundation to survey our students regarding their financial wellness. As a community college, it is imperative that we continue to look for ways to make a college education affordable to all populations within our service area. Below are some of the key findings from this year's survey.



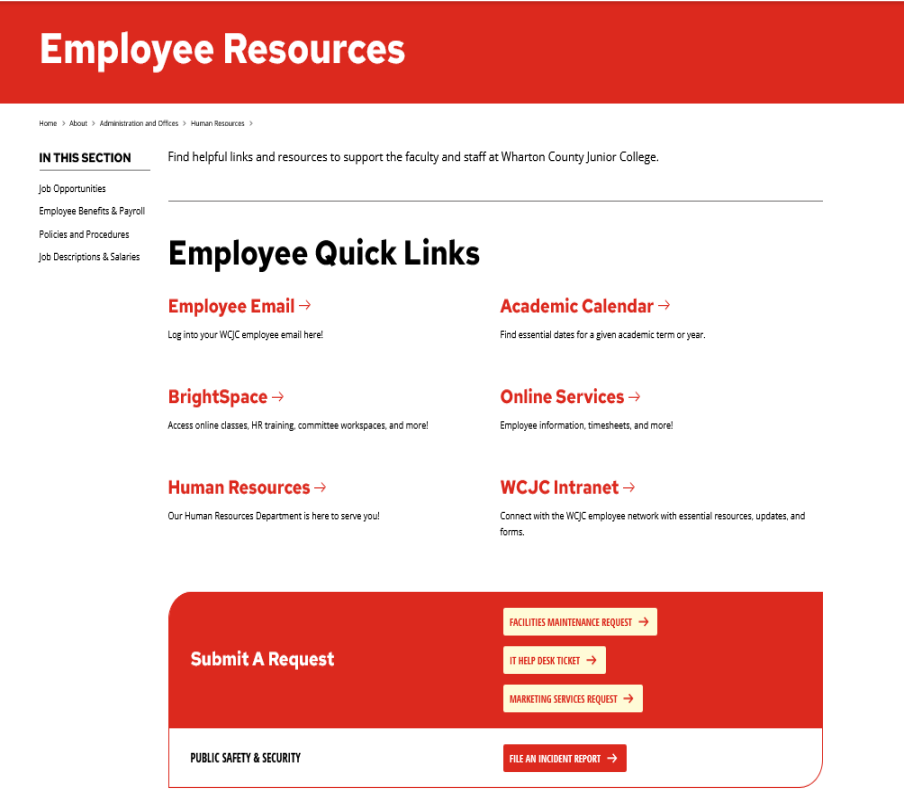
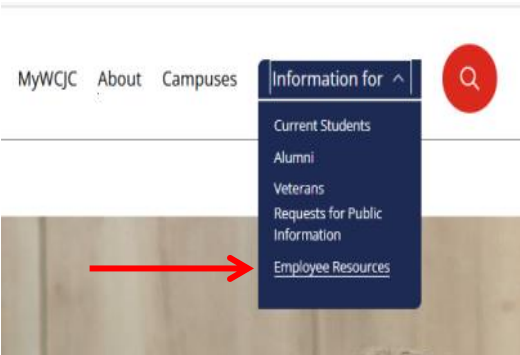
Emergency Aid

If you know of a student who is considering leaving the College due to an immediate financial need, please refer them to the Office of Counseling to see if they qualify for an Emergency Aid Grant. These grants are a on-time allocation to students who are experiencing a financial hardship that may impede their ability to continue or complete their semester at WCJC.

New “Employee Resources” Webpage

Did you know...The WCJC website has a new page just for you! The new “Employee Resources” webpage launched this summer and will allow you to navigate to all your most commonly accessed tools, including: email; Brightspace; Online Services; the WCJC Intranet; facilities, IT, and marketing requests; and more!

To access the page, expand the drop-down box in the upper right hand corner of the homepage and select “Employee Resources”.



Ditch the Jump Drive

Saving files to OneDrive means that they are stored in the Cloud, allowing you access to your work anytime, anywhere! Tired of carrying a thumb drive? With OneDrive, you no longer need it! Save your files to OneDrive and you will have access to your work on any device once you’ve logged into your WCJC account. Need to share files with your team? Select the “share” feature and give multiple users access to entire folders with one click! Microsoft has training videos available to get you started. Each video is fewer than 5 minutes long and can provide you with quick and easy tips to help you on your way.

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