

President's Report December 2019

Partnerships

During October, Dr. Kibler (Sul Ross) and myself made a joint presentation to Middle Rio Grande Development Council. An update on the college was provided. All very pleased with SWTJC. I have attached a copy of the presentation for your information.

I am pleased to announce that we have expanded our partnership with Angelo State University by developing a dual credit engineering (Civil and Mechanical) pathway between ASU, SWTJC and Uvalde CISD. Students will have the ability to begin in the program in high school, continue with us for a year and finish up at ASU in two years. Copy of the course sequence is attached.

Awards

We are pleased to inform you that SWTJC has once again been recognized by the Aspen Institute as top 10% college in the nation. Our staff has been busy this month preparing the packet to submit our innovations in an effort to advance to the next stage. The submission is due on December 5th and notifications will be announced in May. A copy of the Aspen press release is attached.

We were also notified that our Adult Education and Literacy program was selected for a statewide award. Mr. Barker and myself traveled to Dallas on December 4th to accept the award on behalf of SWTJC – AEL.

Financial

Our auditors have completed our annual financial audit. Our goal this year was to add \$500,000 to our fund balance. I am pleased to announce that we were able to increase our unrestricted fund balance by \$1 million and now we have a total of \$2.5 million in unrestricted fund balance. Please see the attached fund balance worksheet for more details.

Other

Our Pathways project is progressing nicely. Staff attended the first of the second series of Pathways Institute earlier in November. Our focus this year is to engage the entire college community with an official roll out during our Spring semester faculty convocation.

I had a meeting with personnel from OCI Solar on a new proposed solar farm south of Knippa. Discussed the general scope and cost of the project.

Mr. Moreno and VP Tarski attended the THECB Leadership Conference in November and Mr. Moreno and VP Mata will attend the CCATT Leadership meeting in San Antonio on Decemeber 6th. Will provide update at the Board meeting.

Christmas at the College – we had a great turnout from the community. All enjoyed the Frozen theme. This is great opportunity for the college to give back to the community and create an opportunity for our youth to come to our college campus.

60th Annual SWTJC High School Invitational Basketball Tournament is scheduled from December 5 thru December 7th. Eight high school boys and girls teams will compete for the championship.

Upcoming Meeting/Events

12/11	Middle Rio Grande Quarterly meeting
12/11	SWTJC Board Meeting
12/18	Holiday Break
1/2	Return from Holiday Break
1/8	TACC Legislative Meeting
1/10	Real County Stock Show
1/11	Zavala County Stock Show
1/14	General Faculty Meeting
1/16	SWTJC Board Meeting
1/25	Uvalde County Stock Show