



# Wharton County Junior College

# Institutional Effectiveness Newsletter



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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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### It's Fall, Y'all!

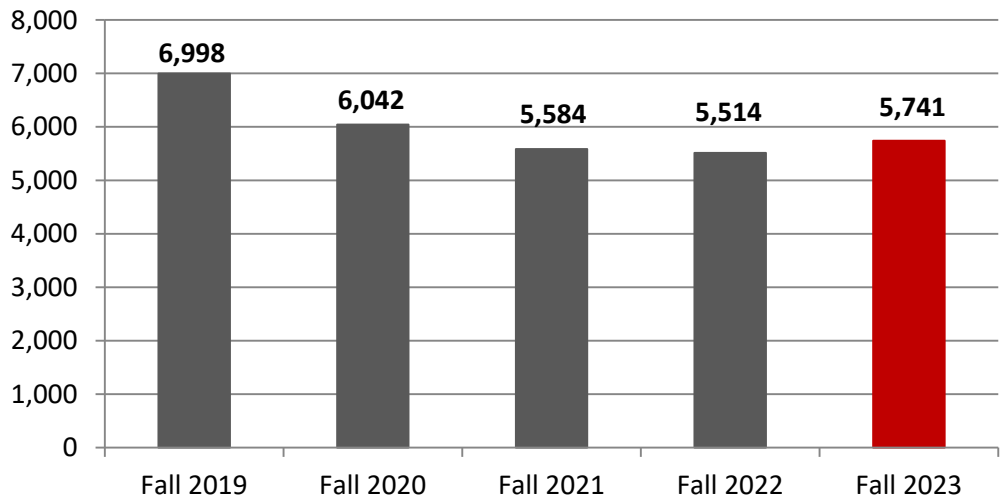
Happy First Week of Class!!

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! As you will see throughout this newsletter...all of our data is trending in a positive direction. We are on an upward trajectory and there's no stopping us as we move into the future. 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 2023 is **5,741 students**. This total is approximately **4% higher** than the first-day enrollments for Fall 2022 and **3% higher** lower than Fall 2021!! In addition, students are registered for **56,654 credit hours**, which translates to a **5% increase over last year!**

Students may still register for 16-week classes through Tuesday, August 29, and for 14-week sections through Monday, September 11.



## 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 8:** Our Pioneer baseball team heads to the coast for their season opener against Galveston College!

**Friday, September 22:** Saddle up in support of our Cowboys' and Cowgirls' first rodeo of the year at Panola College!

**Friday, October 6:** Help our Lady Pioneers get psyched for their match against Navarro College. Then come out to support the volleyball team in the Gene Bahnsen Gymnasium on October 7 at 2pm.

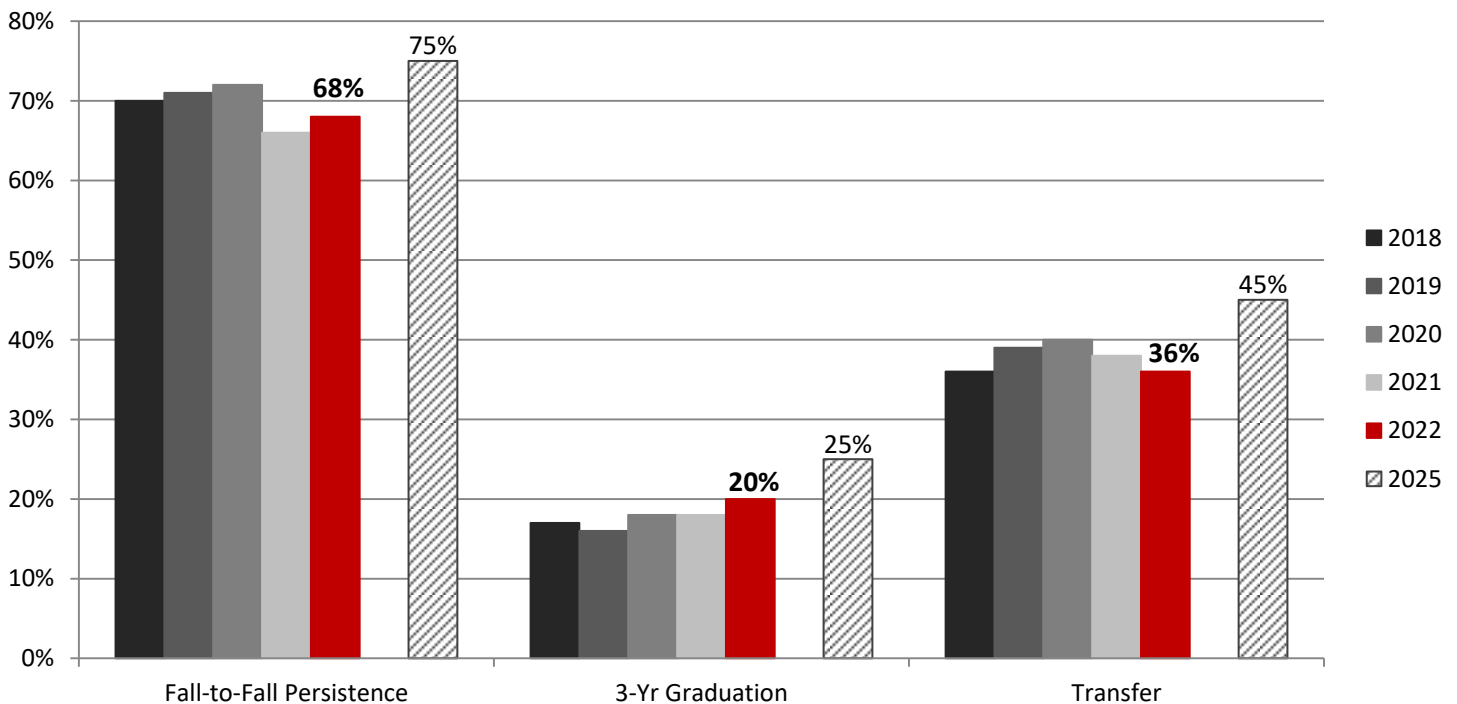


## Strategic Plan Key Performance Indicators

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 licensures or certifications awarded, number of graduates, 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 2023 Annual Report for the Strategic Plan will be published in September 2023 and will include progress reports for each goal, as well as updated data for all KPIs.

### ***Persistence, Graduation, and Transfer Rates.***



## Community College Survey of Student Engagement

In Spring 2023, WCJC participated in the Community College Survey of Student Engagement (CCSSE). This survey is designed to provide feedback regarding students' experiences in the areas of Active Learning, Student Effort, Academic Challenge, Student-Faculty Interaction, and Support for Learners. The following are some key findings from this most recent administration of the CCSSE survey.

### How much does WCJC emphasize the following?



**Providing academic support = 67%**



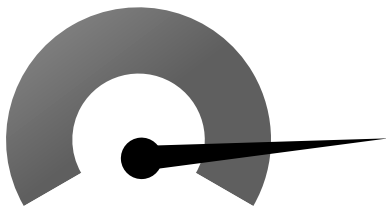
**Encouraging contact among students from different backgrounds = 52%**



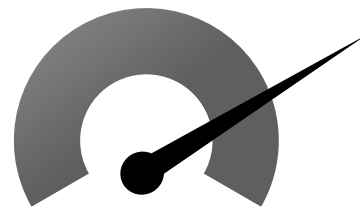
**Providing financial support = 47%**

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### Overall Student Satisfaction



**Recommend this College = 92%**  
*National Avg = 95%*



**Good/Excellent Experience = 80%**  
*National Avg = 88%*

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### Circumstances that may cause a student to leave WCJC.

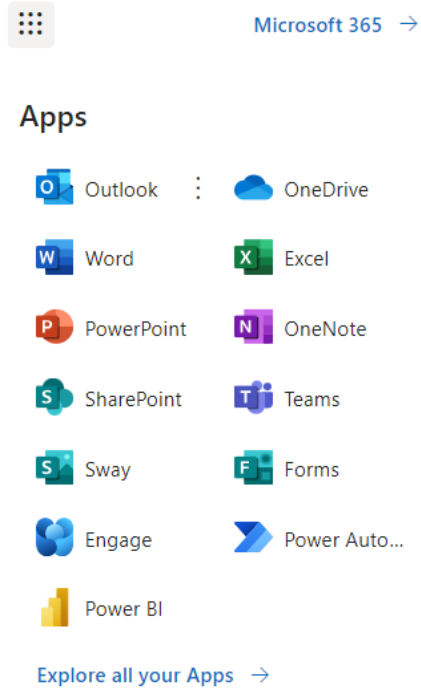
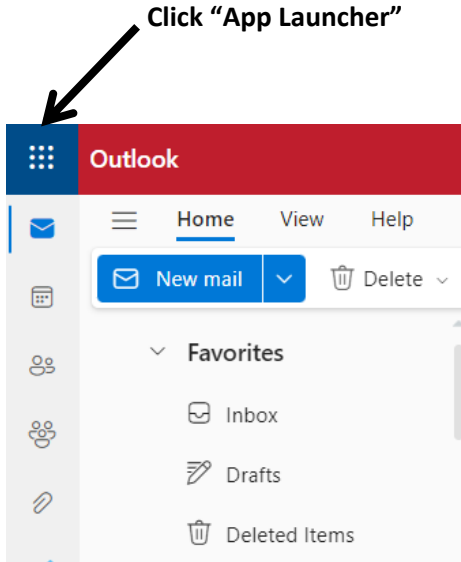
Lack of finances = 65%

Transfer to a 4-year = 64%

Working full-time = 57%

## Tech Tools to Make Your Life Easier!

Did you know...You have access to the entire suite of Microsoft applications everywhere you go? Log into your WCJC account, and click on the “App Launcher” in the top left-hand corner of your Outlook screen. There you will find an entire host of software, including Word, PPT, Excel, and OneDrive!



Access your applications from anywhere!

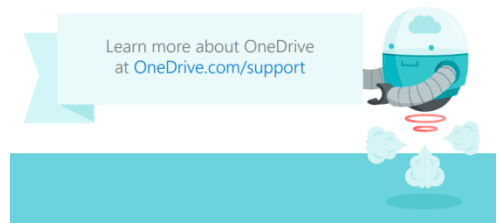
## Ditch the Jump Drive

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.

[What is OneDrive? \(work or school\)](#)

[Upload files and folders in OneDrive \(work or school\)](#)

[Share files and folders with Microsoft 365 Business](#)



## First Fridays

For those on the Wharton Campus, stop by Admin 108 on the first Friday of the month from 8:00-8:30am for a cup of joe and a mini-muffin! In class? Email ahead and we’ll save you a cup! We’ll see you this Friday (September 1)!!