

# President's Annual State of the College Report

## Academic Achievements

- The college successfully completed the **SACSCOC 5th Year review submission**, demonstrating a commitment to continuous improvement and accreditation standards.
  - The college experienced the largest number of graduates in college history with 379 students getting a degree/certificate. To put this in perspective, ten years ago 250 students earned a degree/certificate.
  - Progress was made on the business degree program with an anticipated start date in the Spring 2026.
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## Enrollment Growth

- Fall headcount increased by **2.9%**, with credit hours rising by **4.7%**.
  - Spring headcount saw an increase of **3.2%**, alongside a **4.3%** rise in credit hours.
  - Noteworthy progress has been made in offering classes at the **TDCJ Dalhart Unit**, with classes scheduled to begin in the **fall of 2026**.
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## Workforce Development

- Continued growth in most college workforce programs; notably, the **welding department** remains the most popular program with significant enrollment across all campuses.
  - Collaboration with local industry leaders has identified three key areas for enhancement: **curriculum, equipment, and faculty/instructors**.
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## Facilities Enhancements

- The new **Rahll Campus workforce building** opened, focusing on diesel mechanics.
  - The **roofing project** was successfully completed.
  - Construction of a new **residential hall** was approved and started
  - The **library parking lot** was resurfaced.
  - Various **aesthetic improvements** were made across campus.
  - The college continued to **replace and upgrade** college vehicles to provide safe and reliable transportation for faculty, staff and students.
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## Financial Overview

- The college adhered to its budget and achieved the **largest surplus** (excluding insurance proceeds) in its history.
- Entering **FY25-26**, the college is in its best financial condition in many years mainly due to the largest percentage increase (**177%**) in state funding of any Texas community college comparing FY23 funding to FY26 funding.

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## Community Engagement

- The college experienced a **significant increase** in kids' camp activities and participant numbers.
- The college expanded **community education programs**, including:
  - Excel classes
  - Floral arrangement
  - Holiday pies and candle making
  - QuickBooks workshop
  - License to carry
  - Self-defense
  - Terrarium creation
  - Chalkboard drawing
  - Money management bootcamp
  - Various painting classes

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## Athletic Achievements

- The men's basketball team qualified for the **national tournament** for the first time since **1958**, highlighting the success and dedication of our athletes.

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## Looking Ahead

As we embark on another year, the college aims to enhance our programs, expand our facilities, and engage with our community further. Together, the college will continue to foster a learning environment that promotes inclusivity and success for all students.

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## Conclusion

This report underscores the commitment of the college to academic excellence, community engagement, and financial health while continuing to enhance and improve facilities and workforce training programs. As the college moves forward, the focus will remain on achieving our strategic goals and addressing areas for improvement in collaboration with industry and community partners.