

President's Report January 2019

We are happy to report that we have been awarded a Jobs and Education for Texans (JET) grant in the amount \$297,000 to enhance the equipment in our Auto Tech Program and an additional \$37,000 from Carl Perkins for use in all technical programs.

Dual Credit

In conjunction with our Title V STEM grant, we are working with school districts to enhance our current science offerings as dual credit courses.

Other

We have been invited to attend a transfer conference at Texas A&M Kingsville. Hosted by Dana Center in Austin, South Texas colleges and universities will discuss transfer issues, Dr. Underwood, Mrs. Mata, Dr. Zimmerman, and Mrs. Perry will be representing SWTJC.

January is stock show month. Connie Buchanan and Mrs. Shackelford distributed scholarships at Real County Stock Show on January 11th and Mrs. Mata and Dr. Rivera distributed scholarships at Zavala County Stock Show on January 12th. The Uvalde County Stock Show is coming up on January 26th.

Board of Trustee Institute is being held at Horseshoe Bay this year on February 5-7. You should have received an email from us with details. If you would like to attend please let us know before January 18th, the deadline to register.

Christmas at the College was a great success. We had many positive comments from the community regarding our event.

Legislative

Legislative session opened on January 8th. TACC Legislative committee met January 9th to discuss pending bills and scheduled Senate Finance Hearing date.

The focus for this legislative session appears to be School Finance Reform and Property Tax Reform. I have included in your Board Packet a summary of our Legislative Priorities and a list of topics and their impact on our institution.

Upcoming Meeting/Events

1/15	Faculty Convocation
1/17	January Board Meeting
1/22	First Day of Classes – Spring 2019