

President's Report

August 2026



Momentum through Insight

This month's report highlights how data, planning, and student feedback are shaping the future of Wharton County Junior College. We will review the results of the Community College Survey of Student Engagement (CCSSE) and discuss how these insights are informing institutional priorities, academic planning, and student success initiatives.



**Introduction:
Dr. Pam Millsap**



CCSSE Results



Upcoming Events



Dr. Pamela Millsap

Vice President of Academic Affairs and Provost



Community College Survey of Student Engagement

Community College Survey of Student Engagement (CCSSE) is a nationally recognized survey that measures the student experience and feedback on student engagement and success. Approximately 15% of WCJC students participated in the survey in Spring 2026, which were then compared results from peer community colleges across the country. The findings will help guide institutional planning, APP2CAP implementation, and the development of the College's strategic priorities.

CCSSE provides insight into:

- Student engagement
- Academic challenge
- Student support
- Teaching and learning
- Campus climate

WHAT WE ARE DOING WELL

Strengths Identified by Students



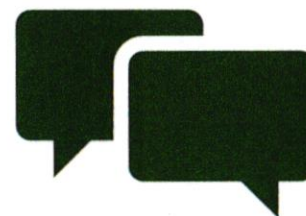
STRONG CLASSROOM ENGAGEMENT

Students report strong classroom engagement and collaborative learning.



ACADEMIC CHALLENGE

Students are frequently asked to analyze information, solve problems, and apply concepts.



POSITIVE GAINS REPORTED



Writing



Communication



Critical Thinking



Problem Solving



Working with Others



ADVISEMENT THAT MAKES AN IMPACT

Academic advising utilization exceeds peer institutions.



A SUPPORTIVE ACADEMIC ENVIRONMENT

Students perceive the College as encouraging academic effort and success.

AREAS FOR CONTINUED IMPROVEMENT

Where We Can Better Support Students



CONNECTION TO INSTRUCTORS

Students want more opportunities to connect with instructors outside of the classroom.



CAREER EXPLORATION & JOB PLACEMENT

Students desire more support in career planning and job placement.



BALANCING LIFE & COLLEGE

Students need additional support balancing work, family, and college.



CONNECTION & BELONGING

Students seek more connection and a greater sense of belonging.



FINANCIAL SUPPORT AWARENESS

Students indicated a need for increased awareness of financial resources.





From Analysis to Action

The survey reinforces many of the priorities already identified through APP2CAP and our strategic planning process.

Next Steps

- Prioritize active learning and maintain instructional excellence
- Increase opportunities for student connection and campus engagement outside of the classroom, including with faculty
- Continue to bolster advising and career pathways
- Expand employer engagement, internships, and work-based learning
- Improve wraparound supports for working adult students
- Incorporate CCSSE findings into performance measures and annual institutional priorities





APP2CAP

Student service teams are providing One-Stop Registration events on each campus throughout the summer.

Now an official WCJC tradition, our summer One-Stops provide students with all services in one location during non-standard hours, including Saturdays and evenings.

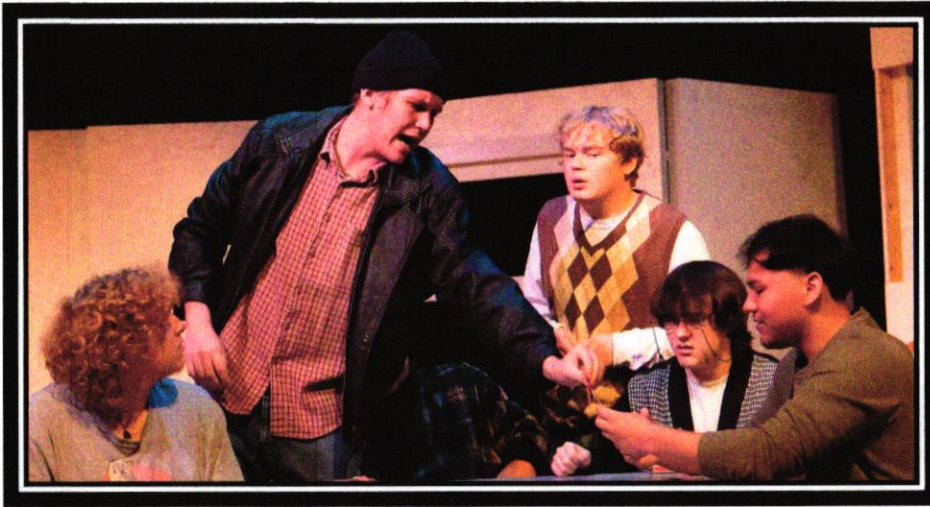
This summer, participation has increased by ~25% compared to last year!



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Upcoming Events



Fall Semester Dates

- New Faculty Onboarding: August 17 – 21
- College Convocation: August 24
- First Day of Class: August 31



80th Anniversary Events

- Wellness Campaign: Sept – Oct 2026
- Choir Concert and Reception: Sept 29