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PRESIDENT'S — REPORT



September 2026



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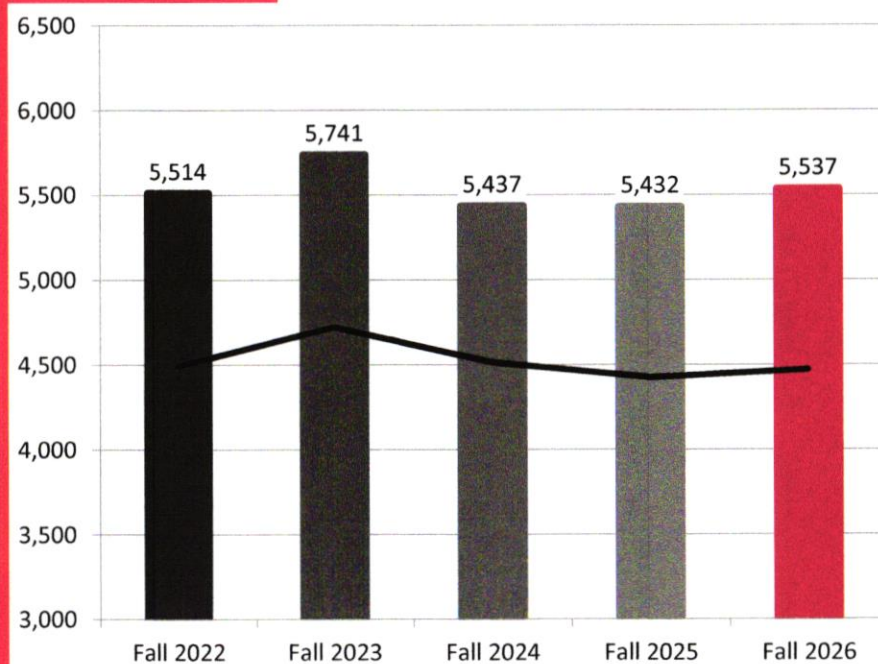
STRONG START

As we begin a new academic year, this month's report provides a look at where we are and where we are headed. We will examine fall enrollment across our campuses and introduce the College's new Strategic Plan, which establishes a clear direction for advancing student success, strengthening our communities, and positioning WCJC for the future.





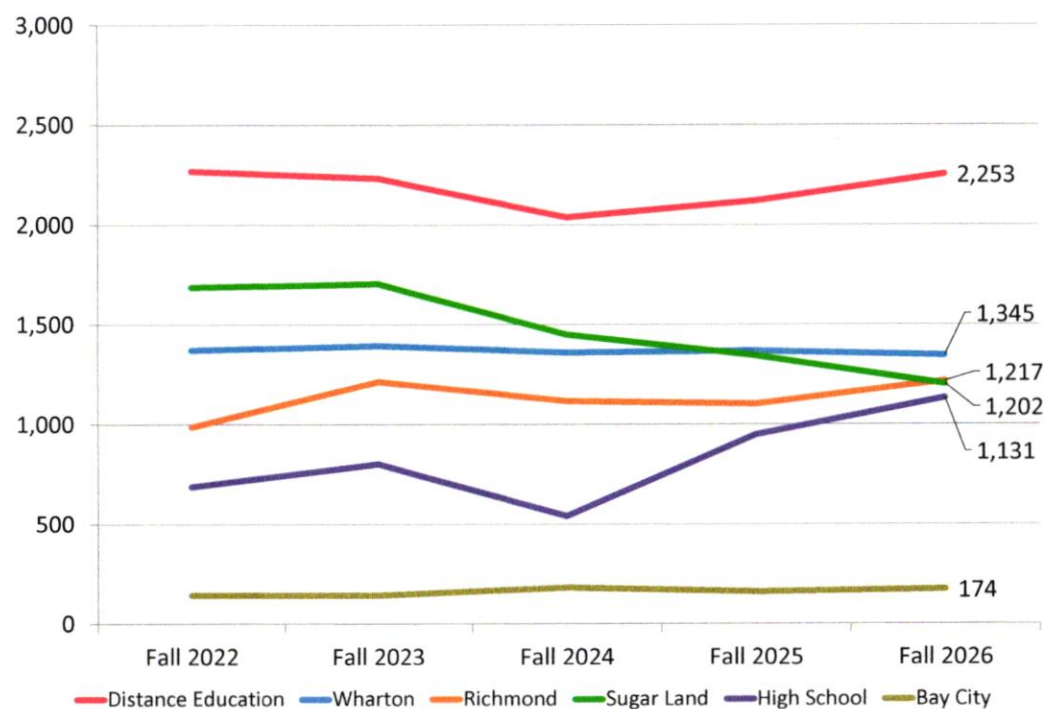
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FALL ENROLLMENT

First-day enrollment for Fall 2026 totaled **5,537 students**, representing a **1.9% increase** compared to Fall 2025 and reversing the slight downward trend of the past two years. This renewed growth provides positive momentum as the College begins implementing a new plan for student success through the APP2CAP framework. Official census date enrollment numbers will be submitted to THECB in October 2026.

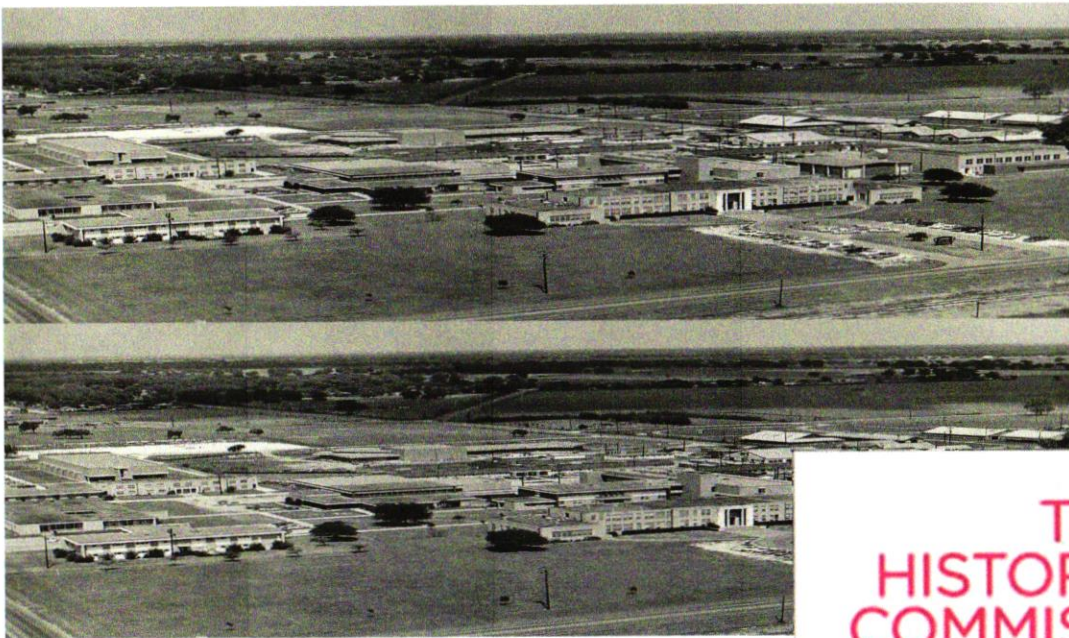
ENROLLMENT BY CAMPUS



Fall 2026 enrollment reflects a continued shift in where and how students access WCJC. Growth is being led by High School/Dual Credit (+19%), Richmond (+10%), and Distance Education (+6%), while enrollment in Wharton and Bay City remains relatively stable. Sugar Land continues to experience a decline (-11%), reflecting a longer-term shift in enrollment at that location.

Overall, these trends highlight the importance of aligning programs, student services, and facilities with changing patterns of demand while continuing to strengthen opportunities across all of the communities we serve.

HISTORICAL DESIGNATION



WCJC has been approved for a historical marker, highlighting the institution's impact to our local community.

The marker will be produced this Winter/Spring and will be installed on the Wharton Campus in Summer/Fall 2027.

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UPCOMING EVENTS



Professional Development

- CCATT Annual Conference: Sept 17-19
- Higher Edge: Dec 8-9



80th Anniversary Events

- Choir Concert and Reception: Sept 29
- Region XIV South Fall Conference: Oct 2
- Nat'l Night Out/VB Game: Oct 6

