

ANNUAL REPORT

2015





OUR VISION

**GROW HILL COLLEGE TO BE THE
COLLEGE OF CHOICE**

**SHOWCASE HILL COLLEGE AS A
UNIQUE & INNOVATIVE
PLACE OF TEACHING AND LEARNING**

**PROMOTE
STUDENT SUCCESS**



WELCOME FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends:

I am pleased to report that this past year was one we can all be exceptionally proud of at Hill College. Making the choice to build upon our past accomplishments and strengths, we kicked off a five-year master plan that has placed us on a strategic path aimed specifically towards meeting the needs of our stakeholders. With our purpose clear and our direction strategic, all of our accomplishments this past year have been intentionally aligned to achieve our mission and serve our vision. All that we have undertaken and achieved reflects the commitment to excellence carried out by our exceptional group of regents, administration, faculty, staff and students.

Top initiatives and priorities this past year included our commitment to collaboration, which called for active engagement with our various stakeholders. To that end, 2014 was a year in which we forged and reestablished extraordinary partnerships with our ISDs, business and industry partners, and the communities we serve. Other priorities included increasing student support to ensure access to needed resources, enriching the educational experience in and out of the classroom, and creating seamless pathways to ensure students meet their educational goals.

This past year also gave us an opportunity to realign our priorities by streamlining our program offerings. As state funding has decreased, we have worked hard to become more efficient stewards of our resources and, while growth and change are constants at Hill College, we have responded well to the new opportunities and financial pressures that now surround community colleges. It is now more important than ever to raise, invest and steward funds in the most efficient manner possible and thanks to the generosity of our foundations, advisory committees, and giving societies such as the Century Club, Hill College is positioned, aligned, and prepared to create a future targeted to improving the lives of individuals, their families and the community.

As a whole, we are heading into uncharted territory. Our nation's economy is changing as are job markets. The competition is greater and the dollars are often less. Still through all of this uncertainty, Hill College is committed to creating a bright future for our service area and its citizens. I believe that education is the compass to navigate forward and that we have a significant role in shaping the future of our community. We will continue to align ourselves and partner with strategic resources to ensure that we influence and mold a future that provides hope and opportunity for our citizens.

Thank you for playing such an important role in supporting education. You can count on Hill College to champion education in a manner that ensures we continue to set the standard in education, ideas, discovery and leadership.

Sincerely,
Pam Boehm, Ed. D.
President
Hill College



HISTORY

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Hillsboro Campus

The original concept of having a junior college in Hillsboro was credited to Hillsboro ISD School Board President John G. Read, a real estate agent, who first mentioned the idea to his fellow board members in 1919. Read, along with board member and local attorney A.M. Frazier, helped persuade citizens to establish a junior college in their community.

Hillsboro Junior College was officially established by Texas Attorney General and Bosque County native Calvin M. Cureton following the successful passage of a local bond election in the amount of \$25,000 on April 5, 1921. The junior college, which also happened to be the first municipal junior college chartered in the state, operated continuously from the time it opened its doors on Sept. 10, 1923 until July 1950 when it was forced to close after an attempt to establish a county-wide college system had failed. The college lay dormant for more than 11 years during which time the charter was protected from forfeiture through the efforts of the late Sen. Crawford Martin of Hillsboro. Then, on March 3, 1962, voters overwhelmingly approved two propositions that would reinstate the junior college once again. This time, however, it opened under a new name – Hill Junior College. The district now included Hillsboro, Abbott, Bynum, Covington, Itasca and Whitney. Hillsboro's Jackson National Guard Armory served as home to the new Hill Junior College from September 1962 to March 1964 before finally moving to its present-day campus. Hill Junior College continued to operate under that name until 1985 when the college dropped the word "junior" and became Hill College.

Johnson County Campus

Hill Junior College began offering classes in Cleburne beginning in 1971 at the Cleburne Civic Center. A Johnson County Extension Center later opened in 1974. An occupational center, including more than 75,000 square feet of warehouse space, was added in 1987. Citizens of Alvarado, Cleburne, Godley, Grandview, Joshua, Keene, Rio Vista and Venus approved a local maintenance and operations tax in 1997 and 1998 in support of a campus in Cleburne. The new Hill College - Johnson County Campus opened in the fall of 2000. The campus, which overlooks Lake Pat Cleburne, sits on 32 acres of adjoining land that was donated by Tolbert and Margaret Mayfield. An additional 15 acres of land is leased from the City of Cleburne. Most recently, a new Hill College Technical Center was developed which covers a four-block area just south of the Johnson County Courthouse in downtown Cleburne.

Burleson Center

On Dec. 19, 2005, both Hill College and Texas Wesleyan University (Fort Worth) leased a city-owned facility off Renfro Street in Burleson to begin offering credit and continuing education courses in Burleson. This partnership was the beginning of Burleson Mayor Ken Shetter's vision of bringing higher education to the city. The establishment of both colleges in Burleson presents a tremendous opportunity for area residents who now find it easier and more convenient to take college courses, complete degrees, receive job-related certifications and enjoy continuing education classes closer to home.

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OUR MISSION

Hill College will provide high quality comprehensive educational programs and services. The college enhances the educational, cultural, and economic development of its service area and assists both individuals and the community to prepare for a more productive life.



HALL OF FAME

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When Hill Junior College first opened its doors in 1923, it fielded athletic teams in football, basketball and even track and field. These first teams were the beginning of a now 90-year tradition of collegiate athletics at Hill College. In February of 2015, with the purpose of celebrating this tradition and preserving its history for the generations to come, Hill College founded its very own Athletic Hall of Fame.

Today the Hill College Athletic Hall of Fame exists to recognize those individuals who have made exceptional contributions to the achievements and prestige of the college in the field of athletics. Men and women are honored either by virtue of their performance on athletic teams representing the college, or by meritorious efforts in their years after graduation.

The Hall of Fame seeks to shine a light on those who, through hard work, dedication and sacrifice, have achieved success on the field, in the classroom and in life.

On Feb. 6, 2015, the inaugural class was inducted into the Hall of Fame. Together the inductees represented over 70 years of athletic achievement at Hill College. The athletic programs represented were baseball, men's basketball, women's basketball, rodeo and football. Soon to be added to the Hall of Fame are softball, volleyball, men's golf and women's golf.

Nominations for induction into the Hall of Fame are open to the public. The Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony is held in February of each year in the Vara Martin Daniels Performing Arts Center located on the Hillsboro campus.

Hall of Fame Class of 2015

Brian Myrow ('97) – Baseball

Omar Ramirez ('91) – Baseball

Kenneth Davis

('76-'79/'89-'99) – Women's Basketball Head Coach

Wanda Talton ('79) – Women's Basketball

Carter T. Williams ('69-'79) – Men's Basketball
Head Coach

Barry Davis ('74) – Men's Basketball

Jeana Brooks ('82) – Rodeo

Phillip Elkins ('92) – Rodeo

1947-1948 Hillsboro Junior College Indians –
Football



SUCCESS



RAY ROBERTS AWARD

Each year, the Ray Roberts Award is awarded to a second-year Hill College student athlete who has consistently demonstrated:

- Passion for the success of the college
- Personal commitment to the advancement and improvement of the college
- Selfless effort to support and better their teammates and peers
- Strong work ethic in both the classroom and in their athletic endeavors
- Positive demeanor and excellent character

The purpose of this award is to celebrate those student athletes who, through their dependability, hard work and positive influence, have made Hill College a better place by their presence. Athletic achievement is often and deservedly celebrated, however, institutions such as Hill College could not continue without the hard work and faithful dedication of the quiet heroes whose contributions are not flashy but are rather steady, constant and selfless.

The 2015 Ray Roberts Award winner was sophomore men's soccer player Max Naranjo.

ALUMNI - REP. DEWAYNE BURNS

In November of 2014, Johnson and Bosque counties elected DeWayne Burns to serve as their representative in the Texas State Legislature. During his freshman term, Rep. Burns worked to protect religious and personal freedom for all Texans, as well as, expand the representation for his constituents in Johnson and Bosque Counties. A strong conservative, Rep. Burns authored four bills this past session - two that created a new municipal management district for the western part of Johnson County; one that gave Johnson County representation on the contiguous county advisory council for the North Texas Tollway Authority; and one to ensure that each ground water conservation district in the state of Texas observes common law when creating regulations. All four were passed and were signed into law by Texas Gov. Greg Abbott. Rep. Burns also co-authored bills such as the Pastor Protection Act, the Open Carry Bill and multiple pro-life actions.

Rep. Burn's path to the Texas State House of Representatives began as a young man at home in Johnson County. Born into a family of teachers, he graduated from Cleburne High School before attending Hill College, Texas A&M and eventually graduating from Tarleton State University in 1994. He credits his initial interest in politics to his Texas and U.S. Government instructor from Hill College, Earl Wall.

"The way [Wall] taught the class opened our eyes," Rep. Burns said. "We talked about freedom, liberty and equality, and he made us think about what our priorities were among the three. We never agreed on those three things, but we had such great debate that for years after I would communicate with him even when I was working for Commissioner [Rick] Perry at the Ag Department."

Rep. Burns' first taste of Texas law making came during his final year at Tarleton as an intern for the Texas Department of Agriculture. His official career in the state legislature began after he graduated when he was hired simultaneously by two freshmen state representatives - Arlene Wohlgemuth and Gary Walker. From there, he would return to the Department of Agriculture to work under then Commissioner and eventual Gov. Rick Perry becoming the Coordinator for Special Issues in the department's Intergovernmental Affairs Division before returning home to Johnson County.

After leaving Austin for Johnson County, Rep. Burns continued to serve. Appointed to multiple Johnson County commissions and elected to the school board for Cleburne ISD, Rep. Burns has been continually motivated by the love for his community, his family and his faith.

"Jennifer and I have always been involved in the community because we love this area," he added. "I thought, and I still think, that it was great honor to be appointed to the historical commission, the development commission, and then elected to the school board. These are all honors that I hold dear to my heart."

Ultimately, even the decision to run for his first term as a State Representative came as a direct result of family influence - specifically, his grandmother's.

"She passed away a few weeks before the opportunity to run [for State Representative] came about, and we all as a family looked at each other and talked about if we were doing the best that we could," he added. "She was a true servant and had a huge influence on my life and my kids."

In September 2015, Rep. Burns announced his bid for re-election to the Texas State House of Representatives. Encouraged by the experience of his freshman term, he looks forward to continuing his conservative record as he finds ways to better Texas' transportation, law enforcement and education.

Today, Rep. Burns and his wife, Jennifer, reside in Cleburne with their two teenage sons and one daughter. Parker, their oldest, is currently enrolled in dual credit with Hill College at Cleburne High School, continuing in his father's footsteps.

"We are blessed to have Hill College so actively involved in Bureson, Cleburne, Johnson County and Bosque County," Rep. Burns said. "It enhances our communities and gives our kids more opportunity. Hill College is opening doors for people, and I appreciate it. It was impactful in my life, as you can see, and it still is with my oldest son, Parker, and my other two kids who I'm sure will be Rebels as well."



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ALUMNI - JADE LIFORD

When asked to describe a professional welder, most people would not initially describe Hill College alumna Jade Liford. A native of Rainbow, Liford made her way to Hill College in the fall of 2010 after completing a homeschool high school program that partnered with the JCCE Co-op in Alvarado. Influenced by a desire to not work in an office and an aptitude test taken at Hill College while she was a senior in high school, Liford decided to pursue a degree in Applied Sciences and studied welding under the direction of Hill College's welding program coordinator Brian Bennett.

"When I came to Hill College, I picked welding because I didn't want to work in an office, but I had never touched a welding machine!" Liford said. Yet despite having no background in the field, Liford's natural ability and strong work ethic brought her great success in her academic pursuits. She maintained a 4.0 GPA throughout her time at Hill College while taking a full class schedule and working full time.

"Jade's success is not surprising to me or anyone that knows her," Bennett said. "When I first met her, she had never welded before but was eager to learn. I could see early on that she had the drive to be successful."

In the spring of 2013, Liford graduated from Hill College with an Associates of Applied Science, a 4.0 GPA, Certificates of Completion in Special Welding, Basic Arc Welding and Marketable Skills Awards in Plate Welding and GTAW Welding. In October of 2013, she joined the team at Total Equipment and Service, a comprehensive oil field equipment supply company in Granbury. As a small parts fabricator, Liford spends the majority of her time working with the aluminum components of the large oil field equipment built by TEAS. She specializes in working with thin materials, completing precision welds. A few of her regular projects are aluminum catwalks, pump supports and control boxes.

"Jade is one of the best welders we have, and we would love to have more just like her," TEAS Marketing Director Ben Hiler said.

Liford credits the welding faculty at Hill College for her success saying that because of their thorough instruction and excellent training, she was fully prepared to work the first day she walked on the job.

Among her many interests, Liford enjoys spending time outdoors camping, kayaking or hiking in Cleburne State Park and Dinosaur Valley State Park in Glen Rose. She was also featured as the alumni speaker for the Hill College Boots and Suits Ball in April.

ALUMNI - MAX NARANJO

Max Naranjo, or “Captain Max” as he was called by his teammates, started every game for the Hill College men’s soccer team from 2013–2014 and led the group on its greatest run in program history. Coach Paul Davenport recruited Naranjo specifically because he was loyal, committed, and wanted a college education.

“Hill College did not take a chance on Max, Max took a chance on Hill College,” Davenport said.

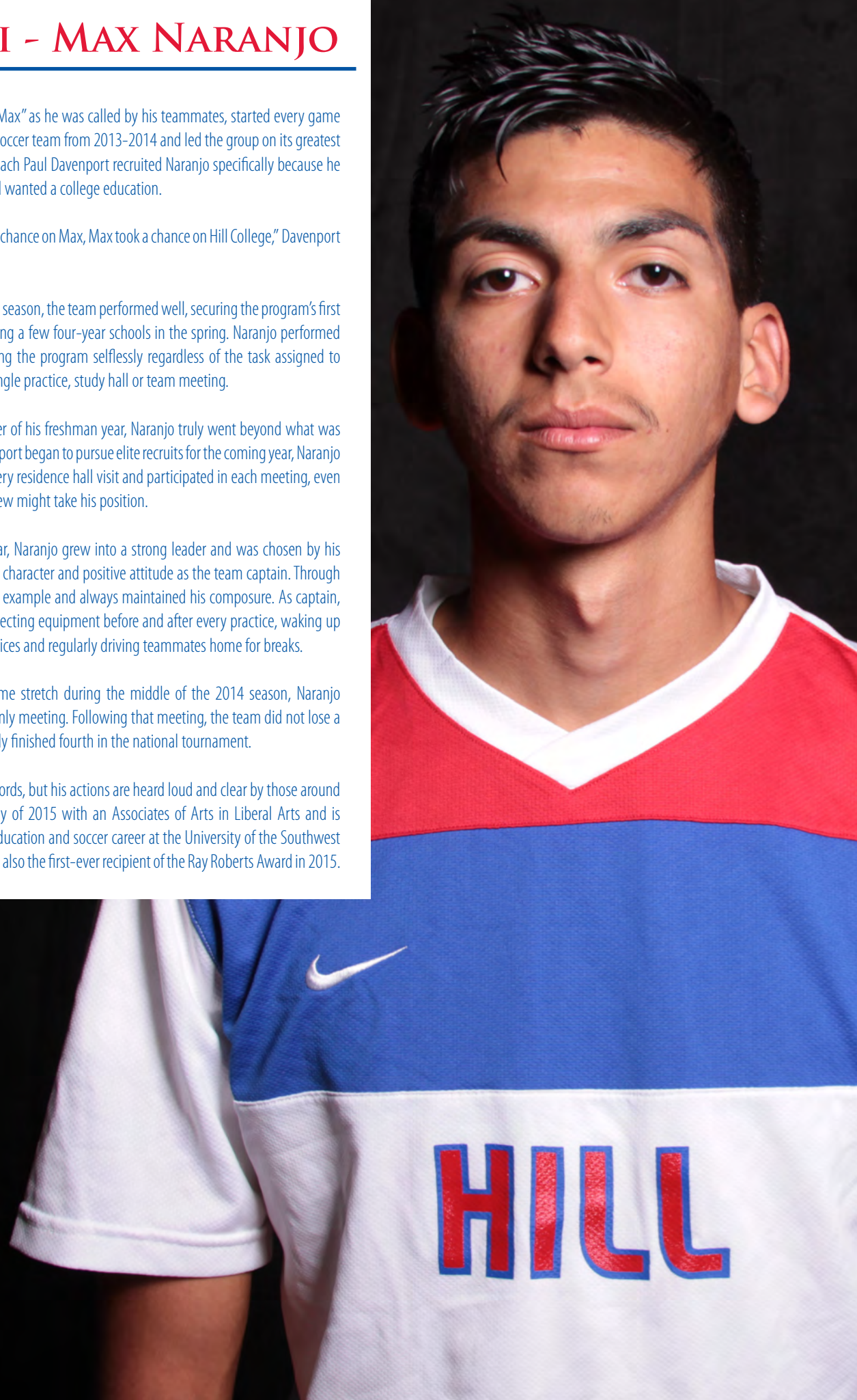
During Naranjo’s freshman season, the team performed well, securing the program’s first winning season and beating a few four-year schools in the spring. Naranjo performed consistently all year serving the program selflessly regardless of the task assigned to him. He never missed a single practice, study hall or team meeting.

During the spring semester of his freshman year, Naranjo truly went beyond what was expected of him. As Davenport began to pursue elite recruits for the coming year, Naranjo led every campus tour, every residence hall visit and participated in each meeting, even with players whom he knew might take his position.

During his sophomore year, Naranjo grew into a strong leader and was chosen by his teammates because of his character and positive attitude as the team captain. Through the fall of 2014, he led by example and always maintained his composure. As captain, he served his team by collecting equipment before and after every practice, waking up players up for 7 a.m. practices and regularly driving teammates home for breaks.

During a rough three-game stretch during the middle of the 2014 season, Naranjo called and led a players-only meeting. Following that meeting, the team did not lose a single game and eventually finished fourth in the national tournament.

Naranjo is a man of few words, but his actions are heard loud and clear by those around him. He graduated in May of 2015 with an Associates of Arts in Liberal Arts and is currently continuing his education and soccer career at the University of the Southwest (Hobbs, NM). Naranjo was also the first-ever recipient of the Ray Roberts Award in 2015.



ATHLETICS

Volleyball

- The Lady Rebels volleyball team ended its 2014 season ranked No. 14 in the nation, including finishing first in the Region V NJCAA Championship.
- Hill College also had four players named to the NTJCCAC All-Conference Team, and two players were selected for the NTJCCAC All-Tournament Team.
- Academically, the entire team received All-Academic NJCAA honors with a 3.12 team GPA. Sophomore Bailey Sheranko received an Exemplary Award for Academic Achievement (3.6 GPA or higher) while sophomore teammate Rachel Stoerkey received the Superior Award for Academic Achievement (3.8 GPA or higher).
- Alex Banister, Madi Odom and Rachel Stoerkel all signed to play at four-year universities following the 2014-15 season.

Women's Soccer

- The Lady Rebels soccer team won the Region V Tournament for the first time since 2008 and finished the season with an overall record of 11-5-1 (5-1-1 in conference).
- Kallie Moores, Corina Castillo, Hannah Tomlin, Brittini Van Bakel and Alondra Garza all signed to play at four-year universities following the 2014-15 season.
- Sophomore Larisa Segouin received the NJCAA Academic All-American Award: Superior Award for Academic Achievement (3.8 GPA or higher).

Men's Soccer

- It was a year of "firsts" for the men's soccer program. The Rebels recorded their first regional championship win, first district championship win and advanced for the first time to compete in the national tournament.
- After heading into the national tournament ranked No. 11 in the country, Hill College knocked off No. 2 Illinois Central and tied No. 7 Trinidad State.
- Hill College finished its season with an overall record of 13-5-2 and ranked No. 5 in the nation.
- Max Naranjo, Tony Salazar, Rob Serra, Jeremiah Garcia and Jackson Wedded all signed to play at four-year universities following the 2014-15 season.

Women's Basketball

- Hill College's Lady Rebels basketball team ended its season with an overall record of 19-13 and advanced to the semi-final round of the NJCAA Region V Tournament.
- Five players were named to the All-Conference teams, and Brianna Cribb was named the JTJCCAC Defensive Player of the Year. She also received the Exemplary Award for Academic Achievement.
- Brianna Cribb, Erika Brown, Niniva Taito, Brittany Johnson, Shuntay Raglin and Taylor Moore all signed to play at four-year universities following the 2014-15 season.



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Men's Basketball

- NTJCAC Most Valuable Player Marcus Johnson, Jr. and the rest of the Runnin' Rebels men's basketball team finished third in the nation following the 2015 NJCAA National Tournament in Hutchinson, Kan. Overall, the team finished the season with a 32-4 record and lost only one regular-season matchup.
- Eight players were selected to the All-Conference team. Also, Head Coach Swede Trenkle was selected as the NTJCAC Coach of the Year.
- Marcus Johnson, Jr. and Jermerrio Jones were chosen as NJCAA National Basketball All-Tournament selections. Jones also was awarded the Charles Seshier Sportsmanship Award, and Johnson was selected for the JUCO Showcase First Team All-American game in Las Vegas, Nev.
- Sophomore Stefan Zecevic was awarded the Exemplary Award for Academic Achievement (3.6 GPA or higher); and Marcus Johnson, Jr., Evan Moorman, C.J. Williams, Tyrell Green, Kevin Rice and Stefan Zecevic all signed to play at four-year universities at the conclusion of the 2014-15 season.

Rodeo

- The women's rodeo team ended the season in fourth place in the Southern Region of the NIRA, and the men's rodeo team was the Southern Region Runner-Up Champions. The men also had two individual regional championships and one individual reserve regional championship as well as a reserve all-around regional championship.
- The men's team also competed in the Collegiate National Finals Rodeo in Casper, Wyo., where the team finished in seventh place. Forrest Fisher was the reserve national champion in Team Roping, while Cole Hatfield finished sixth in Saddle Bronc Riding.
- Dylan Casper and Justin Hendrix were awarded NIRA Academic All-American honors for maintaining GPAs of 3.5 or higher.

Softball

- The Lady Rebels softball team finished the 2014-15 season with a 6-46 record, and Megan Haggard was selected to the All-Conference Team. The Lady Rebels were one of only three teams at the college to be named an All-Academic Team with an overall GPA of 3.12.
- Sophomore Hannah Greer was awarded the Exemplary Award for Academic Achievement (3.6 GPA or higher).
- Tawnye Bramlett and Stormi Matthews signed to play at four-year universities at the conclusion of the 2014-15 season.

Baseball

- Hill College's baseball team ended its 2014-15 campaign with an overall record of 26-24, and Cam Warner was selected for to the All-Conference Team.
- Academically, the Rebels were one of only three teams at the college to be named an All-Academic Team with an overall GPA of 3.13.
- Sophomores Nate Harris and Garret Kaiser were awarded the Exemplary Award for Academic Achievement (3.6 GPA or higher), and teammates Kyle Loson and Ben Hollas were awarded the Superior Award for Academic Achievement (3.8 GPA or higher).
- Sophomore Nate Kent was awarded the Pinnacle Award for Academic Excellence for achieving a 4.0 GPA.
- Cameron Linck, Nate Harris, Cameron Warner, Josh Foster, Drew Grimes, Cameron Pinchback, Nate Kent, Kyle Loson, Garrett Kaiser, Ben Hollas and Waldemar Ramos all signed to play at four-year universities following the 2014-15 season.



15 FORWARD

Statistics indicate that students who drop out of college are most likely to do so in the first semester of their college career. However, those students who achieve 15 hours of college credit are far more likely to complete their degree and graduate or earn a technical certificate. To encourage student success and help every student achieve their goals, Hill College launched *15 Forward* in the fall of 2014.

Briefly stated, *15 Forward* is a recognition and rewards initiative aimed at motivating Hill College students to remain in school and achieve their educational goals. *15 Forward* is specifically designed to spotlight the importance of achieving the 15 credit hour milestone. The creation and launch of the program was facilitated by Dr. Floretta Bush, Dean of Career and Technical Education.



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"The 15 Forward program is a way for us to keep students here longer and make sure they reach their goals," Hill College President Dr. Pam Boehm said. "Not only do we want them to succeed, but we want them to get that degree or certificate."



EMPLOYEE SUPPORT GROWS

The Hill College internal "We Believe" campaign recently raised a record \$14,142.95 to support student scholarships, special projects and campus initiatives. The campaign is designed to encourage Hill College Faculty and Staff to give back by supporting Hill College students. During the three-week campaign, 65 percent of employees participated by making individual donations as large as \$1,200.

Special thanks to community sponsors Anytime Fitness (Hillsboro), Fossil Rim Wildlife Park (Glen Rose), Cameron Park Zoo (Waco) and Starplex Cinema (Waco) for providing giveaways.

"A huge thank you from the Office of Development for supporting the campaign and helping us to show the community that we truly believe in what we do at Hill College," Associate Director of Development Preston Reynolds said. "Every little bit helps, and I am grateful for how our employees rallied around our students and the campaign, and I know that the community and our alumni will do the same. Thank you to all of our employees, friends, alumni and community members for their continued support of Hill College."

COMMUNITY GARDENS

Students enrolled in Dr. Lori Valentine Rose's Biology 2 and Nutrition classes have traded in their traditional classroom material for scoops and shovels as they strive to reach their goal of planting a garden at each of Cleburne ISD's seven elementary campuses.

Dr. Rose, a 2015 recipient of the National Institute of Staff and Organizational Development Excellence Awards, has been incorporating the gardening projects into her curriculum since 2013.

"This unique partnership between Hill College and Cleburne ISD allows my students to mentor every student at the elementary school – around 500 K-5 students – on how to build and plant an organic garden from scratch," she said. "This provides an invaluable and transformative experience for both the college and elementary students, and empowers them with lifelong skills on how to provide their own food."

Dr. Rose also said the overall construction of a garden counts as a lab grade for her students. Then, once a garden project is completed, students are required to create a brochure for elementary students and teachers explaining how to maintain the garden. This counts as a test grade.

"We only have two elementary school gardening projects remaining at Cleburne ISD," Dr. Rose said. "Then, I suppose we'll have to look at another neighboring school district."

A basic two-bed garden can be built for around \$800 for the cost of lumber, soil and plants. So far, the gardening projects have been paid for by local and national supporters.

"Through this gardening lab, I have made contacts with schools, non-profits and agencies that I would never have dreamed possible," Dr. Rose added. "I have made partners with Cook Children's Hospital, Cleburne ISD, *Cleburne Times-Review*, local farmers and landscaping businesses, Cleburne Lions Club, Cleburne Master Gardeners, City of Cleburne, Real School Gardens as well as many other individuals and organizations."

Graduates of Dr. Rose's gardening program often inquire about the gardens they helped build because they have taken ownership in their projects – and they want them to remain successful.



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MUSEUM UNVEILS NEW HONOREES

The Texas Heritage Museum houses the official State Medal of Honor Memorial to Native-Born Texans featuring Audie Murphy (the most decorated soldier during World War II) and Samuel Dealey (the most decorated sailor during World War II).

In the fall of 2014, five additional names were added to the memorial. These Medal of Honor recipients, Post War, included Victor H. Espinoza of El Paso (Korean War); Mike C. Pena of Newgulf (Korean War); Candelario Garcia of Corsicana (Vietnam War); Santiago J. Erevia of Nordheim (Vietnam War); and Jose Rodela of Corpus Christi (Vietnam War).

With the addition of the five new honorees, the Medal of Honor Memorial has 59 native-born Texans inscribed on its wall.

The Texas Heritage Museum's mission is to explore Texas and Texans during wartime and how those experiences affect us today. The facility, located on the Hill College Campus in Hillsboro, is comprised of three divisions: Galleries and Collections, Historical Research Center and the Hill College Press.

Together these three divisions help provide a learning environment that has helped Hill College establish itself as "The College for the Study of History" for students, as well as community members and the general public from all across the world.



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TEXAS HERITAGE MUSEUM CELEBRATES 50 YEARS

The Texas Heritage Museum at Hill College celebrated its 50th Anniversary in 2014 with a star-studded event that featured state representatives, state senators, three-star generals and a host of other dignitaries and guests. Although Texas Gov. Rick Perry was unable to attend the event, he did send a video message commemorating the occasion.

John Versluis, Dean of the Texas Heritage Museum, said over 200 people attended the invitation-only banquet on Sept. 24, 2014, inside the Bob Bullock Gymnasium on the Hillsboro campus. The 50th celebration – also known as “50 Years in the Making” – was the culmination of a week-long event that began on Sept. 22 with the Hill College Performing Arts Series hosting “Dimensions in Blue,” a big band ensemble from The United States Air Force Band of the West featuring 18 talented musicians from around the country.

Events throughout the week also included a members-only sneak peak into the museum’s 2014 exhibition galleries, the newly-updated Medal of Honor Memorial and an exclusive view of the temporary exhibit titled, “The Forgotten War, United States Siberia and North Russia Expeditionary Forces 1918-1920” created by Versluis himself.

Hillsboro ISD seventh graders were invited to view the new addition to the official State Medal of Honor to Native-Born Texans, and they also had the opportunity to watch the Texas Medal of Honor video entitled, “Remembering... Texans Who Received the Nation’s Medal of Honor,” in the Vara Martin Daniel Performing Arts Center. The event concluded on Sept. 24 with a VIP reception at the museum for those who were participating at that evening’s banquet.



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NURSING - MEET VICTORIA

The fact that she can give birth to three babies before noon is not even the most amazing thing about "Victoria," the newest member of the Hill College Nursing Department. She can push those babies out without batting an eye. Well, actually, she does bat her eyes. Her pupils also dilate, her breathing and heart rate accelerate, and she verbalizes what she is feeling. She can even simulate a seizure.

Victoria is a medical simulation mannequin. Or, more specifically, she is the latest addition to Gaumard Scientific's maternal and neonatal care simulators. With a price tag around \$70,000, Victoria is the latest and greatest in the field today. And thanks to the Wallace Foundation, Hill College received the first one in Texas, and one of only a few in the entire United States.

"Hill College is appreciative to the Wallace Foundation for the funds to purchase a high tech, state-of-the-art birthing simulator," Hill College President Dr. Pam Boehm. "Victoria enhances classroom lecture with real-world application in a skills lab setting. Hill College is excited to provide nursing education to its service area and to do so leading the state with Victoria."

The Victoria system includes comprehensive clinical birthing scenarios, including complicated births. Her innovative features mimic real human physiology, allowing the use of real medical equipment for monitoring and responding to intravenous medication administration. It is realism students can feel with their own hands. These

bring the lab to life for students allowing them to experience situations in a controlled setting before facing them in a real-life situation. With articulating endoskeletons and lifelike skin, Victoria is a realistic, fully wireless maternal/fetal simulator for use in actual health care training.

"I am excited and grateful to have been provided this birthing simulator for the skills/simulation lab at Hill College," said Paula Hutchings, RN, MSN, Hill College skills/simulation lab coordinator. "Victoria will provide students with opportunities that sometimes they may encounter in the clinical setting."

The newborn's features and lifelike appearance also allow for a more realistic childbirth simulation. The newborn can present signs of distress such as cyanosis, low heart rate and labored breathing. As the newborn's health improves, care providers can listen for a normal heart rate, lung sounds, crying and see active movement.

The technology includes a tablet which allows control of Victoria by the bedside from a control center or anywhere else up to 300 feet away. The user interface includes a labor and delivery control screen, patient and fetal monitor, an active 3-D patient animation, a scenario editor and player, a laboratory report generator, an activity log and more. The labor and delivery control screen is an intuitive user interface with options and controls to manage or program the labor and delivery process, including a comprehensive library of more than 30 pre-programmed labor and delivery scenarios.

PERFORMING ARTS SERIES

Hill College celebrated its 21st season of the Performing Arts Series during the 2014-15 school year with featured lineups that included acrobats, a vocal ensemble from Estonia, a bell choir, Irish folk music and one of the premiere jazz ensembles in the United States – and best of all, each venue was free to the public thanks to generous donors.

“Our Performing Arts Series has grown ten-fold over that past 20 years,” Phillip Lowe, coordinator of visual and performing arts at Hill College, said. “We started with a budget of approximately \$2,000. Now, we are able to bring four to six admission-free musical programs from both the United States and around the world to Hill College each year.”

The opening act in last year’s Performing Arts Series came out swinging – literally. The Dimensions in Blue Jazz Ensemble, a group whose members are part of the larger Air Force Band of the West, brought its big band jazz to Central Texas in September 2014. This group was made up of musicians that were recruited from around the country, and its purpose was to keep the 1940s Glenn Miller Air Corps sound at the center of its musical focus, while also incorporating a more contemporary sound in order to connect with today’s generation.

The next performance scheduled on the PAS was Heinavanker, a vocal ensemble from

Tallinn, Estonia. This unique ensemble performed in November 2014, and included its country’s early sacred music – including Estonian runic songs and folk hymns – in addition to contemporary works.

One month later, Baylor University once again supported the Performing Arts Series by sending one of its many fine ensembles to perform – the Baylor Bronze. The group performed on five octaves of Schulmerich hand bells with the recent addition of eight of the lower sixth and seventh octave of Malmark aluminum “basso profundo” bells. Although the Baylor Bronze’s repertoire generally consisted of classical, secular hymn-based arrangements, this concert also had a holiday flare.

Cirque Zuma Zuma visited the college in February 2015, and provided a high-energy, high-flying acrobatic performance. The group had first gained notoriety by becoming a finalist on the 2011 popular television series, *America’s Got Talent*.

Lastly, the Brock McGuire Band brought an internationally-recognized brand of traditional Irish music to the stage which included impressive arrangements of American Old Timey, Bluegrass, French-Canadian and the music of other Celtic traditions.





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CLEBURNE TECHNICAL CENTER

Hill College announced its new partnership with Trane, a global provider of indoor comfort solutions and services, during a June 10, 2015, unveiling and ribbon-cutting ceremony of the new Hill College Technical Center located at 319 E. Henderson St. in Cleburne.

The facility houses space for HVAC laboratories that will help train students to become technicians. The three new laboratories will be located on the ground floor of the Walls Building, and the second floor will house 16 classrooms.

“Hill College is committed to preparing our students to successfully compete for jobs while providing qualified technicians to fill our community’s business needs,” Hill College President Dr. Pam Boehm said. “We are excited to introduce the spaces for these new cutting-edge laboratories and updated curriculum which will allow our students to learn using the latest in innovative HVAC solutions and controls.”

During the ribbon-cutting ceremony, the Cleburne Industrial Alliance Council honored the college with a Community Improvement Award for the historic restoration of the former home of Walls Industries, a 70-year-old provider of work wear and sporting goods that was acquired by Williamson-Dick Manufacturing Co. in 2013.

Leaders from Trane and Hill College designed the new facilities in collaboration with the National Coalition of Certification Centers (NC3). NC3

is a nonprofit organization which develops, implements and sustains industry-recognized certifications. Graduates of the Hill College technician program will receive their final certification from NC3. Trane, Hill College and NC3 leaders worked hand-in-hand on the college’s HVAC program to ensure that it meets the latest industry-required levels. NC3 also is training the educators who will teach the curriculum offered in the new laboratories.

The three new 3,000-square-foot laboratories on campus will feature the latest HVAC solutions and controls to enable Hill College to achieve its goal of advancing career and technical training by offering state-of-the-art working HVAC labs to improve desired outcomes for graduates. HVAC classes are expected to begin in the fall of 2016 at the Cleburne campus, and each of the three laboratories will offer a different training environment, including:

- Residential HVAC
- Light commercial HVAC
- Building controls

Trane also donated two water-source heat pumps to the new residential laboratory, which are manufactured in the McGregor plant. The water-source heat pumps feature variable speed drives and variable speed fans, and they also represent leading-edge technology which enables students to learn using some of the latest HVAC solutions.



ISD PARTNERSHIPS

Public school administrators from a four-county area met with Hill College officials in the fall of 2014 to prepare for the upcoming academic year. One of the major topics was dual enrollment, where students have opportunities to begin their college careers while still in high school. In fact, it was mentioned that students in some fields, such as cosmetology, can actually be certified to begin working as soon as they graduate from high school.

"Hill College was the first college in Texas to offer dual enrollment, and at one time we had more students in dual enrollment than any other college in Texas," Hill College President Dr. Pam Boehm said.

About 12 public school administrators attended the workshop at the Hill County Campus and another 16 participated at the Johnson County Campus. They

represented independent school districts from Rio Vista, Covington, Mt. Calm, Whitney, Abbott, Bynum, Meridian, Alvarado, Cranfills Gap, Walnut Springs, Venus, Morgan, Cleburne, Hillsboro, Blum, Grandview, Godley, Glen Rose and Burleson.

The counselors, principals, teachers and superintendents heard from the Hill College president, vice presidents, deans, librarians and directors about services Hill College provides to the students and the school systems.

"Part of my vision is to showcase Hill College as something new, innovative and improved," said Dr. Boehm, who came on board as Hill College's 10th president July 1, 2014. "If we can educate and keep our students in our communities, it's a win-win for everyone involved."



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BURLESON PARTNERSHIP

Hill College and the City of Burleson have entered into a training agreement that will bring more workforce-related training to city employees and residents of Burleson.

Through the training agreement, fast-track classes are taught in areas ranging from computer technology to customer service. Some classes are held specifically for city employees while others are open to the community. The classes, which started in September 2014, were taught at the Burleson City Service Center.

The college is working with the city to acquire instructors for the city's classes and will set up the classes in its class catalog, allowing participants to receive CEUs (continuing education units) for class completion. The college will be allowed to offer classes for the community at the center as well.

"When the city contacted us about this idea earlier this year, we immediately wanted to be a part of it," Hill College Dean of Career, Technical and Workforce Education Dr. Floretta Bush said. "This educational partnership will allow the college to expand its offerings to the residents of Burleson and will also allow us to play a role in helping the city assure that its educational needs are met."

"The City of Burleson is grateful for the opportunity to partner with Hill College to economically expand our work-related training to city employees while, at the same time, enhancing educational opportunities for residents," Burleson City Manager Dale Cheatham said.

COLLEGE OF CHOICE



NATIONALLY-RANKED FIRE ACADEMY OFFERS CLASSES IN CLEBURNE

The Hill College Fire Protection Program began offering a hybrid fire academy in Cleburne in the fall of 2014, providing a convenient way for individuals to enter this community service field.

“The hybrid fire academy is a combination of online classwork with face-to-face classroom work,” Hill College Fire Protection coordinator Robert Matthews said. “It was designed for the working man or woman who wants a career in fire service.”

This hybrid academy was in addition to the existing one the college has been operating in Hillsboro since 2012. Students complete the online work during the week and come to class every Saturday to practice hands-on skills.

Students who successfully complete the program take the Texas Commission on Fire Protection (TCFP) test to earn the Basic Structural Firefighting Certification. Hill College serves as a testing site. Students earn 24 semester credit hours, which can be transferred into the college’s associate of applied science degree in fire protection. Students must be at least 18 years of age and have a physical completed prior to the first day of class.

The Hill College Fire Protection Technology Program was recently named a nationally-ranked fire science program by FS Online (firescience.org). The program ranked 38th out of the top 90 programs across the nation and eighth in the state.



AUTOMOTIVE GAINS

Hill College's Automotive Technology program has received accreditation from the National Automotive Technician Education Foundation (NATEF) and The National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence (ASE), following a lengthy evaluation process.

ASE is a national non-profit organization which tests and certifies repair technicians, in addition to accrediting automotive training programs upon recommendation by NATEF. NATEF examines the structure, resources and quality of training programs and evaluates them against standards established by the industry.

"During the past few months, we have worked closely with NATEF to make certain that our program would meet strict industry standards, and now we are delighted to join the ranks of the ASE accredited training programs," Hill College Automotive Technology coordinator Jerry Hampton said. "This is an added assurance for our students and employers of the quality training we provide."

Hill College's program has been accredited at the Automobile Service Technology Level encompassing the following areas: Engine Repair, Automatic Transmissions, Manual Drive Train and Axles, Suspension and Steering, Brakes, Electrical/Electronic Systems, Heating and Air-Conditioning, Engine Performance, and Auto Maintenance and Light Repair.

"Our local partners in the automotive technology industry came together to make this happen," Hampton added. "We're very proud to receive such support."

NATEF Chair Donald Seyfer said cooperation between the college and industry leaders gives added assurance that Hill College's graduates will be employable entry-level technicians.

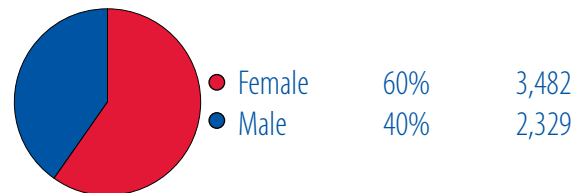


STUDENT DATA

Enrollment

2014 Fall	4,287
2015 Spring	3,952
2015 Summer I	1,141
2015 Summer II	617

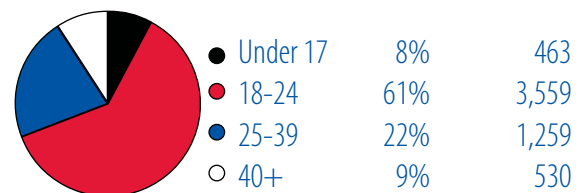
Gender



Ethnicity

65%	3,792	White
9%	537	Hispanic/Latino
7%	394	African American
1%	85	Asian
1%	39	American Indian/ Alaskan Native
<1%	21	Pacific Islander
<1%	17	International Student
15%	890	Two or More Races
<1%	36	Unknown

Student Age



Residency

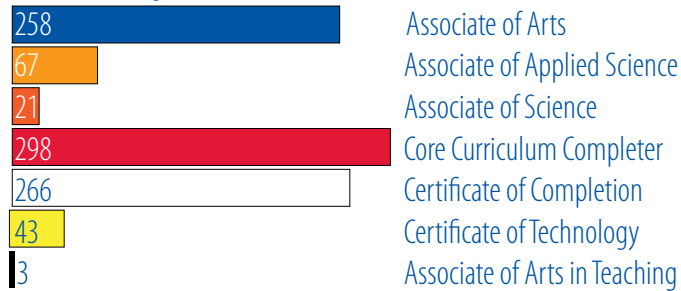
In-District	56%	3,264
Out of District	40%	2,323
Tuition Exemptions	1%	74
Outside of Texas/Foreign	3%	150

FACULTY DATA

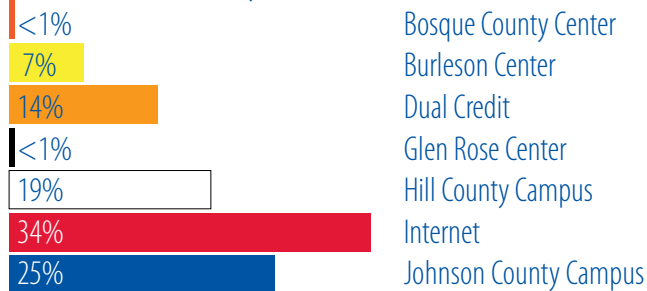
Dual Credit Unduplicated Headcount 23% 1,317

Community and Workforce Education Students 1,035

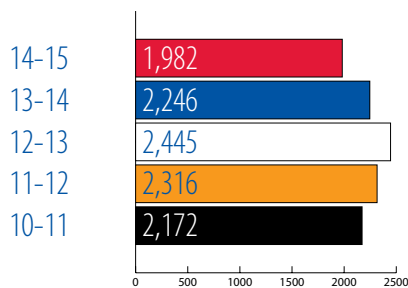
2014-2015 Degrees Awarded



2014-2015 Enrollment By Location



Pell Grant Recipients



States and Countries Represented

States 36
Countries 26

Faculty Characteristics

Total Faculty 206
Full-Time 78
Part-Time 128
Average Age 52

Full-Time Faculty Education Attainment

Doctorate 8
Master's 48
Bachelor's 12
Associate/Certificate 10

Full-Time Faculty Length of Teaching Service

5 Years or Less 25
6-10 Years 22
11-15 Years 10
16-20 Years 6
More than 20 Years 15

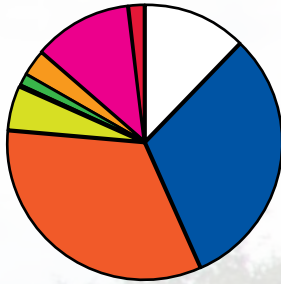
2015 NISOD Award Winners

Academic Vernon Hyles; Lori Rose
Technical Brian Bennett

FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

Year Ending August 31, 2014

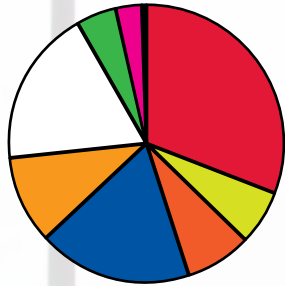
Revenue Sources



○ Tuition & Fees	\$3,506,436
● State Appropriations	\$8,811,576
● Grants & Contracts	\$9,321,326
● Ad Valorem Taxes	\$1,464,810
● Income Investments	\$92,537
● Other	\$437,001
● Auxiliary	\$834,119
● Branch Campus Maintenance Tax	\$3,256,737
● Gifts	\$546,164
	\$28,270,706



Budget Expenditures



Instruction	\$8,047,292
Public Service	\$2,619
Academic Support	\$1,703,403
Student Services	\$2,003,479
Institutional Support	\$4,713,213
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	\$2,652,567
Scholarships and Fellowships	\$4,776,676
Auxiliary Enterprises	\$1,267,268
Depreciation	\$794,027
Other	\$82,858
	\$26,043,402

DONORS

John Grover Harvey Scholarship Endowment

Sarah and Wesley "Jim" Wilkinson made a decision in late December 2014 to positively impact Hill and Johnson counties. In honor of Sarah's father, the New Orleans-based couple has established the John Grover Harvey Scholarship Endowment to support students attending Hill College's Fire Academy. John Grover Harvey was a longtime Hillsboro firefighter. Born in 1888, Harvey was the youngest in his family. He attended the Fire Training School at Texas A&M University each year and eventually became the Hill County Fire Marshall. Sarah's brother, John Grover Harvey II, shared their father's passion for service and fire training. Part of the support for this endowment was from a trust established after her brother's death.

Troy Cobb Scholarship Endowment

Dr. Troy Cobb, a 1986 graduate of Hill College, made the conscious decision to give back to his first alma mater by establishing a \$10,000 scholarship endowment. Named after him, the Troy Cobb Scholarship Endowment was created to support students at Hill College who are interested in pursuing a degree in a science-related field. Dr. Cobb completed his Associate of Science Degree before moving on to Texas A&M University in College Station, where he received a Bachelor of Science in Biology in 1988 and finished his Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine in 1993. He grew up on a farm in Grandview, raising chickens and cows with his family, so an interest in animal science was a natural fit. While at Hill College, Dr. Cobb was a member of the Baptist Student Ministries and Phi Theta Kappa.

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The President's Circle is comprised of Hill College's top donors. Individuals, groups, organizations and companies in the Circle each have donated in excess of \$1,000 to the College in the past year.

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Texas Health-Huguley Hospital

The Century Club

The Century Club promotes the success of the college by raising funds for projects for which no federal, state or local funds are available. During the 2014-15 year the Century Club raised \$7,500 for Hill College and its students.

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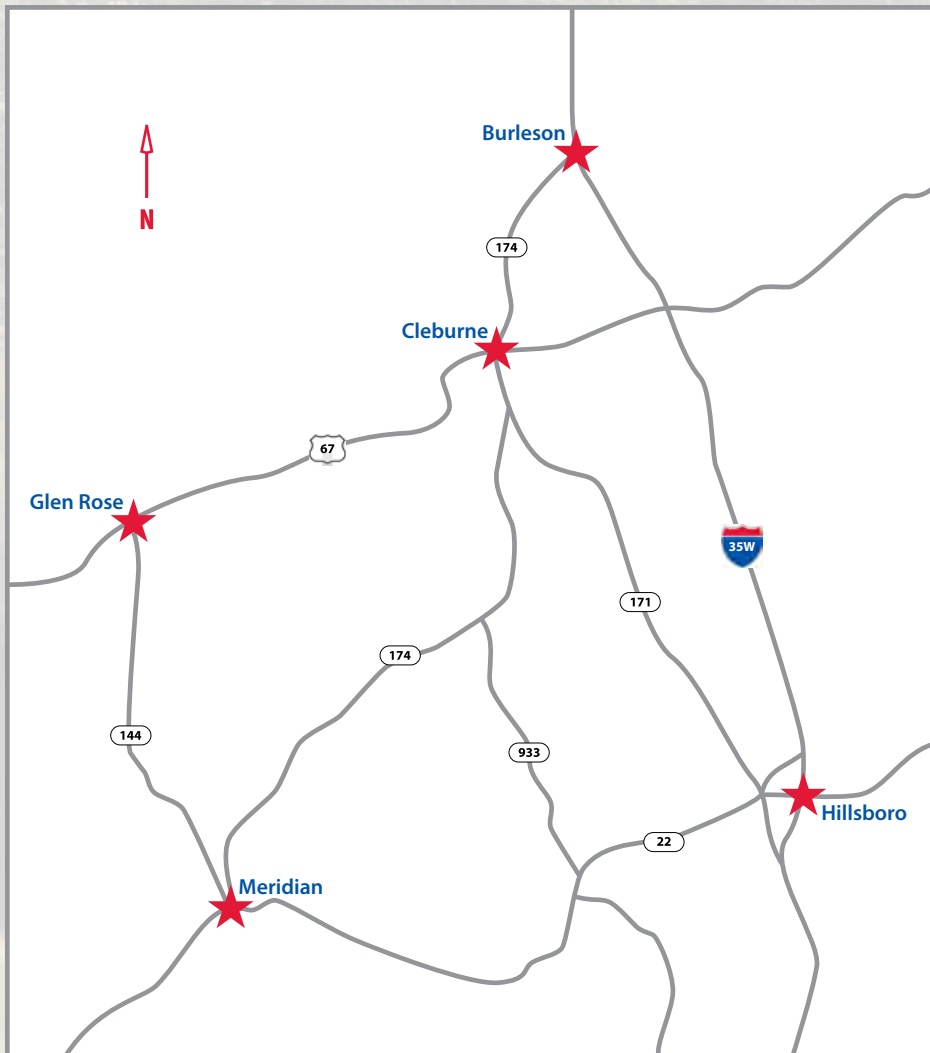
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