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*New Vision*

*Same Mission*

***MOVING FORWARD***



*2013-14 President's Report*

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## Letter from the President

Dear Friends:

It is an honor and privilege to serve as Hill College's 10th President. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our community for its support and contributions to make Hill College a great place to learn, work and succeed.

I am pleased to share with you the 2013-2014 President's Report. The achievements that have been accomplished this past year are reflective of efforts in time and persistence during the economic downturn. As we prepare for the future, the College mission and vision are summarized in the overriding themes of STUDENT SUCCESS and STUDENT ENGAGEMENT. Throughout the past fiscal year, our faculty and staff have worked with our students and stakeholders to identify ways to retain students to meet their educational goals. This is reflective of :

- Streamlining admission and registration processes to make it easier for students to do business with us.
- Designing renovation of a 36,000 square foot downtown Cleburne technology facility
- Expansion and partnership with Lincoln Electric to offer training in high-demand, high-paying jobs
- Increase in adjunct pay to attract diversified faculty applicants
- A new Core Curriculum emphasizing critical thinking, social/civic responsibility, teamwork, qualitative/quantitative reasoning and skills for success in a global economy
- Student learning outcomes to enhance and support performance-based funding
- All-American athletic teams reflective of success on the field, court and in the classroom
- College success camps to assist students with building basic skills to be successful in college
- Dual Credit partnerships with 28 high schools
- Low student/teacher ratio
- Expansion of a Music/Drama and Performing Arts facility to allow for individual and show-stopping performances
- A state-of-the-art Snap-On Facility to not only train students for the workforce, but also to equip students upon graduation with state-of-the-art tools
- Expansion of Continuing and Workforce Education to include allied health programs such as echocardiology, phlebotomy, etc. which provide support in developing state-of-the-art credit and customized courses and programs
- Increased scholarship and financial aid opportunities
- Affordable, accessible and low-cost tuition
- Alternative instructional delivery methods to include face-to-face, Internet, hybrid, two-way interactive video, flipped classes and mini-mesters designed for student convenience
- Certificates/degrees/marketable skills awards
- Support services, residence halls, athletics and extra-curricular activities to give students that "college climate" experience
- Annual Boots & Suits fund-raising gala totaling \$60,000 for Athletic Training
- A nationally renowned Texas Heritage Museum offering historical experiences for children and citizens free of charge.

As a newly appointed President, my initiative is to provide a new and improved Hill College by the development of a five-year master plan designed to:

- Grow Hill College as a "new and innovative" college of choice
- "Showcase" Hill College as a distinctive, affordable, unique place of teaching and learning
- Promote value and student success by equipping students with lifelong learning skills

The master plan initiative is fueled by challenges such as a focus on outcomes and performance, changes in enrollments, shifts in pedagogical approaches, increased safety needs, shrinking state appropriations, and changing facility needs that influence programmatic needs.

Hill College is ready and positioned to take this five-year plan to the next level by expanding academic course offerings to our service area and dual credit partners; providing cutting-edge delivery methods and pedagogies; providing a dynamic campus environment with engaging programs and contemporary facilities; expanding recruiting efforts and partnerships to new markets to embrace diversity, traditional, and non-traditional students; and by growing the endowment.

Spending the last five and one-half years in the classroom has been a blessing in that I have had the opportunity to directly impact students, as well as work alongside the best faculty team a college could have. Student testimonials bolster a charge to make our college the best it can be for future leaders. This requires an investment of time, expertise and funding. The "We Believe" Giving Campaign at Hill College will provide the resources to help students meet their educational goals and grow Hill College as the college of choice.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our community for its support of Hill College. As your community partner, we serve YOU and appreciate your trust in us. We invite you to review our President's Report and visit our website.

I feel blessed to serve this great college in a challenging and exciting time and am confident that the best is yet to be at Hill College!

Best Regards,



Pam Boehm, Ed.D.  
President  
Hill College



## About Hill College

The authorization to establish Hill College was issued in 1921 by the Attorney General of the State of Texas under the name of Hillsboro Junior College. The college first enrolled students in September of 1923. At that time, there were only two public junior colleges in the state, and Hillsboro Junior College became the first municipal junior college to be chartered in Texas.

Hillsboro Junior College operated continuously until July of 1950 when it closed after an attempt to establish a county-wide college system failed. The college lay dormant for 11 years during which time the charter was protected from forfeiture through the efforts of the late Senator Crawford Martin of Hillsboro.

On March 3, 1962, through the efforts of the media, local civic groups, and many others, a bond issue was passed for the purpose of building a new campus. The college opened for business in September of 1962 under a new name, Hill Junior College. The new college district was expanded by the voluntary annexation of five Hill County school districts other than the original Hillsboro school district. The district now included Hillsboro, Abbott, Bynum, Covington, Itasca, and Whitney.

In 1974, the college opened an extension center in Johnson County, located in Cleburne, Texas. The Johnson County Campus now includes six buildings on 32 acres of land and has more than 1,000 students enrolled in both day and evening classes. In 1997 and 1998, the citizens of Alvarado, Cleburne, Godley, Grandview, Joshua, Keene, Rio Vista, and Venus approved a local maintenance and operation tax for the purpose of supporting the campus of Hill College in Johnson County.

The college dropped “junior” from its name in 1985 and became Hill College.

Higher education came to Burleson, Texas, on December 19, 2005, when representatives from Hill College, Texas Wesleyan University and the City of Burleson hosted a ceremonial lease signing, creating the Higher Education Center. Burleson Mayor Ken Shetter had a vision of bringing higher education to the city and played a key role in accomplishing this by offering Hill College and Texas Wesleyan University the opportunity to hold classes in a city-owned facility on Renfro Street. Hill College-Burleson opened its doors in spring of 2006, with 87 students. Today, the Center serves approximately 400 students per semester, offering both day and evening classes.

## Mission Statement

Hill College provides 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.

## Core Values

Integrity

Educational Excellence

Student Success

Respect

Enthusiasm

Collaboration

## Strategic Plan

Funding

Marketing

Student Recruitment

Retention

Instruction

Facilities

Named a *“2014 Employer of Excellence”* by Workforce Solutions for the Heart of Texas.

# 2013-14 Facts at a Glance



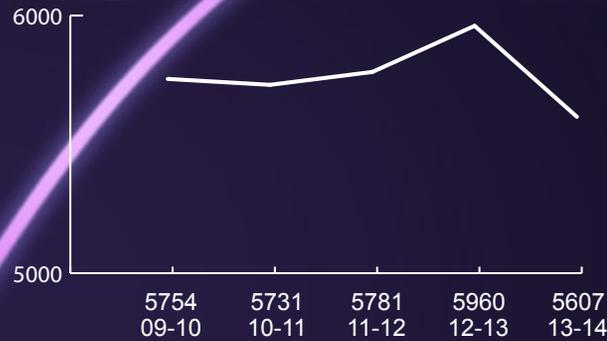
## Top Six Counties by Enrollment

JOHNSON .....	2536
HILL .....	758
TARRANT .....	257
SOMERVELL .....	192
BOSQUE .....	145
NAVARRO .....	116

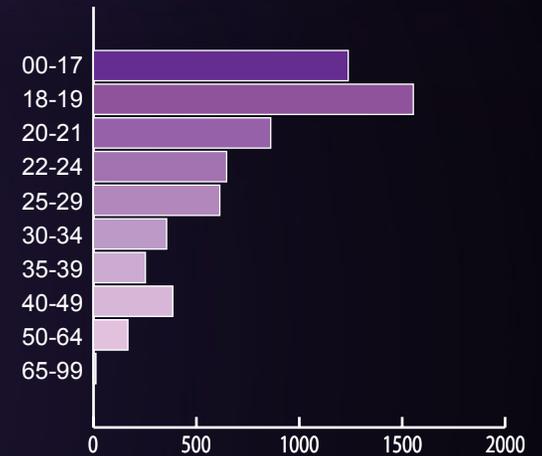
## Enrollment by Campus

JOHNSON .....	2071
HILL .....	1101
BURLESON .....	534
GLEN ROSE .....	22
MERIDIAN .....	2
DUAL CREDIT .....	1366
INTERNET .....	3603
Internet students may be enrolled at more than one campus/location.	
UNDUPLICATED DISTRICT TOTAL ...	6333

## Enrollment History by Academic Year



## Enrollment by Age Group



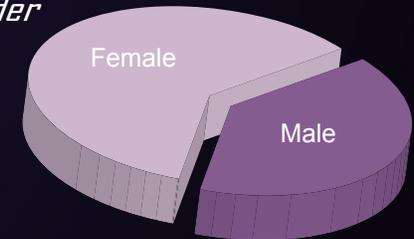
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AUSTRALIA	ARKANSAS
BELIZE (BRITISH HONDURAS)	CALIFORNIA
CANADA	FLORIDA
GHANA	GEORGIA
GUATEMALA	IDAHO
HAITI	ILLINOIS
HAWAII	INDIANA
KOREA (SOUTH)	IOWA
MARSHALL ISLANDS	KENTUCKY
MEXICO	LOUISIANA
NEPAL	MARYLAND
NIGERIA	NEVADA
PANAMA	NEW MEXICO
PUERTO RICO	NORTH CAROLINA
SAUDI ARABIA	OKLAHOMA
UNITED KINGDOM	SOUTH CAROLINA
UNITED STATES	TEXAS
VENEZUELA	UTAH
ZIMBABWE(RHODESIA)	WISCONSIN

## Enrollment by Ethnicity

AFRICAN AMERICAN .....	473
AMERICAN INDIAN .....	25
ASIAN .....	36
HISPANIC .....	1110
INTERNATIONAL .....	86
PACIFIC ISLANDER .....	18
TWO OR MORE RACES .....	156
UNKNOWN .....	63
WHITE .....	3640
GRAND TOTAL .....	5607

## Gender

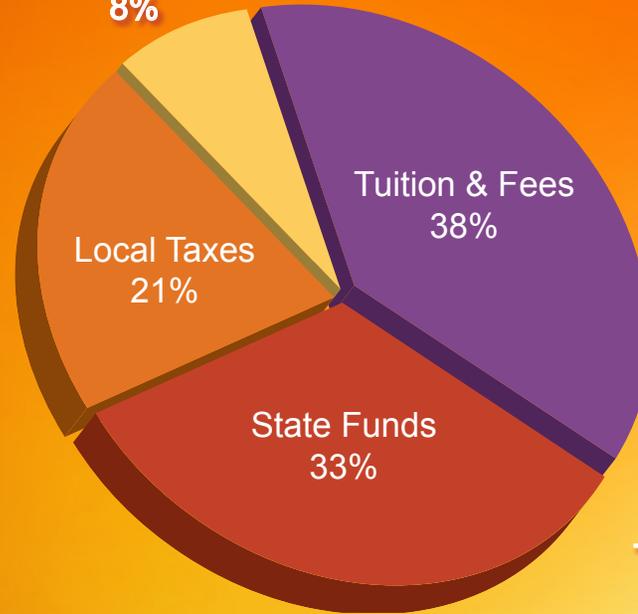


## Degrees Awarded

AA .....	225	AAT .....	3	CERT2 .....	26
AAS .....	75	CERT1 .....	338	TOTAL .....	667

*Financial Data*

Auxiliary Enterprises &  
Philanthropic Support  
8%



Total Budget = \$22.7 Million

*Cost of Attendance*

*In District  
On Campus*

\$11,864

*In District  
At Home*

\$14,695

*In Distric  
Off Campus*

\$17,368

*Out of District  
On Campus*

\$12,554

*Out of District  
At Home*

\$15,358

*Out of District  
Off Campus*

\$18,058

*Out of State  
On Campus*

\$12,954

*Financial Aid Data*

58% of students receive financial aid • Institutional aide provided - \$318,077  
Federal grants provided - \$7,9677,986 • State grants provided - \$255,844

## *From the Board of Regents*

The Board of Trustees of Hill College is comprised of a dedicated group of people from Hill County. Each member recognizes the value and contribution Hill College makes to all the citizens of Central Texas. Through the college's academic and technical certificate programs, individuals are afforded the opportunity to greatly enhance their marketability in today's workforce and thus, their quality of life. They can do this near their homes at one of our many campuses. It is the Board's mission and desire to see Hill College continue to grow and offer quality academic courses and "cutting edge" technical programs to all of the citizenry. We will continue to work hard to make sure Hill College remains an academic pillar within our communities.



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Chairman of the Hill College Board of Trustees



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# ***JANUARY***

## ***Hill College Selects New Leadership***



In November 2013, long-time Hill College President, Dr. Sheryl Kappus, notified the college community of her impending retirement plans. A search firm was hired and the Board of Regents tasked a committee with selecting the next leader for the 91 year old institution. After narrowing down more than 70 applicants to six highly qualified finalists, an individual with 30 years of Hill College experience rose to the top. Dr. Pamela Boehm became the 10th president of Hill College on July 1, 2014.

Dr. Boehm had previously served as the administrative assistant to the dean of instruction, director of counseling and support services, dean of students, vice president of student services, crisis counselor, adjunct and full-time psychology instructor, and most recently the coordinator for social and behavioral sciences. Dr. Boehm holds a bachelor of arts in applied sciences and master's degree in education from Tarleton State University. She completed her doctoral studies in Curriculum and Higher Education at Texas A&M University-Commerce.

Dr. Boehm received the Hill College Spirit Award in 2008, was selected by colleagues as the NISOD Excellence in Teaching Award recipient, Minnie Stevens Piper Teaching Award nominee, and was named Woman of the Year by the Hillsboro Business & Professional Women's Organization, among many other community and professional honors. She has also been very active in community, professional and service organizations.

Community members of the presidential screening committee included Jack Harper, Hillsboro City Manager; Jennifer Nowlin, Hill County Title Company; Pam Timmons, former Hill College Regent; and Tim Miller, former Cleburne ISD superintendent. Members from Hill College were Claudia Rodriguez, enrollment and financial aid specialist; Donald Schneider, accountant; Dr. Eleanor Bush, biology instructor; Jerry Hampton, automotive instructor; Rex Parcels, vice president of instruction; and Thomas Smith, economics instructor.

# JANUARY

## IN THE KNOW

In addition to being a long-time Hill College employee, Dr. Boehm is also a graduate of Hill College, allowing her to join the ranks of the small percentage of college presidents nationwide that has gained the opportunity to lead their respective alma maters.

When asked about her plans for Hill College Dr. Boehm said, "I look forward to developing academic, continuing education and short-term training opportunities with business and industries in our service area, as well as meeting the training needs of new, emerging entities moving to our service area."

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# ***FEBRUARY***

## ***Year of the Champions: Athletes Succeed On and Off the Field***



The year 2014 resulted in a number of championship caliber teams from Hill College. The Lady Rebel Volleyball team paved the way by securing a coveted spot at the NJCAA Division 1 National Tournament. The student-athletes won the NJCAA Region V North Volleyball Tournament to gain entrance into the national tournament. They finished the season ranked 14th in the nation.

The Lady Rebel Basketball Team continued the College's winning ways by achieving a mid-season ranking of 20th in the nation. The Lady Rebels finished the season with a 19-9 record and four ladies signed scholarships to play at four-year institutions. The Running Rebels Basketball Team may not have started the season ranked, but they ended with one of the best records in program history, earning Hill College's first trip to the National Tournament in 40 years. They fell in the second round, finishing the year ranked 9th in the country. The most important accomplishment of our student-athletes is their ability to "get it done" in the classroom. Hill College hails three NJCAA All-

Academic Teams in volleyball, baseball, and softball. In addition, six student-athletes finished the year as NJCAA Academic All-Americans (sophomore with GPA above 3.6): Kelly Van Heule (soccer), Oscar Montalvo (soccer), Lachlan Brinkley (soccer), Kelsey Brungs (softball), Nate Harris (baseball), Justin Walton (baseball). Rodeo hailed four students recognized as NIRA Academic All-Americans: Hallie Monkres, Taylor Thate, Dylan Cosper, and Justin Hendrix. One other student-athlete, Kyle Loson (baseball), finished with the NJCAA Superior Academic Achievement (sophomore with a 3.8 or above GPA).

# FEBRUARY

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## IN THE KNOW

Not only do Hill College student-athletes excel on and off the court while at Hill, but they also continue their educational and athletic pursuits at the next level.

### Last Year's Final Records

Baseball .....	24-27
Softball .....	7-33
Men's Basketball .....	26-8
Women's Basketball .....	19-9
Volleyball .....	28-7
Men's Soccer .....	9-6
Women's Soccer .....	8-7-1
Rodeo	

19th Men's Team at the NIRA College  
National Finals Rodeo (CNFR)  
5th CNFR Calf Roper – Blane Cox  
7th CNFR Calf Roper – Marty Yates

*To find out what our student-athlete alumni are up to now, check out the student athletes moving forward page toward the back of this report.*



# ***MARCH***

## ***Students Give Back***



Hill College feels that part of being a well rounded student is found in community involvement. Our students are encouraged to participate in many outreach activities.

JCC United Way, about 20 students led by campus advisor Dr. Lori Rose, raised \$3600, from the Run for Shelter 5K, Alpha Gamma Silent Auction, and Dodgeball Tournament.

At the Hill College Burleson Campus many students participate in the Rebels with a Cause student group. Rebels with a Cause was founded in the Spring of 2010 for the purpose of allowing students the opportunity to serve their community, provide positive promotion of the college, demonstrate leadership and communication, and aid in recruitment among other goals. Members are required to be in good

academic standing with Hill College. Those who qualify often serve as host at college sponsored functions within the community and on campus. Recently these students raised money for Relay for Life.

HCC students also participated in the Relay Event for Hill County in April. Hill College - Rowdy Rebels "Brian's Battalion" raised over \$1,500 in honor of Brian Boring, Director of Telecommunications, who passed away from cancer. Over 50 students walked all evening and the team was upgraded to a five star team with increased donations throughout the event.

# MARCH

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## IN THE KNOW

The Burleson Opportunity Fund is part of the City of Burleson's Strengthening Families Initiative, a group of individuals representing education, social service, city government, healthcare, and faith-based institutions, which met in early 2007 to brainstorm ways the Burleson community could better serve families, children, and youth. The Burleson Opportunity Fund provides funding for Burleson and Centennial High School graduates to attend Hill College tuition free for at least one year.

Last year's Burleson Opportunity Fund Breakfast of Champions fundraiser raised over \$130,000 to benefit Burleson ISD students coming to Hill College! For more information or to get involved, visit [www.burlesonoppfund.com](http://www.burlesonoppfund.com)



# APRIL

## *Hill College Brings Culture and the Arts to the Community*



The Hill College Performing Arts Series celebrated its 20th anniversary season with a lineup any venue would be proud to host.

The 2013-14 academic year brought 13 quality performing arts programs to the Hill and Johnson County communities. A performance by the internationally renowned Vienna Boys Choir highlighted the Performing Arts Series programs. Other programs featured revered artists such as the Crystal Trio, Baltimore Consort, The Cashore Marionettes, Brock McGuire Band, and the Baylor University Bella Voce. The Alden J. Smith Speaker Series brought the Voice of the Texas Rangers to Hill County. Eric Nadel shared great MLB memories, and his personal passion for this career, and answered questions from the audience.

In addition to external artists taking the stage at the Vara Martin Performing Arts Center, Hill College students also performed concerts and drama/musical productions.

The Hill College Players brought to life *You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown* as well as *The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged)* on stage last year and the music department boasted four musical performances throughout the year including a performance at the Texas State Fair.

# APRIL

## IN THE KNOW

Two Hill College students, Tayla La Haye and Deona Richardson, were selected for the 2013-2014 Texas Music Educators Association Convention All State Band.

In addition, over 3,500 people attended Hill College Performing Arts-related events during the 2013-2014 academic year. The Vienna Boys Choir was a huge part of those numbers as they performed to a crowd that was over capacity.

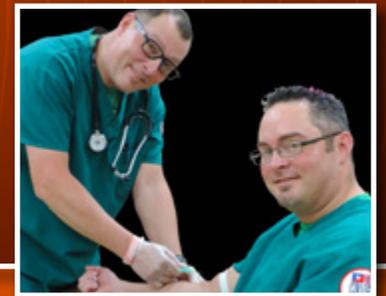
All Performing Arts series events are free of charge to the public due to generous Performing Arts donors. For more information or to contribute, contact Phillip Lowe ([plowe@hillcollege.edu](mailto:plowe@hillcollege.edu)) or Jasmine Pope ([jpope@hillcollege.edu](mailto:jpope@hillcollege.edu)).

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# MAY

## *Continuing Education and Community Workforce Does a 180*



The Hill College Continuing Education Department experienced a 51 percent increase in contact hours. Over the past three years, the department has experienced an 23 percent average increase in contact hours. This success was due in large part to the newly hired CWE staff: Dr. Floretta Bush, Career & Technical Education Dean; Joel Vela, Executive Director; John Allison, Program Coordinator; Casey Boshier, CWE Specialist; and Nicole Howard, Admin. Asst. 1.

The staff offered new and returning courses to the community such as Concealed Handgun License courses, Phlebotomy Technician, Massage Therapy and many others. In addition, new training and certificate opportunities were offered through Community Workforce and Education. These programs, such as the Soft Skills certificate, were created to cater to the needs of the growing corporate and

industrial markets in Johnson and Hill counties. The new and returning offerings from Continuing Education and Community Workforce were heavily promoted at community events, such as the “Let’s Get Technical” event held in July 2014.

Whether students need a specific job skill or want to expand their career options, Hill College Community and Workforce Education Department offers short-term, skills-based Career Programs taught by professionals to meet today’s workplace needs.

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## IN THE KNOW

The Continuing Education and Community Workforce Education Division plans to expand many course offerings to Hillsboro in 2014. Many of these classes include health career programs that can qualify students to work in high-demand jobs in a short time. These courses run the gamut from Certified Medication Aide to Massage Therapist to Certified Professional Coder, and are all based on the strong employer demand in Hill and Johnson county’s growing healthcare sectors. Courses currently offered in Hillsboro include, but are not limited to Certified Nursing Assistant, Medical Coder, Pharmacy Technician and Phlebotomy. Visit [www.hillcollege.edu](http://www.hillcollege.edu) or contact Dr. Floretta Bush ([fbush@hillcollege.edu](mailto:fbush@hillcollege.edu)), for more information.



**JUNE**

*Office of Development Brings in Record Funds*



The Office of Development raised over \$400,000 in 2013-2014 to be used for student scholarships and programs. These funds will support Hill College for generations to come. The Hill College employees kicked off the season of giving with a total of \$11,146 given in the month-long We Believe Employee Giving Campaign. Two new large scholarship endowments were established – The Carolyn Deford Scholarship Endowment and the Keith Pelham Memorial Scholarship Endowment. The Carolyn Deford Scholarship Endowment consists of three separate scholarships that will eventually reach \$300,000. Mrs. Deford is a native of Hill County and established the scholarships to honor her relatives who lived in the area. The Keith Pelham Memorial Scholarship was established by family and friends of the late Keith Pelham. He was an alum of Hill College and Sam Houston State University, and before his death served as an executive in the energy marketing field. The \$50,000 scholarship endowment will provided funds for deserving students interested in pursuing a career in

business and energy marketing. Lastly, the annual Boots & Suits Ball brought in over \$56,000 for scholarships and the athletic training program.

“The support and gifts that came from our employees, community members and local corporations will enable us to provide for the large percentage of students who require some type of financial assistance to attend Hill College. No matter the size of the gift, on behalf of our students I truly thank you” – Jasmine Pope, Director of Development Hill College District. Anyone interested in making a gift or leaving a bequest to Hill College, may contact Jasmine Pope at [jpope@hillcollege.edu](mailto:jpope@hillcollege.edu) or 254.659.7512.

# JUNE

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## IN THE KNOW

The Boots & Suits Ball has been an annual event for 10 years at Hill College. Thanks to community support, this event has raised over \$400,000 for scholarships, academic programs, and student support services.

Last year, the 2014 Boots & Suits Ball committee members honored Judge Bob McGregor (Hillsboro), The Walls Family (Cleburne) and Beverly Powell (Burlson) for their vision and leadership in our communities. With great community support and sponsorships, Hill College was able to raise more than \$56,000. These funds will be used to purchase much needed equipment for the Athletic Training program and provide student scholarships at the Burlson, Cleburne and Hillsboro campuses to ensure local students obtain a high-quality education.



# JULY

## *Hill College Academics Soar with Accreditations & Rankings*



The Hill College EMS Professions program received its accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP). Only 31% of paramedic education programs are accredited in the United States. Hill College EMS Program Coordinator Diedra Blankenship said, "It will benefit our students, the college and the EMS Profession itself. We will continue to strive to raise the bar and produce some of the elite healthcare providers in the field today."

While Hill College's EMS Professions program joined the elite ranks of accredited programs, the Fire Protection Technology program gained national recognition. Fire Science Online ranked the program 38th out of the top 90 programs in the nation. This ranking places us in the top eight programs in Texas. "We strive to be the best academy in the state. We also work very hard on helping the recruits be successful not only in completing the program, but having a successful career in a fire department," said Program Coordinator Robert Matthews.

# JULY

## IN THE KNOW

The EMS Professions program and the Fire Protection Technology program both offer courses in Cleburne starting Fall 2014.

The Hill College EMS Professions prepare students to care for people in the pre-hospital setting as an Emergency Medical Technician-Basic or an Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedic. EMTs and paramedics provide life support to patients and emergency medical care with an ambulance service or specialized service.

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

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# AUGUST

## *Teaming Up To Move Forward*



Hill College has recently established partnerships with Lincoln Electric and Trane Heating and Air Conditioning. The Lincoln Electric partnership provides opportunities for our welding students in Cleburne and Hillsboro. They will now have the opportunity to work on and utilize Lincoln Electric equipment, which is a leader in the welding industry. The Trane partnership is the first of its kind in Texas, and Hill College will serve as the pilot and case study for future partnerships with other institutions. The Trane agreement includes a 50 percent discount on all equipment used for training and Hill College HVAC upgrades.

The new Trane agreement and Snap-On partnership that was signed in 2010 fall under the auspices of the National Coalition of Certification Centers, or NC3. This highly recognized program enables our students to gain multiple, stackable certifications from industry leaders. The agreement signed with Trane is the first such partnership in Texas, and Trane is committed to establishing a total of 10 in this state.

The Trane program will be housed in the same building that houses welding in the Hill College Cleburne Technical Complex in downtown Cleburne. The building, affectionately known as Dudley III, will also house future technical education and NC3 programs once funding is secured to complete the renovations.

Hill College also partnered with the City of Hillsboro to have a full-time police officer on the Hillsboro Campus. The officer on campus is 10-year veteran Corporal Isreal Abrego. “We are excited about the partnership with the City of Hillsboro and the addition of Corporal Abrego,” Vice President of Student Services Lizza Trenkle said. “Not only is Abrego a law enforcement presence on campus, but he also is a valuable resource as we enhance campus safety.”

# AUGUST

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## IN THE KNOW

The original Cleburne campus was established in 1974. The downtown campus, which houses many of Hill College’s technical programs, was established in 2010 and will continue to grow in the years to come.

“When students graduate from our programs they will have multiple certifications they can take to their employer,” said Rex Parcels, Vice President of Instruction. “This gives the employer a better understanding of the skills they have coming in.”



# SEPTEMBER

## *Hill College's Exemplary Faculty & Staff*



From faculty members that have their PhDs to staff members who have completed several hours of FEMA training certifications, Hill College touts phenomenal faculty and staff members. Two of those individuals were recognized with the 2014 National Institute of Staff and Organizational Development (NISOD) Excellence Awards. These awards are given to men and women who have demonstrated an outstanding commitment and contribution to their students and colleagues. All award recipients must be administrators, faculty, or staff members from a community or technical college. Hill College's 2014 recipients were Art Instructor Tom Sale and Computer Science Program Coordinator Richard Sellers. They were recognized in the summer edition of *Community College Weekly*.

"When I heard my name announced for the NISOD award, I had overwhelming feelings of surprise, happiness and personal satisfaction,"

Sellers said. "I am truly humbled and honored to have been selected by my peers. Hill College has provided me opportunities to share my passion for teaching and learning, and receiving this award is an affirmation that my hard work and dedication have truly made a difference in the lives of others."

*Congratulations to the following faculty members for earning their PhD:*

Dr. Joe Cheavens

Dr. Vernon Hyles

Dr. Linda Johnson (NP)

Dr. Karen Kaiser

Dr. Esmaeel Masadeh

Dr. Don Nelson (DC)

Dr. Anthony Ololo

# SEPTEMBER

## IN THE KNOW

The Center for the Advancement of Faculty Excellence (CAFÉ) at Hill College provides faculty and staff with professional development opportunities and support, which will serve to increase student engagement, persistence and success throughout the Hill College community.

The CAFÉ supports innovative methods of instruction and assessment through research and practical applications; provides instructional design and content organization for on-site, online and hybrid courses; assists with syllabus design and development; and helps with multimedia enhancements for on-site, online and hybrid courses.

The CAFÉ also delivers professional development workshops to ensure that faculty can make the best use of technology to enhance instruction and assessment.

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# OCTOBER

## *Changes in the Look and Feel of Hill College*



Many changes have taken place over the last year at Hill College. Some you can see. Others you will have to experience.

The state-of-the-art Wallace Welding Building opened in the Fall 2013. The 14,438 square-foot building includes a 5,800 square-foot indoor welding lab, 16 vented welding stations, three virtual reality welding simulators, two classrooms, one computer lab and a CNC plasma cutter. Welding students in Hillsboro were happy to make the transition into the new facility. One student stated, "Wow this is a nice building. It makes me want to be a better welder."

Welding was not the only department to receive some new "digs". The media students received a new green studio. This lab will enable our students to develop productions that resemble what you see in the movies. Echocardiography received funds for a newer updated

ultrasound machine with 3D capability. This machine will enable our students to be able to simulate what they would do in the hospital atmosphere.

The Nursing programs obtained the newest birthing simulator on the market and a medication dispensing unit. The new birthing simulator, Victoria, can demonstrate actual physiological responses. A small sampling of the responses include the placement of a fetal monitor that records the simulated contractions; a drug recognition system that is capable of detecting what medication is administered and how fast (intravenously); the manikin then responds accordingly. The medication dispensing unit provides a realistic work environment setting for obtaining medications. A huge thank you to the Hill College Foundation for helping support the Nursing programs initiatives.

# OCTOBER

## IN THE KNOW

In March 2014, Hill College became the first testing site in the state of Texas to successfully administer the 2014 Computerized GED exam in a correctional facility.

The Public Relations and Information Technology Departments unveiled the new website for Hill College in September 2013. The revamped website is more user friendly and provided a modern look for those individuals visiting Hill College virtually.

In addition, IT installed new Apple TVs throughout the district. These devices are primarily used in the classrooms and enable the faculty to present more technology enhanced lectures that engage their students.

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# ***NOVEMBER***

## ***Texas Heritage Museum & Press Updates***



In 2013-2014, the Texas Heritage Museum completed the largest preservation digitalization project ever undertaken in the Historical Research Center. The Civil War unit capsule histories, comprised of every Confederate and Union unit and consisting of over 32,000 documents, will be digitized and indexed so the documents will be accessible on the computer. The museum and research center had over 5,700 visitors last year.

The 48th publication of Hill College Press will be *More Texas Burial Sites of Civil War and Reconstruction Era Notables*, a monumental and laborious work by three of the authors of a volume concentrating on Civil War burials of officers and prominent people. It is a follow-up to a volume by them published in 2002. James A. Mundie, Dean Letzring, and John Luckey have visited all 254 counties in Texas and have done extensive research putting together brief biographical data with photographs of tombstones of more than 1,050 “notables.”

Two exciting additions and upgrades happened at the museum during the summer of 2014. First, the museum theater auditorium has had a complete overhaul. A much needed upgrade is being installed, making the theater audio-visual equipment state-of-the-art high definition. This is a great improvement to showcase the museum's videos and give the best HD experience for our faculty to use to engage and enhance their teaching experience for their students.

Secondly, the museum has added another section of granite to the Official State Medal of Honor Memorial to Native-Born Texans with the names of five native-born Texans who have recently been awarded the Medal of Honor by President Obama from the Korean and Vietnam wars.

# NOVEMBER

## IN THE KNOW

In July of 2014 the Texas Heritage Museum installed a new addition to the Official State Medal of Memorial to Native-Born Texans. Five native-born Texans have been awarded the Medal of Honor, Post War and their names will be displayed honorably on the new addition of the memorial.

### Korean War

Victor H. Espinoza, El Paso  
Mike C. Pena, Newgulf

### Vietnam War

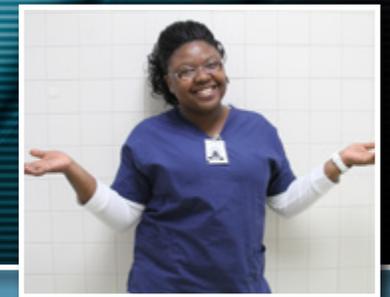
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# DECEMBER

## *Student Success Stories*



Individual student success stories have been a part of the fabric of Hill College since its inception. Diana Sosa continued that legacy when she completed the Medical Office Assistant Program last spring. Last fall, Diana, a Texas Dream Act student, was working part-time at the Cleburne Wal-Mart and was not making enough money to help support her mother.

Diana expressed that she wanted to make a better life for not only herself, but also her family; and thus began her academic journey at Hill College. She completed the program and an 80 hour externship in less than six months. She is now working at the office of Dr. Deborah Cook of Cleburne as the lead front office pediatric assistant. Because of Hill College and her unyielding determination, Diana is a college graduate who can now support her family.

In addition to Diana, Hill College has a number of student success stories to share. From our student-athletes on the field to our performing arts students to the work completed in the classroom, our students succeed. Hence our vocational nursing program's passage rate for the Texas Board of Nursing Exam was 97.29%. That passage rate is above the national average of 84.63%.

Not only do our students succeed academically and athletically, they do civically as well. Dr. Lori Rose partnered with the schools in Cleburne to have her second year biology students build several school gardens. The schools involved were Adams, Santa Fe, Marti, Gerard, and Cooke Elementary. She received several grants to fund these projects and the students enjoyed it because they saw it as an opportunity to give back to the community.

# DECEMBER

## IN THE KNOW

The Savvy Student Campaign encouraged student engagement, retention, and completion. A portion of the campaign focused on encouraging students to save money by finishing their degree at Hill College before transferring to a four-year institution. This initiative, spearheaded by Leslie Cannon, provided Hill College students with the following information so that they could learn how:

- Learning more will let you earn more
- You can earn a degree in one year + one semester
- A Hill College degree can save you money
- You can earn a degree in one year if you take 18 credits of dual credit in high school
- Our Academic Advisors and Financial Aid Specialists can help you succeed.

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# STUDENT ATHLETES MOVING FORWARD

Did you know Hill college student-athletes received scholarships to continue their educational and athletic pursuits at the next level?  
Check them out below:

## *Volleyball*

Alex Wells Texas A&M University –  
Kingsville, Austin, TX  
Chelby Stanford Texas A&M University –  
Corpus Christi, Marquez, TX

## *Men's Soccer*

Gabe Vera Huston-Tillotson University –  
Austin, Paris, TX  
Ebun Odubonojo Huston-Tillotson University  
England  
Gavin Bryant Huston-Tillotson University  
Hudson Oaks, TX  
Leevi Schwartz Dallas Baptist University  
Midlothian, TX

## *Women's Soccer*

Kelly Van Heule University of Texas – Tyler  
Hurst, TX  
Heather Baird University of Texas – Tyler  
Colleyville, TX  
Dani Garcia Texas Women's University  
Eules, TX  
Donyell Prince Texas A&M University –  
Commerce, Terrell, TX

## *Women's Basketball*

Kierra Davis Wiley College – Marshall  
Balch Springs, TX  
Bria Jackson Wiley College  
Irving, TX  
Jasmine Lopez University of Texas – Tyler  
Houston, TX  
Christi Holt University of Saint Mary –  
Kansas, Terrell, TX

## *Men's Basketball*

Mike Chandler Southern Illinois University –  
Edwardsville, Killeen, TX  
Xavier Habersham Middle Tennessee State  
University, Georgia  
Tramique Sutherland Bradley University –  
Illinois, Canada  
Jared Johnson Stephen F. Austin State  
University, South Carolina  
Taylor Luster Missouri Southern State  
University, Ft. Worth, TX  
Jay Elliby Belhaven University –  
Mississippi, Mansfield, TX

## *Rodeo*

Hallie Monkres Texas A&M University  
West, TX  
Rebba Wright Sam Houston State University  
Arizona  
Kayli Abernathy Sam Houston State University  
China Spring, TX

## *Softball*

Victoria Rodriguez Hardin Simmons University  
Houston, TX  
Emily Fluitt Letourneau University –  
Longview, DeSoto, TX  
Courtney Kelly Texas Wesleyan University  
Irving, TX  
Aizia Azarcon Texas Wesleyan University  
Cedar Hill, TX

## *Baseball*

Keaton Brewer University of New Orleans  
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Trent Fontenot McNeese State University  
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Conner Reed Ouachita Baptist University –  
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Brandon White Missouri Baptist University  
Illinois





## *Alumni & Friends*

Hill College values our alumni, community and friends. We are excited to reconnect, whether you have graduated, taken one class or count yourself a friend of the college. As we celebrate the 90th anniversary of the college's charter, please accept our invitation to partner with us as we continue to serve you and pursue educational excellence.

We would love to know what you have been up to since you were last at Hill. Please send an update on yourself, family and/or job and any stories about your time as a student, or if you know of success stories of other alumni, we would love to share them in the updates section of our next newsletter.

Stay connected with fellow alumni and college events by joining the Hill College Alumni & Friends Association.

Requesting your membership is easy, free and you will get:

- Quarterly Alumni newsletters
- Invitations to special events
- Access to the College Library Services
- Free admission to all Hill College athletic events
- Unlimited use of the College Fitness Center
- Local business discounts
- National travel & shopping discounts
- 10% discount at the Texas Heritage Museum Store
- 10% discount at the campus bookstore
- and much more!

For more information on Hill College Alumni & Friends contact us at:

alumni@hillcollege.edu  
254-659-7510

*[www.hillcollege.edu/alumniandfriends](http://www.hillcollege.edu/alumniandfriends)*



# Eight Ways to Give

## 01 *Securing the Dream Campaign*

The Securing the Dream Campaign is the annual fund for Hill College. Unrestricted support to the annual fund allows those areas of greatest need to be addressed.

## 02 *President's Circle*

Membership is open to individuals, couples, organizations or corporations who make a gift totaling \$1,000 or more in a calendar year to the President's Circle Fund.

02

## 03 *Scholarships*

Funds are setup as an annual, endowed or permanent scholarship. We work with the donors to determine basic criteria, such as enrollment status, academic ranking or financial need.

03

## 04 *Boots and Suits Gala*

The funds raised at the event support a different academic program at the college each year. We encourage the community to join us for a night of great food, music, auction items and fellowship.

04

## 05 *Capital Project Support*

With an ever-burgeoning student population, plans are underway to physically accommodate this growth with expansions at both Hill and Johnson County campuses, as well as opening new educational centers.

05

## 06 *Planned Giving*

The Hill College 1923 Planned Giving Society is composed of donors who leave a legacy gift to the institution. These donors have notified our staff members that they have graciously left Hill College a gift in their will.

06

## 07 *Matching Gifts*

Contact your employer's human resources office about ways to double or even triple the impact of your gift to Hill College. Please forward the completed form to Hill College's Office of Development.

07

## 08 *Volunteerism*

We have many events throughout the year where we are in need of volunteers. If you are interested in helping at a reception, Boots and Suits Gala or other event, please let us know.

08

Hill College is changing the lives of students and their families every day. The educational opportunity that Hill College provides has transformed the lives of Bosque, Somervell, Hill and Johnson County residents for 90 years. We are a key component in the development of the economic and human capital within our region. Hill College is recognized as one of the top employers in Hill County, and we provide an affordable, quality education to students from all walks of life. Thanks to the generous support of our community partners and supporters, we are able to maintain excellent standards in our academic programs, student services and facilities for current and future students.

I invite you to help us continue our great legacy of changing lives by partnering with us. At Hill College, we see our donors as friends, partners and investors who aid us in creating a better tomorrow for our students. The power of investing in Hill College is the ability to see students gain valuable knowledge and skills that they display on a daily basis within our region. When you invest in Hill College, you invest in the next generation of leaders within our community. When you invest in the next generation, you positively impact the future. Join us in changing lives and positively impacting our communities.

Your partner in service and education,

  
Jasmine A. Pope, M. S.  
Director of Development  
Hill College District

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Teri Walker  
Terry & Sharon Willingham  
Texas Electricity Brokers Association  
Texas Health Resources - Burleson,  
Cleburne, and Huguley  
Texas Heritage Museum  
Texas Wesleyan University  
Hill College President's Council  
Hill County Elected Officials  
Hill College Board of Regents  
Double Eagle Mechanical Services, Inc.  
Matthew's Quarter Horses  
Slovacek's Travel Center  
Jackson Insurance and Financial Services  
TRANE  
McGregor Law Office  
HILL CO  
Burleso Now Magazines  
Hillsboro Reporter/KHBR  
Perdue, Brandon, Fielder and Collins

## *Your Community College*

Established in 1923, Hill College has been a long-time provider of quality education to our local communities. Visit one of our campuses located in Hillsboro, Cleburne or one of our centers in Burleson, Glen Rose or Meridian.



Hillsboro Junior College was established in 1921 by the Texas Attorney General, making it the first municipal junior college chartered in Texas.

The college operated until 1950 when it closed after an attempt to establish a countywide system failed. The college lay dormant for nearly 12 years until 1962, when, through the efforts of the media, local civic groups, legislators and many others, a bond issue was passed for the purpose of building a new campus.

The college reopened in 1962 under a new name, Hill Junior College and operated under that name until 1985 when the college dropped "junior" from its name and became Hill College.

Today, the Hillsboro Campus includes 73.8 acres of land and 20 permanent buildings located just east of the city of Hillsboro on a hill overlooking I-35 and the 35-acre Hill College Reunion Grounds Park.



In 1974, Hill College opened a Johnson County extension center in Cleburne. The campus was initially located on West Henderson Street at the site of the old Johnson County fair grounds.

In 1987, more than 75,000 square feet of warehouse space on Westhill was converted into a much-needed occupational center.

Today, the main Johnson County Campus consists of 32 acres of land donated by Tolbert and Margaret Mayfield, overlooking Lake Cleburne. Hill College has also begun to develop the Hill College Technical Certification Center in a four-block area just south of the Johnson County Courthouse in downtown Cleburne. The success of the Snap-On Automotive Center there has led to more corporate partnerships, including Trane Heating and Air Conditioning and Lincoln Electric for the welding program. These programs are expected to come online at the Certification Center in the 2013-14 academic year.



Burleson Mayor Ken Shetter had a vision of bringing higher education to the city and played a key role in accomplishing this by offering Hill College and Texas Wesleyan University the opportunity to hold classes in a city-owned facility on Renfro Street.

On December 19, 2005, Hill College and Texas Wesleyan University leased the site allowing for credit and continuing education courses to be offered in Burleson.

The establishment of Hill College and Texas Wesleyan 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.

