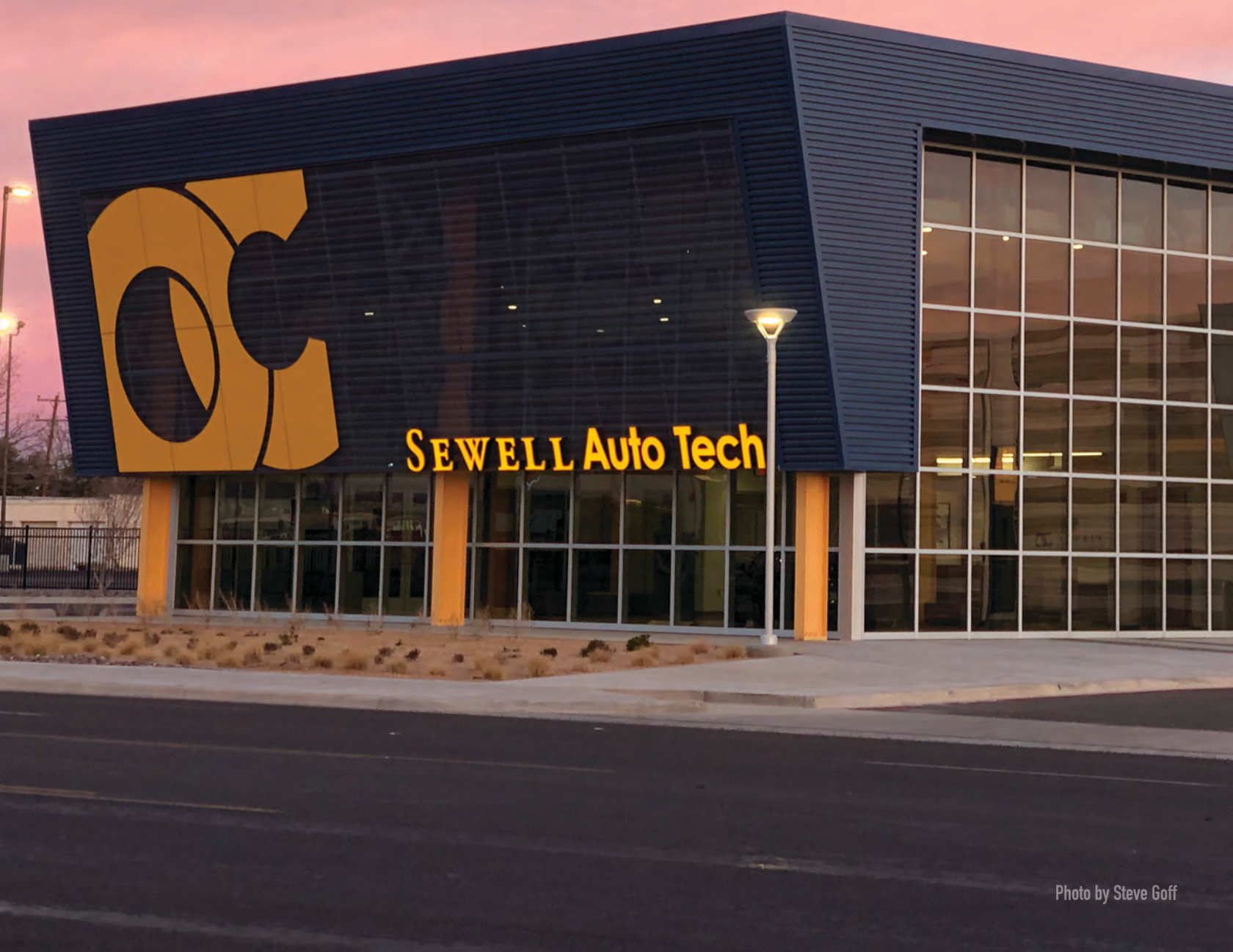


ODESSA COLLEGE
FOUNDATION

2020

REPORT TO THE

COMMUNITY



BEST YEAR *EVER* 2019 AT A GLANCE



OC AWARDED

2,037

ASSOCIATE DEGREES &
CERTIFICATES IN 2018-2019

99% OF OC EMPLOYEES
CONTRIBUTED TO THE
STUDENT SUCCESS
SCHOLARSHIP CAMPAIGN

2019 CAMPAIGN RAISED OVER

\$383,500

FOR STUDENT SUCCESS
SCHOLARSHIPS

RECORD FALL 2019
ENROLLMENT OF

6,843

STUDENTS

OVER

120+

ASSOCIATE DEGREES &
CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

\$1,550,416

2019 TOTAL DONATIONS
TO THE OC FOUNDATION

78 SCHOLARSHIPS
& ENDOWMENTS
OFFERED

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A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT WILLIAMS

At Odessa College, our vision is to be the top-rated community college in the nation for student success. We strive to meet this challenge every day, because we owe it to our students, and to you, our community.

Odessa College has been recognized by national leaders and organizations as one of the most innovative colleges in the United States. Our impatience for student success has fostered the development of new approaches to higher education, focusing on the improvement of student outcomes. These new approaches have been recognized and applauded across the state and nation.

The Aspen Institute's Community College Excellence Program, which is the nation's signature recognition of high achievement and performance among America's community colleges, awarded Odessa College its Aspen Prize Rising Star Award in 2017 and 2019. Winning these awards ranked Odessa College among the top five community colleges in the nation, out of 1,100 eligible institutions, for improving and advancing student achievement. This year, we were invited once again to apply for the Aspen Prize, which will be awarded in 2021.

We know that our work is still not complete. This year we set the bar high, challenging ourselves to make it our Best Year Ever. As we look back on this year, we have several data points that tell us we are meeting this goal.

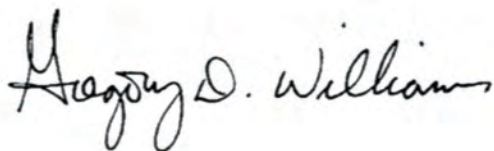
- **Fall 19 Enrollment: 6,843** – largest fall enrollment in the history of our institution
- **Fall 19 Degrees and Certificates Awarded: 924** – the most ever awarded in a fall semester
- **Fall 19 Student Success Rate: 81.3%** – highest fall success rate ever
- **Employee Engagement: 98%** of Odessa College employees engaged at record levels in the OC All In program
- **Employee Giving: 99%** of Odessa College employees gave to the United Way Campaign and to our Student Success Scholarship Campaign

As we began our spring 2020 semester on the heels of these successes, we saw our highest spring enrollment ever of 6,216 students. Additionally, we completed our first eight weeks of the semester with the highest success rates for a spring term. At the same time, the world changed as COVID-19 made its way to our nation, our state, and our community. As we pivoted to online instruction for the second half of the semester, we found that our history of innovation through eight-week terms and online instruction provided us the ability and agility to respond quickly and continue providing the highest quality education to our students.

One of our mottos at Odessa College is "one should never let a good crisis go to waste." That is exactly how our team approached this challenge. Without skipping a beat, we shifted our operations, with 85 percent of our team working remotely, and all of our courses being offered online. We looked for the opportunity in the crisis.

As we look to the future, we know that community colleges play a critical role in the future of our country, our community, and our economy.

Whether we are at home or on this beautiful campus, our work continues at Odessa College, because we know we are needed. We know, too, that this soon will pass, and once again we will be counted on and expected to stand.



Gregory D. Williams, Ed.D.
Odessa College President



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A MESSAGE FROM CRAIG VAN AMBURGH



As I reflect on the advances that Odessa College has made in the last several years, one word keeps recurring in my thoughts: Transformative – an adjective defined as "causing or able to cause an important and lasting change in someone or something." There is no other word that best encapsulates the impact that our local college has had on our city, our workforce, our citizens, and our future. Odessa College has truly been transformative in the lives of our community.

The steady growth in student population, our ever-increasing student success rate, the ability to be creative in meeting the needs of our students, and the vision to recognize Odessa's workforce needs and address them head-on have all contributed to Odessa College being recognized as one of the top 10 community colleges nationwide year after year. OC has not only changed the direction and the future of our young men and women, but also our great city which has led the world in energy production.

As President of the Odessa College Foundation Board, I am both humbled and excited at how far Odessa College has come in recent years. With the mission of the Odessa College Foundation being to help raise scholarship dollars for our students, we have made great strides in our efforts. Over \$385,900 was awarded to 454 students this past fall, a 30 percent increase over the previous year. The Foundation also awarded 511 scholarships in Spring 2020, totaling \$444,956, a 54 percent increase over Spring 2019. However, these important investments in our OC students wouldn't be possible without the on-going support of local businesses and citizens. Odessans have once again stepped up and shown that they believe in our mission and have given generously. Major contributions from companies such as Chevron, Sewell Ford, and XTO Energy have enabled Odessa College to keep pace with the necessary state-of-the-art technologies that guarantee our students a world-class education.

But the job is not done. As our population grows and Odessa College takes action in direct response to the demands on higher education and growth in the Permian Basin, I encourage all Odessans to support this vital institution that is critical to our future. With growing needs in healthcare, energy and innovation, and numerous other fields of study, Odessa College must grow in capacity and quality, thereby increasing human capital in these industries and more.

Odessa needs Odessa College, and Odessa College needs Odessans. We must continue to invest in our students, our educators and our city. Our future depends on it.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Craig Van Amburgh". The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a professional style.

Craig Van Amburgh
President, Odessa College Foundation Board

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ODESSA COLLEGE FOUNDATION

Since its inception in 1996, the Odessa College Foundation staff has been in the community, telling the story of Odessa College and gaining community financial support to fund scholarships, purchase new equipment, construct and renovate buildings and implement new programs.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Students are the center of every dollar raised through the Foundation. In Summer 2019, Fall 2019 and Spring 2020, the OC Foundation awarded 1,030 scholarships, totaling \$870,623. The Foundation also set up an Emergency Scholarship fund to assist students who were unable to pay their tuition due to COVID-19. Starting March 20 through the end of May, the Foundation granted Emergency Scholarships to 165 students, totaling \$78,417.

Through donations from community members, local businesses, foundations and OC employees, dozens of scholarships are available to OC students each semester. These scholarships include the Student Success Scholarship as well as scholarships for more specialized areas such as education, nursing, engineering, music and more. By completing one scholarship application online, OC students have the opportunity to be matched with multiple scholarships that are awarded each fall and spring semester.

The 2019 Student Success Scholarship campaign included many generous contributions from businesses, foundations and individuals along with OC Nights at the Barn Door, Jason's Deli, Mr. Gatti's and Texas Roadhouse, and a Kendra Scott Holiday Jewelry Show. The drive also included the annual Employee Giving Campaign with 99 percent of OC employees giving a total of \$47,068. Overall, the 2019 Student Success Campaign brought in \$383,532 to fund scholarships for OC students.

ENGAGEMENT

The Foundation also raises money to support important programs for the students and community such as the Drive to Success student initiative program and the 30 for 30 Fitness Challenge. For the last 12 years, generous donors have funded the Drive to Success program that encourages students to get involved on campus by awarding various prizes, including a Ford Mustang as a grand prize. Donors also support the 30 for 30 Fitness Challenge, a community-wide fitness incentive program to encourage physical activity for 30 consecutive days during the month of September.





ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Over the decades, thousands of students have attended classes at Odessa College. To instill pride amongst former students, the OC Foundation has launched the OC Alumni Association. The only pre-requisite to joining the Alumni Association is to have previously attended classes at OC. Those who have received a degree or certificate from OC are included in a special Alumni Association category. Benefits to joining include networking opportunities at Alumni activities, group travel and special discounts at local restaurants and stores.

#GIVINGTUESDAY™

In December 2019, the Foundation participated in the national Giving Tuesday by encouraging students, staff and the community to support OC.

MISSION

The Mission of the Odessa College Foundation is three-fold:

- To secure donations for scholarship assistance through the Annual Campaign and Leave-A-Legacy Campaign
- To secure donations to the College that foster the continuation and development of projects and training programs
- To unify the community in promoting philanthropy for Higher Education at Odessa College.

PURPOSE

The fundamental purpose of the Foundation is to ensure Odessa College students have access to high-quality education and to encourage our students to complete their educational goals.

VISION

The Odessa College Advancement office will be known as the area of the college that, by obtaining a sufficient fiscal base, is able to assist Odessa College in providing proper physical structures with cutting edge technology, resources which are vital to the success of our students, and ample scholarship funding for our students – all of which are integral parts to reaching our goal for Odessa College to become the best community college in the nation.

A MESSAGE FROM JACQUI GORE



While the Permian Basin has experienced extreme ups and downs over the last year, Odessa College has continued to hit record enrollment along with an increase in the number of students achieving certificates and degrees. Remaining focused on student success and meeting community needs, OC has been invited once again to apply for the Aspen Prize, which will be awarded in 2021.

Many of our students would not have the opportunity to pursue their dream of a college education without the help of this community. The OC Foundation awarded 1,030 scholarships, totaling \$870,623 over the last year thanks to generous donors who invested in OC students.

Businesses, individuals and foundations have made significant contributions over the last year to support student scholarships along with new construction, renovations and equipment. This year we celebrated the grand opening of Sewell Auto Tech, in partnership with the Sewell Family of Companies and Odessa Development Corporation. The Sewell Family of Companies and other car dealerships in the area need trained auto-diesel technicians, and this partnership will allow students to gain skills they need to fill these job openings across the Permian Basin.

In a time when most community colleges nationwide are experiencing decreased enrollment, Odessa College continues to hit record numbers, with over 6,800 registered students in Fall 2019. The recent economic downturn has resulted in an increased enrollment with displaced individuals going back to school to learn new skills to gain employment as well as traditional college students choosing to stay close to home and enrolling in classes at OC.

Odessa College needs the community's support now more than ever to help our students achieve their dream of a college education. Please consider supporting Odessa College students in your annual giving plans. Every dollar given will help our students reach their educational goals. Investing in students today will result in a brighter future for Odessa and the Permian Basin tomorrow.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jacqui Gore". The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a professional style.

Jacqui Gore
Executive Director of Advancement

"Odessa College needs the community's support now more than ever to help our students achieve their dream of a college education."

If you are looking for ways to make a true impact in the community, investing in Odessa College students will do just that. Whether you give \$50 or \$50,000, every dollar you give to the OC Foundation goes toward supporting students. Depending on what you would like to achieve, your gift will have a long term impact on the lives of OC students.

GIFTS TO SUPPORT STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

Each year, OC has a growing number of students needing financial assistance. Scholarships provide aid to hundreds of students each semester who might not otherwise have an opportunity to further their education.

LEAVE-A-LEGACY ENDOWMENT ENDEAVORS

Leave-A-Legacy is the Foundation's Endowment Drive to secure endowment funds and sustain a level of excellence. Endowment funds are gifts in perpetuity. The funds, which are comingled with one another, are invested to achieve a high return on investment for endowment donors. The Foundation is dependent upon the vision and generosity of individuals, organizations, foundations and corporations to ensure its future through support of existing endowments and establishment of new endowment funds. New donors may name their endowments.

MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

Foundation Memorial Scholarship Funds or Endowments are established to assist donors who want to make donations in memory of family and friends or in memory of Odessa College employees. Funds are specifically named for honorees.

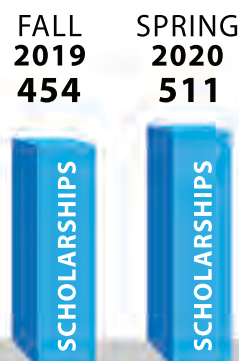
MATCHING GIFTS

Many businesses and corporations offer a matching gift program to their employees. By including your company's matching gift form with your donation, you can double, or even triple, the size of your gift.

**If you would like to discuss these giving options, please call
(432) 335-6648 or e-mail foundation@odessa.edu**

Scholarships help students achieve their dreams!

Donors contributing scholarship funds provide educational opportunities that open up the world to students. An educated workforce is vital in sustaining the economy that leads this community forward.



\$870,623
**TOTAL DOLLAR AMOUNT OF
SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED
IN 2019-2020**

FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

Major: Business | **GPA:** 3.9 | **Hometown:** Odessa, Texas

Goals: Geraldyn plans on transferring to UTPB to complete a Bachelor of Science Degree in Accounting and take the Certified Public Accountant exam to receive her license. She possesses five years of legal experience and would ultimately like to serve as an accountant for a family law practice.

How has the Student Success Scholarship helped you?

"The Student Success Scholarship has helped by giving me more education. We live in a town that is oilfield-based which means a higher cost of living. I don't work in the oilfield and would have been limited to being a part-time student. Having this scholarship has allowed me to be a full-time student and get closer to my educational goals."



STUDENT SUCCESS SCHOLARSHIP

Geraldyn Kenimer



STUDENT SUCCESS SCHOLARSHIP

Marisol Calderon

Major: Radiology | **GPA:** 3.7 | **Hometown:** Odessa, Texas

Goals: Marisol plans to graduate in May of 2020 and continue her studies by pursuing a Bachelor's degree in Radiology.

How has the Student Success Scholarship helped you?

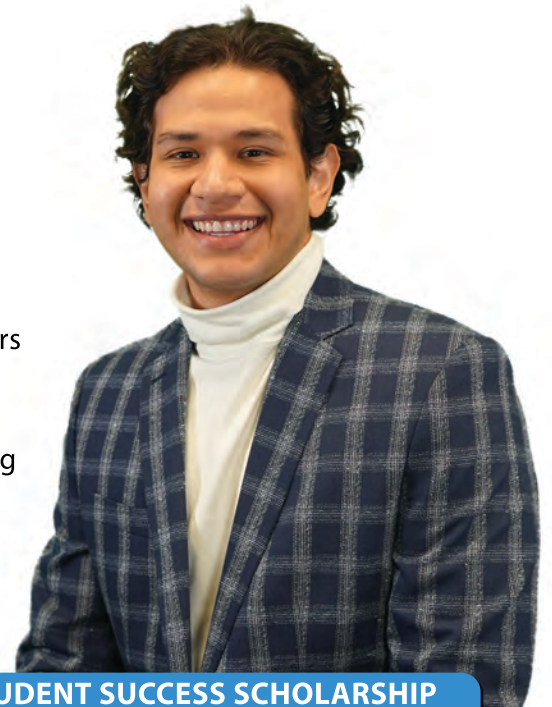
"The Odessa College Foundation awarded me the Student Success Scholarship this last year and that relieved lots of stress. This scholarship allowed me to have my tuition paid in full and to purchase books and supplies that I need. I am forever grateful that this was given to me because it allowed me to focus on my studies and improve my grades."

Major: Engineering | **GPA:** 3.9 | **Hometown:** San Salvador, El Salvador

Goals: After completing his studies at Odessa College, Diego would like to transfer to Texas A&M University to study Mechanical Engineering. In the future, he would like to be an automobile engineering master to design cars and their engine structure, and to improve safety features.

How has the Student Success Scholarship helped you?

"The Student Success Scholarship not only encouraged me to keep working hard at my academics, but it also helped my family economically and gave me emotional support. My parents are hard workers and they struggle to keep my siblings and me studying abroad. Getting a job on campus and this scholarship helped me to become more independent so my parents could focus more on my siblings' university expenses. I am thankful for such great support, recognition, and encouragement. Odessa College has changed my life and prepared me well to become an excellent professional in the future."



STUDENT SUCCESS SCHOLARSHIP

Diego Guatemala

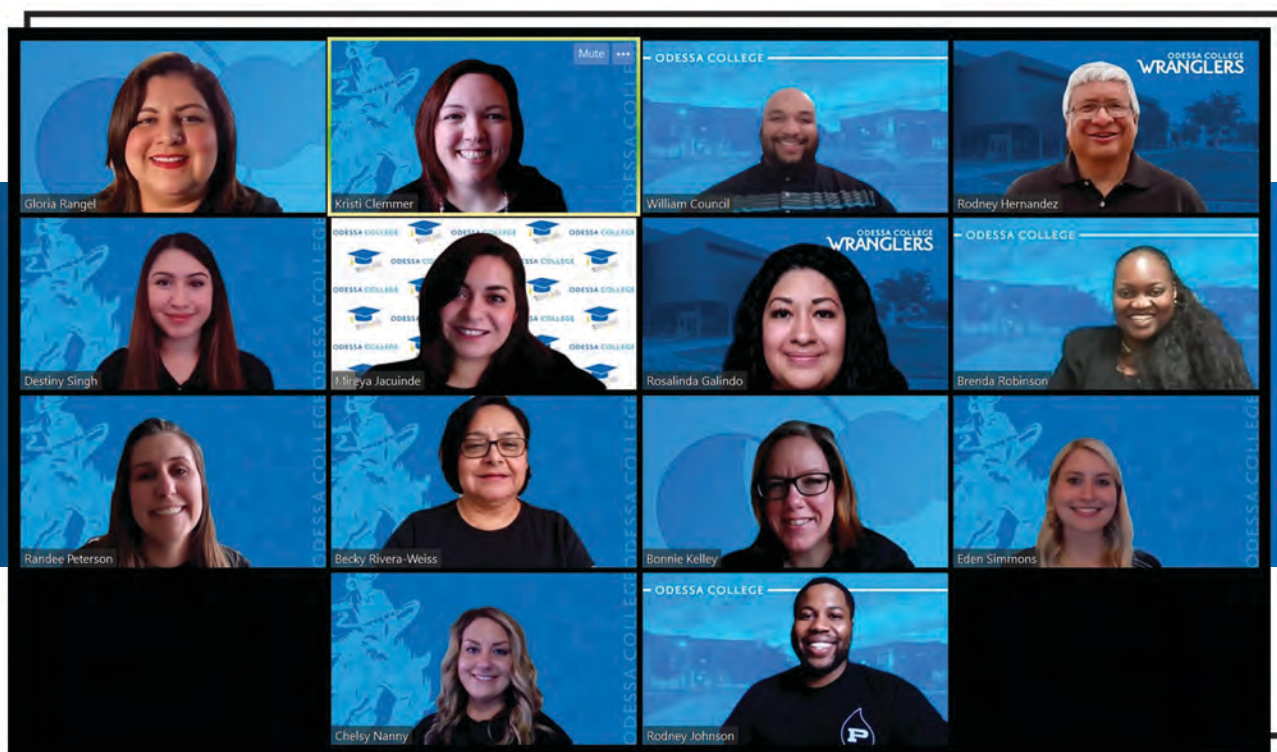
CONTINUITY IN THE TIME OF COVID-19

In December 2019, the novel coronavirus, or COVID-19, began affecting thousands in China and quickly became a global pandemic. In March 2020, it reached the Permian Basin, but in true West Texas fashion, OC employees and students came together to flatten the curve and fight against the spread of the virus in our community.

Beyond the outstanding efforts set forth by the City of Odessa and Ector County, Odessa College rose to action at a moment's notice. OC was well-prepared and well-positioned to transition students to virtual and remote learning. While OC already offered many online courses, our team spent a week tirelessly converting the remaining face-to-face courses to a virtual format. Classes were postponed to give faculty ample time to make the necessary changes, which promoted the social distancing guidelines without disrupting teaching and learning for the remainder of the semester.

OC also maintained our Wrangler Food Pantry operating hours and launched a social media campaign called #OCCares to remind students that they remain the top priority. The Wrangler Food Pantry created bags of prepackaged items available for pickup for both students and employees. From Oct. 1, 2019 to March 31, 2020, the Food Pantry served 241 households, consisting of 160 children, 399 adults and 14 seniors. Odessa College employees and community members donated over 11,000 pounds of food to the pantry during this time.

Odessa College didn't stop there. Community service requirements were discontinued for scholarship students since many students had returned to their hometowns to continue their studies with the virtual class format. For students who needed assistance paying for Spring tuition, the OC Foundation set up an Emergency Scholarship fund. From March 10 to the end of May, 165 students received Emergency Scholarships, totaling \$78,417. All student resources and support were made available remotely and virtually to ensure that each student would continue to receive the same level of assistance academically and emotionally from Odessa College.





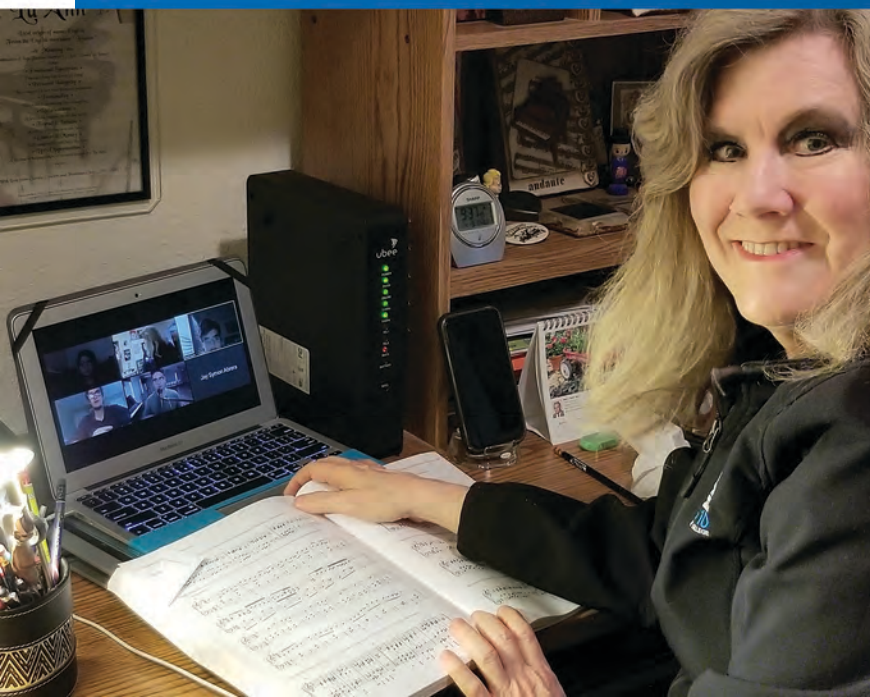
OC Continues Family-Like Culture Despite Social Distancing Regulations

The culture of Odessa College employees is one that promotes camaraderie and socialization. Though recent social distancing guidelines limited face-to-face interactions, OC altered traditional practices to allow co-workers to come together. OC's unique All-In program turned virtual and employees continued to uplift each other during these uncertain times. Regardless of what challenges OC has faced, one truth remains steady: Our Work Continues.

OUR W RK CONTINUES

*"We stand alone, we stand together, we stand with our teams, we stand with our college, we stand with our families, we stand with our community and we stand with our nation because we innately know that **our work continues.**"*

- Gregory D. Williams, Ed.D.



WRANGLER FOOD PANTRY

CULTURE OF CARING

In 2018, Odessa College conducted the Trellis Research Student Financial Wellness Survey to determine what financial hardships students faced that went beyond funds to pay for tuition, supplies, and books. Sadly, OC learned that much of our student population was struggling to maintain necessities like food and shelter for not only themselves but often for their children. The OC family banded together to make a change by opening the Wrangler Food Pantry in October 2019.



From Oct. 1, 2019 to March 31, 2020, the Wrangler Food Pantry assisted 241 households which consists of 160 children, 399 adults, and 14 seniors. Odessa College employees generously donated \$10,992 and food supplies. The pantry also received a donation from the Wrangler Club of two upright freezers to allow us to provide fresh fruit, vegetables, and meat items to our students. In total, the Wrangler Food Pantry has been given \$4,550 in restricted gifts and 11,000 pounds of items.

Odessa College is prepared to support students and employees. Thank you to everyone who has given and continues to give to this worthy cause.



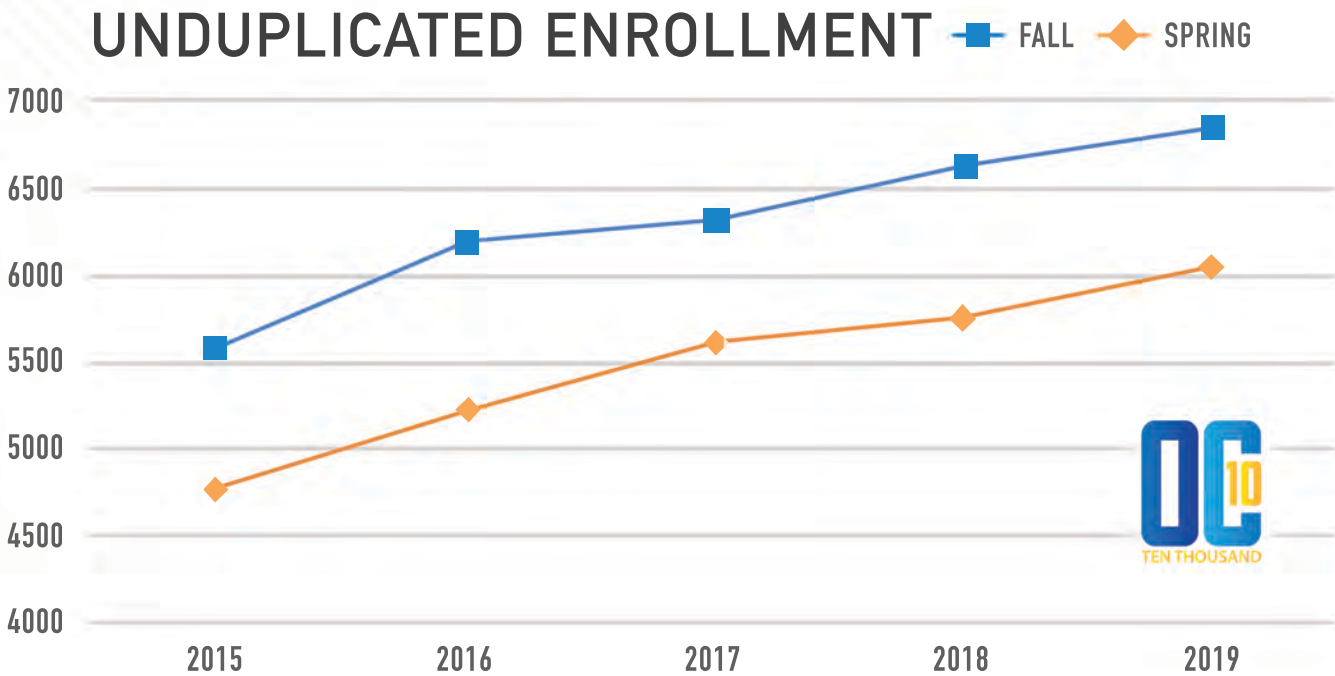
WRANGLER
FOOD PANTRY

573
UNDUPLICATED
INDIVIDUALS
SERVED

241
HOUSEHOLDS
SERVED

ENROLLMENT VS UNEMPLOYMENT

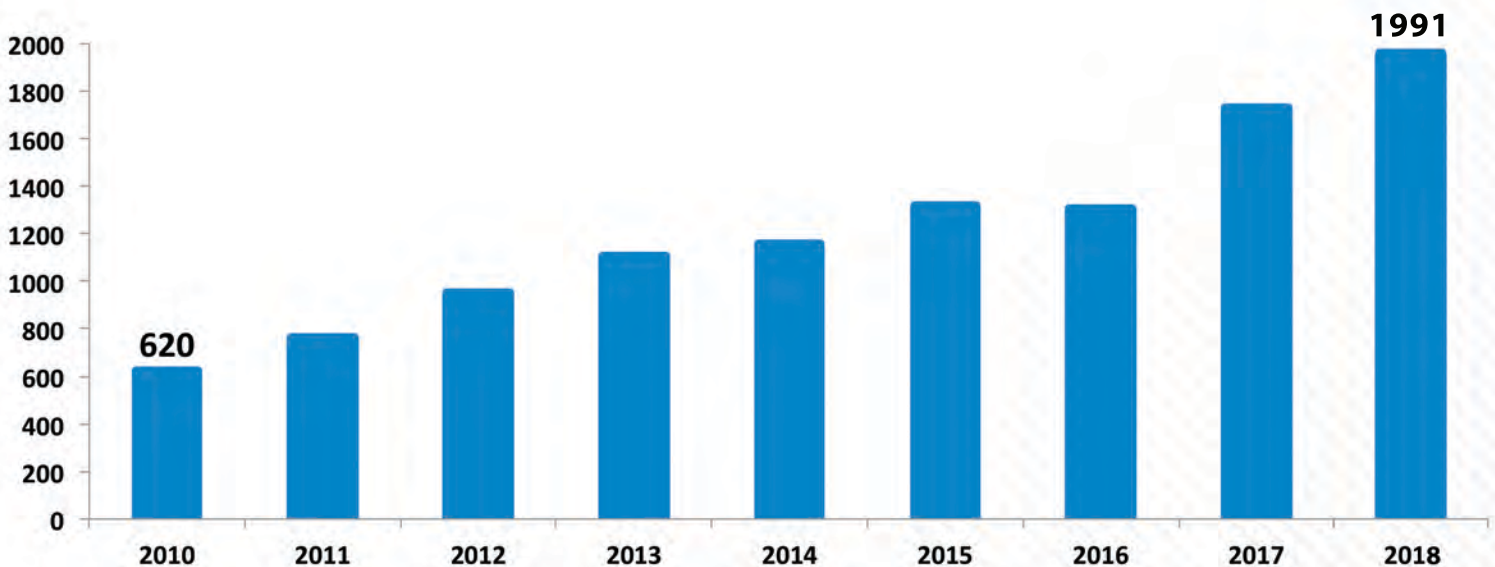
In 2019, Odessa College had an 8 percent enrollment increase despite the 2.7 percent unemployment rate. Typically, when the workforce is thriving in an area, enrollment rates tend to drop. However, Odessa College has been defying that standard since 2014. Despite the fluctuating job market, OC has continually enrolled more and more students into our programs.



2015 | 5% UNEMPLOYMENT RATE **2019 | 2.7%**

DEGREES & CREDENTIALS

Year after year, the number of degrees and certificates awarded to Odessa College graduates has increased, with the largest increase beginning in 2017.



EARLY COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOLS OCTECHS & OCA

The Odessa College campus houses two early college high schools: Odessa Career & Technical Early College High School (OCTECHS) and Odessa Collegiate Academy (OCA). In 2019, the early college high schools celebrated their first graduating classes that began their studies in 2015. OCTECHS started their program with 103 freshmen in 2015. The 2020 graduating class had 55 seniors who earned their high school diploma and 46 who earned an Associate of Applied Science. OCA started the Fall of 2015 with 43 freshmen. The 2020 graduating class had 66 seniors who earned their high school diploma, 55 who earned an Associate of Arts in General Studies, and three who earned a certificate of CORE Completion.

Both schools are designed to increase access to postsecondary education by providing early, continuous, and tuition-free immersion into a college learning environment while completing the high school experience. Early college high schools close the financial and resource gaps that prevent many students from attending college. Students who take advantage of this opportunity earn either an associate degree or 60 hours of college credit towards a bachelor's degree.

OCTECHS students can choose one of the following pathways:

Associate of Applied Science

- Automotive Technology
- Business Leadership
- Criminal Justice
- Culinary Arts
- Diesel Technology
- Energy Tech: Instrumentation & Electronics Technology
- OSET: Occupational Safety & Environmental Technology
- Welding Technology

OCA students can earn an associate degree while creating a pathway for completing a bachelor's degree at a four-year university. They can pursue a degree in the following areas:

Associate of Science

- Biology
- STEM

Associate of Arts

- Business Administration
- General Studies
- Teaching — Early Childhood through 6th Grade



Regardless of which institution students choose, the end result is advantageous for their future. Applications for both schools are available on the Odessa College website, and each early college high school accepts 100 students into their freshman class. OCA accepts a small number of sophomores each year based upon their application, freshman transcript, and number of sophomore openings. OCTECHS only accepts students during their freshman year due to the nature of the programs.

We're so proud of the accomplishments of both the early college high schools and the successes of these incredible students.



OCTECHS GRADUATE TESTIMONIAL

My time at OCTECHS was the most stressful yet rewarding experience I have had thus far. It has helped shape me into the adult I am becoming. OCTECHS taught me the core values that I believe everyone should learn to accomplish any goal they set for themselves. Although OCTECHS was rigorous and stressful, I had the best high school experience I could have ever had. What made me want to go to OCTECHS was my mom. She's my biggest supporter and making her proud is always something I've strived to do. I decided to get into the Instrumentation and Electronics (I&E) program at OCTECHS because it was a step in the right direction for my career path.

I enjoyed all of my classes. I was very fond of one professor in particular — Mr. Cronnick. He talked to me about my goals and was someone who motivated me to continue working hard. The I&E program opened many doors for me, including Chevron. I had dreamt of working for Chevron since my freshman year of high school, and I continually told my family that I would work there.

One day, I accidentally stumbled across a Facebook ad for a Chevron recruitment event that was a few months away. Mr. Rashvand and Mr. Robles introduced me to Robert Johns, the recruiter. At first, he didn't believe that someone so young, and the only girl, would be interested in Chevron. To have his attention was big for me, and in September 2019, I landed a job with the company.

Working for Chevron has been a life-changing experience. I was one of the youngest hired on and I am still learning. I have amazing coworkers who I can count on to help me get the job done right. Without OCTECHS I wouldn't be where I am today; I am beyond grateful for OCTECHS and Odessa College for helping me to accomplish my goals.



OCTECHS GRADUATE 2019

Melody Martinez

FOUNDATION ENDOWMENTS

Rudy Acosta Endowed Scholarship

Becker Educators Endowment Brandon Borchert Art Endowment
George Brewer "All It Takes Is Money" Memorial Scholarship

A.C. "Johnny" and Melba Bassett Endowment

Chevron Instrumentation Scholarship

Department of English and Foreign Languages Majors Scholarship
Troy Doelling Endowment

Ann & Vincent Becker "Apply Yourself More" Endowed Scholarship

DAV Medal of Honor Book Scholarship

Ace G. and Bertha L. Doran Endowed Scholarship

Russell K. and Maureen Doran Endowed Scholarship
Dr. John H. Doran Scholarship for Continuing Education

M.S. Doss Endowment

ECISD Education Foundation Kirk Edwards Family Endowment

Energy Industrial Scholarship

Exceptional PTA Endowment Fasken Fire Tech Scholarship
Ben and Ruth Florey Endowment Nathaniel Silvas Memorial Scholarship

Clara Hazel Freel Endowment

Friends of OC Endowment
Mary Louise Gilmour Endowment
Glen Hackler Family Endowment

Half-Century Endowment

Dwain Handley Scholarship Fund for Sewell Auto Tech Hart Endowment

Health Sciences Endowment

Lou Ann Hitt Endowment Bill and Sharon Lipham Endowment
Tryon Lewis Scholarship Glen T. Hunt Scholarships
JVR Science and Math Scholarship

AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Dr. Ashok Khosla Endowment

Manufacturing Technology Scholarship

H. L. Mangrum Endowment

Melton Family Scholarship

Memorial Scholarship Endowment

Midland Odessa Business & Estate Council Scholarship

Modern Gardener Nursing Scholarship

Jim and Marilyn Morris Endowment

Never Give Up Scholarship

Dr. Eileen Piwetz Endowed Scholarship

OC Andrews Community Endowment

PBWDB Childcare Scholarship

Pevehouse Family Foundation Rodeo Scholarship

Chase Quine Memorial Scholarship Fund

Dr. Edwin Rathbun Endowment

Isabel Rea Endowment

Wendy Hines Aspiring Educators Scholarship

Jerry Reffner Golf Scholarship

Hazel Rich Endowment

Richard C. Abalos Endowed Scholarship

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Rochester Endowment

Jack and Ruth Rodgers Endowment

Jimmy Russell Scholarship

Scott Theater Family Memorial Endowment

Sewell Family Scholarship

Gwen Shiever Endowment

Chloe Shinn Scholarship Endowment

Jordan Squyres Scholarship Endowment

Cress and Pauline Steele Scholarship

Jerry and Eloise's Kids Scholarship

Student Success Scholarship

Charles Sweatt Endowment

Ethel Ward Music Endowment

Jim Watkins Rodeo Scholarship Endowment

Wells Fargo OC Honors Scholarship

Russell Wilson Endowed Scholarship

Clay & Louise Wood Endowment

Woods Boots Rodeo Endowment

Workforce Industry Scholarship

Workforce Non-Traditional Scholarship for Women



SEWELL AUTO TECH

Over 400 community leaders gathered on Feb. 27 to celebrate the grand opening of the new Odessa College Sewell Auto Tech building, in collaboration with the Sewell Family of Companies and the Odessa Development Corporation.

“Today, we celebrate the opening of the building, but for me what I’m really excited about is less about the building and more about the opportunities it is going to create for young people in our community,” Collin Sewell, president of Sewell Family of Companies, said during the ceremony. “I think there are tons of young men and women in our community who are trying to figure out what they want to do when they grow up.”

OC broke ground on the new Sewell Auto Tech building in August 2018 after the Sewell Family and the Sewell Family of Companies donated a building on seven acres at 2425 E. Eighth St. for the new facility’s construction. The construction of the building was funded in part by a \$6.2 million grant from the Odessa Development Corporation.

“The investment is a belief in our future,” Dr. Greg Williams, Odessa College President, said. “We believe that our future is bright, and we believe that there are better days ahead.”



The 37,800 square foot Sewell Auto Tech facility offers the latest in auto and diesel technology training for students from around the Permian Basin. The new instructional facility includes seven classrooms, 12 automotive teaching bays, four diesel teaching bays, and labs for diesel engines, automotive engines, and transmissions. It also houses the Professional Truck Driving Academy with state-of-the-art driving simulators, as well as paved parking and driving courses.

Students who enter the Automotive and Diesel Technology programs learn skills such as troubleshooting, critical thinking, machine and systems repair, and vehicle maintenance. Completion of either of these programs prepares the students to take the Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) certification exam and to apply for entry-level careers in technical and service specialist positions within the automotive and diesel technology fields. According to the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC), the positions of auto service technicians and mechanics, bus and truck mechanics, and diesel specialists are currently listed on their targeted occupations list for the Permian Basin Region.

Sewell Auto Tech also includes the Ford ASSET Program which will allow students the opportunity to not only learn in the classroom setting, but to also learn through hands-on work in automotive departments at Ford dealerships. Students in the Ford ASSET Program will be sponsored by Ford dealers throughout the state and will receive scholarships to attend school at Sewell Auto Tech.



“Today, we celebrate the opening of the building, but for me what I’m really excited about is less about the building and more about the opportunities it is going to create for young people in our community. I think there are tons of young men and women in our community who are trying to figure out what they want to do when they grow up.”

Collin Sewell
PRESIDENT OF SEWELL FAMILY OF COMPANIES

ODESSA COLLEGE Honors 2019

The 13th Annual Odessa College Honors Luncheon was held Tuesday, Nov. 12, at the Odessa Marriott Hotel and Conference Center. Over 400 gathered to honor those who have made a difference in education in Odessa and to hear Erin Gruwell, the Long Beach, Calif. teacher who inspired the movie "Freedom Writers." Proceeds from this event will directly impact Odessa College students through scholarships.

"If they go to Odessa College, they may just change the world. That's what education is about – changing the world...the brilliance of this room is that all those fine folks who go to Odessa College will use those wings and then ultimately come home to make it better," Gruwell said.

She shared her words of wisdom with educators in the audience. "...Every kid is an individual. It's overwhelming when you have a large class or a large slate of students. But when kids are taught to dream and believe in themselves, they will rise to the occasion. I have kids who were told they were dumb and stupid and they believed it, so I wanted to change that and say you're brilliant, you can go anywhere, you can do anything. I really advise teachers to watch the words they use, not to label, not to stereotype, not to discard kids. Our educational system does that, so we've got to work really hard to create inclusive classrooms and to make students feel wanted and heard. I think that when students feel wanted, they will always surprise us," Gruwell said.

2019 HONOREES



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OC2UTPB TEACHING IN 3

A dynamic partnership between Odessa College and UT Permian Basin was created in July 2019 to help combat the teacher shortage in the Permian Basin.

The OC2UTPB Teaching in 3 program allows students to complete their Early Childhood through Sixth Grade (EC-6) teaching certification in three years rather than four, pipelining teachers into the school districts faster than before.

The first cohort of 100 students entered the program starting Fall 2019. Students will complete their first year-and-a-half of classes at OC and their remaining coursework at UTPB. Sections feature project-based, problem-solving coursework, focused on specific case studies, and aligned with AVID best practices to ensure maximum student success. Furthermore, the accelerated format focuses on two classes at a time coupled with a strong concentration on professional development and clinical hours. After successfully completing the first half of the program, students will graduate from Odessa College with an Associate of Arts Degree in Teaching and transition seamlessly to UTPB to complete their Bachelor of Arts Degree in Multidisciplinary Studies with EC-6 Certification.



The Teaching in 3 program offers daytime, nighttime, and weekend courses to accommodate all schedules. Most classes take place at OC, making the program affordable and minimizing student debt.

OC is immensely proud of this innovative and creative program collaboration with UTPB for the betterment of both campuses and our community.

OC FINE ARTS PROGRAM REA CHARITABLE TRUST

The Rea Charitable Trust, based in Midland, granted OC's Visual and Performing Arts (VPA) program a generous \$100,000 gift in December 2019. The award was applied to the purchase of equipment for the band and art programs. The funds were distributed throughout the VPA programs to ensure that as many OC students as possible could reap the benefits.

OC has been the benefactor of the Rea Charitable Trust's generosity in years' past. In 2016, the Rea Charitable Trust granted the Globe Theater \$100,000 to make significant improvements to the long-standing Odessa landmark, and in 2017 donated another \$150,000 to the VPA program to purchase supplies and equipment.

Established in 2009, the Rea Charitable Trust focuses primarily on promoting the arts. The namesake of the foundation is Isabel McClintic Rea, the daughter of the well-known Midland ranching family Mr. and Mrs. C.A. McClintic. Mrs. Rea was known as one of Midland's most talented pianists and attended school in Midland before graduating in 1935. Her legacy is continued through the work of the Rea Charitable Trust.

Odessa College offers its thanks and gratitude to the Rea Charitable Trust for continuing to support the arts at OC!



2019 MUSIC MASTERS SERIES

In November 2019, Odessa College had the privilege of treating students and the community to a once-in-a-lifetime live performance.

OC hosted Kara Huber, Grammy-nominated American pianist, for the annual Music Masters Series performance at the Globe Theater. She also met with OC music students for a master class and Q&A session the day following her solo performance.

Kara Huber has earned numerous accolades including the Audience Favorite Award in the Cincinnati World Piano Competition, Bradshaw and Buono International Piano Competition, The Stetcher and Horowitz Foundation's New York Piano Competition, and the Chicago Symphony Orchestra Concerto Competition. She has a master's degree from the University of Cincinnati, where she is currently a doctoral candidate.

The annual Odessa College Music Masters Series, made possible through a generous gift by an anonymous donor, brings outstanding musicians to the Permian Basin to perform in concert for the community and to share, through Music Masters classes, their expertise and experience with our students.

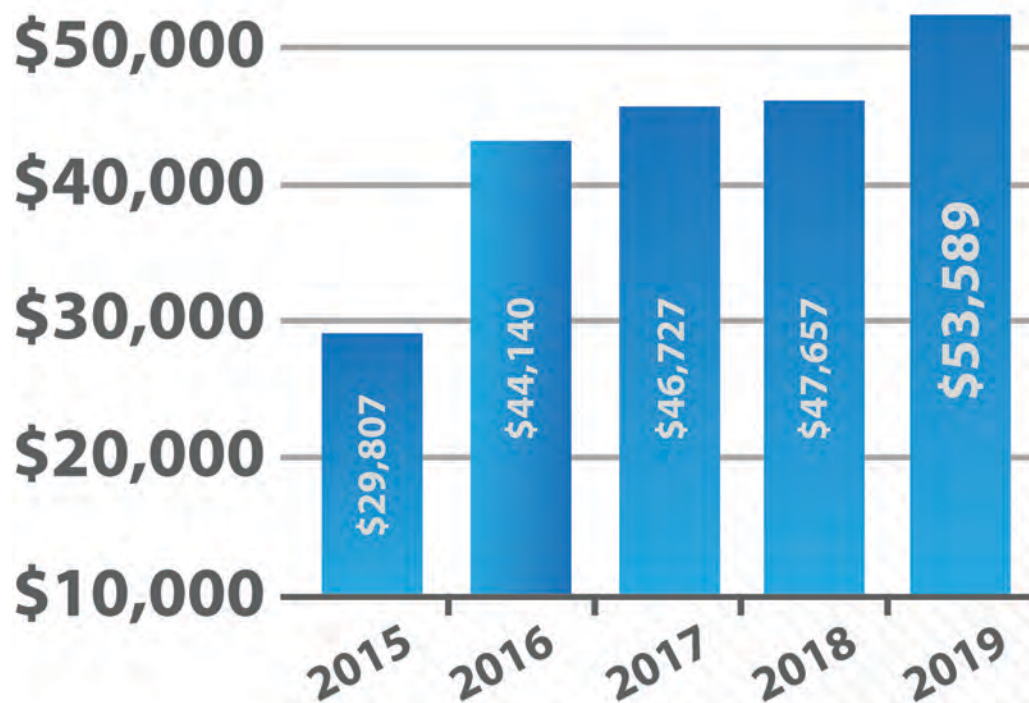


ODESSA COLLEGE AND THE UNITED WAY

In 2019, Odessa College carried on its tradition to raise funds for the United Way of Odessa with 98.6 percent of OC employees contributing a total of \$53,589. Employees donated \$46,332.80 and the annual OC United Way Silent Auction raised \$7,256.50. This was 12 percent more than the \$47,656 contributed by OC employees in 2018. At the annual United Way of Odessa Meeting in February 2020, Odessa College was recognized for the record-breaking 2019 campaign with the Dick & Amelia Saulsbury Sustained Excellence Award, the Gold Cup Award for Highest Employee Participation and the Best Average Contributions in excess of \$100 per employee.



ODESSA COLLEGE EMPLOYEES GIVE:





ODESSA COLLEGE **DRIVE** TO SUCCESS

OC is celebrating 12 years of the Drive to Success (DTS) program, which is now more popular than ever! OC prides itself in working hard and playing harder, and no one deserves rewards more than our amazing students. Each year in the fall, Odessa College kicks off DTS, a program designed to award one lucky OC student with a Ford Mustang at the Drive to Success Finale ceremony in the spring! There's also a chance to earn cash – the student with the most overall DTS points at the finalists' drawing receives \$1,000. This year due to COVID-19 restrictions, the finale has been postponed, but we will certainly celebrate our students' success.



To qualify for Drive to Success, students must be enrolled in at least six credit hours each semester. Students then collect DTS points by attending various campus events, Student Life activities, and/or sporting events. Faculty can also award DTS points to students who go above and beyond in their classes.

Without the support and help of our dedicated sponsors, Odessa College could not continue the DTS program each year. We would like to express our appreciation and our sincere thanks to the Sewell Family of Companies, Rosa's Café, Taco Villa, UT Permian Basin, Lone Star Corporation, and our media sponsor, KOSA TV.



ODESSA COLLEGE 30 FOR 30 FITNESS CHALLENGE

The Odessa College 13th annual 30 for 30 Fitness Challenge proved to be the best one ever. The challenge saw a 16 percent increase from 2018 with 2,800 participants signing up this year. At the conclusion of the challenge, 671 participants completed all 30 days and logged 87,207,948 steps, 43,604 miles, and 35,795 total exercise entries. Altogether, that's 1,656,045 minutes of activity!

Thanks to the generous support of Medical Center Health System, the City of Odessa, and CBS 7, this program is completely free to all participants.

The month-long challenge kicked off on Aug. 29, 2019 at the OC Sports Center. Participants started officially logging their exercise on Sept. 1. This year's grand prize was a 7-Night Cruise for up to four people to Jamaica, the Cayman Islands, and Cozumel! To be eligible, participants were required to complete 30 minutes of an exercise of their choosing for 30 consecutive days. Other prizes included a first runner up "Pick Your Prize" option of either a \$1,000 Ultimate Outdoor Camping Package or a \$1000 Ultimate Indoor Kitchen Package, and a second runner up \$500 Home Relaxation Package.

For those who did not want to take part in the challenge alone, additional options were available. Participants could complete a team challenge, where the top 10 teams were entered to win \$1,000 in cash. Individuals could also choose an ECISD elementary school and their activity would boost the school's overall participation percentage. The school with the highest participation at the end of the challenge won \$1,000 to go towards health and fitness equipment and programs!

2019 GRAND PRIZE WINNER
MARIBEA MERRITT, ODESSA, TX

1ST RUNNER UP — SHARI HAMILTON, ST. PAUL, MN

2ND RUNNER UP — LYZZ PAREDES, ODESSA, TX

TEAM WINNER — FANTASTIC 4

SCHOOL WINNER — GONZALES ELEMENTARY

2019
BY THE NUMBERS



↑ 2,800 TOTAL REGISTERED PARTICIPANTS

↑ 1,043 SUPPORTING LOCAL SCHOOLS

↑ 524 OC STUDENTS REGISTERED

↑ 434 OC EMPLOYEES REGISTERED

↑ 153 30 FOR 30 TEAMS



OC WRANGLER VOLLEYBALL

The Odessa College Wrangler Volleyball team had an incredible season. The ladies finished with a 33-3 record, the best season in OC's volleyball history, and ranked as the number seven seed in the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) tournament. The team made history by winning the Region 5 West Conference Tournament, and advancing to the 2019 NJCAA D1 Volleyball National Championship, where they finished in the top 10. Luisa Silva Dos Santos was named to the NJCAA D1 Volleyball All-American Team.

The season was tremendous for Head Coach Kristi Gray as well. She had the most wins as Head Coach with a 99-33 record. Coach Gray was named Coach of the Year by the Western Junior College Athletic Conference (WJCAC), NJCAA Region 5, and the NJCAA Southwest District.

The OC Volleyball team not only dominated on the court, but in the classroom as well. The team finished the 2019 Fall Term with a cumulative GPA of 3.53.

Four of the Lady Wranglers were selected for the WJCAC All-Conference Team: Carol Santana, Luisa Silva Dos Santos, Lyric Love, and Summer Ah Choy. Additionally, Luisa finished sixth in the nation for total blocks and second team All-American, while Lyric Love finished second in the nation for total blocks and was a two-time WJCAC Defensive Player of the Week.

Congratulations to the Wrangler Volleyball team for a record-breaking, victorious season!



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OC WRANGLER STUDENT ATHLETES

OC student athletes excelled in athletics and their academics. From a total of 181 full-time athletes, 127 achieved a GPA of 3.0 or better, and 24 earned a 4.0 GPA. For the 2019-2020 academic year, the WJCAC recognized a total of 106 Odessa College student athletes, the most of any of the conference schools, both in terms of overall numbers and in the percentage of athletes earning a 3.25 GPA or better.

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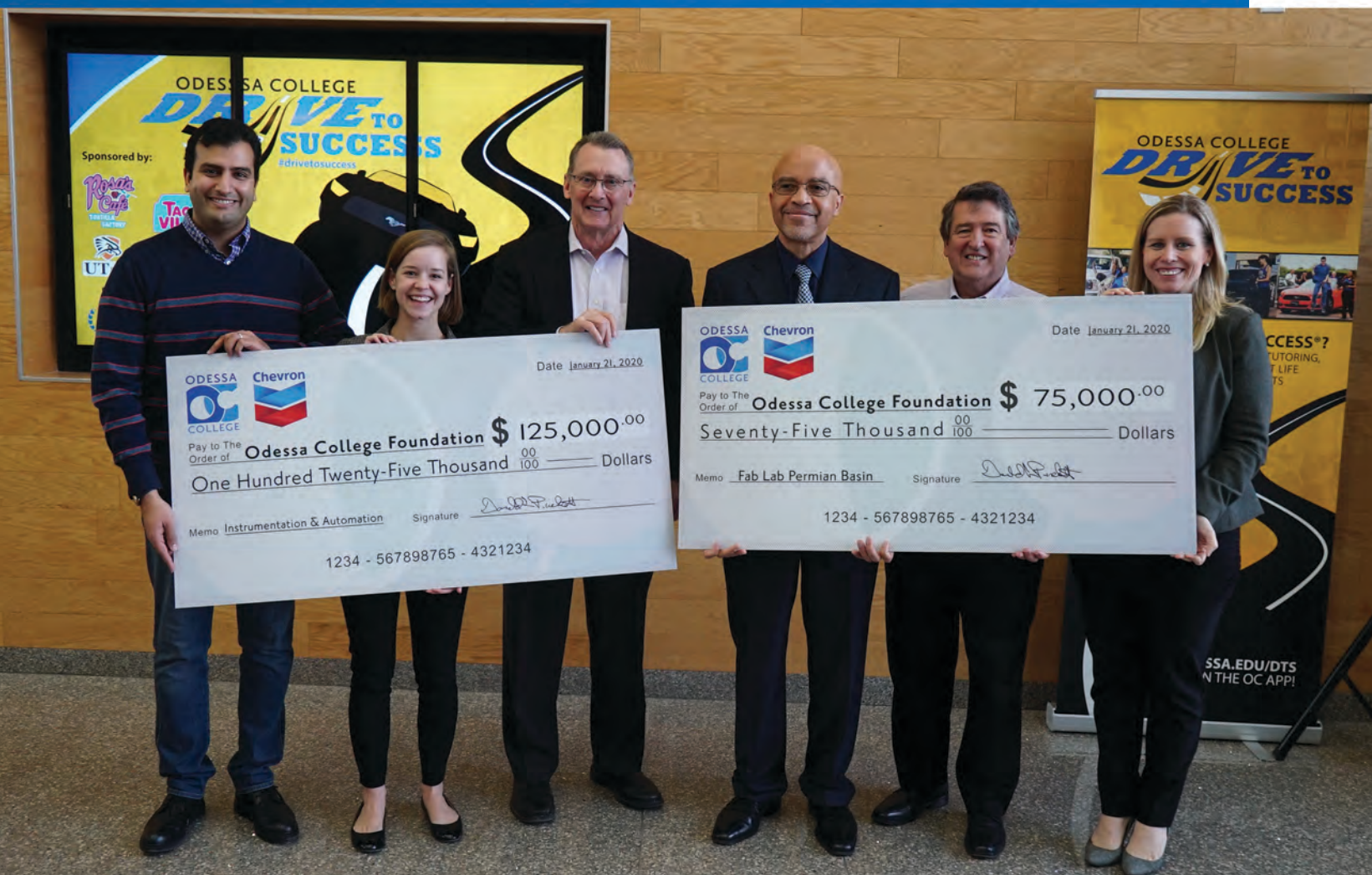
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