

This monthly report is intended to provide the Vernon College Board of Trustees, Vernon College Foundation Board members, as well as college faculty and staff, with updated information regarding significant college activities, issues, and accomplishments.

College Governance – Dr. Dusty R. Johnston, President

- At the May board meeting, the Vernon College Board of Trustees considered and approved:
 - Continuing Education 2025 Summer and Kid's College schedule
 - 2025-2026 updated Vernon College Catalog
 - Revised/Updated Vernon College Artificial Intelligence (AI) policy
 - Tax Abatement request from Tyson
- The Vernon College Board of Trustees also heard reports and updates on:
 - Vernon College Foundation meeting conducted April 17
 - 2025-2026 budget draft 2
 - 2024-2025 Athletic Scholarship report
 - Annual Planning Calendar
 - Student Highlight
 - Vernon College Insurance Request for Proposals RFP)
 - SB 37 and SB 1489 implications for governance and faculty senates
- The 89th Legislative Session concluded on June 2. Many bills have passed that will impact higher education. Community college performance funding methodology has had strong support.
- The residence hall renovation project on the Vernon campus is moving at a fast pace. Progress can be noticed daily. The project deadline is August 1.
- Upcoming events:
 - CE Completion Ceremony – Thursday, June 5, 2025 – 6:00 pm – MPEC – Wichita Falls
 - Board of Trustees meeting – Wednesday, June 11, 2025 – 11:30 a.m. – Vernon Campus
 - Law Enforcement Academy Badging Ceremony – Thursday, June 12, 2025 – 6:30 pm – MPEC – Wichita Falls
 - Law Enforcement Academy Badging Ceremony – Wednesday, July 9, 2025 – 6:30 pm – Osborne Auditorium – Vernon

Instructional Services – Shana Drury, Vice President

- Graduation was a very successful event as well as the RN pinning ceremony!
- Dr. Mark Holcomb was chosen to participate in the review of ELPT courses in the Workforce Education Course database on May 14.
- VC hosted the annual CARE conference May 13-15 with 93 participants from the surrounding areas. Thanks to the Continuing Education department and Linda Kalski for their hard work!
- Mike Hopper, Coordinator of Protective Services, was awarded the Tom Natale Award by Leadership Wichita Falls. This award reflects both outstanding community service along with positive publicity and/or acclaim to Wichita Falls. Mike was a Leadership WF participant in 2015.
- Andrea Mirasol graduated from Leadership WF on May 16, 2025. (Every year, VC sends a participant through this program.)
- Summer/Fall registration ongoing
- Worked with Dr. Brad Beauchamp on annual plan
- Northside ISD confirmed they will start the Health Occupations program in 25-26
- Harrold ISD confirmed they will start the Firefighter program in 25-26
- City View confirmed they will start the Farm/Ranch program in 25-26
- Discussions with Benjamin regarding Career and Technical Education (CTE) opportunities
- Attended Instructional Strategies/Modalities meeting

- Worked with Dr. Criquett Chapman and Dr. Brad Beauchamp to submit the Round 4 Pathways application
- Interviews for Electra ISD Health Occupations and LVN positions
- Attended the VC Sports and VC Scholarship Banquets
- Attended the Military Round Table at the Wichita Falls Chamber of Commerce

Student Services – Dr. Criquett Chapman, Vice President

Highlights in May:

Dean – Housing & Marketing/Recruiting

- May 1 – VC Sports Banquet
- May 6 – Department Meeting
- May 8 – VC Graduation
- May 9 – Dorm Move Out complete and construction begins
- May 13-15 CARE Conference at VC
- May 13 – 2025-2026 VC Catalog completed
- May 14 – VHS freshman and sophomore tour
- May 15 – Workforce Solutions High School Fair
- May 21 – Region IX prep meeting
- May 22- Workforce Solutions Veterans Resource Fair
- May 22 – Tracy Catlin give Graduation speech at Premier High School
- May 28 – On-Site Registration
- High Schools visited or at VC this month – Premier, Iowa Park, Vernon, Holliday, Seymour, Henrietta, Legacy, Memorial

Financial Aid

- Posted the Financial Aid Blog for May “Guide to Repaying Your Student Loans” to assist students with understanding the requirements for repaying loans.
- Posted many Facebook and Instagram posts about exit loan requirements, graduation, summer hours, satisfactory academic progress, and summer payment deadline.
- Reconciliation of Texas Educational Opportunity Grant (TEOG) & Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (SEOG).
- Ashleigh Whitley created a loan letter for former students to avoid default, following the Department of Education's guidelines, for Callee Serrano to send to VC alumni.
- Spring Commencement Ceremony.
- Began Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) review for the Spring semester. Working on the processes of handling Approved Maximum Time Frame and Maximum Time Frame to allow the system to work more efficiently now that degree audit has been activated. Admissions is also changing OSAs back to student's actual program to correct errors with Maximum Time Frame.
- Crystal Wells has been working with Roxanne Hill, Criquett Chapman, and Brad Beauchamp to resolve the issue with the 2025-26 packaging report. Our office was successful in packaging an additional 262 financial aid files.
- Reviewed Student Handbook for updates needed in 2025-2026.
- Rosa Alaniz assisted with tours for Vernon High School students.
- Crystal Wells and Cindy Danner delivered Meals on Wheels.

Student Success

- Program Spotlight: I'm First – VC
I'm First – VC is finishing its first year!! It is a new program at Vernon College designed for First Generation College Students. Students apply and are accepted for a 9-month program that includes monthly lunch meetings, one-on-one check-ins, and a group service project. Students have different topics at each lunch to provide all resources and information on attending college. Students who successfully complete the program earn a \$1,000 scholarship to Vernon College for their second year.
 - Students can apply for 25-26 program at this link: <https://forms.gle/XnrvTdRjJsUxCEvi9>
- Enjoyed Memorial Day and a four-day weekend!!!

- Student Success Survey sent to all Spring 2025 students.
- Jacqueline Bone and Kelli Lehman attending the Sports Banquet on May 1st.
- Participated in Graduation!
- I'm First – VC VER Service Project at Wilbarger Humane Society on May 9th.
- Lauren Loskot, Taylor Seedig, and Kelli Lehman participated in the Vernon ISD visit on May 14th.
- Summer Final Registration day was May 28th.
- Catholic Charities Day of Service held a Food Drive for the VC Food Pantry on May 31st.
- Veterans Affairs Benefits:
 - Valerie Whitten and Savannah Roberson along with Tracy Catlin hosted a table at the Veterans Career & Resource Event on May 22nd.
 - Certified Summer VA Benefit students.
- Dual Credit:
 - Participated in the Henrietta parent night focusing on their new AAT pathway.
 - Met with Benjamin ISD and began process of providing their Dual Credit.
 - Provided final grades to all High Schools.
 - Finalized all Summer registration.

Police

- Prepared the officer schedules for the month of June.
- Prepared coverage for all Special Events.
- All Fire, Safety, and Clery Reporting are up to date.
- All officers' daily logs are complete and have been looked through. No major issues currently.

Admissions/Registrar/Testing

- Admissions staff used Element 451 for application processing for Summer and Fall
- Cyndi Danner delivered Meals on Wheels
- Colleen Moore, Maria Servin, and Sjhontont Fanner met with Athletics to go over student athlete requirements
- Julie Lama, Maria Servin, and Colleen Moore helped with Honors Program
- Successful 2024-2025 graduation ceremony! Thanks to everyone who helped make the night a wonderful event for our graduates and their families and friends
- Colleen Moore, Sjhontont Fanner, and Criquett Chapman posted certificates and degrees for May 2025
- Over 250 tests administered in the Testing Centers--including TSI, HESI, TCEQ, NREMT, TCFP, TCOLE, CLEP, GED, Next gen, and Certiport
- Testing Center entered scores in Element451 and Colleague

Upcoming in June:

- June 5 – VC Continuing Education Graduation
- June 11 – Chaparral Orientation
- June 12 – VC Law Enforcement Academy Graduation
- June 16 – Region IX staff development at VC in Wichita Falls
- June 30 – Student Service Leadership Retreat

Finance/Administrative Services/Physical Plant – Mindi Flynn, Vice President

Business Offices

- Draft 3 of the 2025-2026 was prepared and went to the board on May 14.
- Submitted data to the Texas Workforce Commission in response to a SDF grant audit.
- Assisted in the decoration of the VC parade float for the rodeo parade.
- Audited vehicle and asset lists on current insurance plan to ensure proper coverage.
- Prepared Institutional Effectiveness Plan for the coming year.
- Calculating effective tax rate for the 2025-2026 fiscal year based on preliminary numbers.
- Margaret Kincaid attended the TACCHRP annual meeting in San Antonio.

Physical Plant

- Joey Lama built, painted and installed several features for the parade float. Lyle Bonner drove the athletic bus in the parade.
- Work has begun on the dorm renovation. There are crews on site daily and appears to be going smoothly and on time. The VC crew worked very diligently to get all furniture moved out and put into storage in a timely manner.
- Retrofitted the automotive shop with LED lighting.
- Paneling has been removed in the billiards room of the SUB and will be replaced with drywall and paint. Updated furniture and décor will be brought in later this summer.
- New tables and chairs were assembled and delivered to the Wright Library.
- A new ice machine has been installed over the fountain machine in the SUB.
- Repairs were made to the roof on the Congregate Meals building.
- Adjustments were made to settings in the pool to decrease condensation.
- Made repairs to multiple HVAC units among campuses and installed a new unit on Biggs building.
- New electric service was run to the parking lot and tennis courts.
- Sowed sudan at the campus farm and plowed the river farm.
- Ongoing retrofitting of LED lighting in buildings.
- Mowing weekly and landscaping at all locations. Trees were cleaned up on the Vernon campus after a wind storm knocked off several large branches.
- Cleaning and sanitizing daily and nightly, as well as stripping and buffing floors.

Human Resources

- Personnel
 - New Hires
 - Brianna “Breezy” Zambrano, Athletic Trainer, Vernon Campus, effective July 1, 2025
 - Beatriz “Bea” Paolinetti, Assistant Volleyball Coach, effective August 1, 2025
 - Resignation
 - Brian Reagan, Custodian Technician, effective May 31, 2025
 - Corrina Burros, Health Careers Instructor – Electra ISD, effective August 31, 2025
- Michelle White
 - With the Community Interaction Committee, participated in the 79th Santa Rosa Rodeo parade with an award deserving float
 - Attended VC Graduation and took photos May 8th
 - Delivered meals on wheels on May 21st
 - TACCHRP Conference May 28th- 30th
- Jackie Polk
 - Continued work on Employee Handbook
 - Meeting with NEOED May 7th
 - Attended Zavala Scholarship Banquet with Michelle Alexander on May 10th
 - Attended CARE CONFERENCE at Vernon College May 13th - May 15th
 - Delivered Meals on Wheels May 21st
 - Attended TACCHRP Conference May 28th - May 30th

Information Systems and Technology – Dr. Roxanne Hill, Vice President

VC IT Department

- 2024-2025 Computer/Laptop Replenishment is in progress for the Vernon campus, Century City Center and Skills Training Center.
- Weekly Colleague Team LEAD meetings
- Meals on Wheels was delivered by Elizabeth Gonzalez & Anna Martin on 5/7.
- Facility Request
 - Vernon
 - Vernon High School Freshman and Sophomore Tours required audio and video equipment to be set up in the auditorium and on the lawn in the Quad on 5/14.

- Training Sessions presented by Crystal Tate at the Century City Campus on 5/13 & 5/14 for OSCQR Rubric Cohort 5.
- Dorm Renovation Project on the Vernon campus is underway – Elizabeth & Dylan Guerrero have been working on removing and storing Wi-Fi access points until renovation is completed.
- Assisted the Community Interaction Committee with decorating the Santa Rosa Rodeo Parade Float.
- Our department is excited to announce the launch of the VC Birthday Club! A survey was sent out to all full-time VC employees and 54 team members opted in to participate. For the month of May, four full-time employees have been recognized and presented with a card and small gift to celebrate their birthdays.
- Help tickets submitted for May – (145) with 100% Satisfaction Score

Institutional Assessment, Planning, and Effectiveness – Dr. Brad Beauchamp

- Completed data request for Administrative Services (Samantha Samano)
- Completed data request for Institutional Advancement (Michelle Alexander)
- Completed data request for President
- Completed the initial Strategic Annual Plan for 2025-2026
- Completed data request for Financial Aid (Crystal Wells)
- Collecting data for THECB Licensure/Certification Report

Institutional Advancement – Michelle Alexander

- Callee Serrano assisted the Financial Aid Office by emailing 1,947 alumni about loan repayment information from the Department of Education.
- Callee worked with Blackbaud to upload 890 new alumni and updated 555 completers in RENXT
- Callee attended Blackbaud's product briefing update webinar.
- 2025-2026 Scholarship Offers are going out to returning students. The Round 2 application will close on June 15.
- Michelle Alexander and Jackie Polk represented the College at the Zavala Banquet on May 10.
- Michelle chaired the North Texas United Way Board meeting on May 2.
- Working on old file migration into Raiser's Edge.

Athletics – Jason Jenkins

- May is like a double edge sword. Your happy that summer is almost here and then sad because a journey has ended. That's how we felt in the Athletic Department. We ended all of our sports seasons for the academic year 2024-2025 with as much excitement that we have had in a long time.
- Baseball led the way with staying in the hunt for the post-season right up until the last weekend. We faced the #3 team in the nation and had we won just one more game against them we would have punched our ticket. Unfortunately, it didn't happen. We finished one game out of fourth place and only the top four from each conference make the playoffs. Coach McIntosh has done an incredible job with changing the culture around the baseball program. The team has produced back-to-back 30+ win seasons. A feat never before accomplished by the baseball program. They finished this year 31-25 overall and 15-17 in conference.
- Softball too had a tremendous year and showed to be set up well for a great season next year. They finished the year 30-22 overall and a 15-17 conference record. Just to iterate what Coach Lipscomb is recruiting against this is the final national standings for DI softball. McLennan #2, Grayson #5, Temple #12, Weatherford #20. They are all in our conference. In the other conference of Region V, Odessa was ranked #7. In Region 14, which is the other half of Texas, Trinity Valley was #8, Paris was #13, and Tyler JC was #23. It is a tough road to recruit period but when you are competing against this kind of competition it is extremely challenging.
- Rodeo wrapped up their season of competition and also laid the foundation for great things to come. The women's team finished 7th in the Southwest region with great individual performances like: Kyna Hudman placing 10th in Barrel Racing, Allye Stark placing tied for 9th in Breakaway roping, and former Chaparral Tori Brower finishing 2nd in Goat Tying. Coach Jackson has been working hard both at the arena and out on the recruiting trail.

- Volleyball finished the year and is chomping to get to the fall season. They will enjoy their summer first and then get back to work on the court starting August 1.
- The Athletic Department also had its annual Sports Banquet on May 1, 2025. Lots of good food and a chance to come together to celebrate each other's accomplishments. The results are as follows:
 - Baseball
 - Pitcher of the Year – Josh Ashen
 - New Comer of the Year – Joey Duran
 - Hitter of the Year – Eric Maisonette
 - Coaches Award – Cooper Thomas
 - Rodeo
 - High Point Male – Dawson Tullis
 - Top Hand – Haiden Smith
 - High Point Female – Kyna Hudman
 - Softball
 - New Comer of the Year – Giovanca Frias
 - Offensive POY – Avery Pemberton
 - Coaches Award – Zariah Liufau
 - Defensive POY – Kamden Hutton
 - Volleyball
 - Defensive POY – Peyton Cole
 - Coaches Award – Trinity Williams
 - Offensive POY – Iyanha Hibbler
 - MVP – Carli White
 - New Comer of the Year – Tania Penn
- The teams also had a great year in the classroom! Collectively the Department GPA was 3.27.
- Volleyball lead the way with a team GPA of 3.72 for the spring semester. Baseball ended up with 3.34 and had the most student-athletes and Softball had a 3.47. Rodeo also was a respectable 3.01 for the spring. There will be many Academic All-Americans being awarded shortly. Very good job coaches and student-athletes.

DRJ Comments

- Graduation was a tremendous success. I greatly appreciate the hard work and effort that faculty and staff invested to make graduation a wonderful event. The coliseum looked great, the crowd was large and enthusiastic, the students were excited, the event was coordinated with great care, student speaker Michael Wiggins made excellent comments, and the Vernon College faculty and staff represented in great fashion. Thank you!
- Enjoy the summer.
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