

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 March 11, 2026 board meeting the Vernon College Board of Trustees considered and approved:
 - Financial and Investments report
 - Issuing a Request for Proposals (RFP) for an electrical upgrade to the large resident hall
 - Revenue bonds to finance a new roof at Century City Center
 - Contract with Coryell Roofing to provided new roofing for Century City Center
 - New vehicle purchase for the Vernon College vehicle fleet
 - Purchase of ZogoTech software
 - Resolution authorizing submission of a Texas Homeland Security grant
 - Personnel changes
- At the same meeting, the board heard updates and reports on:
 - King Farm
 - Faculty Senate reorganization
 - Multi-year contract revision
 - Student Success Data
 - Spring 2026 Enrollment Snapshot
 - History of VC Focus on Student Success
 - Upcoming events
 - Philanthropic data
 - May 7 graduation
- The Faculty Senate has been established and, under Dr. Steven Underhill’s leadership, is working to update the Constitution and By-laws and plan the initial meeting on April 17.
- Dr. Johnston met with Region 9 superintendents on March 25 to provide the updated information expanded dual credit access including FAST, CE/CTE, and Non-degree seeking opportunities.
- Reminder of upcoming events
 - Vernon College Foundation Board meeting – Thursday, April 16, 2026 – 10:00 am – CCC
 - Honors Convocation – Thursday, April 23, 2026—6:30 pm—MEPC—Wichita Falls
 - Sports Banquet – Monday, May 4, 2026—6:00 pm—Wilbarger Auditorium
 - Commencement – Thursday, May 7, 2026—6:00 pm--Kay Yeager Coliseum, Wichita Falls
 - 4:30 pm Graduate Check-in—all students
 - 5:30 pm Board members, faculty, staff, and students prepare for entrance
 - 6:00 pm Graduation – All students
 - ADN Pinning—Friday, May 8, 2026—10:30 am—Wilbarger Auditorium

Instructional Services – Shana Drury, Vice President

- Rachel White will be representing Vernon College as the Director of Governance (President) of AHEAD in Texas and also presenting twice during the conference:
 - Supporting Pregnant & Parenting Students: A Guide to Policies, Procedures, and Adjustments (Co-Presented with colleagues from Blinn College and Odessa College – this is a repeat of the one we also did at last year’s conference).
 - Fostering Campus Collaboration & Faculty Engagement: Meeting Faculty Where They Area and Building Partnerships Beyond Compliance
- Madilynn Beckwith, a current student, was accepted into the Walk Among Heroes program. This non-profit organization is dedicated to honoring World War II veterans by taking them, along with students and

supporters, back to historic battlefields. There is an application process for high school students and we congratulate Madilynn for being selected!

- Working on Summer and Fall schedules; updating Inclusive Access book costs; building 26-27 programs in Colleague
- Updating our website “tiles” regarding CTE programs/requirements
- 26-27 catalog updates
- 26-27 employee handbook updates
- Dr. Steven Underhill, Dr. Mary Rivard, Dr. Mark Holcomb, Bettye Hutchins and Shana Drury attended the TACTE conference in Grapevine Mar. 25-27
- Finalizing curriculum changes for 26-27
- Shana Drury and Dr. Johnston attended Vernon High School CTE luncheon
- Held Division Chair meeting
- Shana Drury is part of the North Texas Regional Pathways committee which met on Mar. 18
- VC had a great showing of programs at the Vernon Boys and Girls Club Adulting day Mar. 24

Student Services – Dr. Criquett Chapman, Vice President

Highlights in March:

Dean – Housing & Marketing/Recruiting

- March 2 – Memorial HS scholarship workshop
- March 3 - URHCS EXPLORE Expo
- March 4 – Region IX Transition Fair
- March 4 - Quanah College Scholarship Presentations
- March 4 – Graham HS tours STC and CCC
- March 5 – Deaf Education Presentation
- March 16 – Region IX GED presentations
- March 17 – Shamrock Giveaway
- March 18 – Christ Academy
- March 20 – Henrietta HS tours CCC
- March 21 - Vernon Community Resource Fair
- March 23 - Bingo Night at Vernon Campus
- March 24 – Vernon Boys and Girls Club Adulting Day
- March 25 – Allied Health Career Fair at CCC
- March 25 – Memorial HS presentations
- March 26 – Memorial HS presentations
- March 26 – Cunningham Elementary Career Fair
- March 27 – Henrietta HS tours
- March 31 - Vernon HS Scholarship Applications
- The President’s Report has been delivered.
- The New CTE brochure should be arriving any day.
- Currently in the process of editing the front portion of the 2026-2027 catalog.

Admissions/Registrar/Testing

- Cyndi Danner, Layce Cates, and Sjhonton Fanner evaluated transcripts
- Lupita Avitia sent welcome emails to all new VC students
- Karla Wooten, Cyndi Danner, Julie Lama, Lupita Avitia, Rebecca Ashlock, and Layce Cates used Element 451 for application processing and student messaging
- Kareen La Touche working with international students and training in Adm/Reg processes
- Colleen Moore dropped non-attending students for spring 2 with the assistance of Crystal Wells
- Colleen Moore attended the P/DSO Annual Refresher Training for Higher Ed. Institutions
- Admissions and the Bookstore held two Graduation Fairs, one in Vernon and one at CCC
- Admissions had a training/meeting day
- Ashley Burnham and Amanda Luevano administered 433 tests in the Testing Centers!! Tests included: TSI, TCEQ, GED, TCOLE, TCFP, NREMT, CLEP, Accuplacer, and HESI

- Ashley Burnham and Amanda Luevano entered scores in Element451 and Colleague
- Testing had a training/meeting day
- Admissions and Testing enjoyed Spring Break!

Financial Aid

- Posted the Financial Aid Blog for March “GET YOUR PELL ON” to notify students about the availability of Pell Grant funds for the summer semester and encourage students to take classes in the summer.
- Posted many Facebook and Instagram posts on how to apply for financial aid, VC scholarship Application priority deadline, summer Pell availability, financial planning, options available before requesting student loans, and frequently asked questions.
- Continued to award Texas Educational Opportunity Grant funds to eligible students and began calling students who have not responded to their MyVC or student email.
- Crystal Wells, Ashleigh Whitley, and Jeanne Ballard participated in the Texas Colleague Team Meeting.
- Sent out 749 emails to spring Pell eligible students to notify them of the availability of Pell Grant funds for the summer and encourage them to take summer classes.
- Pulled down 1,721 FAFSAs for 2026-27 which is an increase of 350 from this time in 2025-26. Crystal has slowly started packaging to verify that process is working correctly. 366 students have been packaged grants for the upcoming Fall.
- Starting with 2026-27 academic year, the Financial Aid Office will no longer package loans in students’ financial aid offers. Offer letters available in MyVC will provide the instructions on how to request a student loan. Students who are only eligible for student loans will receive a separate email notifying them that their financial aid file has been completed and how to request a student loan if needed.
- Gainful Employment/FVT work has resumed and progress is beginning. Follow up meetings have been scheduled for April.
- Final catalog corrections have been completed and submitted.

Student Success

- Hired Lynsi Frank as the new Administrative Assistant at CCC.
 - Jacqueline Bone and Erica Nevarez delivered Meals on Wheels on March 18th.
- Academic Advising
 - Shana Drury and Kelly Miller met with Grand Canyon University on March 2nd.
 - Joe Johnson met with Student Success Specialist to review on the Communications Department at VC on March 6th.
 - Kelli Lehman, Jacqueline Bone, and Kelly Miller met with Paula Whitman to review VER schedule.
 - Transfer Fair held during Graduation Fair on March 19th at CCC.
 - Tarleton State visit at CCC on March 24th.
- Academic Coaching
 - Chaparral Orientation schedule for Summer 2026 posted and registration available now:
 - Vernon Campus will be June 3rd and August 5th
 - Century City Center will be May 27th, June 24th, and July 20th
 - I'm First monthly meeting on Career/Major Exploration held on March 18th at VER and March 19th at CCC.
 - Delilah Fowler and Melissa Moore held a Professional Development on the new I'm First-VC program for First Generation students on March 20th.
 - Kelli Lehman participated in Adulting Day with the Boys and Girls club on March 24th.
- Emotional Support Services and Intervention
 - 22 VC Food Pantry requests on March.
 - Passenger Safety event with Agrilife and TxDot at VER on March 3rd and CCC on March 4th.
 - Mirror Mirror - Distorted and True mirrors exhibit held at VER March 16th-26th and CCC March 27th - April 9th.
- Veterans Affairs Education Benefits
 - Updated Vernon College Hazelwood expectations and added to the 25/26 catalog.
 - Updated process with Continuing Education for easier flow of supporting the increase number of military benefit students.
 - Completed 2nd Certification process for all Spring II students.
 - Valerie Whitten met with Combined Arms to explore more opportunities to support Veterans on March 24th.
 - Madison Kretzmer and Valerie Whitten attended the Graduation for Honorary Commanders at Sheppard Airforce Base on March 27th.

- Dual Credit
 - Launched the DESSE (Dual Enrollment Survey of Student Engagement), a new survey by CCCSE (Community College Survey of Student Engagement).
 - Erica Nevarez, Michelle Alexander, and Kelly Miller visited Crowell ISD to review processes and scholarship opportunities.
 - Monthly Visits:
 - Burkburnett ISD – March 5th
 - City View – March 19th
 - Parent/Student Information Presentations:
 - Vernon ISD - March 2nd
 - Memorial HS – March 3rd
 - Quanah ISD – March 4th
 - Iowa Park ISD - March 17th
 - Memorial HS 2nd - March 19th
 - Application Workshops:
 - Legacy HS – March 4th
 - Midway ISD – March 23rd
 - Vernon ISD – March 25th
 - Burkburnett ISD – March 26th
 - Christ Academy – March 30th
 - Iowa Park ISD – March 31st

Police

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

Upcoming in April:

- April 1 - Easter Egg Hunt
- April 2 - SAFB All Star Leadership Day
- April 9 - Workforce Solutions Community Job Fair
- April 10 - Next Gen Allied Health Spring Tour
- April 10- Wichita County Health District Fair
- April 14 - FAFSA 500 in Vernon
- April 15 - FAFSA 500 in WF
- April 15 - Blood Drive
- April 16 - Catholic Charities Military Resource Fair
- April 17 - WF Memorial Juniors Presentations
- April 21 - 2Ingage Tour
- April 22 - WF Memorial Final Checks
- April 23 - VC Honors Program
- April 24 - Chillicothe HS Tour
- April 24 - Sand Volleyball
- April 27 - Henrietta College and Career Fair
- April 28 - Arlington/Seguin HS Tours
- April 29 - Iowa Park 8th Grade Tour
- April 29 - Everman/Eastern Hills HS Tour
- Processing Summer Pell Reviews
- Ashleigh Whitley will attend Colleague E-Live
- FAFSA 500
- Summer & Fall Registration

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

Business Offices

- Beginning phase of the 2026-27 Budget is being prepared.

- Completed financial IPEDS.
- Posted an RFP for electrical work in the dorm this summer.
- Verifying PFIA compliance with SAO for 2025.
- Purchased a new suburban for travel needs of the college.
- Met with Shana Drury, division chairs and BibliU representatives to ensure ongoing success with the college bookstore.
- Completed GAA Rider 5 requirements for the Legislative Budget Board.
- Completed 2 public information requests.
- Mindi Flynn participated in the TACCBO spring business meeting.
- Mindi also attended the State of the Economy hosted by the WF Chamber of Commerce.

Physical Plant

- Vernon grounds department fertilized the yard to prepare for spring planting.
- The outside lights at the Colley Student Center and also at the BiFork building were replaced.
- Ground department trenched for a wiring replacement at the rodeo grounds.
- Plumbing repairs were made in the Osborne building and at the softball fields, and also in multiple restrooms at CCC.
- A usage indicator light was installed in the lactation room at CCC.
- Assisted with graduation fairs, allied health care fair, UIL and the Caregiving seminar.
- Working with Advancement to coordinate pick up of auction items.
- Assisted IT with hanging of new televisions.
- Coordinating with third party to prepare for new roof at CCC this summer.
- Ongoing retrofitting of LED lighting in buildings.
- Mowing weekly and landscaping at all locations.
- Cleaning and sanitizing daily and nightly, as well as stripping and buffing floors.

Human Resources

- Michelle White
 - Discussions with Mindi Flynn and Jackie Polk of onboarding and orientation processes and procedures
 - Prepared, scanned, and mailed overload and load and listing letters.
 - 10 new hires: 9 part time, 1 student
- Jackie Polk
 - Met with Dr. Beauchamp regarding SACSCOC reporting
 - Completed Veterans report
 - Completed IPEDS!
 - Discussions with Mindi Flynn and Michelle White of onboarding and orientation processes and procedures
 - Attended AI in HR WFHRMA Meeting
 - Met with Margaret Kincaid regarding Leave issues
 - Met with both Vector and NEOED regarding processes and procedures

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

VC IT Department

- Meetings
 - Weekly Colleague Team LEAD
 - March 5: Tech Day - IST Team met at Century City Center for an in person meeting.
- March 30-31: A Professional Development session was hosted by RunBiz Solutions in Amarillo, Texas. Participants included Dr. Roxanne Hill, Maria Servin, Donna Turney, Elizabeth Gonzalez, Dylan Guerrero, and Anna Martin.
 - Following the sessions, the VC group was welcomed by the Technology Department at Clarendon College for an informative and engaging tour of their facilities.

- Conferences
 - March 23-26: 2026 Texas Digital Learning Association Conference attended by Crystal Tate in Galveston, Texas.
- Meals on Wheels
 - Delivered by Anna Martin and Lupita Avitia from the Admissions & Records Department on March 25th.
- Projects
 - We extend our appreciation to the CCC Maintenance Department for their help in filling the Gaylord bins with outdated and unusable technology—including computers, monitors, and keyboards—and ensuring the bins were replaced with empty ones.
- Tech Support
 - March 2: Elizabeth Gonzales provided support to the Continuing Education Department on the Vernon Campus by assisting Truck Driving students with setting up their Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) to ensure access to required digital platforms.
- Facility Requests
 - March 2: The Vernon Independent School District hosted Parent Night in the King Gym, where the Student Success Department presented information for potential Dual Credit students. To support the presentation, audio and visual equipment were required for the event. Elizabeth Gonzales coordinated with the Maintenance Department to ensure that all necessary Audio/Visual equipment was set up prior to the program and removed afterward.
- Professional Development
 - March 20: QEP Brainstorming Session was presented by Caylen Miracle on Teams.
- VC Birthday Club
 - Full-time Vernon College employees receive an email invitation—with an optional survey—to join the VC Birthday Club, where they're celebrated at the start of their birthday month with a card and small gift bag.
 - For the month of March, six full-time employees have been recognized.
- Help tickets submitted for March – (48) *with 100% Satisfaction Score*
- Quality Enhancement Resource Inventory
 - March 19-20: Three laptops were loaned to the Admissions department for use during the Graduation Registration Events held at Vernon and Century City Center.
- Spring Festivities
 - The IST Department celebrated St. Patrick's Day by inviting all team members to wear festive, themed outfits and showing our appreciation to other departments who provide support and encouragement by bringing extra energy and spirit to the workplace.

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

- Completed Spring IPEDs reporting
- Completed second year (of 5) of Clearinghouse PDP files
- Continuing work on Clearinghouse PDP files
- Completed data request for Instructional Services
- Completed data request for Institutional Advancement
- Completed data request for Student Services
- Updating/editing existing SACSCOC narratives in Watermark Planning & Self-Study
- Teams from History, Government, English, and Speech assessed Personal Responsibility artifacts from Fall 2025
- Updating and editing the Discipline and Program Review templates

Institutional Advancement – Michelle Alexander

- Callee Serrano wrapped up the 26th Annual online auction. The auction raised **\$2,610** which was matched on a 1:1 basis from the Vernon College Foundation General Fund. Therefore, a total of **\$5,220** is available for departmental grants. Huge shoutout to maintenance at Vernon and CCC for all their help with the auction.

- Round 1 for the 2026-2027 General Scholarship Application closed on March 15. The Scholarship Committee met on March 19 and approved the scholarship funding model for 2026-2027.
- Round 2 for the 2026-2027 General Scholarship Application opened on March 23 and will close on June 15.
- Scholarship offers for Round 1 Graduating High School Seniors were emailed by March 31. Round 1 Current VC Students will be worked on once spring 2026 grades are posted.
- Round 2 offers will begin going out on June 16.
- Michelle Alexander attended the Arts Council of Wichita Falls March Board meeting.
- Michelle participated in a visit to Crowell ISD with Erica Nevarez and Kelly Miller to discuss the Vernon College Dual Credit program and the Vernon College Foundation Dual Credit Scholarship Programs.

Athletics – Jason Jenkins

- Light at the end of the tunnel. The athletic teams are quickly approaching the end of their seasons but still are very much focusing on what is right in front of them.
- Softball has put together a great season so far. They are currently 21-13 overall and boast a 9-5 conference record which ties them for fourth place. This month is a bit of a gauntlet run coming up with back-to-back series versus McLennan, ranked fifth currently in the nation, then 21st ranked Weatherford. There is a small reprieve in there with NCTC later in the month but they still are a very tough team. We then get to finish the regular season with seventh ranked Temple College. Our team is built just for these types of challenges and look forward to showing what Vernon College is made of.
- Baseball too has put together a respectable season with lots left to play. They are currently 18-17 overall with a 5-11 conference record. After winning their first conference series of the year against Ranger College they are back to their winning ways. Hill College comes in to start April and then they too start a march towards seasons end. McLennan will come in next touting a ranking of eighth in the country to only turn around and then face 17th ranked Weatherford. We finish out the season with NCTC and Temple. Lots of opportunity and our team is ready for any all challengers.
- Rodeo has been steadily improving and placing more and more cowboys and girls into the short go's. Just recently at the Ranger College Rodeo in Sweetwater, TX they posted some impressive results. Jhett Akins won the short round and split third in the average in the calf roping. Jaelyn Wendt won fifth in the short round and fifth in the average in breakaway roping. Haiden Smith won sixth in the short round in steer wrestling. Carter Hitt won the first round and the average in steer tripping. Dawson Tullis won the second round and fourth in the average in steer tripping. Just two more rodeos remain on the schedule and we have several that just on the verge of securing their trip to the College National Finals Rodeo in June. Coach Jackson has also been very busy with signing the next bunch of cowboys and cowgirls that will represent Vernon College Rodeo next year.
- Volleyball has been working hard in the weight room and on the court but due to some injuries they have not been able to play any spring games. Coach Thomas has been busy with getting the 2026 team together and has several recruits and walk-ons excited about the upcoming season.
- Jason will be heading to the National Junior College Athletic Association meeting in Kansas City, KS, April 12-17. Lots of networking and learning about upcoming items that will need to be addressed as we head into the 2026-2027 academic and athletic year.

DRJ Comments

- I encourage you to attend the Honors Ceremony if it fits your schedule. I assure you it is an uplifting experience.
- The semester is quickly coming to an end. I appreciate each of your efforts to ensure that Vernon College continues to meet the needs of students, communities, and employees.
- Summer hours for 2026 will begin on Monday, May 11 and continue through Thursday, July 30. Operating hours will be Monday through Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Vernon College will return to the Monday through Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Friday 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon schedule on Monday, August 3, 2026.
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