

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 April 8, 2026 board meeting the Vernon College Board of Trustees considered and approved:
 - Financial and Investments report
 - Appointment of a nominating committee for board officers to report at the May board meeting
 - Sunset the AAS in Automotive Technology and the CE Certificate in Culinary/Hospitality Arts
 - Purchase upgrades to campus security cameras
 - Contractor for residence hall electrical upgrade
- At the same meeting, the board heard updates and reports on:
 - CCATT board meeting update from trustee James Brock
 - CCATT annual conference September 17-19 in Houston, TX
 - 2026-2027 budget draft one
 - Student Services update by Kelly Miller
 - Student Highlight by Anne Patterson
 - Upcoming events
 - Philanthropic data
 - May 7 graduation
- The board and administrative team continue to discuss the pros and cons of purchasing the Sprague building, which house the Skills Training Center, from Wichita County.
- Dr. Johnston conducting leadership seminars for students at the Vernon campus and at CCC.
- Several potential new student clubs/organizations we recently discuss in the Faculty Senate meeting including Veterans, Gardening, and Cinema.
- One meeting to specifically discuss various SACSCOC has occurred while two more are being planned for May to ensure a good understanding of the criteria by all those involved in the SACSCC 10-year reaffirmation report.
- The administrative team continues to discuss compliance with SB 27 in regard to board review of curriculum.
- Reminder of upcoming events
 - 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 p.m. Graduate Check-in—all students
 - 5:30 p.m. Board members, faculty, staff, and students prepare for entrance
 - 6:00 p.m. Graduation – All students
 - ADN Pinning—Friday, May 8, 2026—10:30 am—Wilbarger Auditorium
 - Board of Trustees meeting—Wednesday, May 13, 2026—11:30 am—Vernon campus

Instructional Services – Shana Drury, Vice President

- Cosmo and Barber attended Texas Skills USA on XX at XX. Congratulations to our students who brought home GOLD! Next stop: Nationals
 - Morgan Casteel (CCC) for Cosmetology
 - Josh Cortez (VER) for Barber
- Next Gen Allied Health tour was held on April 10 at Century City Center with area high schools in attendance.
- Attended SAFB Leadership Day with approx. 300 high school seniors on April 2.

- The Nursing department was part of the “Let’s Taco ‘Bout Wellness” event held by Vernon State Hospital on April 25.
- Phi Theta Kappa and faculty provided an “End of Term” meal for dorm students on April 25 for approx. 60 students.
- The ARC/STSA annual report was approved for Surgical Technology.
- Pathways Institute was held in Houston April 8-10 in which Dr. Criquett Chapman, Dr. Brad Beauchamp, Dr. Roxie Hill, Christian Ford, Steven Ellerkamp and Shana Drury attended.
- Shana Drury presented to CTE educators at Region 9 on Apr. 14.
- Working on Catalog edits/building CTE certificates
- Shana Drury held quarterly meeting with URHCS
- Dr. Criquett Chapman, Kelly Miller, Valerie Whitten, and Shana Drury attended an Open House for MSU Student Success/Military Education Center on April 29.
- Met with Harrold ISD regarding a C.N.A. program.
- A successful Honors Convocation was held April 23. Thanks to all the faculty who nominated and celebrated our students.

Student Services – Dr. Criquett Chapman, Vice President

Highlights of April:

Dean – Housing & Marketing/Recruiting

- 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 28 - Cafe Con Leche
- April 29 - Iowa Park 8th Grade Tour
- April 29 - Everman/Eastern Hills HS Tour

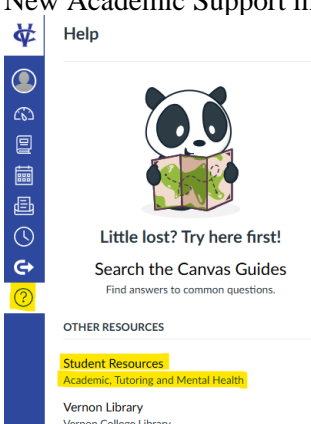
Admissions/Registrar/Testing

- 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.
- Sjhonton Fanner, Kareen La Touche, and Colleen Moore attended the WTACRAO Virtual Spring 2026 Meeting.
- Ashley Burnham and Amanda Luevano administered 372 tests in the Testing Centers!! Tests included: TSI, TCEQ, GED, TCOLE, TCFP, NREMT, CLEP, Accuplacer, CDA, and HESI.
- Ashley Burnham and Amanda Luevano entered scores in Element451 and Colleague.
- Admissions and Testing preparing for May 2026 Commencement.

Financial Aid

- Posted the Financial Aid Blog for April "12 Myths About the FAFSA Form and Applying for Financial Aid" to help student understand the facts from fiction when it comes to financial aid.
- Posted many Facebook and Instagram posts on how to apply for financial aid, VC scholarship Application priority deadline for Round 2, summer Pell availability and registration, and tips to stay eligible.
- Jeanne Ballard assisted students at the Honor's Program.
- Hosted FAFSA 500 at the Vernon Campus and Century City Center. Assisted students completing the FAFSA, VC scholarship application, and answered many questions. Drawings held for door prizes and \$1,000 scholarship for each campus.
- Crystal Wells and Sharon Anderle are busy processing and awarding Summer Pell Review forms.
- Financial Aid Spring Newsletter posted on Facebook & Canvas.
- Began posting 2026-27 VC scholarships for eligible students.
- Ashleigh Whitley attended Ellucian Live in Colorado.
- Brianna Chapman delivered Meals on Wheels.

Student Success

- Sent out Student Success Survey to all current Spring 2026 students.
- The Three Amigos - Kelli Lehman, Jacqueline Bone, and Taylor Seedig did Meals on Wheels in Vernon on April 29th.
- Academic Advising
 - Summer Registration opened April 20th with 432 students registered by the end of the first week.
 - Fall Registration also opened April 20th with 389 students registered by the end of the first week.
 - Melissa Rodriguez hosted Coffee and Donuts @ Skills on April 22nd to reach out and connect at Skills Training Center.
 - Kelly Miller and Dr. Paula Whitman presented virtually a professional development called Acadeum/Digitex – What is it? How and why do we use it? on April 10th.
 - Dr Paula Whitman updated Student Success Specialists on the new Developmental Math Pathways starting 2026-2027 on April 10th.
 - Shanna Drury met with Student Success Specialists on updates to CTE programs in the 26-27 catalog on April 10th.
 - Delilah Fowler attended the Pharmacy Tech Spring Advisory Meeting on April 15th.
 - MSU visited CCC on April 27th.
- Academic Coaching
 - New Academic Support in Canvas for students to access from the Help option:
 
 - First Gen – VC (formerly I'm First – VC) was approved for 2026-2027 Foundation Grant on April 16th at the Foundation Meeting.
 - I'm First – VC CCC group complete their Community Service Project by volunteering at the Special Olympics on April 18th.
 - I'm First – VC Finals Frenzy met at VER on April 22nd and met at CCC on April 23rd.
- Emotional Support Services and Intervention
 - 19 VC Food Pantry requests in the month of April.

- Alex Knox and Ann Marie McMillan along with Criquett Chapman, Rachel White, Lori Arnold, Misti Brock, Will Robertson, and Jesse Dominguez participated in an 8-month training with the Texas Success Center: Minding College Minds to learn about mental health opportunities for VC students.
- Hosted Red Solo Cup Event on April 7th at both CCC and VER to promote alcohol awareness at Vernon College.
- Cuddle Service – Stress Relief Event on April 27th at both CCC and VER to let students, faculty, and staff destress with animals from Wilbarger and Wichita Falls Humane Societies.
- Veterans Affairs Education Benefits
 - Valerie Whitten along with recruiting and Chappie attended the 82nd Training Wing’s All-Star Leadership Day at Sheppard Air Force Base on April 2nd.
 - Valerie Whitten and Kelly Miller attended MSU’s Grand Opening of Student Success and Military Education Center along with Shana Drury and Dr Criquett Chapman on April 29th.
- Dual Credit
 - Shana Drury met with Dual Enrollment Coordinators on updates to CTE Dual Credit paths in alignment with the 26-27 catalog on April 10th.
 - Lauren Loskot participated with Recruiting’s AHEC Allied Health Tours on April 10th.
 - Erica Nevarez and Jesse Dominguez hosted Breakfast at the Sub for a current Dual Credit Vernon ISD class that meets at the high school to let them experience a college campus.
 - Continued with Applications Workshops:
 - Henrietta – 4/13
 - Chillicothe – 4/30
 - Registration Workshops at the High Schools with students registering themselves:
 - Crowell – 4/15
 - Midway – 4/20
 - Windthorst – 4/20
 - Legacy (Summer students only) – 4/21
 - Quanah – 4/21
 - Vernon – 4/22
 - Burkburnett – 4/23
 - Memorial (summer & online Fall students only) – 4/27
 - Iowa Park – 4/28
 - Henrietta – 4/28
 - Wichita Christian – 4/30

Police

- Prepared the officer schedules for the month of May.
- 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.

Upcoming in May:

- May 1 - WFISD CEC College & Career Fair
- May 1 - Premier Signing Day
- May 7 - Commencement!
- May 8 - ADN Pinning Ceremony
- May 12 - 15 - NTRT Care Conference Table
- May 13 - City View Signing Day
- May 15 - Burkburnett College/Career Fair
- May 27 - Chaparral Orientation

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

Business Offices

- Draft I of the 2026-2027 budget was presented to the Board in April. Draft 2 is underway.
- Spring II Financial Aid was disbursed to 143 students in the amount of \$171,982.

- Cindy Hotz attended the eLive conference in Denver.
- Worked on Annual Plans with Dr. Beachamp
- Met with Great Western Dining to discuss 2026-2027 meal needs.
- Prepared and presented financials for the VC Foundation quarterly meeting.
- Met with TASB representative regarding insurance premiums in 2026-27.
- Working with Human Resources to prepare a new employee orientation set to begin this summer.
- Completed a JET Grant desk review with Texas Workforce Commission.
- Provided financial information to several departments for grant applications.
- Posted job opening for General Ledger Accountant.

Physical Plant

- Installed additional electric outlets in the nursing suite.
- Installed lettering for Technology Support Center in the Wright library.
- A new AC unit was installed in the baseball press box.
- Planted hay on the campus farm.
- Repaired drawers and a bookshelf in the library.
- Install new curtains, with a track, for massage therapy. A new lock and door were also installed in the lab.
- Working with New Beginnings to set up an additional office at CCC.
- Installed a backdrop partition in room 508 at CCC.
- Assisted with the Blood Drive and FAFSA 500
- Held interviews for Maintenance Supervisor at CCC. The position is still open.
- Ongoing retrofitting of LED lighting in buildings.
- Mowing weekly and landscaping at all locations, including spraying to prepare for summer.
- Cleaning and sanitizing daily and nightly, as well as stripping and buffing floors.

Human Resources

- Personnel
 - Employment
 - Lynsi Frank, Administrative Assistant, Classified, Student Success, CCC, effective April 1, 2026
 - Resignation
 - Andrea Gorbett, CDL Truck Driver Instructor, VC, effective March 31, 2026
- Michelle White
 - Easter Bunny activities March 31st
 - Completed mock interviews with J. Ditmore's 8am TR LEAD class
 - Completed mock interviews with Barwise Junior High
 - Prepared, scanned, and mailed out faculty reappointment letters
 - Prepared, scanned, and mailed out overload and load and listing letters
 - STILL obtaining Professional Reviews
 - Attended NEOED Fuel: Virtual Learning Summit (April 28-29)
- Jackie Polk
 - Met with both Vector and NEOED again regarding processes and procedures
 - SACS meeting
 - Attended NEOED Fuel: Virtual Learning Summit (April 28-29)
 - Working on New Employee Orientation
 - Working on SignNow process
 - Working on staff reappointments
 - Continued work on Employee Handbook

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

VC IT Department

- Meetings
 - Weekly Colleague Team LEAD
 - April 16: Tech Day - IST Team met at the Vernon Campus for an in person meeting.

- Conferences
 - April 7-10: Pathways Conference attended by Dr. Roxanne Hill in Houston, Texas.
 - April 14 & 15: TX DLA Virtual Conference attended by Jeff Chan.
 - TX DLA Virtual Conference attended by Crystal Tate
 - April 18-22: Ellucian Live Conference attended by Dr. Roxanne Hill and Maria Servin in Denver, Colorado.
- Projects
 - Special thanks to the Vernon Maintenance Department for their support in ordering and installing new signage in Wright Library.
 - Thank you to the Pharmacy Department for the generous donation of laptop cases! Your support helps our team stay equipped and ready, and we're grateful for the collaboration.
 - The IST Department is conducting a comprehensive inventory project across all campuses to document monitors, CPUs, scanners, and printers, with the goal of improving service for all employees and students.
- Facility Requests
 - April 27: The Continuing Education Department requested use of a computer lab at Century City Center to be used by students completing Allied Health Testing.
- Professional Development
 - April 24: QEP Brainstorming Session hosted by Caylen Myracle via 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 April, six full-time employees have been recognized.
- Help tickets submitted for March – (133) *with 100% Satisfaction Score*
- Quality Enhancement Resource Inventory
 - April 7: Assistant training session held at the library. Training activities required access to a single laptop for instructional and hands-on components.
 - April 9: A laptop was requested to support the Instructional Services LEAD Challenge Exam.
 - April 16 - 24: Financial Aid required the use of one laptop to participate in the Ellucian Live Conference.
- Department Event
 - IST hosted two new events that gave students and employees a chance to connect with IST techs and department members, ask questions, and learn more about the services and support the department provides.
 - April 7th: The IST Department hosted a *Popcorn on the Square* event on the Century City Campus, handing out 80 bags of popcorn to students and employees. To add to the fun, a movie night basket filled with snacks and drinks was raffled off — and one lucky student took home the prize.
 - April 16th: The IST Department hosted a *Brews & Bytes* event on the Vernon Campus, handing out coffee & donuts as well as a few additional light refreshments to students and employees. As an extra treat, two coffee themed baskets filled with snacks and drinks was raffled off — congratulations were extended to VC employee Taylor Seedig and the student whose names were drawn.
 - Tech Day: The IST department distributed small gift bags containing tech tips, a sweet treat, and an inspirational sticker. Staff also offered guidance and checked in with employees to identify any technology-related needs or support requests.
 - April 29: Maria Servin, Dylan Guerrero and Elizabeth Gonzalez visited offices on Century City Campus.
 - April 30: Elizabeth Gonzalez and Anna Martin visited offices at the Vernon Campus.

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

- Editing the Cost II Spring IPEDs report
- Making final edits 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
- Created sample for assessment of Teamwork for Spring 2026
- Updating and editing the Discipline and Program Review templates
- Attended Pathways conference
- Attended ZogoTech trainings

Institutional Advancement – Michelle Alexander

- Callee Serrano delivered meals on wheels.
- Callee mailed the president's report out to alumni and friends of the college.
- Callee is working on migrating 2025 alumni information into the Rasier's Edge alumni/development system.
- Work continues work on old donor records, and working on alumni records from 2025.
- Michelle Alexander is serving as the TACC's Vernon College point of contact for the statewide Department of Labor Strengthening Community Colleges grant proposal.
- Michelle participated in the EdTrust Emergency Aid Focus Group conversation about our Vernon College Chaparral Emergency Aid Program along with Rachel White and Dr. Criquett Scott Chapman
- Michelle participated in the Martin Luther King Scholarship Committee Meeting to select 2026-2027 awardees
- The Vernon College Foundation met for their Quarterly Meeting on April 16, 2026
- 2026-2027 Scholarship Offers are being sent to qualified graduating seniors who are planning to attend Vernon College this next academic year.
- Working on Fall 2026 Dual Credit Scholarship Awards, working with high school counselors and our Financial Aid Office.

Athletics – Jason Jenkins

- It is over. Well not quite but we very near to completion. Several teams will have completed their seasons by the time this goes to print so let's recap just a bit.
- Rodeo ended its season with a trip to Stephenville for the Tarleton State University Rodeo. We had several participants compete very well. In Tie Down, Carsyn Campbell was 9.8 in the long round and 10.1 in the short round for fifth in the short round and fifth in the average. Jhett Akins was 9.5 in the long round but took a no time in the short go. For Goat Tying, Jaklyn McNeally was 7.0 in the long round and 8.8 in the short for 10th. In Steer Roping, Dawson Tullis won the first round and second in the short round for first in the average. Carter Hitt won the second round and went third in the average. Aaron Ralston was second in the first round. So, Dawson Tullis, Carter Hitt, Aaron Ralston, and Foreman Casebolt all qualified for the Steer Roping Finals on May 30th in Abilene. We have several just miss out on the CNFR in June but hopefully we can count on them next year.
- Volleyball concluded a spring with several workouts and few recruit visits including one recruit from Montenegro. Coach Jaylan has been busy with restocking for the 2026 season and is confident that we will be nationally ranked with the talent that she and Coach Paolinetti are brining in. Looking forward to a fun and exciting season on the volleyball court in the fall.
- Softball has had a stretch of games that we refer to as the "Gauntlet". In three weeks', time they will have played three of the top ten teams in the nation. Our team competed in every game and on most days were just a hit or two shy of beating each of those teams. Mathematically we are still in contention for the post season but are in need of some major help along with us taking care of our business. Our last series will be against Temple College, currently leading the conference, with a game on Wednesday, May 6th and then the last game of the year at home on May 9th. Come out to see Team 30 on that Saturday.

- Baseball has had some struggles themselves. They too faced their version of the “Gauntlet”. Starting with McLennan ranked 6th at the time and then followed that up with playing 22nd ranked Weatherford, made for an interesting and trying month of April. While being competitive we still ended up on the wrong side of the score. Currently we are 22-29 overall with 2 games left to play. We finish the season on Saturday, May 2nd against NCTC at home.
- Jason returned from the NJCAA National Convention with several new items that will be coming from the national office. The first is that the dues will be going up in 2027. Second item is that baseball and softball will be going to a 32-team national tournament in the spring of 2028. This will be 8 sites across the U.S. with 4 teams at each site. The winners of those 8 sites will then head to their respective College World Series. Could be some major travel when we get to that point. There are several other items but are too numerous to mention here.
- Thanks for everyone’s support and attendance this year and we sincerely hope that it continues into next year. Have a great summer and GO CHAPS!!

DRJ Comments

- 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 5:00 p.m. and Friday 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon schedule on Monday, August 3, 2026.
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