

WTC News

WESTERN TEXAS COLLEGE

Sunday, May 18, 2003

Western Texas College, 6200 College Ave., Snyder, TX 79549

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SUMMER SCHEDULE

CLASSES BEGIN MAY 27

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219 Students named to Academic Honors Lists

Fifty-seven students were named to the President's List for the fall 2001 semester at Western Texas College. The president's list is the highest scholastic ranking achievable at WTC. To be honored, students must maintain a 4.0 grade point average while taking at least 12 academic credit hours.

Eighty-four students were named to the Dean's List. To qualify for Dean's List, students must have a 3.5 grade point average and carry at least 12 hours of course work.

Seventy-eight students were named to the Merit List. To qualify for Merit List, students must have a 3.5 grade point average and enroll for more than 8 and less than 12 hours of course work.

President's List

Meagan Bailey
Alex Best
David Bilderback
Jason Bond
Gloria Cato
Stormy Clark
Mary Collier
Harrison Druessedow
Kristen Early
Jeremy Eaton
Ramona Embry
Timothy Escobedo
Jay Finley
Thomas Foreman
Diajaira Garcia
Stacey Garcia
Jason Gardner
Diana Glover
Priscilla Gonzales
Amanda Greenwood
Stephanie Hernandez
Kit Yee Ho
Amber House
Chevis Howell
Rustem Ibrashiev
Kazuhiro Inoue
Shinichiro Ito
Jennifer James
Corey Knipe
Jeremee Lester
Juan Manuel Lopes
Edward Lowry
Rikki Mathis
Greg McQuirk
Raphael Morales
Joshua Panneck
Carcie Posey
Jeffrey Proctor
Carly Pyburn
Samuel Ramirez-Calvo
Donald Robertson
Amber Russell
Jessie Salas
Leslie Schmidt
Nicholas Schwartz
Keeli Shoemake
Justin Simmons
Sam Spreadborough
Tasha Stevenson
Jennifer Terrell
William Tinkler
Michael Ulm
Michael Wallace
Brandon Walls
Blake Ward
Dustin Whitson
Yee Man Yu

Dean's List

Marienoelle Bailly
Ryan Ballard
Desiree Bates
Richard Bockhorn
Robert Boyd
Megan Braddock
Jason Brewer
Loryn Brown
Deidra Bursleson
Pedroza Carattini
Cody Carter
Leslea Chance
Travis Clark
Trent Cormier
Sarah Cox
Kasey Crill

Dean's List (cont'd)

Eric DeLeon
Glenis Duke
Robert Ehrke
Michael English
Brittany Euton
Manuela Fernandez
Norma Garcia
Matthew Graves
Joel Guedea
Christopher Gulley
Marcos Gustavo
Jacob Harrison
Tyrrell Henley
Christopher Hensley
Melissa Hester
Steven Johnson
Brandy Jordan
Hisashi Kawakami
Shawna Kempf
Joshua Key
Thomas Koehl
Tyson Kubena
Susan Lara
Valerie Lara
Autumn Irvens
Randus London
Terrence Marshall
Justin McBroom
Sarah McLaughlin
Justin McMurtrey
Matthew Meyers
Jeremy Miller
Ryan Minchew
Tiffanie Moore
Carmen Morin
Jeffrey Murray
Tyler Neves
Jennifer Newman
Ross Nieman
Chase Nobles
Jamie Nowlin
William Osburn
Matthew Owen
Patricia Parker
Brodie Pierce
Heather Pokrant
Kayla Posey
Tara Price
Carmelita Ramirez
Joshua Regian
Trey Roberson
Pete Rodriguez
Artie Rollins
Maria Rostro
Ashley Ryan
Nathan Shrode
Nathan Smith
Kristi Sterling
Jimmie Tate
Tiffany Taylor
Jarrett Thornton
Cade Tucker
Douglas Walls
Kyle Waltisperger
Deon Wardell
Stephanie Wardlaw
Lonnie White
Jason Williams
Felicia Youngclaus

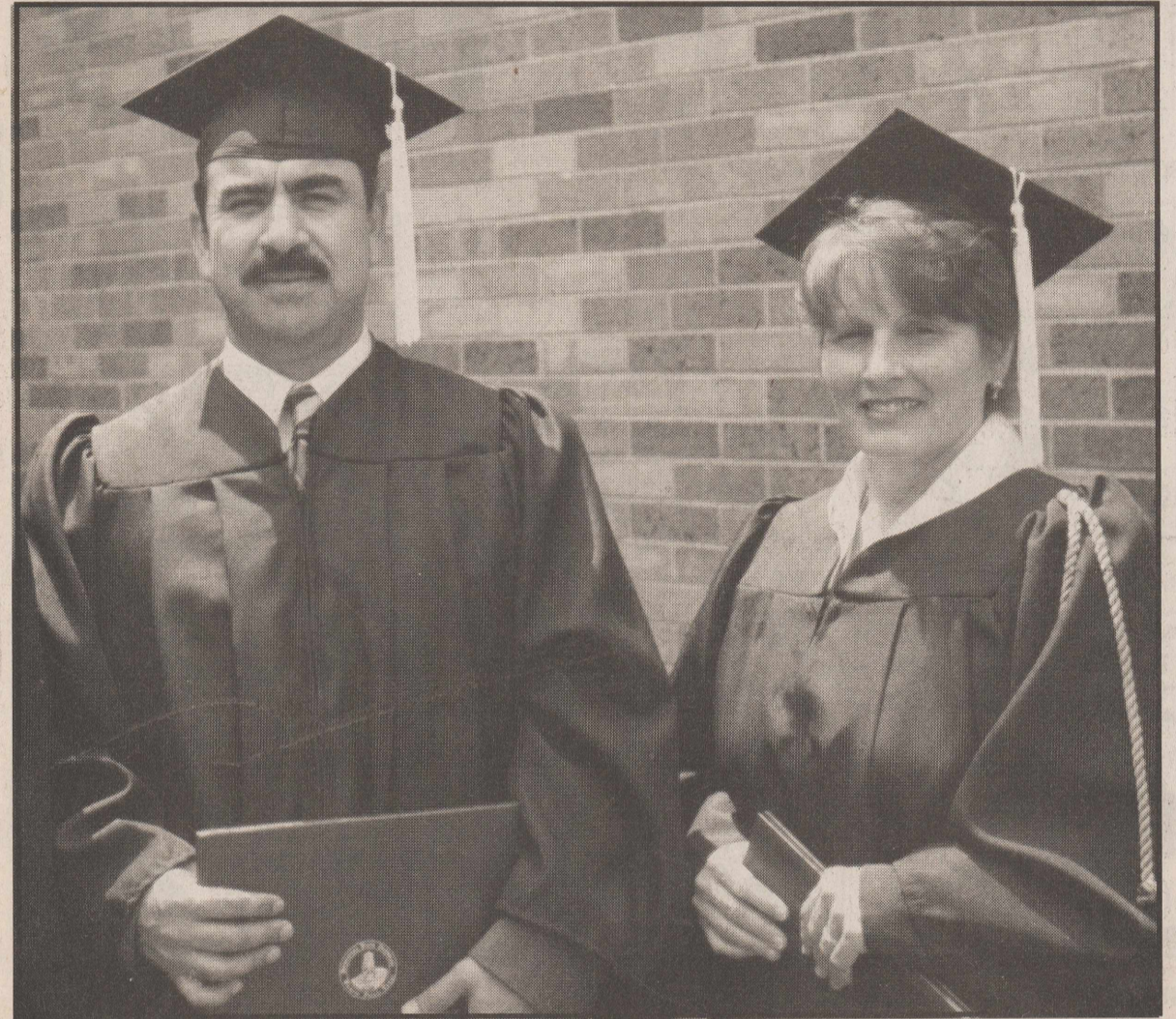
Merit List

Korie Rawlins
Rana Anderson
Ryan Anderson
Raymond Arnett

Merit List (cont'd)

Jackie Beccue
Chaile Bowman
Jeremy Bray
Lawrence Briscoe
Lisandra Bueno
Matthew Bullock
Joshua Butler
Adrian Cano
Christopher Cisneros
Robbie Clark
Fred Courtney
Heather Crawford
Patricia Daniel
William Davis
Kellie Dodson
Rebecca Drake
Bryan Durham
Joseph Engelhardt
Manuel Estrada
Christopher Faz
Joel Flores
Michael Fuller
Desiree Garcia
Deanna Goff
Christina Goswick
Lisa Gray
Stafford Gray
Amanda Hartzog
Evan Heinze
Norman Hicklin
Rachel Hoelscher
Wyndell Inman
Chelsea Jones
Shannon Jones
Thomas Jones
Whitney Jones
John Lindsey
Marty Love
Monica Lozano
Levi Mandrell
Terry Martin
Claudia Martinez
Eddie McAnally
Robert McCoy
Cole Mcleod
Cassandra Messick
Andrew Murrell
Cindy Nachlinger
Logan Jauert
Alan Neal
Cary Nichols
Jennifer Palacios
Kyung Park
Alejandro Perez
Elijah Perez
Hailey Putnam
Justin Rinchart
Travis Robinson
Armando Rocha
Bridget Sanchez
Samuel Schiwart
Afton Schwertner
Christopher Smith
Keenan Stringer
Efrain Suarez
Afton Sutter
Grace Valadez
Grady Vickers
Johnny Waits
Robin Ward
Clay Williams
David Willingham
Alfred Wolgramm
Bo Young
Esther Zamarripa

Alcala and Fare receive degrees from Midwestern



Snyder residents Raul Alcala and Helen Fare received their B.A.A.S degrees during spring commencement exercises last week at Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls. Both completed their degrees through a partnership between Midwestern and WTC, which allows students to earn sixty-nine hours of the 124-hour degree at WTC with the remaining coursework completed over the Internet.

Alcala, who was recently named Assistant Director of Workforce Education for the college, said he was very happy to have completed his degree. "Getting an education is difficult and expensive," he said, so it feels like a dream has become a reality. When I was traveling to Texas State Technical College, I was spending \$240 a month in gasoline, so taking the classes to earn my Bachelor's online helped not only to save the money on gasoline but also to take those classes in my free time."

Fare is the wife of WTC GLT instructor, Sam Fare. "The aspect I liked best is not being tied to a particular class time," she said. "I worked my classes around my own schedule. It takes a lot of discipline, but you don't have the travel time, and it's more personalized since you get out of it what you put into it."

Appropriations affect CC Funding

Community colleges are opening the doors of higher education to hundreds of thousands of Texans. Over the past two years, community college enrollment has grown by 70,000 students to a total record enrollment last fall of 509,201 students. Nearly every college in the state has reported continued record enrollment this spring.

That's good news for the state. Students who are pursuing transfer and technical programs at community colleges today ensure that Texas has an educated work force tomorrow.

Community colleges work for Texas by stimulating the economy, leveraging taxpayer dollars, generating return of government investments and increasing the earning power of individuals.

A recent study commissioned by the Texas Association of Community Colleges and The Houston Endowment confirms that:

- For every \$1 invested, community colleges return \$18 to the state economy, including \$3 in tax revenue.
- Community colleges have a \$13.1 billion annual impact on the state economy, accounting for 350,000 jobs and a savings of \$276 million in health and public safety costs.

As our elected officials in Austin have gone through the difficult process of developing a state budget, two different plans have emerged.

Under the leadership of Lt. Governor David Dewhurst, the Texas Senate has found a way to minimize the damage done to community colleges in the appropriations process.

The Senate bill recognizes the growing momentum by recom-

mending \$1.5 billion for community colleges, limiting the appropriation reduction to 4.4 percent. The Senate recommendation is \$90 million above the level in the House appropriation bill.

The appropriation recommended by the Senate will help community college districts continue to:

- "Close the Gaps" by providing an affordable higher education to more than 500,000 students each year, including 78 percent of all minority college students in Texas.

Enrollment at Western Texas College increased 32 percent in the past year.

The diversity of the student body reflects the demographics of the community. On average, 1.3 percent of the student body is African-American; 22.4 percent is Hispanic; 8 percent is Asian.

- Keep programs and classes open, enabling students to get the courses they need to enter the workforce.

Reductions in current year state appropriations forced Western

Texas College to cancel the MayMester session. In addition, 12.6 percent fewer classes are being offered this summer.

- Respond quickly to local needs, including work force training for economic development initiatives.

When Lorber Industries moved to Snyder, WTC held classes to help train its new employees.

The college has also provided customized continuing education training Kinder-Morgan and the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

- Ensure that Texas has an educated work force when companies look to our state for relocation and expansion.

A Conference Committee comprised of five members from both the Senate and the House of Representatives is now reviewing differences in the Appropriations Bill.

As the deliberations continue, we encourage members to adopt the Senate version of HB1 for community college funding.

Fare receives 5-year pin

During WTC's recent awards banquet, GLT instructor, Sam Fare was regrettably left off the program to receive his 5 year award. Sam began working for WTC in August of 1998 as an instructor in the Golf/Landscape Program. He came to WTC with 23 years experience in the landscape, irrigation, and grounds maintenance fields. He received his Bachelor of Science degree from Texas Tech University majoring in Park Administration. WTC President, Greg Williams noted Fare's contribution to the college. "On a personal note, I value Sam's friendship and the work he continues to do here at WTC."



Sam Fare