

President's Report

November 2021

Covid-19

I am happy to report that cases have continued to trend downward as expected. Under the CDC guidance we are following, some of our locations are in green and some are yellow (mask recommended for unvaccinated in indoor settings). This is great news. We will continue to monitor the CDC's Community Transmission Tool to help guide the appropriate response on our campuses. Going forward each campus will respond to the level of community transmission within their community.

Our plans for Spring are a full return to normal in classrooms and dorms. As always, we will adjust as necessary.

Partnerships & Grants

- We continue to work with Union Pacific on a grant proposal. They are excited for the opportunity to partner with SWTJC. We will keep you posted as this grant further develops.
- I had a conversation with Walmart Foundation about possible grant funding to assist with our expansion of technical programs. We had a good visit and we will continue our discussion after the new year.
- Our team continues to work on the EDA – Good Jobs Challenge grant proposal. We are currently getting letters of support from our regional employers.
- On October 27 I presented to both Workforce Board and Middle Rio Grande Development Council on our priorities and new technical programs planned.
- On November 2 we were notified by the Aspen Institute about our selection as a Top 150 college and eligible to apply for the Aspen Prize. We assigned a team to respond to the application and will submit in December.

Upcoming Meeting/Events

2021

11/12-13 Sam Houston Rodeo
11/17 Thanksgiving Luncheon – students/staff/faculty/first responders @ Fountain
11/18 SWTJC November Board Meeting
11/19 TACC Legislative Committee Meeting
11/20 Turkey Trot
11/24-26 Thanksgiving Holiday
11/30 Christmas at the College
12/1 TACC/CCATT Community College Funding Committee Meeting
12/2 Christmas Luncheon – Fountain Area
12/9 SWTJC December Board Meeting
12/14 TACC Legislative Committee Meeting
12/15-31 Christmas Holidays

2022

1/3 Offices Reopen
1/11 General Faculty Meeting
1/17 Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday
1/18 First Day of Classes
1/20 SWTJC Board Meeting
2/17 SWTJC Board Meeting
3/14-18 Spring Break
3/24 ? SWTJC Board Meeting
4/15 Easter Holiday
4/21 SWTJC Board Meeting
5/13-14 Commencement Ceremonies
5/19 SWTJC Board Meeting