



Presidential Prospectus





Founded in 1926,
Tyler Junior College (TJC) is a
comprehensive, state-assisted
public institution offering degrees
through the baccalaureate level.

Tyler Junior College
invites nominations and
applications in its search
for a visionary President
who will continue to
enhance the institution's
commitment to academic
excellence, student success
and community engagement.
The President reports to the
College's Board of Trustees.



VALUES

Academics

Perseverance

Accountability

Community

Honor

Excellence

Mission Statement

To provide a comprehensive collegiate experience that is anchored in the rich traditions of a quality education, vibrant student life and community service.

Vision Statement

To be a premier institution of higher education recognized for its academic and workforce programs, student life and community engagement.

Civility Statement

In keeping with its rich traditions, TJC pledges to maintain a civil campus climate in which students, employees, and visitors can experience a safe, mutually supportive, academically encouraging, egalitarian, and tolerant community.







*What shall be
the spirit of
Tyler Junior
College?*

G.O. Clough,
TJC's first president



The College of East Texas

The formal opening of Tyler Junior College was held in the Tyler High School auditorium on September 17, 1926 with 93 students attending. Tyler Superintendent G.O. Clough was named the first president of the College and TJC was one of the early junior colleges established in Texas. At the time there were less than 300 such institutions in the United States. In its inaugural year, the College had nine faculty members and conferred degrees on nine graduates.

Today, TJC is one of the largest community colleges in Texas. With 312 full time faculty members, and 355 part-time faculty members, approximately 12,270 students enrolled per semester, and 1187 degrees/certificates awarded in May, TJC is the only community college in Texas to offer a Bachelor of Science degree in dental hygiene.

For 92 years, TJC has embodied the true sense of the term "community college," as reflected in its foundational promises to provide students with a quality education, a vibrant student life and opportunities for service to the community. With more than 130 degree and certificate programs, plus extensive training and technical programs, TJC is the best first step for any student, whether they plan to transfer to a four-year institution or gain the skills they need to go directly into the workforce. When students step onto the 145-acre main campus, they are immediately part of the TJC experience, which includes: rigorous academics, 60 national championships in athletics, stellar fine and performing arts programs, modern residential facilities, and organizations and clubs that reflect student diversity. Additionally, dual enrollment programs and early college high schools are offered in partnership with area high

schools. More than 2,600 high school students are earning college credit each year while in high school because of dual enrollment opportunities at TJC.

TJC faculty and students consistently excel in their respective fields, and this history of excellence has focused national recognition on the College and has earned the respect of its peers. In 2016 and 2018, the Aspen Institute College Excellence Program named TJC as one of the nation's top 150 community colleges from over 1,108 schools nationwide. This prestigious award honors those institutions that strive for and achieve exceptional levels of success for all students, while they are in college and after they graduate.

TJC has produced more than nine decades of exceptional graduates, including: a former deputy director of the CIA, Grammy and Academy Award-winners, playwrights, actors and actresses, professional athletes, an Olympic gold medalist, prominent political figures, health care specialists, educators, and business professionals. In a recent survey of current students, 75 percent said TJC was their first choice for college, and 94 percent said they would choose TJC again based on their experience so far.

The community's generosity led to the founding of the College in 1926. Thanks to the wonderful, ongoing support from the community, alumni, parents, students, and friends of this great institution, TJC has flourished for 92 years and had record enrollment in Fall 2018 of over 12,000. As it looks to the future, TJC will continue to expand opportunities for student success and reinforce its role as The College of East Texas.





TJC

92 YEARS OF SUCCESS



RICH IN TRADITION. CHARGING FORWARD.

The formal opening of Tyler Junior College was held in the Tyler High School auditorium on September 17, 1926, with tremendous local support. For 92 years, TJC has embodied the true sense of the term “community college,” as reflected in its foundational promises to provide students with a quality education, a vibrant student life and service to the community.

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1926

9 FACULTY MEMBERS

93 STUDENTS

9 GRADUATES

2019

667 FACULTY MEMBERS

12,270 STUDENTS PER SEMESTER

1,187 MAY GRADUATES



NOTABLE TJC ALUMNI



Jimmy Butler,
NBA (76ers)



Sarah McClendon,
White House Reporter



Mitchell Berger,
NFL (Steelers)



Chris Tomlin, Grammy award-
winning songwriter, singer



Bobby Inman,
Admiral, U.S. Navy, (Ret.)

1926 - 2019

Founded in **1926**,
with the first classes held in Tyler High School
there were

93 students enrolled and 9 faculty members.

Today, there are
12,270 enrolled and 667 faculty members.

18th largest community college in Texas.

One of the
top 3 choices
for higher education in East Texas and the
only community college in the top 3.

In a recent survey of current TJC students,

75% listed TJC as their 1st choice and
94% said they would choose TJC again
based on their first-year experience.

1st community college in Texas
approved to offer a Bachelor of
Science Degree in Dental Hygiene.

Designated a
Purple Heart College
by the Military Order of the
Purple Heart Chapter No. 1935.

More than
130 degrees and certificates
offered, and extensive training and technical programs.

State-of-the-art training facilities in
5 disciplines
nursing and health sciences, power plant technology, elec-
tric/electronic controls, HVAC and automotive technology.

1/3 the cost
of a public four-year institution.

Consistently tops in the state and nation in academics,
speech and debate, and student media.

More than
40 clubs and student organizations.

60
National Junior College Athletic Association national
championships.

TJC is regarded as a model for
best practices
in creating a safe and civil
campus environment.



9 decades

of exceptional graduates including Grammy and Academy Award-winners, actors,
award-winning journalists, educators, business leaders, political figures and professional athletes.



Bryan Hughes,
State Senator



Will Jennings,
Grammy and Academy Award
winning songwriter



Donna Bullock,
Actress



Shea Whigham,
Actor



Dom Dwyer,
MLS player,
Orlando City SC



Campus

TJC operates five primary locations to serve its students and the community. The main campus, located at 1400 Fifth Street, includes more than 145 acres of property and more than 40 buildings. The main campus is dotted with stately hardwood trees and includes eight residence halls.

Our residence halls offer housing for more than 1,200 students to live on campus. All halls have full-time staff to provide operational supervision and student development activities as well as video surveillance cameras in the public areas.

TJC-West is the home of the School of Continuing Studies, Skills Training Center which provides automotive and welding technology programs, and Energy Center that offers training in the latest industry standards for highly skilled jobs in power plant technology, HVAC, industrial maintenance and electrical and electronic controls technology.

TJC-Jacksonville is located on the fourth floor of UT Health East Texas, located at 501 South Ragsdale Street, in Jacksonville. Studies offered at TJC-Jacksonville include the LVN-ADN transition program, designed for a licensed vocational nurse to complete the associate degree nursing program and be qualified to become a registered nurse, as well as general education courses needed to qualify for entry and completion of nursing and other health-related and college transfer programs.

TJC South-Jacksonville is the result of a partnership between the Jacksonville Economic Development Corporation,

CHRISTUS Trinity Mother Frances Health System, UT Health East Texas, and TJC.

TJC-North provides Lindale and its surrounding communities with access to general education classes, nursing programs and the recently launched veterinary technician program. Continuing education courses are also offered at this site. TJC-North is located in The Cannery, a retail/entertainment/residential complex in Lindale. It is a result of a partnership between the Lindale Economic Development Corporation, the Lindale ISD and TJC. TJC-North brings lifelong learning to residents of northern Smith County and provides a resource for high schools in Smith, Van Zandt and Wood counties, where TJC offers dual credit courses that provide college credit to eligible high school students.

At **TJC South-Rusk**, located on the campus of Rusk State Hospital on U.S. Highway 69, TJC maintains a 12-month vocational nursing education program. All academic courses for students within the TJC-Rusk LVN program are offered on site.



**TJC has
earned the
Government
Finance
Officers
Association
of the United
States and
Canada (GFOA)
Certificate of
Achievement
for Excellence
in Financial
Reporting for
22 consecutive
years.**

Budget

TJC has a long history of fiscal responsibility and sound financial performance. The annual operating budget for fiscal year 2019 is \$92.9 million. The primary source of revenue for the district is tuition and fees which account for 39.6% of total budgeted revenue for the 2018-2019 academic year. Additional sources of revenue include district taxes (28.1%), state appropriation funding (18.1%), auxiliary services (9.6%) and other sources (4.6%).

State appropriation funding is comprised of three components: core operations, student success and contact hour funding. Each community college in the state receives an equal amount annually in General Revenue funds for core operations to help cover basic operating costs. The remaining allocation is based on contact hours by institution and student success funds are distributed based on student success points earned from a three-year average.

TJC has a robust balance sheet with approximately \$250 million in assets, \$161 million in liabilities and a fund

balance of \$89 million. Additionally, the College has earned an AA+ rating from Standard & Poor's on certain debt issuances. The AA+ rating is considered to be an indicator of very strong capacity to meet financial commitments. This is the second highest credit rating tier issued by Standard & Poor's.

TJC prepares a comprehensive annual financial report which is audited by an independent audit firm annually. The College consistently receives an unmodified opinion which indicates the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the District.

Additionally, TJC has earned the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for 22 consecutive years. The Certificate of Achievement is a prestigious national award, recognizing conformance with the highest standard for preparation of a state and local government financial report.







World Class Academics

For 92 years Tyler Junior College has led the way in higher education by offering quality education at affordable prices while being close to home.

TJC has an outstanding record of academic quality, offering bachelor and associate degrees and certificates, as well as training and technical programs.

Our awards are offered through a variety of programs in healthcare, business, arts, science, technical and industrial trades and more.

Through our quality, convenient and flexible academic programs, students at TJC are ready to excel at any level of academic achievement. TJC provides exceptional degree options that prepare students for a fulfilling career or transfer to a university, as well as certificate programs that allow them to directly enter the workforce.

TJC has awarded more than 52,000 academic degrees and certificates to students over the past 92 years, including a former deputy director of the CIA, politicians, journalists, playwrights, actors and actresses, professional athletes and business owners.

TJC is one of five community colleges in Texas accredited as a Level II institution and is able to offer baccalaureate degrees. TJC has a successful BS in Dental Hygiene program and started offering a BAT in Healthcare Technology and Medical

Systems in January 2019. Both programs meet an important need in our community by providing graduates with more employable skills in the fast-paced expansion of health care.

Further economic needs are being met with the recent addition of Industrial Maintenance Technology AAS and Culinary Arts AAS and certificates.

The Presidential Honors Program at TJC aspires to instill in our students a passion for lifelong learning through challenging intellectual activities, undergraduate research opportunities and a dynamic honors community. With mentorship, research and job-shadowing opportunities, our Presidential Honors program endeavors to make the student the best possible candidate for what they want to do next.

TJC's Alpha Omicron chapter of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society is one of the oldest PTK chapters in the nation, chartered since 1930. While striving to instill scholarship, leadership, service, and fellowship this outstanding chapter is proud of the many regional, national, and international awards won as well as the thousands of dollars individual chapter members have amassed in scholarships and awards.

TJC is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges to award associate and baccalaureate degrees as well as certificates.

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**The new
TJC Promise
will provide
an earned
scholarship to
eligible high
school students
within the
College's tax
district.**

TJC Promise

A bold, new scholarship initiative has been launched in honor of TJC's 90th anniversary: The TJC Promise.

Recognizing the need to build a college-going culture that will strengthen the workforce of the future, communities nationwide are creating opportunities for students who might not otherwise be able to attend college.

The pioneer of the "promise scholarship" movement – Michigan's Kalamazoo Promise – was launched in 2005 and has helped almost 5,000 students achieve a college education.

In 2014, the Rusk TJC Citizens Promise – Texas' first community-based promise program – was created in partnership with Citizens 1st Bank, the James I. Perkins Family Foundation and Tyler Junior College, offering TJC scholarships to qualifying Rusk High School seniors. The first Rusk Promise cohort graduated from TJC in May 2016.

The new TJC Promise provides an earned scholarship to eligible high school students within the College's tax district. The program was developed by leadership of TJC and six surrounding school districts.

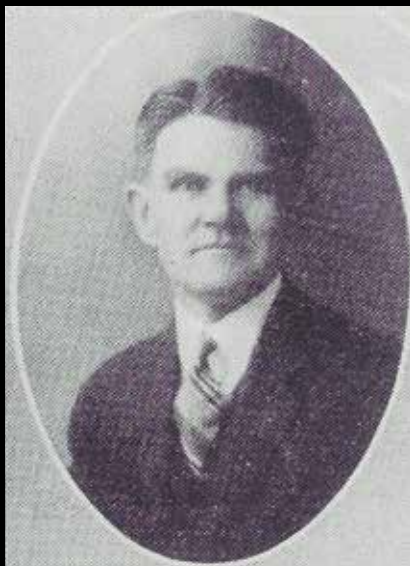
Beginning in 2020, qualifying graduates can receive up to two years of tuition and fees at TJC. Students earn the TJC Promise scholarship by meeting certain standards during their high school years based on academic achievement, persistence and community service. These scholarship standards will promote positive behaviors to ensure that students are on a path to success in high school, college and beyond.

To ensure the success of the new scholarship program, the College has embarked on the most ambitious fundraising effort in its 92-year history, the Campaign for the TJC Promise. The goal is to raise \$20 million in private gifts to underwrite a dedicated endowment.

TJC PROMISE CLASS OF 2020 WINONA







G. O. Clough (left),
first president of TJC



J.M. Hodges (right),
second president of TJC



Four of the College's six presidents are represented, from left,
the statue of Dr. Harry Jenkins, Dr. Raymond Hawkins, Dr. William R. Crowe and Dr. L. Michael Metke.

Exemplary Leadership

*Six exemplary
leaders from
1926-present.*

Early years

G. O. Clough was named president of TJC in 1926 by public endorsement. J.M. Hodges would go on to serve as president from 1927 to 1946, a period where the College's enrollment would drop during the Great Depression, see a federally-sponsored aviation program instituted in 1939 during World War II and benefit from a surge in enrollment during post-war prosperity.

1945-1981

In 1945, voters overwhelmingly approved creating a separate junior college district and passed a bond election, clearing the way for a self-supporting college. That same year, a man whose name became synonymous with Tyler Junior College – Dr. Harry E. Jenkins – was appointed the new president of TJC. Jenkins would lead 35 years of growth and expansion of the College.

Jenkins recruited high school faculty to teach at TJC part time, established the College's athletic programs (and demanded they win), convinced the federal government to donate old Camp Fannin buildings to the College, expanded vocational and technical programs, and worked with area hospitals to make an existing nursing school part of TJC. He also oversaw campus expansion, broadening the tax district to include area school districts, and enlisting private donations to help spur a campus-building program.

1981-1994

In 1981, Dr. Raymond Hawkins became president of TJC, and over the next 14 years oversaw a major campus master plan that called for construction of a

student center, a new residence hall, a health and physical education facility and an administration building.

1994-2007

Dr. William R. Crowe, who served in two dean positions and as associate vice president, was selected to succeed Hawkins in 1994. Dr. Crowe is heralded for helping the College navigate through its loan debt that allowed for new buildings and for connecting TJC to major donors during his 13-year tenure as president. Construction of the Ornelas Residential Complex also started under his leadership.

2007-Present

In 2007, Crowe was succeeded by Dr. L. Michael Metke, who continues the legacy of strong leadership at the College today. Since Metke's arrival, enrollment has grown, infrastructure has been improved through a major campus renovation of utilities, and an honors program has been established for the school's brightest students.

On the main campus during Metke's term, Robert M. Rogers Nursing & Health Sciences Center and Crossroads Residential Hall were constructed. Additionally, a major expansion of the Center for Earth & Space Science Education was completed. TJC also added the Energy Center at TJC West.

Thanks to the strong leadership of a few, some 92 years after the College was established, TJC continues to embody the true sense of the term "community college," as reflected in its foundational promises to provide students with a quality education, a vibrant student life and opportunities for service to the community.

TJC is a huge anchor for our community. The college is unique among community colleges in that it offers everything a four-year college does – from a wide range of degree programs to an active dorm life and more extracurricular activities than you can possibly imagine. This experience wouldn't be possible without the forward-thinking leaders who have served the College over the past 90 years.

Ann Brookshire
TJC Board of Trustees

Board of Trustees

The President reports directly to TJC's Board of Trustees, which has nine members selected by popular vote.

Trustees are elected to serve six year terms.

Current Board of Trustees



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President



Rohn Boone
*First
Vice President*



Peggy W. Smith
*Second
Vice President*



John D. Hills



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Joseph L.
Prud'homme M.D.



Clint Roxburgh



Ann W. Brookshire



Lonny Uzzell

TJC Cultural Arts

For the last 92 years, our fine and performing arts programs have been somewhat of a hidden gem.

We're proud to bring them to the forefront with our new TJC Cultural Arts District.

Located in the heart of our main campus, the TJC Cultural Arts District features a variety of art and science programs across four venues, including:

- Wise Auditorium
- Jean Browne Theatre
- The Center for Earth & Space Science Education
- Tyler Museum of Art

Starting in 2019, Wise Auditorium will begin renovation and transform into a comprehensive performing arts center which will ensure TJC can continue to recruit exceptional talent,

grow the College's programs and offer high-quality programming for the East Texas community.

If you've ever been to a concert or show on our campus, you already know that the depth of artistic talent among our faculty and students is astounding.

From our top-notch theatrical productions and performances by our outstanding music and dance departments to incredible works created by our art students, we have some of the finest entertainment anywhere in East Texas.

And our Center for Earth & Space Science Education never ceases to amaze and inspire a new generation of young explorers.

TJC is the College of East Texas, and we're proud to be a part of our community's vibrant arts and entertainment scene.



TYLER MUSEUM OF ART



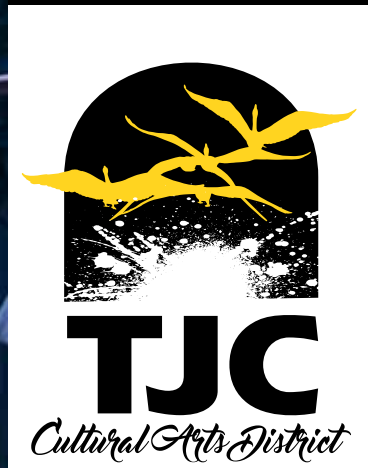
WISE AUDITORIUM



CENTER FOR EARTH & SPACE SCIENCE EDUCATION



JEAN BROWNE THEATRE





Rose Rudman Trails in Tyler

Community

The TJC main campus is located in Tyler, Texas, a growing city with a population of approximately 100,000, located in the northeast region of the state. Tyler is considered the economic, medical and cultural hub of East Texas. It is known not only for its natural beauty, but also for its industry, medical facilities, shopping centers, symphony orchestra, civic theater, art museum, recreational facilities, and opportunities for higher education - and the Rose Capital of the United States.

Tyler also has charming brick streets, antique shops and unique specialty stores. With crystal-clear lakes full of fish, challenging golf courses and scenic campgrounds, Tyler has something for everyone.

Located 95 miles east of Dallas, Tyler's 2016 estimated population

is 104,798. Tyler is the advanced manufacturing, health-care and retail center of East Texas, as well as Texas' first Certified Retirement City. The city has an impressive youth recreation program, ballet, symphony orchestras, art museums and is also home to several colleges.

Tyler is America's Rose Capital, home of the annual Texas Rose Festival. We are also proud to host a breathtaking Azalea & Spring Flower Trail each year when Spring rolls around.

As a regional educational and technology center, Tyler is the host for more than 20,000 higher education students, a College of Engineering, and a University Health Science Center, two regional, billion-dollar hospital systems, and a variety of technology startups.



Foundation & Advancement

The Tyler Junior College Foundation was incorporated in 1965 as a separate 501 (c) (3) support organization for TJC and currently has more than \$75 million in assets. Its mission is to enhance the overall reputation of TJC, to provide external resources to fund College priorities, and to create opportunities for the College to build partnerships with alumni, friends, donors, corporations and foundations.

Like many other publicly supported institutions in Texas, the margin of excellence in our activities is dependent upon endowment gifts. Endowment resources help us to retain the best faculty, to attract the most talented students and to provide the most responsive programming.

For more than 92 years, TJC has been serving, educating and changing lives. As the leading community college in the state of Texas, TJC has created a legacy of excellence in higher education. With quality academic programs and exceptional workforce preparation, the College is dedicated to serving the community and providing opportunities for lifelong learning.

Over \$4 million in annual scholarships are awarded each year. Our contributors play a crucial role in preserving a quality education at TJC. The generous support of alumni and friends of TJC help us maintain our high standard of excellence.



Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) was created by the Texas Legislature in 1965. They meet quarterly in Austin. Board meetings are usually broadcast via the Internet as well.

The Board is made up of nine members appointed by the Governor for six-year terms. The Governor also appoints the chair and vice-chair. No Board member may be employed in education, serve as a community college trustee or university regent.

The mission of the THECB is to provide leadership and coordination for the Texas higher education system and to promote access, affordability, quality, success, and cost efficiency through 60x30TX, resulting in a globally competitive workforce that positions Texas as an international leader.

Since being created by the Texas Legislature in 1965, the Board has worked to achieve excellence for the college education of Texas students.

*This place
and these
people are
special.
When
I needed
a home,
they gave it
to me.*

Shea Whigham

Award-winning actor |
Theatre Major, Class of 1989

Apache Belles at the Texas Capital rotunda.



*The future
of the
institution
will, in a
measure,
depend upon
you.*

G.O. Clough,
TJC's first president

TJC Presidential Position Profile

The Board of Trustees of Tyler Junior College (TJC) invites applications and nominations for the position of college president. The President is the chief executive officer and reports to a nine-member Board of Trustees elected by the tax district residents.

The President is responsible for implementing Board policies. They also represent the institution and develop relationships with multiple communities in the district, the Texas Association of Community Colleges, the Texas Coordinating Board, accrediting agencies, state and local governments, other educational partners-locally, across the state as well as nationally, and independent school districts within the service area.

Qualifications/Experience

Degree

Master's required; Doctorate preferred, from a regionally accredited institution

Experience

Minimum of three years of demonstrated, successful senior executive experience, preferably in an educational institution with multiple locations.

Student Focus

A strong commitment to student success and demonstrated experience cultivating, nurturing and maintaining a culture of diversity and equity as a means to accomplish student achievement.

Legislative Affairs

Politically astute with a record of proven advocacy skills and a solid understanding of local, state and national legislative processes and issues.

Fundraising

Successful demonstrated experience in partnering with the College Foundation and other community organizations for resource development

Partnerships

Ability to establish and maintain partnerships throughout the district, including business, industry, K-12, other higher education institutions and other community organizations.

Characteristics and Qualities

- A student-centered president, dedicated to leading a college that places student access and student success as key institutional priorities;
- A leader with experience in strategic enrollment management, including outreach to underrepresented populations;
- An ethical, authentic, visible leader who will develop and maintain a high level of trust and respect throughout the College and within the greater communities;



- An individual who inspires and supports a culture of evidence-based decision-making;
- A knowledgeable, skillful and innovative leader who will collaboratively manage a complex set of institutional challenges and issues, making difficult decisions focused on moving the College forward in a productive and sustainable way that continues to promote student success;
- An inclusive leader dedicated to valuing and advocating for increased student and employee diversity, innovation and professional development, employee engagement and input, and measurable institutional results and accountability;
- A leader who has demonstrated community engagement and commitment to the comprehensive mission, vision and values of TJC in urban, suburban, rural, business and industry settings;
- A person who exhibits a comprehensive understanding of the opportunities that new technologies bring to the current learning environment, and the practical knowledge to bring these to implementation and utilization for the benefit of students, faculty and administration;
- An inspiring leader with a clear vision of higher education and a consensus builder who will bring the College and communities to a level of greater appreciation and participation in developing TJC as an educational institution for the future;
- An experienced person who values the contributions of employees, and who will pro-actively work with personnel;
- An effective communicator, listener, and advocate with strong interpersonal skills and a commitment to share and to elicit information, ideas, and policy with students, staff, and the public in both written and verbal formats;
- A leader who applies business acumen, emotional intelligence, and exemplary social judgment and exercises self-awareness.

Nomination & Application Process

The target date for receipt of applications is 03/11/2019. Applicant packets received after 03/11/2019 are not guaranteed review.

On campus interviews of finalists anticipated during the week of April 22nd.

The start date is July 1, 2019.

Transcripts of all higher education degrees will be requested from the finalists.



***Towards the
end of the tour,
you gave us
advice about
college and told
us to “be open
to anything” -
-we might find
we want to
do something
that we never
planned on
doing in our
lives.***

Van High School Senior
Campus Tour, Fall 2018

How to Apply

This is a confidential search process. To ensure full consideration, applications must be received by March 11, 2019, though applications will continue to be accepted until a successful candidate has been named.

To apply go to <http://www.acctsearches.org> and upload your documents.

Candidates will need to have the following information or materials available to complete the application:

1. A letter of application (not to exceed five pages) that succinctly addresses how the candidate meets the qualifications, experience, characteristics and qualities identified in the Position Profile and demonstrates how their experience and professional qualifications prepare them to serve as the President of TJC.
2. A current resume including an email address and cellular telephone number.
3. A list of eight references: example, two to three supervisors, two to three direct reports and two to three faculty and/or staff members from current and former institutions.

For additional information, nominations or confidential inquiries please contact:

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An ACCT Search



1926

- January: Anonymous contributor to the Tyler Courier Times newspaper suggests the idea of a junior college
- February: Tyler Public School Board discusses the creation of junior college for Tyler area
- G.O. Clough named president; J.M. Hodges selected as dean
- September 17: TJC formally opens in Tyler High School with 93 students
- Drama club, Las Mascaras, founded

1927

- J.M. Hodges named College president; serves until 1946
- Apache Pow Wow, first College newspaper, published
- Unofficial Buccaneers football team become Apaches

1930

- TJC accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools
- Alpha Omicron Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa chartered

1934

- Dr. Harry E. Jenkins hired as assistant superintendent and vice president

1945

- Election creating a separate junior college and bond election pass

1946

- Dr. Jenkins appointed TJC president, serving 35 years
- Coach Floyd Wagstaff hired
- First large influx of veterans from World War II
- TJC choir, the Singing Apaches, formed

1947

- Apache Belles (originally called Apache Roses) forms under direction of Mildred Stringer
- Apache Band begins under the direction of Doc Witt
- Board approves Associate in Arts degree

1948

- New campus opens for fall semester with 516 students
- Main campus building, later renamed Jenkins Hall, constructed
- Apache Guard forms and originates Drum Beat tradition

- Apache Belle and Band Rim Walk tradition begins

1949

- Apache basketball team wins national championship

1951

- Texas Eastern School of Nursing established
- Football team plays in Little Rose Bowl in Pasadena, California

1952

- Inauguration of vocational Industrial Arts program

1956

- Watson W. Wise Auditorium opens
- Ramey Tower added to Jenkins Hall

1959

- Lillie Mae Vaughn Hall and Center Hall (now Wesley House) completed

1962

- West Hall constructed
- Entire tract of city property on east side of Mahon purchased for campus expansion

1963

- Hudnall Planetarium opened
- Eva Saunders named Apache Belle director
- Gymnasium and Academic Building completed

1964

- Claridge Hall women's dormitory constructed

1965

- Tyler Junior College Foundation created

1966

- Main Hall renamed Jenkins Hall
- George W. Pirtle Technology Center opens

1967

- TJC and Junior League of Tyler partner to create an art museum on campus

1969

- Holley Hall was completed
- Vaughn Library opened

1970

- Gymnasium named for Floyd Wagstaff

1971

- Harmony and Understanding formed

1973

- Academic Building named for Edward M. Potter

1975

- Aleck Genecov Science and Art Building opens

1977

- Bonna Bess Vaughn Conservatory opens
- Sledge Hall opens

1980

- Watson W. and Emma Wise Cultural Arts Center opens
- Jean Speller Browne Theatre opens in Wise Cultural Arts Center

1981

- Dr. Raymond Hawkins named president; serves until 1994

1982

- Hudnall Hall men's dorm opens

1990

- Regional Training and Development Complex dedicated

1993

- The White Administrative Services Center opens

1994

- Dr. William R. Crowe named president; serves until 2007

2007

- Dr. L. Michael Metke named president

2008

- Ornelas Residential Complex opens

2011

- Hudnall Planetarium undergoes major expansion; renamed Center for Earth & Space Science Education

2015

- Robert M. Rogers Nursing & Health Sciences Center opens
- Crossroads Residential Hall Opens
- Energy Center opens on West Campus

2016

- TJC celebrates its 90th anniversary

2017

- TJC wins its 55th & 56th national championships
- TJC Lindale moved to the Cannery in Lindale and became TJC North.

2018

- TJC award it's first bachelor's of science (14) and vet tech (11) degrees
- TJC wins its 60th national championship
- Enrollment hits record high with 12,270 students in the Fall



TJC

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