

## **President's Report February 2017**

### **Construction**

*Crystal City Library* – Corrections to the roof drains are in process. We are waiting on general contractor to install the additional storm drains and re-grade the site before our landscaping can begin. We are pushing hard to have this completed asap. Our goal is for a March Open House and Dedication.

### **Partnerships**

Dr. Sorrells and I had a conversation with Nick Gallegos and Ronnie Rivera (Middle Rio Grande Development Council) to begin addressing the higher education needs and issues within our service area.

Met with Dr. Kenneth Rohrbach (Medina Valley Supt.) on February 2 to discuss career tech opportunities for his district.

Staff has been meeting with Leakey ISD Superintendent to discuss opportunities to expand dual credit and career tech opportunities.

We are in process of finalizing an Early College High School MOU with Uvalde CISD and Cotulla ISD has expressed interest in exploring the opportunity as well. We currently have Knippa, Del Rio, Dilley and Eagle Pass (Fall 2017) as Early College High Schools.

### **Legislation**

- TACC Executive Committee met on 1/25 in Austin in preparation for our first Senate Finance Hearing
- Attended Senate Finance Hearing in support of Community Colleges request for \$87 Million increase for next biennium on 1/26
- Attended the joint CCATT/TACC Legislative Update on 2/6
- Attended Community College Day at the Capitol on 2/7 – we took 11 students from Eagle Pass, Del Rio, Crystal City and Uvalde Campuses. Students had opportunities to share with our legislators (Tracy King, Poncho Nevez, Andrew Murr, Carlos Uresti) the importance of SWTJC to their educational goals. Very proud of our students, they did a fabulous job representing SWTJC.
- Uvalde County Day is upcoming on 2/15 – we have included a resolution in their packet and VP Tarski will represent SWTJC on that day.
- The House has yet to name the committee assignment – as soon as they do, we will be called up to testify before the House Appropriations committee to present our request.

## **Upcoming Meetings and Events**

- 2/11            Hosting Lego Robotics School Competitions grades 3-8
- 2/12            SWTJC Rodeo Team competing at San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo
- 2/15            Uvalde County Day at Capitol (Austin)
- 2/28            College and Career Day (Uvalde)
- 3/5-7           Pathways Conference (Dallas)
- 3/9             Grilling with the President (Uvalde)
- 3/13-17        Spring Break