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State of Williamson Virtual Homecoming Presentation

October 17, 2020



2020 -A Year of Challenges

- President Michael Rounds

Agenda

- Safeguarding Williamson During the Pandemic
- 2W0 Commencement Ceremony
- Significant Campus Projects
- Major Initiatives Underway

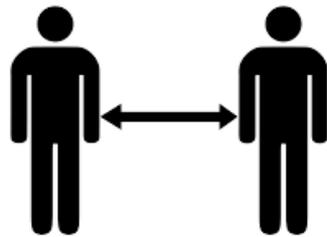
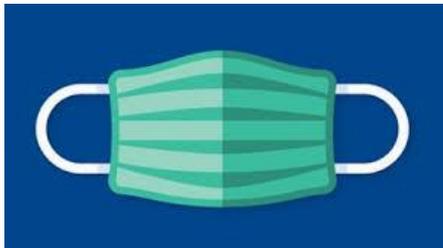
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Safeguarding Williamson During the Pandemic

Through advancements in technology and the tremendous efforts of the faculty and staff, Williamson was able to quickly transition to a virtual education format last March.

This fall, we adopted a rigorous mitigation and testing protocol enabling a return to in-person instruction through Thanksgiving, closing the term virtually.

The protocol will remain in place for the Spring term



2W0 Commencement Ceremony

While adhering to COVID-19 safety measures, the Williamson community and families celebrated the accomplishments of the seniors as they rang the graduation bell and received their diplomas.

While there were a few delays in starting dates, due to the high demand for Williamson graduates, most were able to find great opportunities within their career field by the end of the summer.

We congratulate the newest *Williamson Alumni* and wish them all the best in their bright futures



Significant Campus Projects



Stell Dormitory

Renovation nearing completion – on schedule for a spring completion. Will be renamed James R. Clemens Dormitory when completed



Rowan Hall Window Project

Just completed a \$600K window renovation
Funding from multiple sources, including a
Historical Preservation Grant



Strine Dormitory

Funded through a generous gift from Bill and Judy Strine, the new Dormitory will be completed by summer of 2022, as the college expands its enrollment



Wesley Student Activity Center

Funded through a generous gift from Joseph and Marion Wesley, the new center will be completed in the summer of 2022

Major Initiatives Underway

Trade Program Advancements

- As a result of the 2-year assessment study, the college is poised to introduce significant programmatic and curriculum changes across all programs
- Renaming Horticulture to Landscape Construction and Management
- Introduction of the new Electrical program
- Includes an exciting new partnership with Rowan University that will enable Carpentry, Masonry, and Electrical program students to simultaneously complete a significant portion of a Rowan Bachelor's Degree through taking select Williamson classes
- Programmatic changes now working through State Department of Education

2021 – 2026 Strategic Plan

- With the stakeholder survey results completed, the planning beginning is on schedule to refine the college's next strategic goals and tasks
- Draft expected to be completed in the spring for a summer 2021 publication

Student 1:1 Device Program

- Given changes in the trade industry and expanding curriculum, the college will be introducing a new student device program in August 2021. Every student will be provided a device.
- The program is in a pilot phase currently to determine the best device
- Funded by a generous grant from the ECMC Foundation

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New Alumni Mentoring Program

- Exciting new program providing an opportunity for alumni to mentor Williamson students through their 1000-day journey
- See Mrs. Laura Brown for more details

Middle States Accreditation

- Williamson is progressing well through the Middle States Accreditation process with an upcoming visit to the campus scheduled for this upcoming January

Campus Master Plan

- Williamson, in partnership with Speizle Architectural Group, recently completed an extensive Campus Master Plan to assist the college forecast future development and growth
- Serving as a guiding roadmap, the plan helps the administration articulate campus needs and giving opportunities to future donors

National Registry

- Williamson continues to pursue its inclusion to the National Registry with an approval hearing to the National Park Service scheduled later this month
- Listing in the National Register provides additional clout for the college to compete for public and private historical preservation grants and assistance

Questions?

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