

CONNECTION

2022 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

WESTERN IOWA TECH COMMUNITY COLLEGE

As a comprehensive community college, our mission is to provide quality education and to economically enhance the communities we serve.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

2022 was a year of connection for Western Iowa Tech Community College (WITCC). We engaged transfer students with a Federal Title III grant from the U.S. Department of Education for over \$2 million allowing us to improve our transfer pathways and enhance our inclusion efforts. WITCC supported the Cherokee community with a new nursing simulation center, increasing the number of nursing graduates in the Cherokee community. We also partnered with school districts in the Denison, Ida Grove, and Mapleton communities to build a Career Academy for rural students. In addition, we announced the creation of an athletics program to build a vibrant campus and connect with our community. It will be an exciting year for the Comets!

Thank you for your continued partnership with Western Iowa Tech Community College. Your support helps our students transform their lives.

Humbly,

Terry A. Murrell, Ph.D.

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NEW FACULTY AND ADMINISTRATION



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Karina Pedroza Title III Project Manager



Matt Pfister College Development Executive Director



Amber Ridgway English Instructor



Laura Tabbert College Now Administrative Program Coordinator

Western lowa Tech Community College will start soccer, volleyball, basketball, cheer, and Esports in Spring of 2023.

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NEW ATHLETICS PROGRAM

Western Iowa Tech Community College announced an athletics program will begin in Spring 2023. The National Junior College Athletics Association (NJCAA) approved the College to play women's volleyball, men's basketball, men's and women's soccer, competitive cheer, and Esports.

The College hired Mike Brown as Athletics Director, began the search for head coaches and worked with the City of Sioux City to acquire a local soccer field. Renovations also started on the gymnasium.

By building an athletics program, WITCC aims to foster a stronger connection to our community, positively impact enrollment, and increase the vibrancy of the campus.



TITLE III FEDERAL GRANT

The U.S. Department of Education awarded Western Iowa Tech Community College a \$2.2 million grant to improve student retention and transfer rates of all students. In the first phase of the five-year grant, the College hired a Grant Manager, Transfer Navigator, Instructional Designer, Transfer Pathway Specialist, and a Digital Transfer Catalog Specialist. The grant team facilitated connections with transfer partners and departments on campus, mapped clear and accessible transfer pathways in a digital transfer catalog, and identified barriers inhibiting student success.

The Title III grant team also focused on improving employee cultural competency with professional training opportunities. Through mentorship programs and project-based learning, the grant will create a culture of equity and belonging where students can succeed in their educational journeys.

Karina Pedroza Title III Project Manager











Internal Communications Coordinator, Mara Hall, conducted employee listening sessions.



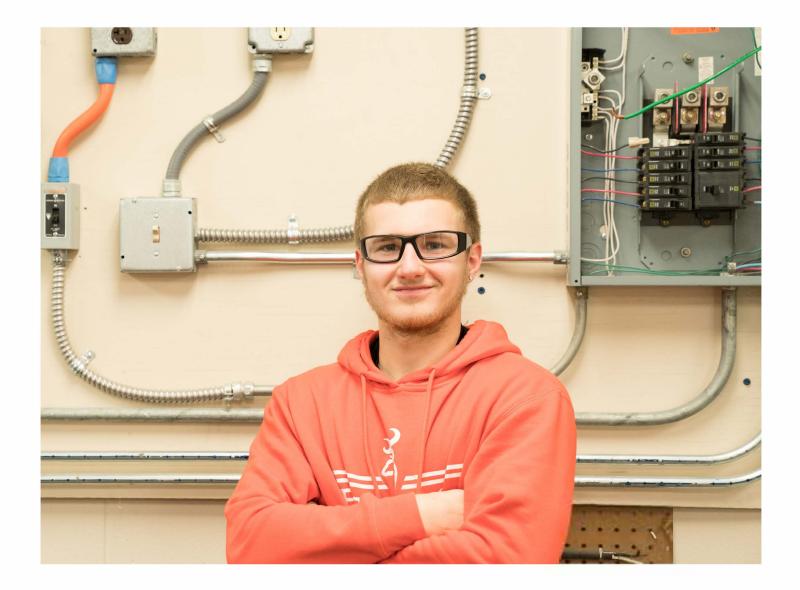
A CULTURE OF CONNECTION

Western Iowa Tech Community College developed strategic initiatives to define areas of focus for the next three years. A Strategic Initiative subcommittee reviewed survey and report data to uncover areas of opportunity for the College. The group determined WITCC could better advance its mission by instilling a culture of connection through three areas: communication, collaboration, and contribution.

To improve communication, WITCC shared knowledge with employees that helped them better meet the needs of students. The College leveraged current communication tools and dedicated personnel to internal communications in order to provide transparency across all college departments.

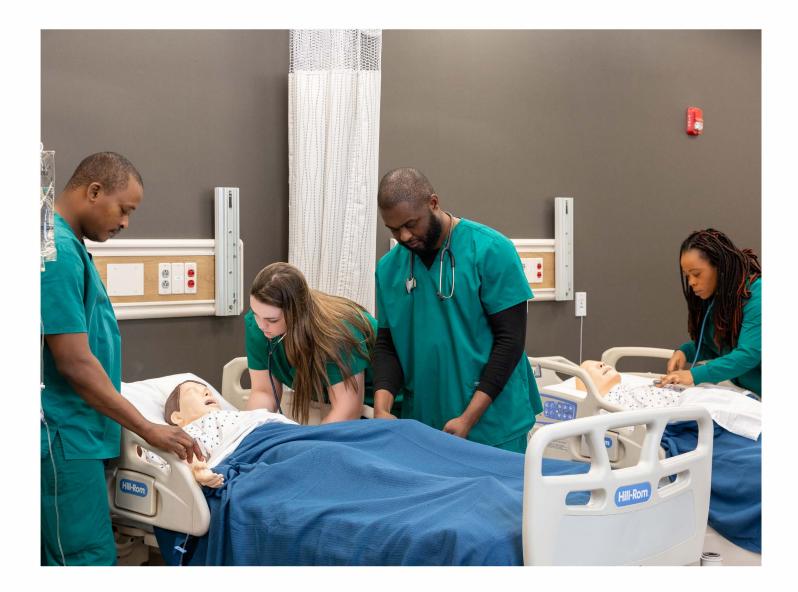
Building collaboration within the College required creating an interconnected web of professional relationships where employees felt a sense of belonging. The College promoted involvement and teamwork by hosting volunteer opportunities on campus and paid employees for time volunteering in the community.

WITCC facilitated college-wide collaboration by empowering employees and students to be more involved in the decision-making processes at the College. WITCC evaluated the current committee structure and reorganized the paradigm into a shared governance model. Members of the campus community have equal access in contributing to the decisions that establish the College's culture.



DENISON CAREER ACADEMY

Western Iowa Tech Community College made plans to start a Regional Career Academy in Denison. The Academy will provide dual-enrollment courses for high school students in the Denison, Maple Valley-Anthon Oto-Charter Oak-Ute (MVAO-COU), Odebolt-Arthur-Battle Creek-Ida Grove (OABCIG), Dunlap-Dow City (Boyer Valley), and Woodbine school districts. With a grant from the Iowa Department of Education and additional assistance from the Denison School District, students will have the opportunity to enroll in business, agriculture, electrician, and education college classes and earn transferable college credit at no cost to them.



CHEROKEE NURSING LAB

The Cherokee campus updated its nursing lab with state-of-the-art equipment, high-fidelity mannequins, and a simulation management system. The lab improved students' training and allowed them to learn hands-on skills needed for high-demand health careers in the Cherokee community.

The Office of Inclusion hosted an Inaugural Celebration for Diverse Graduates.



CELEBRATING DIVERSITY

Within the past year, the Office of Inclusion created an educational environment where students felt valued, heard, seen, and appreciated. The Office identified sixty initiatives that will build an equitable and inclusive campus environment.

The department focused on recruitment policies, training, and developing diverse campus community members. By hosting equity and Safe Zone trainings during staff development, the Office aimed to build a culture where employees support and elevate each other and the students.

The Office of Inclusion also held events that educated employees on cultural issues and created community. One such event was an Inaugural Celebration for Diverse Graduates. Over 70 graduating students from multiple countries and their families participated in the event to celebrate their academic success.

CORPORATE COLLEGE

Corporate College connected with local businesses and enhanced the economic development of the Siouxland community through special funding from the Iowa Economic Development Authority: 260E, 260F, and 260G programs. The programs utilized bond sales, tax withholdings, and forgivable loans to improve employee productivity, provide relevant, real-world job training, and encourage creation of new jobs. As a result of the funding, Corporate College trained 251 new employees and upskilled 323 existing employees from 20 different companies creating a skilled community workforce.



SAFE SPACES FOR STUDENTS

Western lowa Tech Community College strived to create a safe and welcoming environment where students can thrive. The college dedicated specific areas of the main campus building to meet the diverse and unique needs of the students.

HEALTH CLINIC

The College expanded the on-campus health clinic to include DOT physicals, drug testing, and academic health program screenings.

SENSORY ROOM

The Sensory Room is equipped with comfortable seating, calming aesthetics, and fidget toys for students experiencing anxiety.

MOTHER'S ROOM

The Mother's Room is a private, comfortable, and convenient space for nursing students and employees.

FUTURES STARTED

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18%	32%	50%
Arts & Sciences	Career & Technical	High School

5,152 Students Enrolled

420	484
Diplomas	Associate Degrees
	420 Diplomas

1,983 Degrees Earned

1,549 Graduates

in Diplomas Awarded*



in Recertifications*



in Certificates Awarded*



in Credit Enrollment*

* Ranked among Iowa community colleges 2021–2022

FISCAL SECURITY

Western Iowa Tech Community College continues to be a good steward of the finances entrusted to carry out its mission. WITCC received an unmodified opinion during its most recent audit, the highest rating possible with no internal control issues. (Audit conducted by Henjes, Conner & Williams, P.C., Certified Public Accountants.)

General Fund Revenue

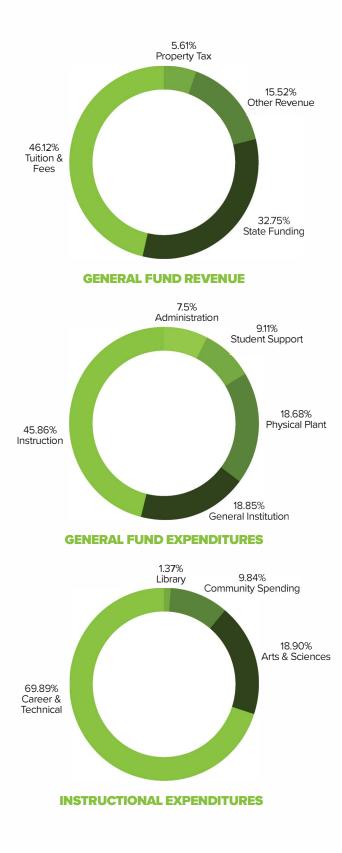
Total Revenue	\$36,626,043
Property Tax	2,055,904
Other Revenue	5,683,885
State Funding	11,996,145
Tuition & Fees	\$16,890,109

General Fund Expenditures

Salaries & Benefits	\$23,295,616
Services	6,407,026
Materials & Supplies	2,813,172
Other Expenses	3,929,728
Total Expenditures	\$36,445,542
Change in Fund Balance	\$180,501

College Assets

Current Assets	\$70,331,753
Capital Assets Net of Accumulated Depreciation	53,314,180
Other Assets	6,436,030
Deferred Outflows	1,539,417
Total Assets	\$131,621,380





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