President’s Report to the Community
Alvin Community College
1948 - 2013
65 Years of Academic Excellence
Dear Citizens and Students,

Alvin Junior College was established in November, 1948 by a vote of the residents of Alvin Independent School District. Classes began in facilities on the Alvin High School campus with an enrollment of 134 students. A new college campus was opened in 1963 on Mustang Road, and was fully accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. It included programs in Electronics, Associate Degree Nursing, Drafting and Data Processing.

Since 1948 Alvin Community College has transformed the community as an educational, cultural, and economic gateway to opportunity. Everyone should take pride in the accomplishments described within these pages, as it is the collective effort of faculty and staff, the Board of Regents, Foundation Board of Directors, city and county officials, and friends of the College that has enabled ACC to lead and succeed. The College has developed strategies to improve the retention of students by utilizing new advising models and enhancing services within the Educational Student Services Center.

ACC has improved campus safety and security by adding video surveillance, a digital emergency management system, new signage, and providing CPR training for the staff. Alvin Community College has a long-standing reputation for excellence and distinction, and College personnel have worked to sustain and enhance the institution’s performance regarding this standard.

There was a visible energy and enthusiasm among the ACC graduates at last spring’s Commencement Ceremony. Faculty, staff, and students were celebrating both recent and past accomplishments of ACC graduates. There was acknowledgment of a continuing tradition of national recognition for honor graduates, including those selected by Phi Theta Kappa, the national community college honor society.

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President George W. Bush
The mission of Alvin Community College is to improve lives by creating the first and best choice for higher education success. These include:

- Top 10% of community colleges in the U.S.
- Top-ranking student scholars selected for academic honors
- Top-tier college for student transfers to universities
- Top professional honors and recognition earned by faculty and staff

Today Alvin Community College offers thirteen Associate in Arts, seven Associate of Science, twenty-two Associate in Applied Science degree programs and over thirty certificate programs. In addition, the College’s workforce training division operates over thirty programs for area businesses and industry.

ACC’s strength is in the district residents who place a high value on learning and higher education. With outstanding faculty, dedicated staff, and enthusiastic community support, Alvin Community College remains focused on its mission to educate today’s students for tomorrow’s world.

Former President George W. Bush sent a letter to ACC stating:

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Alvin Community College has reached its 65th anniversary, and we wish to honor our past and look to the future.

A. Rodney Allbright
President
Alvin Community College
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Dr. A. Rodney Allbright takes office as College President with Board of Trustees.

First Court Reporting class practices on machines.

NJCAA Volleyball National Champions.

First Foundation fundraiser "Casablanca".

Dedication of Military Memorial Wall.

New construction $8 million mega structure.

First Technical Program was in Drafting - James Gebert, Instructor.

First College Library at Alvin High School.

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Groundbreaking of Nolan Ryan Center.

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Nolan Ryan receives first ACC Honorary Degree.

1994

Barbara Bush receives Honorary Degree at Authors Luncheon.

1995

Nolan Ryan Center Grand Opening.

1998

Voters approve $19.2 million bond for the Science/Health Science Building.

2004

Dr. Allbright receives CEO of Year Award from the American Association of Community Colleges Trustees.

Sixth Reaffirmation of Accreditation by Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

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Art Department opens pottery studio.

Hurricane “Ike” devastation.

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Dolphin Mascot, Blue, returns to ACC.

2005

College offers first Polysomnography Degree in state.

2007

First ACC Dual Degree graduate from Alvin High School - Thomas Schuenemann.

2008

2011

THE ASPEN INSTITUTE

Sixth Reaffirmation of Accreditation by Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

2012

2013

2 years in a row Top 10% national ranking from the Aspen Institute.

Voters approve $19.2 million bond for the Science/Health Science Building.

Dolphin Mascot, Blue, returns to ACC.
Institutions that are built to last provide academic excellence, guidance and inspiration to their students. Since its founding in 1948, ACC’s principle focus has been on student success. This has been achieved through support and engagement, high quality programs and faculty, as well as staff and facilities that welcome and support them in reaching their goals.

ACC’s Heartbeat

ACC students are diverse in their backgrounds, academic interests, and future directions. No matter where they come from or where they are going, we strive to help each one achieve their goal. Whether seeking a degree, job training or lifelong learning, our mission is their success.

Our students are the lifeblood of ACC.
Student Profiles

“I can earn a quality and affordable education here at ACC. I also love how the faculty and staff really care about the students and their success.”

Kayla Soliz
SGA President 2013-2014

Saluting Veterans

After serving his country as a U.S. Marine, John Joe Camacho started his involvement at ACC by joining Student Government. As a Communications student he has taken advantage of veteran services and the many extracurricular activities on campus.

John Joe is one of many veterans at ACC who have taken advantage of the personal and financial support services offered to those who have served their country. The number of veterans at the college has doubled since 2009. ACC has been recognized for its veterans services by the organization, Military Friendly Schools.

John Joe has served as president of the Honors Student Organization, the Student Veterans Association and Student Government historian.

He credits his academic and extracurricular involvement to the ACC faculty.
“What has helped me excel here is the connection you have with your instructors. As long as you have the desire, they’re going to provide you with the resources and support you need.”

Knowledge is Power

Unsure about what to do with his education after high school, John Brundrett enrolled at ACC. He soon became inspired by the attentive instructors and the positive attitude around campus.

“I realized how important it was to have an education in order to be successful. I became fully dedicated to school.”

John joined the ACC Honors program, and his research has been recognized by the Great Plains Honors Council and the Mayborn Literary Nonfiction Conference. He also became a member of the Phi Theta Kappa Honors Society and attributes his achievements to his instructors’ dedication.

“The teachers at ACC care for their students’ success and want to see them excel in the classroom and beyond.”
ACC is home to the Dolphins Baseball team and the Lady Dolphins Softball team. Both compete in the National Junior College Athletic Association Region XIV.

“ACC faculty members are always ready to guide me to fulfill my goals and objectives. People are encouraging, supportive and helpful. My experience at ACC has been wonderful.”

Ahmed Khawaja
International Student - Pakistan

Fall 2013 Enrollment - 5,326 students

- 83% plan to earn Associate’s Degree or transfer to a university
- 91% course completion rate
- 45% of students live in the district
- 38% of students are 18 and younger
- 58% of the ACC student population are women
- 26% high school students enrolled in Dual Credit
- 18:1 student to faculty ratio (ACC), 20:1 (state)
- 186 online courses averaging approximately 1500 students per semester

The average student age is approximately 23 years with ages ranging between 13 to 82 years old.

- 74% White, 29% Hispanic origin, 11% African American, 5% Asian

The majority of students who transfer from ACC to another Texas university earned a GPA of 3.158 or higher, according to statistics compiled by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. The University of Houston-Clear Lake reports that students from ACC earn an average GPA of 3.107, which is slightly higher than the average UHCL student.

This data provided to ACC by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board Accountability System, October 2013.
In 2013 - 2014 Alvin Community College had 1,300 students enrolled on local high school campuses as part of the Dual Credit program.

Dual Degree Program

In 2008 ACC implemented the Dual Degree program. Dual Degree students work towards an Associate’s Degree by taking high school and dual credit classes simultaneously. Students who complete the program earn their Associate’s Degree weeks before they graduate high school. In 2013, 18 students completed this program.
**Partners in Education**

Since the college opened its doors in 1948, it has forged an enduring bond with Alvin Independent School District. The college and the district have several programs that provide students with a jump start to their education and career including the Options Program, Upward Bound, Dual Credit courses, technical training and more.

Alvin and Manvel high school’s football games are broadcast live for the local community on KACC radio station.

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**Breanna Chachere**

After participating in the ACC Upward Bound program, Breanna Chachere graduated third in her class at Alvin High School. Because of her strong academic success, she received a Bill and Melinda Gates Millennium Foundation Scholarship and a Rice University Distinguished Achievement Scholarship to attend Rice University with all tuition paid.

“ACC Upward Bound was crucial in helping me apply to college, explore my career path and provided the resources to pursue it,” she said.

Upward Bound seeks to motivate low-income and/or potential first-generation college students to develop the skills to finish their secondary education and succeed at the postsecondary educational level. The purpose of the program is to build confidence and self-esteem, while providing the necessary tools and guidance to foster academic success.

Since her graduation from Rice University in 2013, Breanna has returned to ACC to help teach summer courses with the Upward Bound program. It is her desire to motivate students and show them that they can achieve an education.
History instructor Johanna Hume has dedicated herself to her students at ACC for 22 years. With her constant efforts to make history come alive for her students, she was chosen by her peers as the ACC nominee for the Minnie Stevens Piper Professor Award in 2012.

“ACC is home and working here feels like family,” she said.

Johanna delivers inspiring lectures, is committed to her students and makes history relevant in their education. She also incorporates modern technology and social media in her courses to further reach out to her students.

“I can always find something in common with my students. I think that technology has helped us bridge that gap.”

The Aspen Institute selected Alvin Community College as a finalist for their prestigious award based on student success in retention and completion, performance improvement over time, and performance of underrepresented minorities and institutions in low-income service areas.
**2013 Culinary Educator of the Year**

ACC Culinary Arts Chair Leslie Bartosh was named the Educator of the Year by the Texas Chefs Association in 2013. The honor was based on an evaluation of his program and a teaching demonstration in front of a panel of judges.

Leslie has helped produce a strong growth in the Culinary Arts program since he created the program in 2005.

Students who have graduated from the ACC program have joined nationally-renowned restaurants or have started their own businesses.

Winning the award from the Texas Chefs Association was an honor, but it has also became a source of inspiration for Leslie.

“It makes you strive that much harder to live up to the honor,” he said. “It makes us raise our standards.”

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**Nursing Meets Higher Standard**

Nine faculty members from the Associate Degree Nursing program are now Certified Nurse Educators through the National League for Nursing (NLN). The nursing faculty took a preparation course and a national exam through a grant ACC received to improve the quality of nursing education.

The certification establishes ACC’s nursing education as a specialty area of practice and verifies their expertise in this role. It communicates to students, peers, and the academic and health care communities that the highest standards of teaching excellence are being met.

The certified instructors are:

*Robin Abrams, MSN, RN, CDE, CNE; Nursing Director, Sally Durand, MSN, RN, CNE; Mary Alice Estes, MSN, RN, CNE; Dr. Debra L. Fontenot, MSN, RN, DNP, CPNP, CNE; Judy Hafner, MSN, RN, CNE; Sharon Hightower, MSN, RNC, CNE; Manuela Imthurn, MSN, RN, APRN-BC, CNE; Brianna Sowell, MSN, RN, CNE and Wendy Stewart, MSN, RN, CNE.*
Distinguished Alumni

Nolan and Ruth Ryan

Baseball legend Nolan Ryan and his wife, Ruth, have been instrumental in supporting ACC throughout the years. Both former students at ACC, the Ryans have given their time and efforts to projects that have benefited the college, its students and the community.

Nolan and Ruth have also provided vital financial support in the form of student scholarships and facility improvements. In 1996 the Nolan Ryan Foundation donated the Nolan Ryan Center to ACC, which is used for college and community events. It is also home of the Nolan Ryan Museum. In 2010, thanks to their support, the C.B “Larry” Holdorff Baseball Field House was built and named after Ruth’s father, Larry Holdorff.

Ruth served as an ACC trustee from 1997 to 2004. She also was a board member of the Foundation for many years. Ruth was the motivating force behind the creation of a 2-mile jogging trail and raising the funds for the softball field. The field was named in her honor in 2005.

Randy and Brenda Weber

Since the day they met at ACC as students, Randy and Brenda Weber have established an enduring relationship with the college through their constant support.

Randy attended ACC starting in 1971 and then transferred to the University of Houston-Clear Lake to earn a Bachelor’s Degree. After graduating he started his company, Weber Air and Heat, which he has operated for more than 30 years.

His community involvement began when he won a seat on the Pearland City Council, where he served from 1990 to 1996. In 2009, he was elected as a State Representative in the Texas Legislature. He is now a member of the U.S. House of Representatives where he continues to advocate for community colleges.

Brenda is a retired elementary school teacher and currently serves as a Foundation Board Member. Randy and Brenda have given back to the college through financial support as well as volunteering at ACC events.
**Dr. Alexia Green**

Dr. Alexia Green graduated from the ACC Nursing Program in 1970. She has had a renowned career as a nursing instructor and dean. She served as the Dean of Nursing at Texas Tech University for eight years before stepping down in 2009. Green continues her relationship with the Texas Tech Nursing Program as Dean Emeritus. She also served as president of the Texas Nurses Association.

Throughout her career, Green has been dedicated to the nursing profession as an educator and an advocate. She was instrumental in identifying a nursing shortage in Texas and has played a major role in developing policies to address the issue. In 2005, the Texas Nurses Association honored her work by naming her Nurse of the Year.

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**Louis Garza**

Many students come to ACC looking for a new direction in their life. Louis Garza enrolled in the Process Technology program seeking an opportunity to obtain important job skills and to find an opportunity for improving his family’s future.

When he graduated with an Associate Degree in 2010, he received several job offers from different companies. He is now employed by LyondellBasell, a local petrochemical firm.

“The college opened the door for me. ACC made it possible for me to find a job. When it came time for me to find work, I had my choice of employers to pick from. Having that degree from ACC made me an attractive and viable candidate.”

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**Andrew Tacquard Jr.**

Andrew Tacquard Jr. joined a long family tradition of earning an education at ACC. His grandfather, grandmother, father and other relatives have received degrees from ACC since the college was founded in 1948. His father, Andy Tacquard, now serves as the ACC Police Chief.

Andrew completed his Associate Degree in Aerospace Mechanical in 1996, and later became a Harrier pilot and Captain in the U. S. Marine Corp.

“While attending ACC and studying for an AAS in aerospace, I had no idea that I would be where I am today. My grandfather always told me that education opens up doors. I always understood that as a direct link to employment status; little did I know that I would have doors opened that would totally change my life.”
ACC Foundation Awards $53,815 to Students in 2012

SCHOLARSHIPS:
Andrew Wesley Webb Memorial Scholarship  ■  ACC Empowering People To Embrace Disabilities  ■  Associate Degree Nursing Scholarships  ■  Ben Cross Memorial Scholarship  ■  Ben Daw Memorial Scholarship  ■  Bob Richardz Memorial Scholarship  ■  Cathy Forsythe Memorial Scholarship  ■  Christopher Mosier Memorial Scholarship  ■  Culinary Arts Scholarship  ■  Debbie Grandberry Scholarship  ■  Del Papa Scholarship  ■  Dr. Dickie Fox Memorial Scholarship  ■  Droge Family Scholarship  ■  Dr. Daniel Glaze Scholarship  ■  Donna & Bill Gardin Scholarship  ■  Harby/Hosford Memorial Scholarship  ■  Hawkins Family Scholarship  ■  J. Kenneth Gooch Memorial Scholarship  ■  Jerry Jircik Memorial Scholarship  ■  José Castillo Scholarship  ■  Judge Ed Webb Memorial Scholarship  ■  Kim Strube – Second Chance Scholarship  ■  Larry Rohan Memorial Scholarship  ■  Lori Glick Bryant Scholarship  ■  Larry Rohan Memorial Scholarship  ■  M. B. Ward Memorial Scholarship  ■  Mamie Louise Payte Memorial Scholarship  ■  Mary Alice Metcalf Memorial Scholarship  ■  Mary Montieth Memorial Scholarship  ■  Mike Merkel Scholarship  ■  Mike Trombatore Memorial Scholarship  ■  Myrtle Isensee Memorial Scholarship  ■  Opportunity Scholarship  ■  Pearl Rinderknecht Memorial Scholarship  ■  Nolan Ryan Scholarship  ■  Roy Stubbs Scholarship  ■  Ruby Webb Peterson Memorial Scholarship  ■  Ruth Webb Memorial Scholarship  ■  Scott Kincaide Scholarship  ■  Single Parent Scholarship  ■  Upward Bound Scholarship  ■  Welding Department Scholarship

“The scholarship I received from the Foundation played an important role in my decision to enroll at ACC.”

Krista Weaver  
Recipient of ACC Foundation Opportunity Scholarship

FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS
**Seeds of Success**

Creating a plan for a community garden is just the first step of the Fresh Fruit for All project. Funded by a Foundation grant, Fresh Fruit for All is currently cultivating fruits and vegetables in a garden on the campus. This project will serve as a working model to encourage students and homeowners to plant, maintain and fully benefit the rewards of sustainable foods. This garden will serve as a learning experience for our students, the Culinary Program, Day Care and our community at large.

**Music to Their Ears**

Using an intimate setting of the K-219 studio, the Foundation sponsors the *Alvin Live Summer Concert Series* every year to provide entertainment from musical artists while supporting the Communications Department. The money raised from the many *Alvin Live* performances benefit students by providing scholarships and training for those who are pursuing a degree in the communications field. The concerts have featured musical talent such as Roger Creager, Kelly Dean and Shake Russell along with many local artists.

**Paying it Forward**

Thanks to the generous support of the community and many friends, the Foundation is able to provide needed funding for student scholarships, innovative grants and other college programs. The Foundation raises its proceeds through annual events such as the Author’s Luncheon and the Christmas Gala. The Foundation collected more than $76,000 through its fundraisers and donations in 2012.
Workforce Training & Partnerships

Alvin Community College’s Continuing Education and Workforce Development (CEWD) has built a strong partnership with local business and industry over the years by developing programs that support the community’s labor demands and growth. Programs have supported new businesses coming to the area and helped existing businesses upgrade and expand their workforce.

The high demand for skilled industrial workers is a priority of CEWD through programs such as Welding, Truck Driving (CDL) and CNC/Machinist all of which are seeing an increased demand of 20 to 50 percent over the next few years. Students from these programs are finding jobs upon completion of training and some during their program of study.

Health care is another high demand area for workforce training. Programs such as Pharmacy Tech, Massage Therapy, Dental Assistant, Certified Medical Assistant and Digital Radiography Tech are meeting the increased demand for trained workers.

CEWD has more than twenty certification programs helping the community develop the skills needed to secure and advance in a job or career.

Community enhancement and support is always a focus of CEWD as demonstrated by grants that have provided training for youth and adults in computer skills, employment skills, GED and college exploration.

Laser Technician  CNC / Machining  Computer Technician
ACC has received a total of $10,516,679 in workforce grants over the last 6 years.

**Workforce Partners**

- Alvin Economic Development
- Ascend Performance Materials
- Champion Technologies
- Dish Network
- Economic Development Alliance of Brazoria County
- INEOS
- LyondellBasell
- Pearland Neighborhood Center Project
- ShawCor Pipe Coating LLC
- TEAM Industrial Services
- Texas Workforce Commission
- Workforce Solutions
“Community” is not just our middle name.

ACC’s commitment is far reaching with a long history of involvement and providing opportunities for our communities.
ACC Parade Float  ■  ACC Food Drive  ■  ACC Senior Citizens
 ■  Back in School Blitz  ■  Baseball/Softball Challenger Game for Special Needs  ■  Blood Drive  ■  Community Band  ■  Fall Festival  ■  Fitness Center  ■  Fitness Fair  ■  Job Fair  ■  Lab School  ■  Meals on Wheels  ■  Tour de Braz  ■  Summer Children’s Theatre  ■  Kids College  ■  Science Fair  ■  Summer Children’s Enrichment Pottery  ■  Veteran’s Day Ceremony
ACC BOARD OF REGENTS
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Financial Snapshot

REVENUES
Tuition and fees 9,482,131
Auxiliary 1,755,784
State grants 1,689,611
Federal grants 399,466
Non-governmental grants and contracts 1,000
State appropriations 9,128,164
Property taxes 10,359,143
Debt service ad valorem taxes 1,527,805
Federal revenue, non-operating 5,422,687
Investment income 17,296
*Other non-operating revenues 812,572
*Alternative loans, donations, scholarships and rental of facilities.

OPERATING EXPENSES
Instruction 15,932,962
Public service 155,181
Academic support 3,524,340
Student services 2,527,105
Institutional support 3,744,089
Operations and maintenance of plant 4,324,269
Scholarships and fellowships 5,264,090
Auxiliary enterprises 1,976,951
Depreciation 1,137,548
*Non-operating expenses 791,001
*Interest on capital related debt and bond issuance costs.

September 1, 2011 to August 31, 2012

ACC Demonstrates Financial Excellence

ACC continues to receive an unqualified opinion on its annual audit. This is the most positive opinion an audit firm is able to issue.

During fiscal year 2012 and 2013, ACC refinanced part of its outstanding 2005 bond debt which is resulting in cash flow savings through Fiscal Year 2025.

Moody’s Investors Service assigned an Aa2 rating to Alvin Community College District’s Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2013. The rating reflects the district’s moderate-size tax base that is favorably located in the Houston metropolitan area. Moody’s long-term obligations rated Aa are judged to be of high quality and are subject to very low credit risk. The 2 refers to mid range ranking.

The College received its sixth reaccreditation from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools in June 2012.

The total tax rate for ACC has decreased 21.86% over the last ten years. Taxable assessed property values have increased 130.05% over the same time period.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR’S REPORT

“Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements that collectively comprise the College’s financial statements as a whole.”

“The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statement as a whole.”

Belt Harris Pechacek, LLP
Certified Public Accountants
Houston, Texas
December 4, 2012