

# Red, Blue and You

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## SPOTLIGHT



**NAME:**  
Frank  
Williams, Sr.

**POSITION:**  
Director  
of Physical  
Plant

Many of you may not know that Frank Williams, Physical Plant Director, is up by 2:30 a.m. every day cleaning businesses in town before he comes to work for Hill College by 7 a.m. This means his normal work day is 12 hours or more.

In spite of these long hours, he always responds when there is a need on campus no matter the time or day. He has recently overseen the repair of the roofs on the Performing Arts Center and the Texas Heritage Museum and is currently working on proposals to repair the roof of the Snap-On Automotive building in Cleburne.

In Nov., he completed oversight of a water conservation project on both the Hillsboro and Cleburne campuses and then began oversight of an energy conservation project while the rest of us were off over the Christmas Holidays.

Frank Williams recently received his 25-year service award for his years at Hill College!

## How We're Awesome This Month:

Welcome back! We hope you've had a wonderful break and are ready to jump into the Spring Semester! It was a busy break! Our thoughts and prayers continue to be with Bill Gilker, who is recovering from surgery and Paul Bellah, whose house was damaged in the Dec. 26 tornado.

Congratulations to the Hill College NISOD winners, Gary Benton and Julie Britain!

Shout out to Kayla Kelly, Associate Dean of Instruction, New Program Development, who has successfully defended her dissertation to earn an Ed.D. in Educational Leadership from Tarleton! CONGRATS Kayla!

Big CONGRATS to both Fire classes 20 and 21. These classes had a 100% passing rate on the state certification exam. Class 20 had a 92% average on the exam and class 21 had a 86% average. WTG Fire Science!

Robert Matthews completed his first half-marathon race over the break at Walt Disney World in Orlando, Fla. He was part of a team that is raising awareness and money for the Firefighter's Cancer Support Network. WTG Robert!



Congratulations to Janis Grimland, who has received approval from the State of Texas Board of Nursing to be the Program Director of the Vocational Nursing program effective February 1!

Congrats to Diedra Blankenship. Diedra will travel to Port Aransas this May to be a guest speaker at the Second-Annual Port Aransas EMS Conference. This will be the second year for her to speak at this conference. Last year she spoke on pediatric assessment, while this year's topic will be Updates/New guidelines on the AHA (American Heart Association) 2015 ECC (emergency cardiovascular care).

The FIRST Hill College Champion Award was given at All Staff Day. Traci Brown was named the Mission Champion, an award "given to an employee demonstrating excellence in carrying out our College mission". There were 18 nominees for the Mission Champion Award. CONGRATS Traci!



Nominations are now being accepted for the Core Values Champion. This award will be given to an employee who consistently demonstrates our core values of integrity, educational excellence, student success, respect, enthusiasm, and collaboration. Nominations will be reviewed until Feb. 29 and the recipient will be announced at All Staff Day in August.

If you have news the Hill Family could use, send it to [trejcek@hillcollege.edu](mailto:trejcek@hillcollege.edu)  
Subject: Red, Blue & You!



## ATHLETICS UPDATE

The Men's Basketball team was ranked No. 5 in the NJCAA National Poll on Dec. 1 and remained there throughout the month while both the Men's and Women's teams were undefeated in their December games. The North Texas Junior College Athletic Conference selected Freshman Mackenzie Tucker for Player of the Week for Dec. 7-13 and Chelsea Adams for Dec. 28-Jan. 3. Sophomore volleyball player Alexis Washington was selected to the 2015 NJCAA Division I Volleyball All-American Second Team. The Lady Rebels had six team members who made a 4.0 GPA for the Fall 2015 Semester and a team GPA of a 3.6 during the season.



## The Welcome Wagon

Jessica Crawford  
Enrollment Specialist III, Student Loans

Allen Dillman  
Instructor/Coordinator, HVAC

Lacey Larson  
Enrollment Specialist II, Financial Aid

Sherrie Florence  
Instructor, Professional Nursing (RN)

## Strength of the Month: *Activator*

People especially talented in the Activator theme can make things happen by turning thoughts into action. Once a decision is made, they want to act quickly.

## TECH BYTES

Typically, about 10-20% of your received email messages are going to be the "unknown" kinds. Below are a couple of tips and tricks to help determine if an email is legit:

- If it has an urgent call to action (e.g. your email account will be terminated, deactivated, etc.), use it for laughter therapy & delete it.
- If you're unsure, take a look at the sender's e-mail address to see if there's something fishy. (Any legit message of this type will always come from a hillcollege.edu email address.)
- If it appears legit, take it a step further and hover over the link and the tool tip will show you where the link really goes.
- Lastly, do not enter any confidential/login information in a website, period. Hill College will never send an email of this nature.

Don't be a victim of someone else's phishing for your info. If you still have doubts about an email, contact Allen Wood at [awood@hillcollege.edu](mailto:awood@hillcollege.edu).

## *Inclement Weather Communication*

It's that time of year, when the possibility of inclement weather may appear in the forecast. Although campus/center delays and class cancellations are rare, Hill College may close in the event of inclement weather or other unforeseen circumstances. Severe weather, flooding, power outages, a water main break or other situations may cause a full or partial closure or delay of the campus/center.

Decisions regarding inclement weather are made as quickly as possible and with everyone's best interest in mind. However, while every effort is taken to quickly examine road conditions and weather data for our entire five-county service area, we must also encourage your personal responsibility in decisions to keep yourself safe. To that end, if the college remains open or operates on a delayed schedule, it is ultimately up to faculty, staff, students and visitors to use their best judgment when making the determination to travel to campus in potentially hazardous conditions.

The leadership team that makes the decision to cancel classes for an entire day will work to make an announcement as close to 6:30 a.m. as possible. However, with the unpredictability of any situation, this may not always be possible. As soon as a decision is made about delaying or closing the college, communication will be made through the following media:

1. Hill College website
2. Hill College social media sites:  
Facebook and Twitter
3. Media contacts:  
FOX-4 (KDFW); NBC-5 (NBC); WFAA-8 (WFAA); KWTX-10 (CBS); CBS-11 (KTVT); KXXV-25 (ABC); KOME-95.3FM;  
WBAP-820AM
4. MyRebel
5. Hill College App
6. Rebel Alert



# The VP Corner

We have submitted proposals for HVAC and Industrial Maintenance for approval by THECB and SACS. The proposals include the following:

- AAS - HVAC Technology
- Certificate of Completion - Basic HVAC Skills
- Certificate of Completion - HVAC Technician Level II
- Certificate of Technology - HVAC Technician Level III
- AAS - Industrial Maintenance
- Certificate of Completion - Basic Industrial Maintenance Skills
- Certificate of Completion - Basic Electrical Skills
- Certificate of Technology - Industrial Maintenance

## Rex Parcells, Vice President of Instruction

Did you know that the Hill College Testing Center can now access TSI scores for students who have completed testing in high school? Students just need to complete a permission form which can be found on the testing web site. Did you know that the Hill College Testing Center can now electronically pull TSI scores from the College Board? No more manual entry!

## Lizza Trenkle, Vice President of Student Services

During the lighting retro fit on the Hillsboro and Cleburne campuses, the outside lights are being replaced with LED lights. You should notice a significant difference in campus lighting at night. The Snap-On Automotive building will be getting a new roof during January 2016.

## Billy Don Curbo, Vice President of Administrative Services

- With the signing of a memorandum of understanding on Dec. 30, 2015, between Hill College and The Marti Foundation, the “Marti Scholars” scholarship fund and an endowment fund were established from the generous \$400,000 gift given to Hill College from The Marti Foundation. With established criteria, Johnson County residents will have the opportunity to receive a quality education at Hill College for many generations to come. This achievement is a direct result of dedicated time and efforts from the college’s Office of Development and Office of Community Relations.
- An alumni banquet will be held on May 6 in Hillsboro. Please help spread the word to any alumni that you may be in touch with as well as share any ideas for the banquet you may have with Kathy Oellig.
- The second annual Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony will be held in the fall on October 21. Further details will be shared as the date approaches.
- Just a reminder that the 11th annual Boots and Suits Ball will be held on April 15 this year in Cleburne – employee tickets will be available soon! Proceeds from the event go directly to student scholarships, the JCC Student Center, and the baseball team this year.

## Jessyca Brown, Vice President of External Affairs

Hill College is pleased to announce the upgrade of RebelAlert, our Emergency Mass Notification/Outreach System, to a mobile-friendly portal with a new look and feel, ease of use and the addition of the Blackboard MyConnect App. As of today, approximately 100 of the college’s faculty and staff have accessed the new RebelAlert portal to update their information. If you are still waiting to do so, please consider updating your emergency contact information and taking control over your notification preferences, today. To access the new portal, use your web browser to navigate to the Hill College Emergency Preparedness page @ <http://www.hillcollege.edu/safety/Emergency.html> . Scroll to the bottom of the page and click on the RebelAlert Shield. Click here for detailed instructions on how to login to the new portal to update your contact information.

As a standard rule of thumb, you should review your RebelAlert emergency contact information each semester at a minimum and update anytime the information become inaccurate. Doing so will empower us to reach you in the event of the need to send you an emergency alert notification on the behalf of Hill College.

Wishing you the Best Semester yet-

## Jessie White, Vice President of Information Technology

## EYE ON: *Marketing & Communication*

The Marketing and Communications Department has moved! The department has left the Welcome Center and moved to the HCC Learning Assistance Building. Derik Moore's office is on the front hall, where Ray Robert's office used to be, while Melissa Gibson, Toni Rejcek and Savannah Trantham are on the back hall, next door to the Learning Lab.

Please don't forget to use the online work order system if you need Marketing and Communications to create a poster, brochure, booklet, etc. for you.

## *Christmas Parties 2015*

If you were at either of the Christmas parties in December, don't forget to check out the pictures online at <http://bit.ly/1juocrS!>

## *Professional Development*

Eastfield College, Texas A&M University-Commerce, and the North Texas Community College Consortium invite you to participate in the Prior Learning Assessment Day Conference for Advisors, scheduled for Friday, Feb. 5, from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. at Texas A&M - Commerce.

You can find out more about the event on their website- <https://ntccc.unt.edu/event/prior-learning-assessment-0>. Registration is now open and free!

The North Texas Community College Consortium will also have an Interdisciplinary Curriculum Development Workshop on Feb. 19, from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the Colonial Country Club, 3735 Country Club Circle in Fort Worth. This year's theme is "The Golf Course as a Classroom." Registration is \$150. <https://ntccc.unt.edu/portal/icdw>



Don't forget to follow Hill College on all of our social media outlets!

Hill College Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/hillcollege>

Hill College Athletics Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/HillCollegeAthletics>

Texas Heritage Museum Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/texasheritagemuseum>

Hill College Alumni and Friends Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/Hill-College-Alumni-Friends-194148857282385/timeline/>

Hill College Hillsboro Bookstore Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/HillCollegeHillsboroCampusBookstore>

Hill College Twitter - <https://twitter.com/HillCollege>

Hill College Instagram - <https://instagram.com/hillcollege/>

Hill College LinkedIn - <https://www.linkedin.com/edu/hill-college-32314>

Hill College YouTube - <https://www.youtube.com/user/HillCollegeRebels>



# All Staff Day - January 2016



## 5-Year Service Award

Back row l to r: Rex Parcels, Paul Davenport, Julie Britain, Linda Horne, Jeff Robertson  
Front row l to r: Kirsten Morrow, Denise Smith, Jessyca Brown, Rachael Brenemen



## Mission Champion Award Nominees

L to r: Zelma Beilat, Carolyn Kirby, Billy Don Curbo, Colleen Willett, Allen Wood, Traci Brown, Jenny Corder, Janis Grimland, Lauri Heintz, Laura Cole, Susan Gann, Lori Moseley, Trisha Johnson, Steve Hart, Rosa Santos, Larry McCord, Shirley Erickson.

Not pictured: Robert Matthews, Valerie Morel



## 10-Year Service Award

L to r: Chris Rateike, Denella Stark, Kathleen Pustejovsky, Jessie White, Don Nelson, Lauri Heintz, Tammie Nors

## 15-Year Service Award

Not pictured: Dr. Vernon Hyles



## Active Shooter Training

Sgt. Roseann Cox



## 20-Year Service Award

Traci Brown, Don Schneider  
Not pictured: Terry Rigsby



## 25-Year Service Award

Frank Williams, Sr., pictured with Dr. Pam Boehm



## Community Gardens Presentation

Dr. Lori Rose