# President's Report September 2025

## **Partnership**

We had a meeting with the Mexican Consulate from both Eagle Pass and Del Rio, both are pleased with the partnership with our college and provided an additional \$15,000 in scholarship for our students.

I met with the Faculty Association and provided an overview of the recent laws enacted and responded to their questions. We have a positive relationship, and the president of the Faculty Association attends our weekly cabinet meetings.

Palomino Festival was again a great success. Mr. Carpenter reports a 25% increase in attendance. We thank all the sponsors, volunteers and fans that attended, together they make this a great festival for our community. The proceeds from the festival fund scholarships for our students. Next year they celebrate their 30<sup>th</sup> festival.

#### Accreditation

As a reminder our On-Site Committee review will be on October 20-23.

### **Engagement**

We hosted the Grand Opening of our VIDA Resource building in Del Rio last week. It was a success with multiple leaders from the community in attendance. Our goal is to create similar spaces in Uvalde and Eagle Pass this next year.

I have begun the meet with students series. The first session was held in Uvalde on September 9<sup>th</sup>, Del Rio scheduled for October 2<sup>nd</sup>, and followed by Eagle Pass on October 14<sup>th</sup>.

## **Upcoming Meeting/Events**

10/16	October Board Meeting
10/20-23	SACSCOC Onsite Accreditation Visit
11/20	November Board Meeting (potentially combine with December Board Meeting)
11/26-28	Thanksgiving Holiday
12/2	Christmas at the College
12/4	Potential Board Meeting (Nov/Dec) – for Audit approval
12/9	December Graduation in Del Rio – two ceremonies