



# Wharton County Junior College

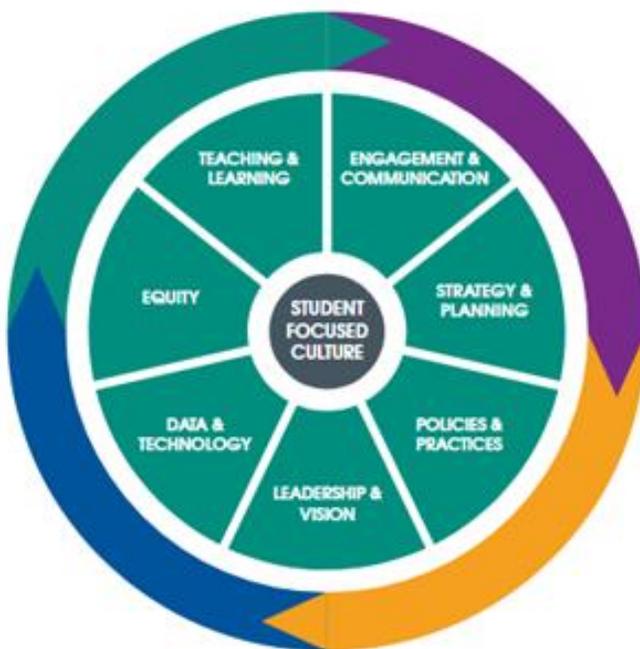
## Office of Planning and Institutional Effectiveness

### Monthly Newsletter

## Fall Enrollment

Official census date enrollment data were submitted to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board in October 2018. Headcount, semester credit hour, and contact hour totals for Fall 2018 were down compared to Fall 2017. Official enrollment reports, including complete 5-year longitudinal trends and breakdowns by campus, can be viewed on the WCJC Intranet under "[Institutional Research – Enrollment Reports](#)".

	Fall 2014	Fall 2015	Fall 2016	Fall 2017	Fall 2018	% Change (Fall '17 to Fall '18)
<b>Headcount</b>	7,152	7,416	7,072	7,050	6,768	-4.0%
<b>Semester Credit Hours</b>	64,816	66,643	66,237	66,689	65,588	-1.7%
<b>Contact Hours</b>	1.231M	1.266M	1.261M	1.262M	1.247M	-1.2%



ICAT Framework and Seven Key Capacities

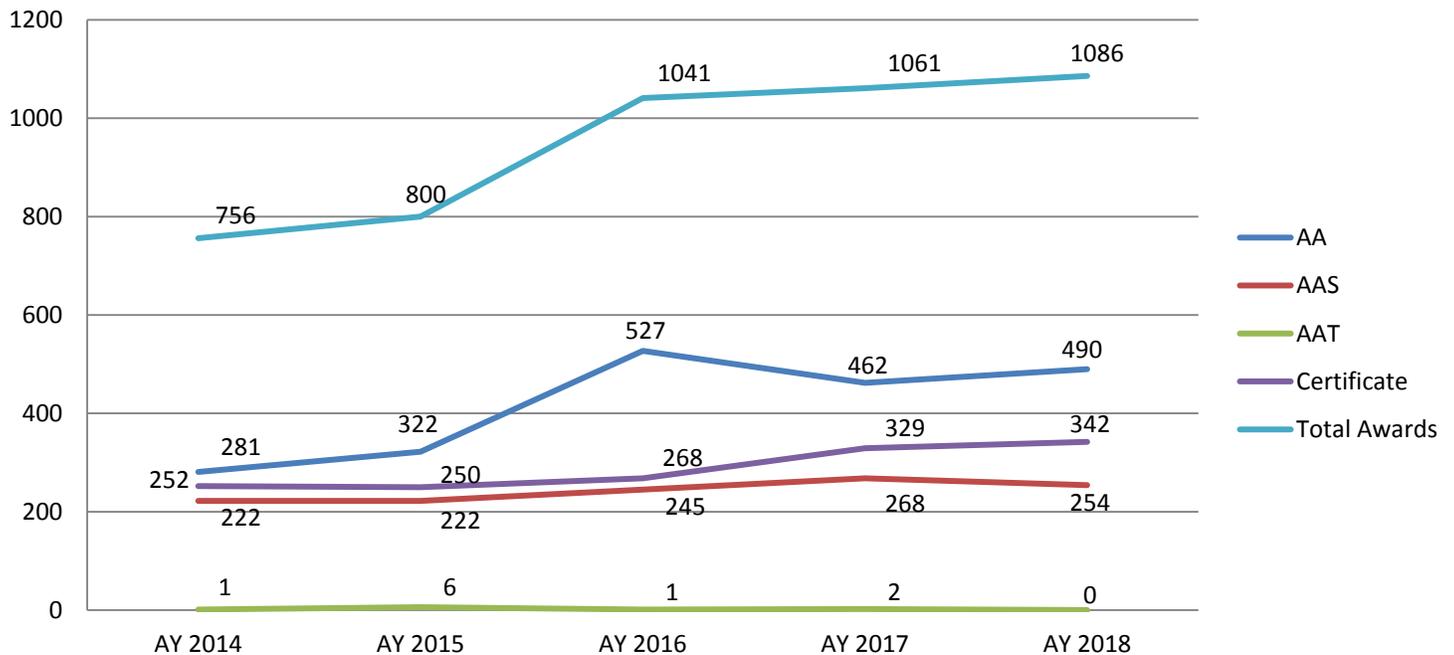
## ICAT

As an Achieving the Dream school, WCJC has the opportunity to participate in the Institutional Capacity Assessment Tool (ICAT) which is a survey focused on 7 key areas associated with student success. This year, the ICAT is being administered through the Office of Planning and IE to help garner feedback from faculty, staff, and administration regarding institutional strengths and weaknesses in these various capacities.

Your feedback is important to us!! To take the ICAT, click on the [survey link](#) and enter the authentication code (U007PdG8). The survey may take anywhere from 20-45 minutes to complete, but the more input that is received, the better our understanding of the institution as a whole. Data will be shared with the college community and used to facilitate future discussions and focus groups, as necessary.

## Degrees and Certificates Awarded

Longitudinal data for total degrees and certificates awarded show a continual increase over the five most recent academic years. Total awards, AA degrees, and certificates awarded in AY 2018 showed increases of 2.4%, 6.1%, and 4.0%, respectively, when compared to the previous academic year. Official graduation reports, including complete 5-year longitudinal trends by major, can be viewed on the WCJC Intranet under "[Institutional Research – Graduate Reports](#)".



## SACSCOC On-Site Visit

WCJC held our SACSCOC On-Site Visit October 16-18, 2018. The visit included tours of our Richmond and Sugar Land campuses, interviews with numerous faculty and staff, and discussions regarding our new Quality Enhancement Plan, *Destination Bound: Choose. Connect. Complete.* The team was extremely complimentary of the passion and commitment they witnessed from everyone they interacted with.

The visit was a great success with only two recommendations resulting from the review. We will have the opportunity to respond to these two items by March 2019, with an ultimate decision regarding our reaffirmation to be made in June 2019. Many thanks to everyone who was involved in ensuring that the visit went smoothly and that the team was well tended to!

## Purpose and Mission

The Office of Planning and Institutional Effectiveness is devoted to ensuring that the college community has access to the information and resources needed to make data-driven decisions across all levels of the institution. As a step toward the fulfillment of this mission, the Office will release a monthly newsletter with data and findings that will help advance institutional planning and promote a culture of continuous quality improvement.

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