

Odessa College is **changing the culture** and leading the nation in **innovative and entrepreneurial educational and workforce solutions** that positively **impact the lives** of the families we serve:

- February 2016 – **Odessa College selected as the first AVID for Higher Education (AHE) National Demonstration Site in the United States** after rigorous application screening and review process by **AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination)**, a non-profit, proven college readiness system that is implemented in approximately 5,000 schools in 44 states, the District of Columbia and 16 countries/territories impacting over 800,000 students in grades K-12 and 43 post-secondary institutions
- January 2016 - **Odessa College chosen as one of only 150 community colleges in the nation to advance to the second round of the 2016 Aspen Prize**, which is widely regarded as the award which distinguishes the recipient as the **best community college in the United States**.
- The median income for **first-year earnings of Technical Associate’s Degree Graduates at OC** is **\$55,529** – *Higher Education Pays: The Initial Earnings of Graduates of Texas Public Colleges and Universities*, a product of College Measures’ Economic Success Metrics Project supported by the Lumina Foundation.
- This spring, **OC, Chevron and the Fab Foundation** will launch a community **FAB LAB** to encourage and **cultivate STEAM** (science, technology, engineering, arts and math) **education** in the Permian Basin. The Fab Lab will feature state-of-the-art design and fabrication equipment – platform for learning and innovation: a place to play, to create, to learn, to mentor, to invent
- In Summer 2015, the **OC drop rate improvement program was** recognized as a **University Business Model of Excellence**. Built around four best practices to **decrease the dropout rate**. The drop rate improvement program is built around four best practices to decrease the dropout rate. The program **encourages faculty to learn students by name, intervene** when a student struggles, spend time **getting to know each student**, and **provide a clear syllabus** at the start of the course explaining exactly what students are expected to do and when.
- OC partnered with **Lincoln Electric, the global leader in welding** equipment manufacturers, to open the **Lincoln Electric Advanced Processes Lab** – the **first of its kind** at a community college.
- In Fall 2015 OC was designated as an **All-Steinway School** – demonstrating a **commitment to excellence** by providing their students and faculties with the best equipment possible for the study of music. **All pianos** used by the OC Music Department – from practice room to recital hall – are **designed by Steinway & Sons**.
- OC’s Phi Theta Kappa **National Honor Society** achieves **5 Star Chapter Status** - national **recognition of our excellence** in providing opportunities for individual growth and development through participation in **honors, leadership service and fellowship programming**.

- OC was recognized in **US News & World Report** and **THE HUFFINGTON POST** for innovative programming that leads to **increased retention and course completion** – establishing expectations for students and holding faculty accountable for student success.
- OC is proud to have been designated an **Achieving the Dream Leader College** in 2013. This accomplishment recognizes Odessa College as being in the **top 7% of all community colleges** nationwide for improving student success and eliminating achievement gaps.
- OC is a member of Texas Completes – an **elite group of eight community colleges** in Texas that share a common vision for deep student success reform. The cadre of colleges educates 43% of the state’s community college students and is **committed to accelerating existing reform efforts, creating a center of gravity for innovation, and helping more students find their way and stay on track through college** – ultimately turning the tide on the achievement gap.
- OC was **one of four colleges in the state of Texas** to receive the first round of funding to support the development of a **Career and Technical Education Early College High School – OC TECHS**. The funding is designed to help local education leaders plan and launch new opportunities for students to simultaneously earn a high school diploma and a postsecondary credential that prepares them to enter high skill, high demand workforce fields.
- This fall, the OC **Drop Rate Improvement Program** was selected as **one of four finalists** for the **Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board Star Award**. This same program previously received the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board **Award of Excellence** in recognition of the advances the college is making in **improving student success**.
- Dr. **Gregory D. Williams**, president of Odessa College, has been **elected by the American Association of Community Colleges** membership to **serve on the 32-member board** of directors of the organization, and currently serves on the executive committee. Dr. Williams currently serves as the **President Elect of the Texas Association of Community Colleges**.
- OC is accredited by the **Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges** to award Associate degrees.
- OC’s offerings are approved by the **Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board**.
- For those who wish to continue their education beyond an associate’s degree, OC has more than **50 articulation/transfer agreements** with colleges across the country.

Odessa College FAST FACTS

- **5,578 students** enrolled in **career, technology, workforce & transfer programs** – this represents a 20% increase in enrollment over the past 10 years.
- **7,472 students** enrolled in **lifelong learning and enrichment annually**
- **120+** Associate and Certificate **Degree Programs**
- **93%** of OC students **completed the course they started** in the Fall of 2015
- **1,106** (AY 2014-15) Associate and Certificate **Degrees Awarded** – the number of students receiving degrees and certificates has doubled since 2007
- **98%** of Graduates would **recommend OC** to their friends
- OC Children’s Center earned **Four Star** Texas Rising Star Designation – **exceeding the State’s minimum licensing standards** for child care facilities
- 8 Student Athlete **Academic All Americans** – student athletes achieving at least a **3.30 cumulative GPA**, who start more than 50 percent of all games and make significant contributions **to the team**
- **MIDLAND REPORTER-TELEGRAM**: Diviners **#1 stage production** of the year
- **ADN** (Associate Degree Nursing) Pass Rate is 93.75%
- **PTA** (Physical Therapy Assistant) Pass Rate is 100%
- **Fire Technology** Pass Rate is 100%
- **88%** of OC **employees donate** to the student success **scholarship** campaign
- **\$8 million** in scholarships, state and federal aid **awarded to students**
- **444** full and part-time **employees annually**