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## Executive Summary

The Iowa Department of Education (Department), Bureau of Community Colleges annually prepares Iowa Community College Certified Budget Reports. These reports provide information to assist the Iowa State Board of Education (State Board) members in their role as outlined in Iowa Code section 260C.17, as follows:

*“The board of directors of each merged area shall prepare an annual budget designating the proposed expenditures for operation of the community college. The board shall further designate the amounts, which are to be raised by local taxation and the amounts which are to be raised by other sources of revenue for the operation. The budget of each merged area shall be submitted to the state board no later than May 1 preceding the next fiscal year for approval. The state board shall review the proposed budget and shall, prior to June 1, either grant its approval or return the budget without approval with the comments of the state board attached to it. Any unapproved budget shall be resubmitted to the state board for final approval.”*

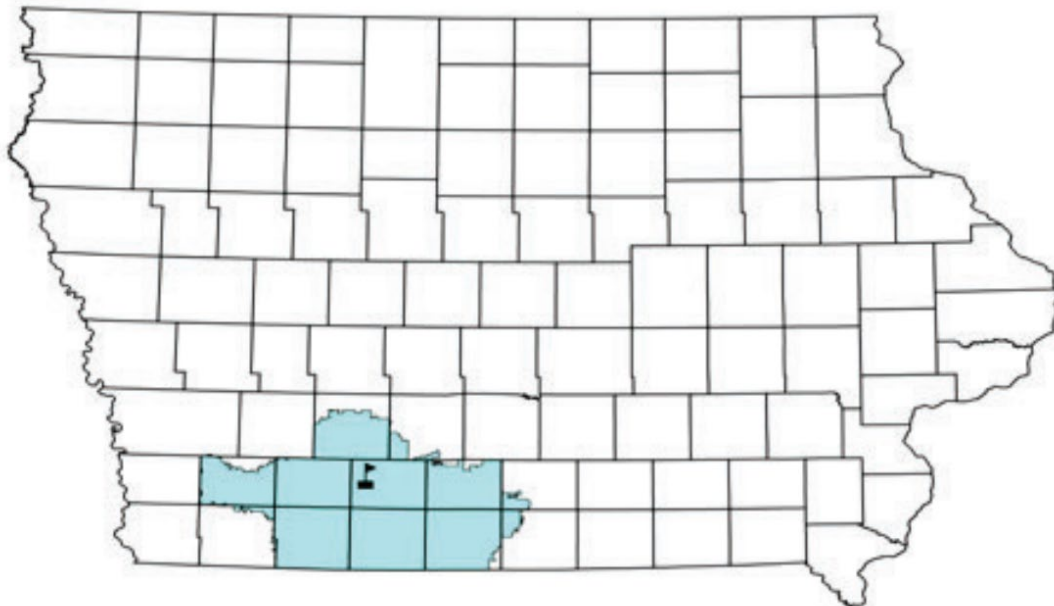
In accordance with Iowa Code, each community college’s projected budget must be reviewed and approved by the State Board on or before June 1 each year. At the time information for this report is requested from Iowa’s 15 community colleges, state general aid appropriations, tuition revenues and employee salaries may not be finalized for the next fiscal year. Only budget estimates can be provided. Southwestern Community College (SWCC) staff demonstrated their best attempts at preparing the following budget estimates for next year.

## Report Overview

The report contains information relating to college location, tuition and fees, those served by the college, programs offered by the college, information on college faculty and staff, and certified budget information as provided by the community college.

## College Location

Counties served: Adair, Adams, Clarke, Decatur, Lucas, Madison, Montgomery, Page, Pottawattamie, Ringgold, Taylor, Union, Wayne



## College Finances

An overview of tuition and fees for FY25 and FY26, total revenue and expenditures is provided below.

**Table 1.1: In-State (Resident) Tuition and Fees**

Tuition and Fees	FY25 Actual	FY26 Actual	Change
Resident Tuition	\$211	\$219	
Fees	\$13	\$13	
Cost of Enrollment	\$224	\$232	\$8 (3.6%)

**Table 1.2: Out-of-State (Non-Resident) Tuition and Fees**

Tuition and Fees	FY25 Actual	FY26 Actual	Change
Non-Resident Tuition	\$218	\$226	
Fees	\$13	\$13	
Cost of Enrollment	\$231	\$239	\$8 (3.5%)

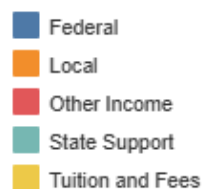
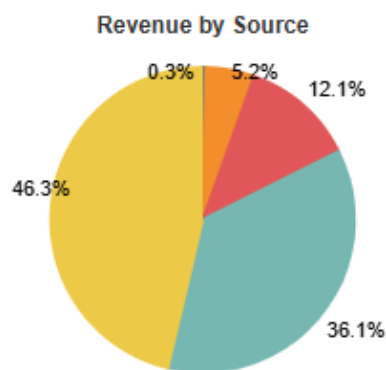
## Total Revenues FY25

### Total Revenue

**\$15,394,586**

Previous Year: ▲ 5.9%

Five-Year Average Change: ▲ 2.7%



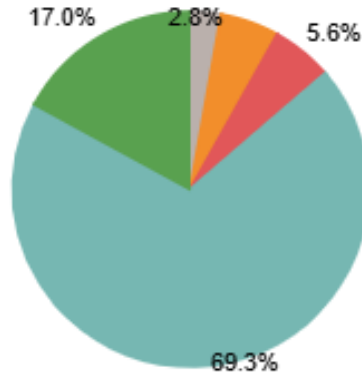
## Total Expenditures FY25

**Total Expenditures**  
**\$15,335,446**

Previous Year: ▲ 5.3%

Five-Year Average Change: ▲ 2.3%

Expenditures by Category



## Students

Information regarding credit and noncredit student enrollment is provided below.

**Table 1.3: 2025 Credit student enrollment**

Students	FY25 Actual
Credit student enrollment	1,978
Full-time students	25.8%
Part-time students	74.2%
Concurrent enrollment	47.5%
Career and Technical Education (CTE)	26.2%
Pell Recipients	504

**Table 1.4: 2025 Noncredit student enrollment**

Students	FY25 Actual
Noncredit student enrollment	4,632
Career and Technical Education (CTE)	2,774
Enrolled in CTE	59.9%
Adult Basic Education (ABE)	4.8%
Transferred to credit education	21.8%

## Programs

Credit programs provided by Iowa's 15 community colleges fall under two general categories: arts and sciences (A&S) and career and technical education (CTE). The A&S programs are college parallel (transfer) programs of study designed to provide a strong general education component to satisfy the first two years of liberal arts and science requirements for a bachelor's degree. In accordance with Iowa Code, A&S programs consist of 60 to 64 credit hours and culminate in an Associate of Arts (AA) or an Associate of Science (AS) degree, the latter consisting of at least 20 math and science credits. These degrees are intended to prepare students to transfer into four-year colleges or universities with junior standing.

Noncredit programs consist of a variety of instructional offerings, including personal and academic basic development, workforce preparation skill development, technical courses directly related to specific industry-based work opportunities, continuing education for recertification and licensure and courses to pursue special interests.

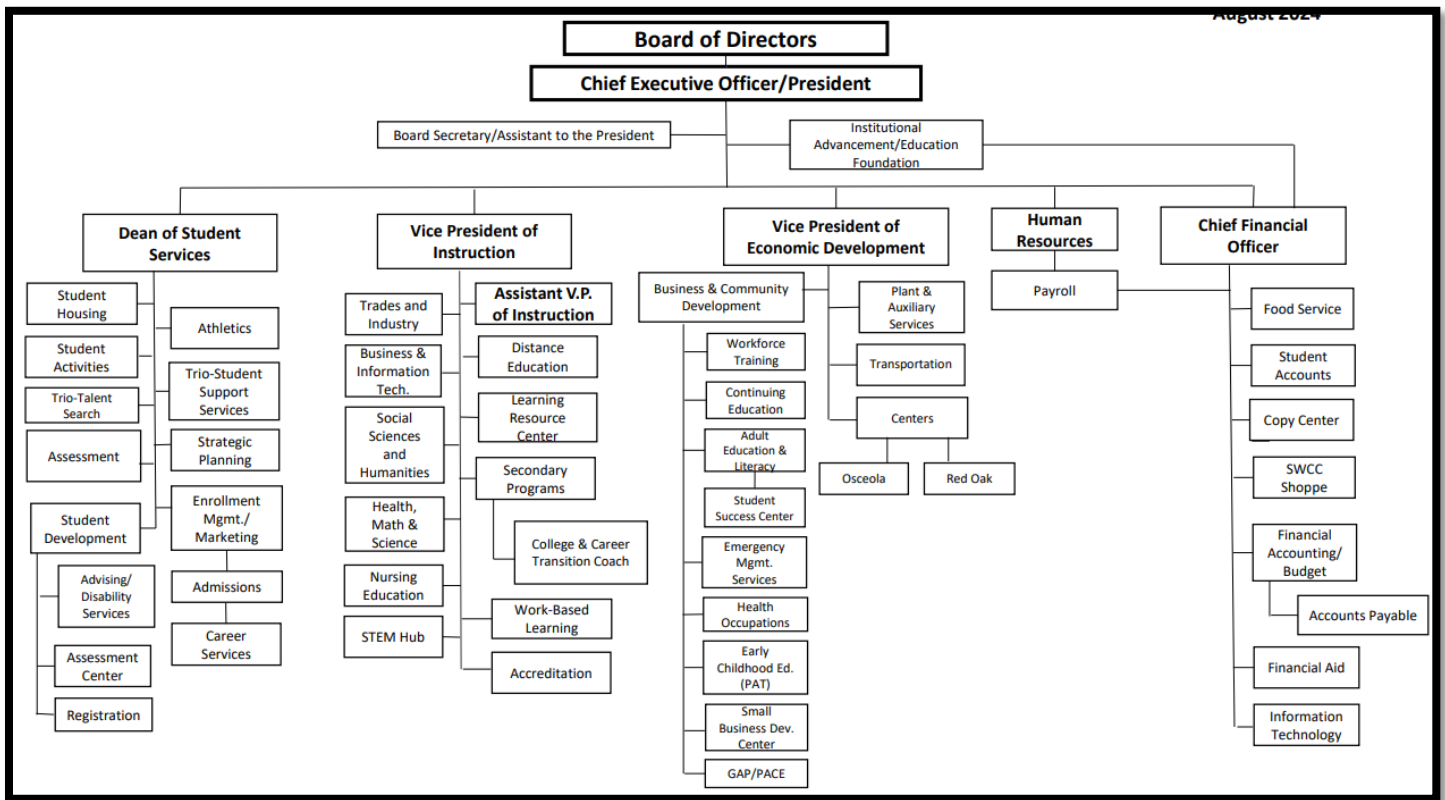
**Table 1.5: Top Ten CTE Programs by Completion**

Program	Years	Completions	Median Annual Wages
Licensed Practical/Vocational Nurse Training	2019-2023	215	\$53,961
Registered Nursing/Registered Nurse	2019-2023	200	\$73,183
Welding Technology/Welder	2019-2023	136	\$45,226
Automobile/Automotive Mechanics Technology/Technician	2019-2023	87	\$41,449
Carpentry/Carpenter	2019-2023	62	\$24,457
Electrician	2019-2023	47	\$42,493
Business Administration and Management, General	2019-2023	47	\$38,486
Agribusiness/Agricultural Business Operations	2019-2023	38	\$34,708
Music Performance, General	2019-2023	26	\$24,549
Computer Systems Networking and Telecommunications	2019-2023	24	\$48,970

# Faculty and Staff

Information about the college’s organizational structure, including specific positions, is provided below.

## Organizational Structure



**Table 2.1: College Administration**

Chief executive officer and the cabinet and/or administrative team

College Administration	FY25 Actual
Full-time Administrative	6
Part-time Administrative	0
Temporary Administrative	0
Adjunct Administrative	0
<b>Total College Administration</b>	<b>6</b>

## Table 2.2: Credit Faculty

Personnel involved in direct instructional (for credit course) contact with students, including counselors, librarians and tutors, if the principal activity (50% or more their time) is instructional.

Faculty	FY25 Actual
Full-time Faculty	41
Part-time Faculty	0
Temporary Faculty	0
Adjunct Faculty	75
Total Faculty	116

## Table 2.3: Noncredit Faculty

Personnel involved in full-time direct instructional (for noncredit course) contact with students.

Noncredit Faculty	FY25 Actual
Full-time Noncredit Faculty	0
Part-time Noncredit Faculty	0
Temporary Noncredit Faculty	0
Adjunct Noncredit Faculty	0
Total Noncredit Faculty	0

### Table 2.4: Professional Staff

Persons employed for the primary purpose of performing academic support, student services, and institutional support activities. Includes all data processing staff (non-data entry), media support staff and business office personnel.

Professional Staff	FY25 Actual
Full-time Professional Staff	70
Part-time Professional Staff	0
Temporary Professional Staff	4
Adjunct Professional Staff	8
Total Professional Staff	82

### Table 2.5: Clerical Staff

Persons whose assignments are typically associated with clerical activities and/or specifically secretarial in nature. Include personnel who are responsible for internal and external communications, recording and retrieving data (other than computer programmers) and/or information and other paperwork required in an office.

Clerical Staff	FY25 Actual
Full-time Clerical	28
Part-time Clerical	9
Temporary Clerical	11
Adjunct Clerical	1
Total Clerical Staff	49

## Table 2.6: Service Staff

Include maintenance and repair staff, machine operators, vehicle drivers and security.

Professional Staff	FY25 Actual
Full-time Service Staff	13
Part-time Service Staff	4
Temporary Service Staff	8
Adjunct Service Staff	0
Total Service Staff	25

# Fiscal Detail

## Table 3.1: SWCC Adopted Budget and Certification of Community College Taxes

Estimated Tax Levies Completed By the Community College Tax Levies Adopted		Estimated Dollars Necessary to be Raised By Property Tax AND Utility Replacement Tax	Approved Tax Rate	Property Taxes Levied	Estimated Utility Replacement Dollars
Unrestricted General	1	934,547	0.20250	909,090	25,457
Restricted General	2				
Unemployment Compensation	3				
Tort Liability	4	200,000	0.04334	194,568	5,432
Insurance	5	1,950,000	0.42253	1,896,878	53,122
Early Retirement	6	500,000	0.10834	486,374	13,626
Equipment Replacement	7	415,220	0.08997	403,905	11,315
Cash Reserve	8				
Standby	9	0	0.00000	0	0
<b>Total General Funds</b>	10	3,999,767	0.86668	3,890,815	108,952
Plant Funds	11	934,547	0.20250	909,090	25,457
Bonds & Interest Funds	12	0	0.00000	0	0
<b>Grand Total - All Funds</b>	13	4,934,314	1.06918	4,799,905	134,409

Taxable Valuation	WITH Gas & Electric Utilities	4,615,045,537	WITHOUT Gas & Electric	4,489,332,727
Tax Increment Valuation	WITH Gas & Electric Utilities	347,648,975	WITHOUT Gas & Electric	347,648,975
Debt Service Valuation	WITH Gas & Electric Utilities	4,962,694,512	WITHOUT Gas & Electric	4,836,981,702

**Table 3.2: SWCC Long Term Debt - Fiscal Year July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027**

	Series Name (A)	Original Amount of Issue (B)	Original Principal Due (C)	Original Interest Due (D)	Subtotal Original Obligation Due (C) + (D) = (E)	Bond Administration Costs (F)	Payment Reduction due to Principal Surplus Levied in Prior Years (G)	Interest Savings from Surplus Levy (H)	Amount Paid from Other Sources & Fund Balance in Appropriate Fund (I)	Net Amount Levied for this Fiscal Year (E) + (F) - (G) - (H) - (I) = (J)
1	2022	5,540,000	565,000	72,100	637,100	0	0	0	637,100	0
2										
3										
4										
5										
<b>Totals</b>		5,540,000	565,000	72,100	637,100	0	0	0	637,100	0

**Table 3.3: SWCC Supplemental Detail Resources – Actual FY 2024/2025**

Resources		Unrestricted	Restricted	Unemployment	Tort Liability	Insurance	Early Retirement	Equipment Replacement	Cash Reserve	Standby	Plant Funds	Bond & Interest Funds	Total
Taxes Levied on Property	1	800,918			162,572	1,580,698	354,291	355,965			800,918		4,055,362
Utility Replacement Tax	2	57,918			11,527	113,841	25,399	25,742			57,918		292,345
400-409 Student Fees	3	607,528	490										608,018
410-414 Tuition	4	6,523,530											6,523,530
421-424 State Aid	5	5,407,720											5,407,720
429 Other State Aid	6	87,343	2,121,688										2,209,031
430-449 Federal Aid	7	45,498	1,204,225										1,249,723
450-469 Sales-Service	8	13,602											13,602
470-499 Other	9	1,571,315	2,358,952			8,085							3,938,352
480 Proceeds from Certificates	10												0
<b>Total Resources</b>	11	15,115,372	5,685,355	0	174,099	1,702,624	379,690	381,707	0	0	858,836		24,297,683
<b>Beginning Fund Balance</b>	12	1,230,396	1,601,802	108,379	82,303	451,464	515,628	482,754	103,947	605,452	3,209,158		8,391,283

**Table 3.4: SWCC Supplemental Detail Expenditures – Actual FY 2024/2025**

Expenditures		Unrestricted	Restricted	Unemployment	Tort Liability	Insurance	Early Retirement	Equipment Replacement	Cash Reserve	Standby	Plant Funds	Bond & Interest Funds	Total
1000 Liberal Arts and Sciences	1	2,924,688	543,312										3,468,000
2000 Vocational and Technical	2	3,388,310	167,831										3,556,141
3000 Adult Education	3	612,892	1,749,806										2,362,698
4000 Cooperative Programs/Services	4	0	1,692,376										1,692,376
5000 Administration	5	1,225,040	28,553	196				312,583					1,566,372
6000 Student Services	6	1,838,447	0										1,838,447
7000 Learning Resources	7	217,792	0										217,792
8000 Physical Plant	8	2,367,002	0			1,581,967					1,141,330		5,090,299
9000 General Institution	9	2,482,057	1,471,369		158,791		334,717						4,446,934
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	10	15,056,228	5,653,247	196	158,791	1,581,967	334,717	312,583	0	0	1,141,330		24,239,059
<b>Ending Fund Balance</b>	11	1,289,540	1,633,910	108,183	97,611	572,121	560,601	551,878	103,947	605,452	2,926,664		8,449,907

**Table 3.5: SWCC Supplemental Detail Resources – Re-Estimated FY 2025/2026**

Resources		Unrestricted	Restricted	Unemployment	Tort Liability	Insurance	Early Retirement	Equipment Replacement	Cash Reserve	Standby	Plant Funds	Bond & Interest Funds	Total
Taxes Levied on Property	1	842,890			179,941	1,847,989	374,451	374,618			842,890		4,462,779
Utility Replacement Tax	2	23,728			5,059	5,211	10,549	10,546			23,728		78,821
400-409 Student Fees	3	650,000	500										650,500
410-414 Tuition	4	6,750,000	3,750										6,753,750
421-424 State Aid	5	5,552,535											5,552,535
429 Other State Aid	6	75,000	2,500,000								410,000		2,985,000
430-449 Federal Aid	7	50,000	1,850,000										1,900,000
450-469 Sales-Service	8	14,500	1,000										15,500
470-499 Other	9	1,800,000	5,500,000								6,500,000		13,800,000
480 Proceeds from Certificates	10												0
<b>Total Resources</b>	11	15,758,653	9,855,250	0	185,000	1,853,200	385,000	385,164	0	0	7,776,618	0	36,198,885
<b>Beginning Fund Balance</b>	12	1,289,540	1,633,910	108,183	97,611	572,121	560,601	551,878	103,947	605,452	2,926,664	0	8,449,907

**Table 3.6: SWCC Supplemental Detail Expenditures – Re-Estimated FY 2025/2026**

Expenditures		Unrestricted	Restricted	Unemployment	Tort Liability	Insurance	Early Retirement	Equipment Replacement	Cash Reserve	Standby	Plant Funds	Bond & Interest funds	Total
1000 Liberal Arts and Sciences	1	3,130,000	900,000										4,030,000
2000 Vocational and Technical	2	3,500,000	1,600,000										5,100,000
3000 Adult Education	3	650,000	1,600,000										2,250,000
4000 Cooperative Programs/Services	4		1,750,000										1,750,000
5000 Administration	5	1,350,000	525,000	150				375,000					2,250,150
6000 Student Services	6	1,950,000	1,500,000										3,450,000
7000 Learning Resources	7	230,000											230,000
8000 Physical Plant	8	2,325,000				1,875,000					7,500,000		11,700,000
9000 General Institution	9	2,600,000	2,000,000		175,000		275,000						5,050,000
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	10	15,735,000	9,875,000	150	175,000	1,875,000	275,000	375,000	0	0	7,500,000	0	35,810,150
<b>Ending Fund Balance</b>	11	1,313,193	1,614,160	108,033	107,611	550,321	670,601	562,042	103,947	605,452	3,203,282	0	8,838,642

**Table 3.7: SWCC Supplemental Detail Resources – Fiscal Year July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027**

Resources		Unrestricted	Restricted	Unemployment	Tort Liability	Insurance	Early Retirement	Equipment Replacement	Cash Reserve	Standby	Plant Funds	Bond & Interest Funds	Total
Taxes Levied on Property	1	909,090		0	194,568	1,896,878	486,374	403,905		0	909,090		4,799,905
Utility Replacement Tax	2	25,457		0	5,432	53,122	13,626	11,315		0	25,457		134,409
400-409 Student Fees	3	700,000	500										700,500
410-414 Tuition	4	6,950,000	4,000										6,954,000
421-424 State Aid	5	5,616,158											5,616,158
429 Other State Aid	6	55,000	3,500,000		694	6,766	1,648	1,440			410,000		3,975,548
430-449 Federal Aid	7	50,000	2,850,000										2,900,000
450-469 Sales-Service	8	14,500	1,000										15,500
470-499 Other	9	2,000,000	5,500,000								8,500,000		16,000,000
480 Proceeds from Certificates	10												0
<b>Total Resources</b>	11	16,320,205	11,855,500	0	200,694	1,956,766	501,648	416,660	0	0	9,844,547		41,096,020
<b>Beginning Fund Balance</b>	12	1,313,193	1,614,160	108,033	107,611	550,321	670,601	562,042	103,947	605,452	3,203,282		8,838,642

**Table 3.8: SWCC Supplemental Detail Expenditures – Fiscal Year July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027**

Expenditures		Unrestricted	Restricted	Unemployment	Tort Liability	Insurance	Early Retirement	Equipment Replacement	Cash Reserve	Standby	Plant Funds	Bond & Interest Funds	Total
1000 Liberal Arts and Sciences	1	3,275,000	950,000										4,225,000
2000 Vocational and Technical	2	3,800,000	1,675,000										5,475,000
3000 Adult Education	3	700,000	1,675,000										2,375,000
4000 Cooperative Programs/Services	4		2,000,000										2,000,000
5000 Administration	5	1,300,000	550,000					400,000			9,500,000		11,750,000
6000 Student Services	6	2,050,000	1,500,000										3,550,000
7000 Learning Resources	7	250,000											250,000
8000 Physical Plant	8	2,400,000				1,950,000							4,350,000
9000 General Institution	9	2,450,000	3,500,000		188,000		460,000						6,598,000
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	10	16,225,000	11,850,000	0	188,000	1,950,000	460,000	400,000	0	0	9,500,000	0	40,573,000
<b>Ending Fund Balance</b>	11	1,408,398	1,619,660	108,033	120,305	557,087	712,249	578,702	103,947	605,452	3,547,829	0	9,361,662

**Table 3.9: SWCC Adopted Budget Summary – Budget Estimate – Fiscal Year July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027**

Resources:		General Funds FY 2026/2027 Budget	Plant Funds FY 2026/2027 Budget	Bonds & Interest Funds FY 2026/2027 Budget	Total of All Funds FY 2026/2027 Budget	FY 2025/2026 Re-Estimated Budget	FY 2024/2025 Audited Actual
Taxes Levied on Property	1	3,890,815	909,090	0	4,799,905	4,462,779	4,055,362
Utility Replacement Tax	2	108,952	25,457	0	134,409	78,821	292,345
Student Fees	3	700,500	0	0	700,500	650,500	608,018
Tuition	4	6,954,000	0	0	6,954,000	6,753,750	6,523,530
State Aid	5	5,616,158	0	0	5,616,158	5,552,535	5,407,720
Other State Aid	6	3,565,548	410,000	0	3,975,548	2,985,000	2,209,031
Federal Aid	7	2,900,000	0	0	2,900,000	1,900,000	1,249,723
Sales-Service	8	15,500	0	0	15,500	15,500	13,602
Other	9	7,500,000	8,500,000	0	16,000,000	13,800,000	3,938,352
Proceeds from Certificates	10	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Resources</b>	11	31,251,473	9,844,547	0	41,096,020	36,198,885	24,297,683
<b>Expenditures:</b>							
Liberal Arts and Sciences	12	4,225,000	0	0	4,225,000	4,030,000	3,468,000
Vocational and Technical	13	5,475,000	0	0	5,475,000	5,100,000	3,556,141
Adult Education	14	2,375,000	0	0	2,375,000	2,250,000	2,362,698
Cooperative Programs/Services	15	2,000,000	0	0	2,000,000	1,750,000	1,692,376
Administration	16	2,250,000	9,500,000	0	11,750,000	2,250,150	1,566,372
Student Services	17	3,550,000	0	0	3,550,000	3,450,000	1,838,447
Learning Resources	18	250,000	0	0	250,000	230,000	217,792
Physical Plant	19	4,350,000	0	0	4,350,000	11,700,000	5,090,299
General Institution	20	6,598,000	0	0	6,598,000	5,050,000	4,446,934
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	21	31,073,000	9,500,000	0	40,573,000	35,810,150	24,239,059
<b>Net Resources minus Expenditures</b>	22	178,473	344,547	0	523,020	388,735	58,624
<b>Beginning Fund Balance</b>	23	5,635,360	3,203,282	0	8,838,642	8,449,907	8,391,283
<b>Ending Fund Balance</b>	24	5,813,833	3,547,829	0	9,361,662	8,838,642	8,449,907

## College Highlight for AY 26-27

*Please provide a description of a good practice you've recently implemented that you think has applicability statewide.*

In conjunction with the Southwestern's Higher Learning Commission (HLC) Quality Initiative titled "Systemic Advising Project," much work has taken place to provide a comprehensive and expanded advising model at the onset of a student's admission to the college and then carried out through the students' educational journeys. an opportunity to more quickly connect students to their advisors at the beginning of the academic year. Throughout the summer of 2025, the director of student development closely monitored that all new students were assigned to the appropriate advisor in the Jenzabar student information system.

The college then launched a "Get the Scoop" advising event, which was designed to be both informational and welcoming for students. The hour-long event was held on the third day of classes during the fall semester, and it provided a relaxed environment for students to meet their advisors in a large gathering space on campus. Advisors were provided with prompts to connect with their advisees and share contact information. Once students met with their advisor and exchanged contact information, they were awarded a ticket for a complimentary ice cream cone at an ice cream truck staged on campus for the day. By fostering early connections, "Get the Scoop" encouraged students to connect with advisors laying a strong foundation for academic planning, goal-setting, and long-term success.

## Major Strategic Priorities for AY 26-27

*Please provide a list of some of the college's major strategic priorities (as example, breaking ground on a new building; selling an underutilized building; refurbishing to align space to new, in-demand CTE program, starting a new academic program; winding down a low-enrollment program, etc.)*

The college broke ground on a 15,040-square-foot Skilled Trades Facility on Thursday, April 23, 2026.