

## President's Report September 2016

### Construction

*Eagle Pass Technical Campus* – We will schedule an open house for the Chittim Technical Campus for October

*Crystal City Library* – Construction is moving on the project. We are pleased with the progress on the library.

### Partnerships

Middle Rio Grande Development Council – We partnered with MRGDC to submit a Department of Labor grant, which would provide tuition assistance to dislocated workers. Attended the annual meeting in August, had opportunity to visit with Representative Andy Murr, and Superintendents – Ball, Seals, Allen, & Gonzales.

### Other

*Fall Enrollment* – Fall numbers look tremendous; head count increase of 15%, semester credit hours increase of 12 % both compared to last fall. Compared to last base year (Fall 14) contact hours increased by 11%.

*Ad Valorem Taxes* – Had relatively quiet public hearings, at the second public hearing we heard from two Uvalde businessmen that strongly support the college, and recognize the college as good stewards of taxpayer's funds.

*Palomino Festival* – This year's festival was again a great success. Many thanks to all the volunteers and sponsors that help make this festival great, and a special thanks to the leadership of Wade Carpenter, in organizing this event. \$25,000 was provided to the Los Palominos Scholarship this year.

### Meetings

- Met with Congressman Hurd in late August – discussed support for the STEM grant and sought additional support for the Airframe and Plant program with Laughlin AFB
- Began the Conversation with the President series with students
- Dual Credit Task Force meeting with college presidents and superintendents – discussed legislative priorities
- Upcoming – Legislative Budget Board Appropriations hearing 9/28
- Upcoming – PTK (Uvalde) induction 10/4