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