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Education Foundation and Odessa College Team Up for Scholarships

ODESSA (Sept. 29, 2014) – The Education Foundation of Odessa and Odessa College make a winning team, and this year is their most successful partnership ever.

The Education Foundation Board President Rodney Hurt presented Odessa College with a check for \$50,000 to continue The Education Foundation of Odessa Scholarship Fund. The donation was the largest amount ever received by OC from the Education Foundation and was made available through a 2:1 challenge grant issued by the Education Foundation.

Odessa College Foundation President Renee' Earls graciously thanked the Education Foundation for its commitment to assisting ECISD high school graduates in continuing their education at Odessa College.

Adding to the celebration, Earls announced that Odessa College had much more to celebrate as today's event also signified the finale of the Odessa College Student Success Scholarship Community Campaign. To date, the OC Foundation Board raised an all-time-high amount of \$264,476, far surpassing its goal of \$175,000. The previous all-time high was \$258,432 in 2007. The Foundation will continue to accept donations throughout the year from anyone who still would like to contribute.

The Education Foundation of Odessa Scholarship is available to graduates of Ector County high schools who maintain a 2.5 cumulative GPA on a 4.0 scale and who complete 10 hours of community service.

The OC Student Success Scholarship requires that a student maintain a 2.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale, be enrolled full or part-time, and complete all hours during the semester. Students are also required to complete 10 hours of community service during the semester. The Student Success Scholarship award depends on the student's enrollment status: 6-8 hours = \$800, 9-11 hours = \$1000, 12+ hours = \$1300.

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Students wanting more information on these scholarships or to apply may contact the Odessa College Foundation at 432.335.6648.

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