As an alumni or supporter of Amarillo College, we would appreciate your help in evaluating some important trends at Amarillo College. This survey information will be used by Amarillo College to prepare a report to help AC continue its accreditation. Thus, your response is vitally important for future planning at Amarillo College.

This survey will take approximately 10 minutes. A number 2 pencil is required for completing this survey. Any erasures must be erased completely. Write any comments on the lined section of the form but be sure to clearly identify the question or item number to which you are referring.

Answer each of the following questions by marking your responses in the A-E section of the survey form. Unless specific A-E answers are provided for you, please answer each question using the following scale: A. strongly agree; B. agree; C. uncertain; D. disagree; E. strongly disagree. If you do NOT feel qualified to answer the question, please leave it blank.

To protect the confidentiality of the participants, the data will be used only in summary form. If you have questions, please call the Self-Study Office at (806) 371-5261.

Your help is greatly appreciated.

Please POSTMARK by November 18, 2000

Please DO NOT FOLD the Scantron form!

Return ONLY the Scantron form in the enclosed envelope.
Directions: A number 2 pencil is required for completing this survey. Any erasure must be erased completely. Answer each of the following questions by marking your responses in the A – E section of the survey form. Unless specific A – E answers are provided for you, please answer each question using the following scale: A. strongly agree; B. agree; C. uncertain; D. disagree; E. strongly disagree. If you do not feel qualified to answer a question, please leave it blank. Write any comments on the lined section of the form but be sure to clearly identify the question or item number to which you are referring.

1. Age bracket
   A. 21 – 25 years
   B. 26 – 35 years
   C. 36 – 45 years
   D. 46 – 55 years
   E. 56 – older

2. Gender (optional)
   A. Female
   B. Male

3. Ethnic Origin (optional)
   A. White (Non-Hispanic)
   B. Hispanic
   C. Black (Non-Hispanic)
   D. Asian American
   E. Other

4. I live …
   A. in the Amarillo College service area. (If “A”, answer 5 and continue)
   B. outside the Amarillo College. (If “B”, skip to #6, answer and continue)
5. Length of residence in the Amarillo College service area
   A. More than 30 years
   B. 16 – 30 years
   C. 7 – 15 years
   D. 2 – 6 years
   E. Less than 2 years

6. Highest level of education achieved
   A. Doctorate or jurisprudence degree or higher
   B. Associate degree or certificate of completion
   C. Some college credits

**COMMENTS:**
Master’s Degree- (4)

   I have a MED. I could not decide to mark BA or MA.

   Not sure where my Master’s Degree fits in.

   Incomplete answers; I have 2 Master’s Degrees.

   Master’s Degree not included.

Bachelor’s Degree- (5)

   BBA degree.

   Bachelor of Architecture.

   Bachelor Degree (Civil Engineering) at Texas Tech (Associate Degree with honors at AC).

   BSME –Texas Tech University in Lubbock.

   I have a bachelor’s degree; there were no options for third level of education in the answer block.
   Degree M.D. University of Texas Medical Branch.

**OTHER COMMENTS:**
Does not provide sufficient choices, there is no space provided for individuals who have received a bachelor or master degrees.
7. What type of college courses have you taken?
   A. Academic credit
   B. Continuing education (non-credit)
   C. Academic credit and continuing education

8. Have you received a degree from Amarillo College?
   A. Yes
   B. No

   **COMMENTS:**
   Yes, in 1932 after 2 years in pre-med.

   My year at Amarillo College was in the Municipal Building, and we AHS grads thought AC was the greatest and appreciated Amarillo backing and establishing Amarillo Junior College.

   Unless otherwise stated, use the following scale:   A. strongly agree   B. agree   C. uncertain   D. disagree   E. strongly disagree

   **Institutional Effectiveness**
   9. Amarillo College meets the needs of the community.

   10. Amarillo College is committed to equal treatment and opportunities for all people.

      **COMMENTS:**
      We need to continue to improve accessibility for all students.

   **Community Involvement**
   11. Amarillo College is a center for cultural enrichment.

   12. I have attended a cultural event (i.e. theater performance, concert, lecture, etc.) at Amarillo College.

      **COMMENTS:**
      Have attended theater, musicals, lectures, exhibits, civic meetings, and business and events.

   Unless otherwise stated, use the following scale:   A. strongly agree   B. agree   C. uncertain   D. disagree   E. strongly disagree

   13. Amarillo College is a center for community enrichment.

   14. I have attended a civic or business event at Amarillo College.

      **COMMENTS:**
      Attended both civic and business meetings.
15. I have taken a class to acquire job skills or improve my job skills through Amarillo College’s Workforce Development Division.

16. I feel that Amarillo College is an asset to the Amarillo Area.

**Instruction**
17. Amarillo College is concerned with quality education.

*COMMENTS:*
*It bothers me that there are so many supplemental instructors. I know this solves the money issue but I do not feel that they have enough invested to be as good as regular instructors.*

18. Amarillo College provides adequate courses and programs for personal development.

19. Amarillo College provides adequate courses and programs for professional development.

*COMMENTS:*
*As in radiology technicians, nursing*

**Publications**
20. Information in the official publications of Amarillo College is helpful.

**Alumni**
21. The instruction I received at Amarillo College prepared me for transfer or career.

*COMMENTS:*
*All Amarillo College credits transferred to Southern Methodist University.*

22. Amarillo College encourages alumni to participate in ACEx (alumni association) activities.

*COMMENTS:*
*The ACEx needs to do a better job. They probably need more funding and personnel.*

23. Amarillo College alumni are encouraged to participate in the growth and development of Amarillo College.

*COMMENTS:*
*The ACEx needs to do a better job. They probably need more funding and personnel. I hear from ACEx about twice a year.*

*Out of state alumni need more advance notice of events – airline reservations are getting hard to get. We need more advance notice of activities.*
24. Amarillo College does an adequate job in collecting follow-up data (current address, e-mail address and phone number) on graduates.

**COMMENTS:**
Lists need to be expanded and updated. Just today, I had a call from a person in my class who just heard about ACEx and wanted to know how to join. This is a person who regularly attends events at AC Foundation and Art Center activities.

Databases are very difficult to maintain. AC should dedicate a part-time employee to the task.

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**Comparison to Other Institutions**
(Please answer the following question on the lined section of your scantron form. Also include the question number, #26.)

26. What other college(s) or universities come to mind when you compare Amarillo College to other schools?

**COMMENTS:**
Other junior colleges

College- Quality coursework; as with most school, the academic & alumni opportunities are adequate to above par; however, administrative fact (i.e. registration, financial aid, business office) are a challenge.

I have personally attended other colleges. Others do not compare to AC in 1) Service; 2) Going the extra mile; 3) Genuine caring and concern. AC is a **GREAT** institution. Keep up the good work.

Amarillo College used to have the best professors, the best foundation, and the best education in the country. As a junior college, it could not be beat. It was the standard and it was the professors that made it great. I think all of this has slipped. It is good but not great. I think there is too much emphasis on Continuing Education and not enough on preparatory and meeting standards that make your credits transferable to big universities!! Back to academics.

Amarillo College is a very unique place. So, no other college can compare as far as I’m concerned.
Other community colleges like the one where I am employed. Amarillo College is truly outstanding. It's comparable to much larger institutions.

A student can get a better first two years at AC than the usual four-year colleges or universities.

Phoenix College, Glendale Community and Scottsdale Community

Lakeland Community College (Kirkland, OH) Cuyahoga C.C. (Cleveland OH) 4-year colleges & universities in Texas that draw students from AC.

West Texas A&M University – (6 individual citations; 13 total citations)

West Texas A&M University, South Plains College, and Texas Tech University

West Texas A&M University, Texas Tech University, Frank Phillips Junior College, South Plains College

University of Texas Arlington (computer school with high academic offerings); North Texas State University, Tarrant County Junior College - same reasons; Oklahoma Community College

University of Texas and Texas A&M

None

Texas Tech & West Texas A&M University

Area 4-year schools - West Texas A&M University, TECH

West Texas & M University – Canyon, TX; Texas Tech University-Lubbock, TX; McMurry- Abilene, TX; Wayland Baptist University –Plainview, TX

University of Texas of Austin; West Texas A&M University If this form is not filled out correctly please send to Florida for further study

Clarendon Junior College? Wayland Baptist University? Not certain what you are asking.

Texas A&M University – College Station.
Austin Community College, Central Texas College, San Antonio College, Tarrant County Junior College, ETC…  

West Texas State University & Texas Tech University  

Texas Christian University & West Texas A&M University  

West Texas A&M University – Canyon, University of Texas as Austin  

University of Texas, Texas Tech University, Wayland Baptist University  

Four-year universities; South Plains College  

**General Comments:**

AC is a highly respected college all over the state of Texas as well as the surrounding states. Graduated Lamar University – Beaumont, TX.  

Thirteen years ago this January, I began my first two courses at Amarillo College – U.S. Gov’t and English Comp. I was a part-time student taking night classes while working a full-time job. My AC professor encouraged me to attend full-time, and I did. Two years later, I graduated with a 4.0 GPA, having been in the honors program, Phi Theta Kappa and was recognized with awards and blessed with scholarships. Virginia Tech was impressed with my AC reward – they admitted me, and awarded additional scholarships. Two years later, the law school at Virginia Tech did the same. I have been fortunate enough to work for what for many years were the two largest law firms in the world before relocating to Phoenix to be near my wife’s family this year. All of this would not be possible without the institution, the resources, but most important of all, the people of Amarillo College. Not only did AC prepare me, but its people also inspired me to think independently, reason critically and imagine vividly. There is – in everything I do - a small piece of Amarillo College, and it will always be a remarkable point of reference in my life.  

It was 1936 when I left Amarillo. Yes, I’ve been back many times to see relatives and attend AHS school reunions but not to visit the AC Washington Avenue Campus. However, The Stoner Museum is a big addition to the campus. It was the Great Depression, and we had the advantage of teachers and professors glad to have a job that progressed to bigger opportunities.  

Your quiz needs a little work.  

This is a poorly written form! How do you answer questions with agree/disagree? Some of questions require response to unknown information that only AC has.