



## Cedar Valley College and Comerica Bank Present *Jazz at the Meyerson '08* Featuring Kirk Whalum and Wayman Tisdale

*President Plans to Raise \$125,000 for Student Scholarships*

LANCASTER, Texas — Cedar Valley College, along with title sponsor Comerica Bank, will present Jazz at the Meyerson '08, a benefit concert featuring jazz greats Kirk Whalum and Wayman Tisdale on February 5, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. at the Morton Meyerson Symphony Center. Pianist Arlington Jones (a CVC music faculty member) and members of the CVC commercial music program will play with both award-winning artists.

Anchor **Gloria Campos** of WFAA-TV, **Cameron Smith** of Smooth Jazz Television and **Skip Murphy** of KRNB-FM will co-host this special evening. Tickets are \$50, \$75 and \$100 and may be purchased at all Ticketmaster locations or via [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com). A limited number of tickets are also available on the Cedar Valley College campus. Additional sponsorship provided by The Miles Foundation and The Allen Group.

As part of the college's ongoing 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration, administrators hope to raise \$125,000 for student scholarships and educational leadership experiences. Many of the school's students come from economically-disadvantaged homes or are first-generation college students. Recent data shows that 34% of Cedar Valley College students come from households that are at or below the poverty level.

“Cedar Valley College has found that providing funds to support the financial needs and educational experiences truly supports student success,” notes Dr. Jennifer Wimbish, President

of Cedar Valley College. “As a true student success initiative, our goal is to equip our students with the critical resources needed to continue their academic and professional pursuits.”

In the past, the college has relied upon funds generated from campus-designated sources such as vending machines and parking meter profits. The college’s rich history will be celebrated as well during the VIP reception, where several outstanding alumni will be honored.

After retiring in 1997 from the NBA, jazz guitarist Wayman Tisdale has had several albums land on “Billboard’s” Top Ten, including “In the Zone,” “Decisions” and “Face to Face.” He was inducted into the Oklahoma Jazz Hall of Fame (2002) and was an NAACP Image Award nominee (2004).

For more than 30 years, Kirk Whalum’s singular blend of jazz, gospel, pop and R&B, has garnered the saxophonist seven Grammy nominations and earned a Stellar Award (2006) for his ongoing series “The Gospel According to Jazz.”

For more information, please visit [www.cedarvalleycollege.edu](http://www.cedarvalleycollege.edu) or call 972-860-8258.

#### ***ABOUT CEDAR VALLEY COLLEGE***

*Cedar Valley College (CVC), one of seven institutions in the Dallas County Community College District, first opened its doors in 1977. CVC is located in Lancaster in southern Dallas County. The college provides an exceptionally rich learning environment and a wide range of supportive measures as part of its commitment to educational access. Regionally, CVC is known for its innovative commercial music, veterinary technology and “green” programs for students. More than 4,000 students are enrolled in 24 associate’s programs and 35 certificate programs at Cedar Valley College. In 2004, the Cedar Valley College Center in Cedar Hill opened, offering continuing education classes in computer software, dance, CPA accreditation, and houses the Small Business Development Center.*

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