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Employee of the Quarter:

Gloria Johnson (Administrative Assistant II- SSEM)



(L-R) Dina Sosa-Hegarty, Gloria Johnson, Tom Graca and Dr. Jean Conway

It gives me great pleasure to announce your selection as Eastfield's Employee of the Quarter.

Your receiving this award

means you are a model of Eastfield's high standards and student-centered values. Here are some of the comments made about you:

Gloria is always available to assist others whenever needed. She always has a smile on her face and in her voice. She will follow through until your question is answered. She will tackle any task whole heartedly.

Gloria continues to make a positive impact on students on her own time helping them with questions and walking through steps to help them. She works nights and weekends throughout the year helping when needed, especially during registration.

Gloria went above and beyond in assisting a terminally ill young woman reach her goal of being registered as a student. After numerous attempts to register from the hospital Gloria answered a call from her father requesting help. Gloria met this young woman and her father on her own time at the hospital and walked them through the process. Gloria was innovative and creative in her pro-active approach in assisting. Hannah's dream was fulfilled.

Gloria, you embody the Eastfield spirit of dedication, innovation, and collaboration. As this quarter's awardee, please accept these small tokens of our appreciation: a balloon bouquet, a gift card, a parking permit for the quarter, and your name will be placed on the wall on the EOQ plaque. Again, congratulations Gloria.

Sincerely,
Jean Conway, Ed.D.
Interim President



More than 500 job seekers visited the April 7 **Career Services Job Fair** to speak with 32 organizations.

Seventy recruiters staffed the booths and spoke with job seekers about employment opportunities. Recruiters were raving about the large turnout and the high quality of the job applicants. Thanks to three job fair sponsors--Annexus Personnel & Business Services, Auto-Zone, and Volt Workforce Solutions--Career Services was able to give away two \$250 Eastfield scholarships.



On March 23, Eastfield hosted a traditional Japanese tea ceremony in G101. The event was sponsored by the **Eastfield Asian American Studies Program** and the Office of Student Life. In

partnership with the International Museum of Cultures in Dallas, the presenter, Mitsue Shindo, beautifully demonstrated the Japanese tea ceremony in her stunning blue kimono. The objective of the Japanese tea ceremony is to create a relaxed communication between the host and her guests. The tea ceremony is based in part on the etiquette of serving tea (Temae), and it includes the intimate connections with architecture, landscape gardening, unique tea utensils, beautiful paintings, floral arrangement, ceramics, and calligraphy. The Japanese tea ceremony is to signify the attainment of deep spiritual satisfaction through drinking of tea and through silent



contemplation. Also, the bond of friendship between the host and guests are strengthened during the ceremony when the host herself makes

and serves the tea. Over 90 guests attended the event. After the presentation, guests had the opportunity to sample green tea (hot or cold), mochi (rice cakes filled with sweet red bean paste), and pastries filled with sweet red bean paste.

Social Science and Criminal Justice hosted an eight hour TCLEOSE training in Basic Human Trafficking on March 22. There were 42 officers from various agencies such as DCCCD, Dallas PD, Plano PD, Dallas ISD, Mesquite PD, and Dallas County Constable Office. The trainers were provided through a grant and are assigned to the North Texas Human Trafficking Task Force, which is sponsored by the department of Homeland Security.

School Outreach & Talent Search staff members **Shaunyale Canada, Marcus Wood, Breona Winstead and Mary De Jesus** attended the Black Brown College Bound Summit entitled "Courageous Conversations: Taking it to the Next Level with African American and Latino Males" in Tampa, February 23-25. The conference focused on current issues like profiling, stereotyping, and marginalizing of African American and Latino males that have had negative effects on their academic progression in education. Summit participants had an opportunity to address the problems that are becoming more pervasive throughout higher education and work with practitioners in this field toward potential solutions.

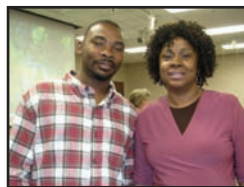
School Outreach Director, **Shaunyale Canada**, attended the 38th Annual TABPHE (Texas Association of Black Personnel in Higher Education) joint conference with the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board "The Power of Change II: Celebrating the Progress" in Austin, March 3-5. The conference serves to address the educational needs of Blacks in higher education. The prestigious conference attracts attention from across the state by bringing together representatives from academia, state



Fiesta! Celebrating Cinco de Mayo, Mexican-American Culture and History

- “Celebrating Cinco de Mayo” Library Exhibit
Thursday, April 28-Friday, May 6
Reception at 11:15 a.m. Wednesday, May 4 in the Library.
Traditional refreshments served.
- “Cinco de Mayo and its Significance.” presented by Cindy Castañeda, Prof. of government
Wednesday, May 4
10:10 a.m.
G101/102
Traditional refreshments served.
- Recital Series: Eastfield Jazz Ensemble perform a Latin jazz set
Wednesday, May 4
12:45 p.m.
Performance Hall
- Cinco de Mayo celebration & Mini Car Show
Thursday, May 5
9 a.m. - 11 a.m.
T127 (Paint Booth Lab)
- Eastfield Jazz Ensemble performs a Latin jazz set
Thursday, May 5
5 p.m.
Pit (Atrium)
Refreshments served.
- Latin Ballroom class Demonstration
Friday, May 6
6-8 p.m.
P208.
Faculty, students and staff can join the class and dance for fun.

government, corporations, private industry and non-profit organizations. The conference included a town hall forum on Texas issues in higher education, a Legislative Day at the Texas Capitol, conference institutes for faculty, staff and students, and scholarship banquet. There were also numerous empowering, energizing and thought provoking sessions for conference attendees. One of the highlights of the conference was the luncheon speaker, Rep. Sylvester Turner, who spoke to the conference attendees about the impact of pending budget cuts in higher education and secondary education and the things that professionals like us could do to prepare for it while not losing hope and our passion and commitment to excellence in educating our students.



Twenty four people attended the March 25 Coffee & Careers seminar “How to Make Your Resume Pop!” sponsored by **Career Services**, TRiO/ Student Support Services, and the USDE Job Location & Development Program. The presenters were Vonda Farley and Jordyne Halko from Express Employment Professionals in Mesquite. Door prizes, including two \$250 Eastfield Career Development scholarships, were given away. The scholarship recipients are Byron Bagent and Andrea Jackson, both of Garland (pictured above). The Career Development Scholarship is funded by job fair employer sponsorship fees.

On March 29, the Dallas Co. Commissioners Court appointed **Don Baynham**, Eastfield Associate Vice President of Institutional Effectiveness & Economic Development, as Vice Chairman of the County Historical Commission. The Dallas County Historical Commission serves as the County’s primary advisory body on historic preservation matters, provides the first level of review for all State historical marker requests, and maintains an inventory of the County’s historical properties.

Linda Richardson, Eastfield Executive Dean of Student and Enrollment Services, and **Dina Sosa-Hegarty**, Dean of Outreach and Student Development presented the Student Code of Conduct section during the recent Essentials of Student Affairs Institute at the District Office on March 9. Jeff Quan, Licensed Professional Counselor, joined this

presentation and also presented a separate session on the HIPAA legal issue. This Student Affairs Institute’s legal segment provided an overview of the various federal and state laws, rules and regulations, and accreditation criteria to a group of over 30 DCCCD staff. Compliance requirements, student affairs policies and procedures were discussed. The session was focused on helping participants learn how to adhere to policies, procedures and protocols set by regulatory agencies and organizations. The Student Code of Conduct session was part of the specific legal and compliance section of the institute.

Eastfield was chosen as one of seven sites to participate in the Southern Education Foundation Demonstration. The colleges participating are El Paso Community College, El Paso, TX; Lemoyne-Owens College, Memphis, TN; Wiley College, Marshall, TX; Morris College, Sumter, SC; Shaw University, Raleigh, NC, and Florida Memorial University, Miami Gardens, FL.

Tom Graca (Vice President of Planning and Development) and **Liz Nichols** (Dean of Academic Enrichment) will be working with two lead consultants (Frank Parker and William Aguilar) from the Foundation for one year. The primary goals are to assist Eastfield College in developing effective sustainable practices of assessing student learning outcomes. The project provides consultative support, at no cost, to chosen institutions in order to enhance their ability to measure, demonstrate and articulate students’ learning in ways that meet related SACS standards and as a means to improve institutional effectiveness. The work is supported through a Lumina Foundation Grant.

Marcus Wood, Associate Dir. of School Outreach, was chosen to present during the last day of the Summit. Marcus’ presentation “Keys to Success: Motivating the Mind of the Minority Male” was received very well. Marcus facilitated a discussion on topics from obstacles of the minority male, minority males in the Criminal Justice system vs. College, keys to motivating the minority male and the social media’s impact. He ended the discussion by sharing with the attendees Eastfield’s African American & Latino Male Initiative program as well as ideas and suggestions on implementing a similar program at other schools.

Student notes...

Six Eastfield students traveled to Austin over Spring Break March 15-18 and served as legislative interns at the State Capitol. Elmer Benetiz, Ariana Najera, Nicholas Hernandez, Bryan Palma, Rachael Bergman and Adan Ramirez spent the week working in either a representative or senator's office, attending House and Senate sessions and various committee meetings as well as working specific tasks and projects. Nicholas and Elmer offered testimony on proposed legislation at the Homeland Security Committee and Higher Education Committee hearings respectively. Sponsored by the Office of Student Life, the students were required to attend two orientation training sessions, and they presented a group project report on what they learned at a Student Government Association meeting on April 1. Eastfield alum Richard Brand, now an undergraduate

student at Dallas Baptist University, served as a co-advisor on the trip along with Interim Director of Student Life, Judy Schwartz.

A small group of members of the Eastfield Human Services Community Honors Club went to the Bradfield House on April 5 to help with their gardens. (The Bradfield House is an assisted living home that is located just around the corner from Eastfield.) Some of the club members planted flowers while the others planted an entire garden! Bradfield House Director informed the club members that an activities person had been hired which in turn would provide more opportunities for the club members to volunteer. Club Historian Christina Gonzales stated the residents that she met were very friendly and happy to see them and she felt it was rewarding just to sit and talk to the residents.

Calendar at a glance...

5	4	10:10 am	G101	"Cinco de Mayo and its Significance" presented by Cindy Castañeda, Prof. of government
5	4	11:15 am	Library	Reception for "Celebrating Cinco de Mayo" Library Exhibit
5	4	12:45 pm	Perf. Hall	Recital Series featuring Eastfield Jazz Ensemble performing a Latin jazz set
5	5	9-11 am	T127	Cinco de Mayo celebration & Mini Car Show
5	5	5 pm	The Pit	Eastfield Jazz Ensemble performs a Latin jazz set in the Pit
5	6	6-8 pm	P208	Latin Ballroom class Open House. Faculty, students & staff can join the class and dance for fun.
5	6		L200	"Celebrating Cinco de Mayo" Library Exhibit ends
5	9			Final Exams
5	10			Final Exams
5	11			Final Exams
5	12			Final Exams
5	12			Semester Ends
5	12	7:30 pm	Mesquite Conv. Center	Graduation

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On March 25, Eastfield's National Science Foundation Science Talent Expansion Program (NSF STEP) coordinated a field trip to the University of Texas at Dallas. Students met Brandon Crutchfield, a UTD Enrollment Recruitment Counselor, who visits Eastfield twice a month. Students toured the campus and two Biology Labs. They not only met with the professors of the research programs, but graduate students as well, giving them an opportunity to interact regarding the projects and the campus. Students were very impressed with the labs as they learned about the methods and processes used in their research.



Another group of NSF STEP students enjoyed a similar outing to the University of North Texas also in March. Dr. Burleson

(Academic Advisor) and Adrian Cadar (undergraduate researcher) spoke to seven students about the summer programs, transferring to UNT, and research opportunities.

Dr. Burleson focused on courses needed for Biology majors and the Transitions Summer Programs. Mr. Cadar talked about his experience as an undergraduate researcher at UNT, gave lab tours, and gave a campus tour to the Student Union and recreation facilities.



The UNT Summer Transitions Programs for community college students will provide opportunities for transfer students in to build skills that prepare them for success in Biology or Biochemistry at the university level. With the grant from HHMI, UNT will be working with Brookhaven college, Eastfield, El Centro, and Richland of the DCCCD to recruit motivated community college students who intend to transfer into a major in Biology or Biochemistry at UNT.

NSF STEP is funded through the National Science Foundation and coordinated through Eastfield College. The program awards up to \$6,000 in scholarship money - to help cover costs such as tuition, fees, books and supplies; provides faculty advising, tutoring services, and assistance in completing degree plan or transfer to a four-year university; and special activities such as field trips, seminars, college and industry tours and undergraduate research opportunities.