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THE STAFF NEWSLETTER FOR EASTFIELD COLLEGE

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## Eastfield & Commerce Sign New Articulation Agreement



(l-r) Dr. Jean Conway, Dr. Wright Lassiter, Dr. Dan Jones and Dr. Larry Lemanski

On May 25, administrators from Eastfield College and Texas A & M University- Commerce signed a new articulation agreement between the two schools. The new transfer agreement literally builds a bridge from the Eastfield campus to Commerce, where students will transfer and apply the credits they earn from their associate's degree toward a bachelor's degree from their university neighbor.

Those present representing Eastfield were DCCCD Chancellor Dr. Wright Lassiter and President Dr. Jean Conway; representing TAMU-Commerce were President Dr. Dan Jones and Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs Dr. Larry F. Lemanski. There were approximately 20 people from both campuses who witnessed the signing.

Eastfield students will be admitted to TAMU-Commerce after they complete their recommended program of study, the common core and transfer curriculum; or they can be admitted after they earn an Associate of Arts/ Sciences degree and meet all other admissions requirements at the university. They also may apply for dual admission status by contact the TAMU-Commerce community college outreach coordinator when they begin their first or second year at Eastfield. Students must submit the "ApplyTexas" application within 12 months of their anticipated enrollment at TAMU-Commerce.

## Welcome new Harvesters!

**Lacawanna Long** – Financial Aid

**Melissa Jacobs** – Police



Ann Hatchitt and Commissioner Ronny Congleton of TWC, Dr. Wright Lassiter and Dr. Jean Conway of the DCCCD, and Donny Cross of ACS

Affiliated Computer Services, Inc., (ACS) has partnered with Eastfield to provide job training using a Skills Development

Fund grant in the amount of \$1,768,470 from the Texas Workforce Commission. A ceremony was held on June 16 at Eastfield's Workforce Building with TWC Commissioner Ronny Congleton presenting the check to **Dr. Jean Conway**, Eastfield Interim President, and **Beth Sather**, Assistant Dean of Continuing Education and Workforce Development. ACS has committed to using customized training for 1,275 incumbent and new employees in areas of Lean Office Skills, Continuous Improvement for High Performance Teams, Improving Business Process Operations, Implementing the Tools of Cooperation and Change, and Customer Service Process training, to name a few. This grant incorporates a true collaborative effort between education, government and business and industry. Several months ago, Human Capital Integrated Technologies Group (HCIT), ACS and Eastfield, supported by the Skills Development Fund team of the TWC, began working diligently on the grant. These relationships will ensure ACS employees receive quality training needed to continue to boost Texas' economy. The event was attended by **Dr. Wright Lassiter**, DCCCD Chancellor; **Justin Lonon**, Vice Chancellor of DCCCD Public and Governmental Relations; Donny Cross, Senior Vice President of Affiliated Computer Services; State Representative Robert Miklos (District 101); Annette Ratliff, Legislative Aide for

Senator John Carona; Paul Mayer, Karina Olivares and Ayako Schuster, Garland Chamber of Commerce and Terry McCullar, Mesquite Chamber of Commerce President.

Eastfield English professor **Elaine Cho**, a TWU Ph.D. student in rhetoric, is one of 17 educators in the nation selected for the 2010 Fulbright-Hays Seminars Abroad: History and Culture in China Program. The National Committee on U.S.-China Relations organizes the program, which runs from the end of June through July and focuses on China's history, culture, changing society and rapid economic growth. This summer, participants will visit Beijing, Xi'an, Hong Kong, Shanghai, and another city to be decided. Cho, of Garland, is the coordinator of the Asian-American/Middle Eastern-American Studies Program for Eastfield. She will develop a curriculum project based on her China trip and will share this with her students at Eastfield. She also plans to use the project as part of her TWU dissertation research. Cho received both her bachelor's and master's degrees in English from TWU.

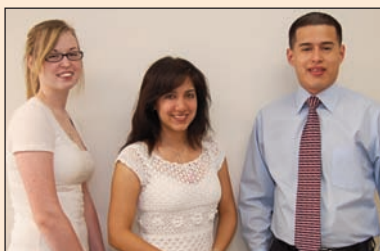
Congratulations to Eastfield's **Karan Marshall** (Child Development Advisor, Teacher Center) as she was recognized on June 17 at the Honoring the Profession Awards Banquet. Marshall received the Pat Kennedy Teacher Educator Award from the Dallas Association for the Education of Young Children (DAEYC). The annual event is co-hosted by DAEYC, ChildCareGroup, Head Start of Greater Dallas, Eastfield and funded by IBM. The award honors the memory of Kennedy, who was among the first Eastfield Child Development faculty.

Eastfield Art Instructor **James Watral's** work is included in the exhibition "100 American Ceramics from the Collection of the San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts" at the Art Museum of South Texas, in Corpus Christi. The exhibition will be on display from now through September 5.

## STARS Summer Program

Eastfield College and the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center selected three outstanding students to participate in the two month intensive Science Teacher Access to Resources (STARS) summer research program. The program pairs students with faculty research scientists to conduct research projects using major scientific instrumentation in the UTSW laboratories. The program is funded by a \$1.4 million grant from the National Science Foundation which was awarded to Eastfield in 2005.

Rachael Bergman, Diana Garcia, and Jaime Guajardo were selected for UTSW's STARS Summer Research Program based on an evaluation of essays, faculty recommendation, academic records, personal statements and interviews.



**Rachael Bergman** (left), of Rowlett, is partnered with Dr. Elizabeth Goldsmith, who works in the Biochemistry Department. Dr. Goldsmith's research is on the structure of proteins involved in cell signaling and cancer.

Mesquite resident **Diana Garcia** (middle) is partnered with Dr. Thomas Carroll, who works in the Internal Medicine and Molecular Biology Departments. Dr. Carroll's research is on the biochemistry and molecular genetics of kidney development and disease, such as polycystic kidney disease.

**Jaime Guajardo** (right) of Dallas is partnered with Dr. Hui Zou, who works in the Molecular Biology Department. Dr. Zou's research is on the misregulation of chromatid cohesion and separation in cancer.

Over 50 **Eastfield faculty and staff** manned EFC 411 Information Tables throughout the campus the first class day of Summer I's record enrollment. The personal Customer/Learner service coordinated by Student Life is a highlight for staff and students at the beginning of each semester.

Eastfield presented Dia de la Guitarra on June 5 with several hundred in attendance. Under the direction of CE instructor **James Schreffler**, Javier Calderon, guitarist and former student of the great Andres Segovia, was the featured entertainer. Student participants rehearsed in the morning to an array of songs and later were included in the evening performance. 2008 Festival Winner, 12 year old Arrianna Zhang also performed a college-level program to the audience. The children's recital was immediately followed by performances from former EFC faculty Enric Madriguera and Kathern Evans. The evening's Dia de la Noche was directed by EFC faculty **Eddie Healy**. He began the evening with a performance of some of his latest compositions followed by other professors playing a range of music focusing on the traditional Spanish guitar repertoire.

Eastfield was a community partner for the Southeast Dallas Hispanic Chamber of Commerce's 2nd Annual Scholarship Awards Dinner on June 18. DCCCD Chancellor Dr. Wright Lassiter joined Dallas Mayor Tom Leppert as the gala's keynote speakers. Recognition of 10 students receiving \$1,000 (Anallely Romero, Jose Del Refugio Esparza, Alejandra Mireles, Cuauhtemoc Ochoa, Joaquin Vazquez, Julio A. Rodriguez, Kenia Hernandez, Esdras Reynoso, Jesus Morales and Arnulfo Orichuela) and 10 students receiving \$300 (Rosaura Erazo, Maria Guadalupe Hernandez, Tatiana Velez, Erendira Galindo, Maria Cecilia Renteria, Josue Menendez, Blanca Luna, Brenda Garcia Maldonado, Alexander Lopez and Juana Moreno) in scholarships to attend Eastfield was the highlight of the banquet. **Dr. Jean Conway**, Eastfield Interim President, joined Ralph Castro, SEDHCC President, for the formal scholarship presentation. **Javier Olguin**, Eastfield Pleasant Grove Campus Executive Director, was one of the banquet co-chairs. Also attending were administrators **Michael Gutierrez**, **Dina**

**Sosa-Hegarty**, **Romilio Castillo**, **Sharon Cook** and professional support staff **Yolanda Roncal**, **Dora Pacheco** and other Pleasant Grove Campus staff.

Congressman Jeb Hensarling hosted an America Speaking Out Town Hall Meeting on June 1 at Eastfield. Approximately 75 concerned citizens attended the Town Hall meeting, held in the G101. America Speaking Out is a tool designed to give Americans a voice in the construction of a new governing agenda for America. This new agenda will fit within a principled framework based on limited, more accountable government; economic freedom; lower taxes; fiscal responsibility; protecting life, American values, and the Constitution; and providing for strong national security.

On Saturday, June 12 regional directors from the northern and eastern areas of the state of Texas convened in the G Building for an all-day Project GREAT (Getting Results Educating Adults in Texas) North Texas directors' meeting and training session. Thirty one regional directors attended the session entitled Creative Teaching Strategies for Student-Centered Learning (Pike Training). The leaders of the event were Mary Geiger, Project GREAT North/East Director, Delia Watley, Director for IrvingISD.net, and **Maria Caratini Prado**, Assistant Dean, Arts, Languages and Literature Division.

The National Criminal Enforcement Association had their Summer Seminar at **Eastfield** from June 16-18. The NCEA is a national organization of both Federal, State and Local Law Enforcement Officers. Their role is to train officers in the area of drug interdiction. There were 121 total attendees, 68 of which were Texas Law Enforcement Officers.

The Eastfield **Criminal Justice Program**, the Anti-Defamation League and DeSoto, Garland, Mesquite and Rowlett Police Departments co-sponsored a training on May 25. The full day of training offered sessions covering the areas of Domestic Terrorism, Officer Safety, Hate Symbols and Identifiers and Home Grown Muslim Extremists. There were over 250 Law Enforcement Officers representing 60 different north Texas agencies in attendance.

## Calendar at a glance...

**29**

Last Day to Withdraw with a Grade of W  
Soccer Tryouts

**July 5**

Fourth of July Holiday. Campus Closed

**8**

Final Exams / Summer Session I Ends

**12**

Last Day for Faculty to Submit Grades Electronically through eConnect to the Registrar's Office

**13**

Summer II Classes Begin

**16**

Class Day (1st Friday Class Meeting); 4th Class Day

**20-21**

Gateway to College Information Session

**21**

Popcorn & Soda

**30**

Summer II Field Trip

**August 7**

Senior Fest

**12**

Summer 2 Final Exams; Summer 2 Semester Ends

**16**

Faculty Reporting Week

## Upward Bound Tours Cowboys Stadium



Top Left: Kevin Wheaton wearing all of #94's gear  
Bottom Left: Vicente Hernandez, Giovanna Palacios, Laura Garcia, Lizette Herrera  
Top Right: Veronica Campa, Giselle Cuellar, and Lina Nguyen  
Bottom Right: the 2010 summer UB students

## Student notes...

This summer marks the third year for Eastfield College to host Dallas PREP (Pre-freshman Engineering Program), a summer math and science enrichment program. The daily program began Monday, June 14 with about 50 area middle school students and will last for six and a half weeks. Students will receive instruction in logic and its application to mathematics, problem solving, and introduction to engineering. Students will hear from a diverse group of college and career awareness speakers each week as well as participate in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) related field trips. The program will culminate with a closing ceremony to honor and celebrate the students' participation and accomplishments. Those students who complete the program with a passing grade will earn one high school elective credit approved by the Texas Education Agency.

Congratulations to Eastfield TRiO/Student Support Services student Yasmin Aceval. Yasmin is one of 10 students to receive a full scholarship to Southern Methodist University through the Dallas area community college scholarship program. Attending SMU has been one of Yasmin's dreams and she will begin her studies in the Cox School of Business in the fall. Yasmin also participates in the Eastfield College G-Force Mentors Program, a group of outstanding college students who work with area high school students to access college admissions information.



(l-r) Nate Zachary, Whataburger of Mesquite, Inc. Owner John Heiman, Sr. and President & CEO John Heiman, Jr.

Eastfield student Nate Zachary was recently awarded a scholarship from Whataburger of Mesquite, Inc., at their Manager's Meeting on June 8. Nate (left) is a Garland resident and currently enrolled as a Business Major with a 4.0 GPA. He was home schooled before attending Eastfield. He has been involved in numerous community service projects including Keep Mesquite Beautiful's annual Trash Bash and Sharing Life Community Outreach. In fact, his own Boy Scout Eagle project was completed on May 15 working with Sharing Life. He led a group of volunteers to build two storage rooms in Sharing Life's new facility.

Luz Ochoa and Anna (Brenda) Briones, former Eastfield ESOL students, have each received Greater Dallas Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (GDHCC) scholarships and a Texas A&M University- Commerce transfer scholarship for the upcoming academic year. In addition, GDHCC and TAMU-Commerce transfer scholarships have been renewed for Nancy Quiones, Flaviano Quiones, and Xochi Perez. These excellent students have been serving in numerous college organizations and leadership positions.