



# The Village Window

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## Presidential Street Sign Dedication Ceremony



(L-R) Dr. Byron McClenney, Dr. Jan LeCroy, Dr. Jean Conway, and Dr. Rodger Pool.

In commemoration of Eastfield College's 40th anniversary and as a way to honor our past presidents, Eastfield hosted a street sign dedication on March 3. Dr. Jan LeCroy (1970-71), Dr. Byron McClenney (1971-78) and Dr. Rodger Pool (1997-2005) addressed 60 family members and former colleagues, sharing fond memories of their time at the college. After the indoor presentation, each of the presidents was taken to their namesake sign for the official unveiling. Other presidents honored with a street in their name include Eleanor Ott (1978-85), Dr. Dan Sundermann (1985-1992), Dr. Robert Aguero (1993-96), and Dr. Carol Brown (2006-09).



**Judy Schwartz**, Interim Director of Student Life, **Dina Sosa-Hegarty**, Dean of Outreach and Student Development and EFC HarveSTARS/Orientation Leaders Shawntae Willis and Ashley Jackson attended and presented at the National Orientation Directors Association (NODA) Region IV Conference. The conference, held at Texas A&M in College Station on Feb. 19, was both a professionally and personally rewarding experience, as Judy and the students enjoyed their first visit to the university. They attended concurrent educational sessions and participated in a case study exercise that pertained to the experiences of a new student, transition and retention of two year college students. Additionally, they networked with other college administrators and students from the Region IV area (Missouri, Kansas, Texas, Oklahoma and Arkansas). The program, From What? to WOW!: Making Orientation Purposeful and Meaningful to Commuter/ Non-traditional Students, was well received. Schwartz directs a team of 25 well trained HarveSTARS/student leaders who conduct campus tours, facilitate small group discussions during new student orientation, and serve as mentors to other students. There is an application process for a HarveSTARS in the spring and each student leader must commit to attending three leadership development sessions and participate in the HarveSTARS Leadership Academy. NODA leadership was so impressed with the representation of DCCCD, that Judy and Dina have been invited to lead the NODA Two-Year College North Texas Drive-In Conference in the fall.

For more than 20 years Eastfield Speech Professor **Courtney Brazile's** picture has been etched in glass on the front door of the children's division at the Dallas Public Library downtown. When Brazile was 6 years old he participated as a model for the development of the children's division on the second floor of the library. He's featured pointing and

looking in amazement at a purple leprechaun. The library recently renovated their children's division; Laurie Evans, the director of libraries, wanted to keep the images of the original kids etched around the perimeter of the library, since there are many success stories regarding our academic and professional careers. Consequently, Brazile's picture has remained untouched during this major renovation. Upon completion of the construction, the library held a grand re-opening and ribbon cutting ceremony on February 23 during which Brazile was a special guest for the VIP preview reception and ribbon cutting ceremony. He invites everyone to stop by and see the new additions to the children's division, and while you're there see if you can spot his image!



Congratulations to Eastfield's **Godofredo Ortiz**, DCCCD's Part-time Professional Support Staff Employee of the Year! Ortiz was recognized with all of the other District award

winners at the annual District Awards Ceremony Feb. 25 at Mountain View. He is a part-time math tutor in the Learning Assistance Center. The father of three is taking his final class at Eastfield before entering the University of North Texas, where he will major in Engineering and Math. Ortiz is a member and former officer for the Psi Eta Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa. In addition, Eastfield's **Rita Nall**, retiree, was inducted into the District Retiree Hall of Honor for Professional Support Staff. Congratulations Godofredo and Rita!

## Gallery 219 at Eastfield Presents 2011 "So Fresh Juried Art Competition"



From a previous So Fresh exhibit: Cathy Night, Smartwater, 2010

April 11 - 29, 2011

Reception: Friday, April 15, 5-7 p.m.

Gallery 219 at Eastfield presents the 2011 "So Fresh Annual Juried Art Competition." The competition, held in the spring of each year, was created to recognize and award student achievements in the arts. Juried annually by artists, curators and other prestigious guests the competition is open to all Eastfield College students currently enrolled in a studio art course. Previous exhibitions have included work in ceramics, design, drawing, painting, photography and sculpture.

This year's competition will be juried by Matthew Bourbon, Assistant Professor of Art in the College of Visual Arts and Design at the University of North Texas, artist, and contributing writer for ArtNews, Art Lies, Glasstire, and KERA's Art and Seek.

A reception will be held on Friday, April 15, 5-7 p.m. and will be part of the culminating events during the Eastfield College Literary and Fine Arts Festival.

Gallery 219 is located on the upper floor of the Fine Arts building (F) in room 219C. Park and enter at the Performance Hall entrance on the west side of the campus.

The American Association for Women in Community Colleges - Dallas Chapter presented the 2011 Presidential Panel Discussion on Feb. 22 at Eastfield. Three Dallas County Community College District presidents-- Dr. Kay Eggleston (RLC), Dr. Jennifer Wimbish (CVC) and **Dr. Jean Conway** (EFC) hosted a panel on women in leadership; there were about 40 present for this panel presentation.

**Felicha Martin** (Eastfield Advisement) served as the moderator and Dean **Rachel Wolf**, AAWCC Dallas Chapter President, welcomed the group.

Twelve counselors from area school districts attended a tour of the Eastfield Career Technologies Division on Feb. 26. **William Milam**, Professor of Automotive Technology, said the counselors asked questions and really enjoyed themselves. Several of the counselors even want to bring students on tours to see all the CT programs. Counselors came from Forney, Mesquite, Richardson and Dallas. Programs covered included: Welding, HVAC, Electronics, Mechatronics, Solar/ Renewable Energy, Digital Imaging, Web Design, Custom Street Rod, CNC/CADD, Auto Collision, Automotive Technology, Toyota and Honda.



The last day of African American/ Black History month (Feb. 28) at Eastfield was celebrated

with a debate titled, "Who Cares What Black People Think Anyway?" Two hundred faculty, students and staff were in attendance. The debate featured Government professors **Dr. Stacey Jurhree** and **Dr. Glynn Newman**, who shared thought-provoking viewpoints on current issues impacting African Americans today. Debate topics included family, education, politics and religion and the future of African American youth. Upon the conclusion of the debate, audience members were able to ask questions of the debaters. A light lunch was served to commemorate the completion of the month's events.

The **National Science Foundation Project Pathways** at Eastfield hosted special guest lecturer Heather Sellers on February 16. Her presentation "Genetics in Modern Medicine" explained that genetics is what

the human body is: DNA, genes, heredity & Traits and cells. Sixty students, staff, teachers attended the event. Sellers is a genetic counselor specializing in cancer genetics at the UT Southwestern Medical Center. She graduated from Birmingham-Southern College in 2006 with a bachelor of science. During her undergraduate study she helped with several research studies looking at chemotherapy pathways. After graduating, she worked at the Medical Genomics Laboratory at the University of Alabama as a laboratory technician for Neurofibromatosis type I and type II.

Dr. Colleen Kelly Beaman, niece of dancing legend Gene Kelley, taught a master class for 50 dance students on February 22 at Eastfield. Beaman visited the **Pilates, Jazz I and Ballet I** classes. As a professional dancer and teacher, Beaman has traveled all across the country and around the world teaching dance. She taught the dance students about the history of the Cha Cha, demonstrated technique and involved the students in choreography.

Former Eastfield student **Aracely Vazquez** was one of 15 recipients of the McNair Scholarship at the University of Texas-Arlington, a scholarship designed to prepare undergraduates for graduate school. According to Biology Professor Carl Knight, who had her as a student, Vazquez is a wonderful young woman and has great potential as a researcher. She did exceptional work as a National Science Foundation Big Thicket Summer Research Institute Scholar working with snakes. (She is one of several NSF scholars -- Stephanie Campos, An Lu, Rafael Gutierrez, Mary Blake, Cameron Kramer, Pearl Gutierrez, Daniel Gordon -- now at UTA in science related programs and all are doing exceptionally well in their respective science programs.) A reception was held Feb. 20 honoring these recipients.

In last month's Village Window, **John Emery**, Eastfield's Associate Dean of Science and PE, was incorrectly identified as the Evening Dean.

The **Department of Visual Arts** presents the second annual installment of Temporary Occupants, April 8 - May 6 at Eastfield. Artists have been invited to create temporary site referential responses to various spaces in and around the campus. These individual projects encourage viewers to reconsider the notion of artistic "space" and how works are to be presented and viewed. Temporary Occupants presents art objects as situations to be discovered rather than viewed in any formal or expected way. Artists include Courtney Brown, Mickey Bruce, Matt Clark, Kristen Cochran, C.J. Davis, Lanie Delay, Eric Eley, Lance Jones, Justin Shull, Sunny Sliger and Marianne Newsome, Sour Grapes, Jenny Vogel, Lizzy Wetzel and Kathy Windrow.

Join us for a reception for the artists on Saturday, April 9 from 6- 9 p.m. Mingle with us in the Performance Hall foyer in the Fine Arts Building (F Bldg) and enjoy tasty snacks as we listen to records spun by DJ Jeff Ross, then roam around campus with artists and friends to locate the work. Maps will be available in the Performance Hall foyer. For more information visit their blog at <http://efcvisualarts.blogspot.com>



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**Literary & Fine Arts Festival 2011 Preliminary Schedule (events held in G101-102 unless otherwise noted)**

• Wednesday, April 6 – Saturday, April 9

8 p.m. Blithe Spirit Performance Hall

• Saturday, April 9

6–9 p.m. Temporary Occupants Reception Room: TBA

• Monday, April 11

10:10–11:05 a.m. Dr. Janice Franklin

11:15 a.m.–12:10 p.m. Alex Van Helsing: Launching a Book Series from idea to Shelves

12:30– 1:50 p.m. Film: Persepolis

2:30–3:30 p.m. PAVE students of Guzick Elementary and the Communications Club

• Tuesday, April 12

9:30–10:50 a.m. Story Time (Learning Community Students)

11 a.m.–12:20 p.m. Megan Biesle

12:30–1:50 p.m. Faculty/Staff Readings

2–3 p.m. Material Evolution: Ugandan Bark Cloth

3–4 p.m. Shawn Messonnier

5:35–7 p.m. Poetry Slam

• Wednesday, April 13

9:05–10 a.m. Drama Activities (Dusty's students)

10:10–11:05 a.m. Student Readings

11:15 a.m.–12:10 p.m. International Tea Time

12:30–1:50 p.m. Eastfield Guitar Ensemble Performance Hall

Directors Eddie Healy & Robert Harding

5–5:30 p.m. Eastfield College Dance Company Lower Courtyard

5:35–6:55 p.m. Student/Faculty Readings Lower Courtyard

• Thursday, April 14

9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. Sculptural ceramics demonstration by Billy Ray Mangham and mixed media by Beverly Mangham (F217 π& F217E)

11 a.m.–12:20 p.m. Andy Long

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Eastfield Department of Theater and Office of Continuing Education are offering a non-credit adult acting class, open to students and community members. This five week class costs \$125 and takes place on Wednesdays from 6-9 p.m. April 13- May 11. The final class will be a student showcase of scenes and monologues. Taught by Eastfield Professor of Drama Dustina Reasons, this class will focus on basic acting skills, improvisation, scene work and script analysis. This is a community class, open to anyone.

To sign up for the class, contact the Continuing Education Department at 972-860-7113. Visit Eastfield's website at [www.eastfieldcollege.edu/ced](http://www.eastfieldcollege.edu/ced) for more information about Continuing Education.

For more information on Eastfield Theater, contact the Arts, Language and Literature Division, or Theatre Program Coordinator Dustina Reasons by phone at 972-860-7653 or via email at [dreasons@dcccd.edu](mailto:dreasons@dcccd.edu)

Eastfield College Department of Theater presents "Blithe Spirit," April 6-9\* at 8 p.m. and April 8-9 at 2 p.m. in the Performance Hall. Directed by Dusty Reasons, "Blithe Spirit" is a comic play by Noel Coward set in the 1940s.

From [www.samuelfrench.com](http://www.samuelfrench.com)-- The smash comedy hit of the London and Broadway stages, this much-revived classic from the playwright of Private Lives offers up fussy, cantakerous novelist Charles Condomine, re-married but haunted (literally) by the ghost of his late first wife, the clever and insistent Elvira who is called up by a visiting "happy medium," one Madame Arcati. As the (worldly and un-) personalities clash, Charles' current wife Ruth is accidentally killed, "passes over," joins Elvira and the two "blithe spirits" haunt the hapless Charles into perpetuity.

Ticket Prices: Adults \$5; students and children up to the age of 12, \$3; children under 12, free. \*Wednesday night's show-- tickets will be by donation, which will go toward Eastfield theater scholarships.

For more information on Eastfield Theater, contact the Theatre Program Coordinator Dustina Reasons by phone at 972-860-7653 or at [dreasons@dcccd.edu](mailto:dreasons@dcccd.edu).

## Calendar at a glance...

3	30	12:45 pm	Perf Hall	Recital Series:Konstantyn Travinskii, Russian pianist
3	30	12:30 pm	S101	"The Outlook for Energy: A View to 2030" w/ Nate Jenkins
3	31	2-3:30 pm	L200	Right Stuff, Right Now
4	1	2 pm	Baseball Field	Baseball vs. North Lake College
4	2	12 pm	Baseball Field	Baseball vs. North Lake College
4	5	9 am-1 pm	PG Campus	Carter Blood Drive (Mobile Unit / Open to the Public)
4	5	9 am-4:30 pm	E2 Parking Lot	Carter Blood Drive (Mobile Unit / Open to the Public)
4	5	10 am-4 pm	The PIT	Be the Match (Bone Marrow) Donor Program
4	6	11 am-2:30 pm	C139	Chair Massages 15 mins/\$15 by appt. ONLY 972-860-7190
4	6	12:45 pm	F117	recital Series: TBA
4	6-9	8 pm	Perf Hall	"Blithe Spirit"
4	7	8 am	C135	Job Fair
4	8		various	Temporary Occupants opens
4	11-15		various	Literary & Fine Arts Festival
4	11-29	9 am-4 pm	F219C	Gallery 219 Presents So Fresh Annual Juried Art Competition
4	12	9 am-1 pm	PGC	Carter Blood Drive (Mobile Unit / Open to the Public)
4	12	8 am-4 pm	E2 Parking Lot	Mobile Mammograms (UTSWMC)
4	12	12:45	F117	Recital Series: Eastfield Guitar Ensemble w/ Directors Eddy Healy & Robert Harding
4	12	3 pm	Baseball Field	Baseball vs. UT Dallas
4	13	12:30 pm	S101	Hanson Robotics w/ David Hanson, Ph.D
4	13	3:30 pm	Tennis Courts	Tennis vs. Austin College
4	13	4:45 pm	Pit	Evening Social
4	15	2 pm	Baseball Field	Baseball vs. Cedar Valley College
4	16	12 pm	Baseball Field	Baseball vs. Cedar Valley College
4	19	11 am-4 pm	E2Parking Lot	FREE STD Tests Mobile Unit (Open to the PUBLIC)
4	20	12:45 pm	Perf Hall	Recital Series: The Woodrow Wilson Variation show Choir w/ Directors, John Beard & Kent Ellington
4	26	9 am-2 pm	C139	FREE HIV tests (EFC students ONLY)by appt. ONLY 972-860-7190
4	26	11 am-2 pm	PGC	FREE STD Tests Mobile Unit (Open to the PUBLIC)
4	27	12:45	F117	Recital Series:Eastfield Voice Department w/Teresa Ciemenski

### Literary & Fine Arts Festival 2011 *Preliminary Schedule (continued)*

#### • Thursday, April 14

12:30–1:50 p.m.	The Long and Short on Book Writing by David Thomas, sports columnist at the FW Star-Telegram and author of "Remember Why You Play"
2–3 p.m.	Charissa Terranova, Art Historian and critic
2–3 p.m.	Sculptural ceramics demonstration by Billy Ray and Beverly Mangham (F217 & F217E)
7:05–8:35 p.m.	Jazz Ensemble performance Lower Courtyard

#### • Friday, April 15

9:05–10 a.m.	When the Danube Ran Red
11:15 a.m.–12:10 p.m.	Guitar performance by Eddie Healy
5–7 p.m.	So Fresh Juried Art Exhibition Gallery 219 (F219C)
	Awards and Reception

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