



# The Village Window

THE STAFF NEWSLETTER FOR EASTFIELD COLLEGE

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## **Congratulations to Janet Loper** (Workforce and Continuing Education)!



Janet Loper (pictured right) with Dr. Jean Conway, Interim President, and Beth Sather, Assistant Dean of Continuing Education

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

Receiving this award means Janet is a model of Eastfield's high standards and student-centered values.

Here are some of the comments made about you:

- Janet has been the CE/WF representative to District Colleague and possesses hands-on knowledge that is extremely helpful to all in CE/WF.
- Janet works with Senior Citizens. She creates, develops and manages Senior Fest each year. She has always promoted CE/Workforce both on- and off-campus.
- Janet created and developed the Life Long Learning Institute for seniors and helped the seniors find sponsors. (Senior Fest is a very popular activity and applicants are turned away as maximum space is always exceeded).
- Janet works within the PSS activities and serves as an officer.

Janet, 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 personal parking permit for the quarter, and your name will be placed on the wall on the Employee of the Quarter plaque. Again, congratulations Janet.

Dr. Jean Conway  
Eastfield College Interim President

## **Welcome new Harvesters!**

Rosana Martinez – PG Admissions  
Tricia Thomas – Talent Search  
Stephani M. White – TRiO  
Veronica N. Yarbrough – Admissions



Eastfield **Communciations Club** participated in a special event honoring their work of giving back to community efforts.

Their newest activity, under the direction of faculty advisor Dr. Mary Forrest, is to partner with PAVE and Big Brothers Big Sisters. PAVE is Philanthropy And Volunteerism in Education, an eight week course in public elementary schools teaching children about giving back and BBBS is a mentoring program for youth. On Sept. 11, PAVE and BBBS hosted an event at the historical Swiss Avenue Mansion owned by local philanthropist. Over 100 of Dallas' most influential gathered to learn about the next chapter in mentoring our youth. Most who gathered have been volunteer teachers and are part of the PAVE program. Eastfield students will be trained by BBBS to partner with students in the PAVE program at DISD's Guzick Elementary. Eastfield president **Dr. Jean Conway** joined **Bob Hopkins**, PAVE Founder and Eastfield adjunct speech faculty, in welcoming the crowd.



Eastfield's Pleasant Grove Campus participated in the Dieciseis de Septiembre Festival hosted by the Southeast Dallas Hispanic Chamber on Sept. 12. The inaugural event was a total success welcoming 77 exhibitors and hundreds of attendees. Pleasant Grove residents were provided with consumer education, employment prospects, and health information. The event provided the perfect venue to recruit 48 interested students to the Pleasant Grove campus. Representing Eastfield and the DCCCD were: Perla Molina, DCCCD Director of

Outreach and Recruitment; Eastfield Pleasant Grove Campus employees: **Javier Olguin**, Executive Director; **Alma D. Villalpando**, Program Director, and **Dora Pacheco**, Administrative Assistant.

State Senator Royce West, District 23, hosted his annual Southeast Dallas Town Hall Meeting on Sept. 17 at Eastfield's **Pleasant Grove Campus**. Senator West provided a legislative update and opened the community forum for other important constituents concerns including education. **Michael Gutierrez**, Eastfield's Vice President of Teaching and Learning, welcomed guests and provided an update of the new Pleasant Grove Campus.

## **Dear Dr. Forrest:**

Over 10 years ago, I took a course with you at Eastfield in Public Speaking and I remember thinking at that time that I would love to have a job like yours. I was a non-traditional student with two children, a husband, and the assorted family life that goes along with that. I got married young and never could find the time or money to finish up the BA degree. Your class ignited a frenzy of learning in me that I had never experienced before. In 2002, I began in earnest to finish the BA, then the MA. Then this past May, I completed my doctorate! (at 48!) I am teaching at the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa. I am an Asst. Professor and Dir. of Public Speaking. UA's public speaking program will serve just over 1,100 students this fall and spring alone; I am now managing a team of 12 graduate teaching assistants/ adjuncts. I remember you telling us as students, that everything was in our grasp if we set our minds to accomplishing our goals. Well, I did accomplish my goals of having a job like yours. But, I never would've made it without your wonderful class in 1996. So thank you, Dr. Forrest, for your terrific class and for spurring the love of learning which brought me to my life today. It is my hope that I will be able to inspire one of my students to learn and grow as people the way you inspired me. Have a terrific day.  
Amy Muckleroy Carwile, Ph.D.

## NSF STEP Scholars 2009-10



Pictured here: Rachael Anne Bergman, Jeffin John, Cameron Kramer, Aracely Vazquez, Sunita Kharel, Stephanie Campos.  
Not pictured: Joshua Bantseev, Tho Do and Mark Riofta

The National Science Foundation Science Talent Expansion Program at Eastfield College is proud to announce the 2009 scholars.

They are: Rachael Bergman of Rowlett; Stephanie Campos, Tho Do, Jeffin John, Sunita Kharel, Cameron Kramer and Aracely Vazquez of Mesquite; Joshua Bantseev of Russia (living in Poetry with a host family); and Mark Riofta of Garland.

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Other Eastfield NSF news...

The National Science Foundation launched a new web site in September. Eastfield's NSF grant is one of very few to be featured in this new dissemination endeavor. Eastfield's Project Pathways was selected because of the successful recruitment and retention of under-represented students seeking Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics degrees. The website will feature EFC's undergraduate research institutes including STARS which was recorded at UTSW Medical Center and the Big Thicket Summer Research Institute filmed in the Big Thicket National Preserve. The video was produced by **David Yonley**, videographer at Eastfield, and has been presented at major conferences including the George Wright Society and the League of Innovation. A re-mastered promotional video will be accessible on the new web page for National and International distribution. Project Pathways is in its 5th year of programming and has been recognized nationally for the student diversity and success of its activities.

Twenty students and three faculty members from Eastfield participated in the Texas Adopt-A-Beach program in Port Aransas, Sept. 25. The participants helped clean approximately one mile of the beach on St. Joseph's Island collecting mostly plastic bottles, styrofoam, 55-gallon chemical drums, plastic bags, and fishing nets that had washed ashore. The students collected over 200 large bags of trash from the beach, loaded it onto boats, and unloaded it into containers to be taken to be recycled. After lunch, the students had the opportunity to observe lots of marine life while aboard an educational boat that pulled large nets behind it and collected specimens for the students to study. The students also were treated to a behind-the-scenes tour of the Texas State Aquarium in Corpus Christi, Texas and concluded the trip Saturday evening with a group dinner at a local seafood restaurant followed by a beach bonfire and s'mores. The trip was lead by Eastfield biology faculty members **Dr. Carl Knight, Rik Post, and Jeff Hughes.**

At the annual meeting of the Dallas County Heritage Society on Sept. 24, **Dr. Lindle Grigsby** was elected to the Board of Trustees, and Trustee **Don Baynham** was elected to the Executive Committee. The Society operates Dallas Heritage Village at Old City Park, a living history museum portraying life in North Texas from 1840-1910. The museum is composed of 38 historic structures and boasts a working Civil War era farm, a traditional Jewish household, elegant Victorian homes, a school, a church, and commercial buildings. It is located on the site of Dallas' original city park, just south of downtown. The mission of Dallas Heritage Village is to collect, preserve, and teach the history of Dallas and North Central Texas. The museum uses its collections of historic buildings and furnishings to sponsor research, publications, and exhibits, and to present educational programs and special events for diverse audiences of children, families, and adults.

Eastfield Music Faculty **Oscar Passley** has been busy doing community outreach through music. He recently was invited to Montclair Estates (retirement home) in Garland to give a 45 min. presentation on Music Appreciation focusing on Jazz. Passley was also invited to Northeastern State University (Tahlequah, OK) in late September to present a master class and recital. He was invited by Dr. Jason Dovel, assistant professor of trumpet, to

address music students and NSU community. He discussed classical and jazz pedagogical topics in his presentation and worked with NSU brass students to improve performance techniques.



Eastfield was a community partner for Garland's NAACP's 19th Annual Freedom Fund Brunch on

Sept. 12. This year's event honored the memory of community leader and Eastfield alum, Goldie Locke. The founding president of the Garland Branch NAACP received her Associate Degree in Drafting and worked for many years at Texas Instruments and eventually retired from Raytheon in Garland before passing in 2007. Joining the celebration with DCCCD Chancellor Dr. Wright Lassiter as the keynote speaker were the following Eastfield staff and students: **Don Baynham, Shaunyale Canada, Marcus Wood, Patrice Johnson, Courtney Carter, Regina Brown, Glynn Newman, Renee Green, Brandon Averhart, and Sharon Cook.**

October is National Cyber Security Awareness Month! As part of the 2009 Cyber Security Awareness Month campaign, go to [www.msisac.org/daily-tips/](http://www.msisac.org/daily-tips/) for Cyber Security Daily Tips. The Cyber Security Daily Tips are also offered to you as an RSS Feed and a Web Feed. Additional information you can use for home: [www.staysafeonline.org/](http://www.staysafeonline.org/). Every governor in the nation was invited to endorse Cyber Security Awareness Month through the issuance of a proclamation or letter of support. Governor Rick Perry, along with several other state governors, has signed a Cyber Security Awareness proclamation to promote cyber security preparedness and support Cyber Security Awareness during October, 2009. Such recognition at the highest levels of state government is an important component in ensuring all Americans have the opportunity to learn more about cyber security and how to safeguard themselves from cyber-based threats.

## Calendar at a glance...

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Student Leadership workshop, 12:30 p.m., LC 101

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NSF STEP Guest Lecture Series - Bats of Texas: An Intro to Texas Night Life! Leigh Stuemke, Graduate Student, 12:30 – 1:30 p.m., S101

Recital Series: Guest Performer, Jean Mainous, piano, 12:45 p.m., F117

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Common Book Panel Discussion, 11 a.m., C135

Evening Social, 5 p.m., The Pit

FERPA training (CIC Core req) 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m., LC128

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Author Robin Hemley, 12:30 – 2 p.m., C135

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Discover Thailand, 11:30 a.m., C135

Recital Series: Mike Drake Quartet, 12:45 p.m., F117

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Dig Pink Breast Cancer Volleyball Game, 7 p.m., Gym

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Recital Series: The Jay Contrino Trio 12:45 p.m., F117

Student Leadership Workshop, 12:30 p.m., LC101

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Inter-Cultural Competence (CIC Core req) 1 – 2 p.m., S101

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Halloween Costume and Pumpkin Carving Contest, Noon, Pit

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Alcohol Awareness - DWI Simulator, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., Lower Courtyard

Student Learning Outcomes: The Next Step (CIC Core req) 2 – 3 p.m., S100

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Recital Series: Piano Dept. Student Recital, 12:45 p.m., F117

NSF STEP Guest Lecture Series - Public Health Science: Mysteries, Madness, and Major Career Opportunities for Eastfield Students, John Teel, STEP Program Mgr., 12:30 – 1:30 p.m., S101

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ADA Faculty Training (CIC Core req), 2 – 3 p.m., C297

EOP(CIC Core req), RSVP: 4pdtracking@dcccd.edu, 2 – 3 p.m., C125

9-12

EFC Student Fine Arts Sale (see below for schedule)

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Recital Series: Guitar Department Recital, Classical & Jazz 12:45 p.m., F117

Veterans Day

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Last Day to Withdraw with a Grade of "W"

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Recital Series: Choral & Dance Departments Present: American Songs & Dance, 12:45 p.m., Performance Hall

## Other news...



Loesscher Band, Cat Spring, Texas.  
Courtesy Goethe Institute, Houston, TX.

Eastfield Library presents  
“**Lone Star and Eagle: German Immigration to Texas,**”  
Oct. 12 – Nov. 9.

During the 1840s, immigrants left their homeland of Germany and their familiar cities of Hesse-Darmstadt, Kurfiessen, Munsterland, Brunswick,

Overlausitz, Mecklenbury-Strelitz, Waldeck, Anhalt, and the Wetzlar-Braunfels area to settle in the Lone Star State. After the failed German uprisings of the 1830s and the revolution of 1848, people seeking a better way of life filled with hope and freedom gravitated to the Republic of Texas. Posters promising free passage and land in exchange for assisting with the fight for Texas Independence lured many idealistic German immigrants. One such man was John Dunst, the “Paul Revere of Texas” who rode twelve and a half days to warn of Santa Anna’s invasion.

This thoroughly entertaining exhibit brings to life the journey of the immigrants from their arrival in Indianola, now a ghost town, to their new settlements such as Fredericksburg, New Braunfels, and Sisterdale. Others chose to concentrate in established towns such as San Antonio, Houston, and Galveston. The German immigrants made profound contributions to the arts and influenced among other things, architecture, music, dance, drama, and religion. On loan through Humanities Texas and with funding from Student Life, Lone Star and Eagle is not to be missed. Please join us in celebrating the remarkable legacy of the German immigrants in Texas.

The project was made possible in part with a grant from Humanities Texas, the state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities and Eastfield Student Life.

Sponsored by the Arts, Language and Literature Division, the **Student Fine Arts Sale** represents the talents of Eastfield Fine Arts Students with a portion of the proceeds going towards an EFC Fine Arts Scholarship fund. There will also be a raffle sale for pieces donated by our internationally known and award winning Faculty. This event will be in LC101.

November 9: Opening Reception, 6 – 8:30 p.m., Food, Refreshments and Music

November 10 & 11: 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

November 12: 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.; Raffle drawings for Art Faculty donated pieces will be at 12 p.m.

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For the first time since 2007, Eastfield hosted the Mesquite ISD College Night on Monday, Sept. 21. There were over 120 colleges represented at the fair. More than 1,000 students and parents visited the college browsing area and over 300 attended the Financial Aid presentations given by Eastfield Financial Aid staff member **Sylvia Holmes**.

*Correction from September Village Window:* **Marcus Woods** was incorrectly listed as working in Talent Search. He works in the Outreach Department.

In honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, the **Harvesters Volleyball Team** is playing a special Dig Pink game on Oct. 22 at 7 p.m. The team, along with the Office of Student Life and EFC Athletics Department will provide pink paper ribbons for attendees to write the names of loved ones on; it will then be stuck on a wall. Donations will be accepted as part of the national Side-Out Foundation’s goal to raise \$1 million towards cancer treatment. The Lady Harvesters will be wearing specially made pink jerseys, and everyone is encouraged to wear pink!

## Introducing AlterNetRides

One car, one driver, one huge gas bill. If you're like other students/staff/faculty, you're always on a budget, and gas in your car or money in your pocket are necessities that can collide head-on.

If you need to find another way to school, one that will save gas and reduce your carbon footprint, too, we have a solution for you: AlterNetRides. AlterNetRides is an easy-to-use, online service that links you with others who would like to carpool to or from campus.

Visit the DCCCD AlterNetRides site, click on the AlterNetRides button, then click on the college you attend and see a list of others who want to go to and from campus. Then you can check out the general area where they live and decide which alternative is right for you.

Concerned about privacy? AlterNetRides uses a "blind e-mail" technique that

protects your privacy. You can use the service without revealing any direct contact information unless you choose to do that; otherwise, e-mails go through the AlterNetRides system, and neither you nor the person you communicate with can see your real e-mail address unless you choose to share it. In other words, you can talk to the other person anonymously until you are ready to share more direct contact information.

Other great features of AlterNetRides: a commuters log, where you can track your carbon dioxide usage; instant phone notification by voice or text; Yahoo! mapping to help you locate other ride sharers; a "thumbs-up" rating system so you can rate the rides you take and find the best rides; a green vehicle guide that allows you look up the Environmental Protection Agency's pollution rating for any vehicle; A vehicle log that lets you track the cost of owning a vehicle.

DCCCD and hundreds of organizations have signed up to partner with AlterNetRides. Other colleges and universities in Texas that use AlterNetRides include the University of North Texas, Texas Woman's University, the University of Texas at Austin, Stephen F. Austin State University, Texas A&M University and several others.

As always, use common sense and good judgment as you select others for your ride share or carpool — just as you do when you choose friends and acquaintances. Although DCCCD employees can use this service as well, they are not allowed to ride with students. Even if you don't commute to college, you still can use AlterNetRides to track the carbon footprint your vehicle makes. And getting even a handful of cars off the (See our other carpooling and van-pooling resources.)

## Customer Care Session: Ethics 4 Everyone



The intriguing new topic for Customer Care is "Ethics 4 Everyone." We had our first session on

Sept. 15 in S101 with the phenomenal consultant/motivational speaker Brenda Jean Patrick. Brenda Jean ignited our thoughts about ethics awareness to the extent practically everyone became concerned about their behavior on the job and in life itself. A powerful quote shared at the seminar "Ethics is a moving target" meaning the practice of it is constantly changing. That implies we must constantly work at doing the right thing. Plus, one of Eastfield Proud Cyndi Wineinger



favorite quotes states; "It has to be in writing." As Eastfield redefines itself, we can redefine ourselves by practicing good ethics and striving to do better. We have received positive feedback on the seminar, the Customer Care Leadership Team (CCLT) invites you attend at least one of the next three sessions on 11/17/09, 02/09/10, and/or 04/20/10 and be prepared to ask yourself some intriguing questions.

## SECC Carnival A Huge Hit

The winner of the themed basket contest, and winner of a pizza lunch for the creating group, is Social Science, Human Services, and Business, for its "Dallas Cowboys" basket. The winning bid was \$150!

Here are the results by activity:

\$1,717.50	Silent auction
635.50	Raffle
529.42	Country store
335.00	Frito pie sales
153.25	Ice cream sales
141.75	Cake walk
122.75	Drink sales
90.00	Business card holder sales
76.50	Darts
52.75	Grab bags
18.25	Yo yo
16.25	Putting
7.50	Ball toss
103.58	Contribution from Dr. Conway
\$4,000	Grand Total

Special thanks to Dr. Conway for her contribution to bring us to \$4,000, and to the faculty of Career Technologies for all the sculptures they provided. The ones we auctioned brought in a total of \$273!

Also thanks to:

- SECC chairs Heidi Bassett and Denise Monkress
- the SECC Carnival committee (Ann Johnson, Sue Byrd, Jim Jones, and Richard Cinclair)
- Nancy Roberts and her volunteer

retirees who worked tirelessly on the Country Store

- all the groups who made baskets
- everyone who spent money & everyone who worked so hard to make this possible!

Thanks, and be looking forward to next year!

## EFC Employee Makes the News!

**Sara Culver** was an LAC tutor and adjunct math professor when, in May 2004, she had a stroke; she was 42 years old. Sara was unable to communicate and had extensive paralysis. The mother of four children, Sara struggled through a long recovery and returned to the LAC as a math tutor in 2007. In the early weeks of her treatment and therapy, Sara's husband, Tim Culver, reported that even though she couldn't speak, she could still do calculus! Sara and her family appeared on Fox News Channel 4 last week to talk about the book Tim has written about Sara and their family, titled "Sara's Story: One Family's Faith through Unthinkable Trial." (Available through Amazon.com)

