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President Obama Visits Eastfield



U.S. President Barack Obama visited Eastfield College on the afternoon of Tuesday, October 4. He made time for an abbreviated tour of the Center for Child and Family Studies. He was greeted by Chancellor Dr. Wright Lassiter, Jr., President Dr. Jean Conway, and the Director of the Children's Laboratory School Dr. Karen Holder. He inquired about the children's programs, asking Dr. Holder how long the program had been around, how long she had been involved with it, etc. He then entered the Multi Age Room (ages 3-5) and met all the teachers and students, inquiring about their day and asking each student their name.

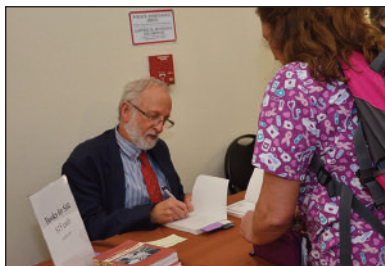


President Obama picked up a book "The First Pup: The Real Story of How Bo Got to the White House" by Bob Staake and joked that he had no knowledge of the book. Four-year-old Zuleah "Zuzu" Rodriguez stood up and politely asked President Obama if he would sign her copy of "Of Thee I Sing: A Letter to My Daughters" authored by the President himself, to which he replied yes.

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Welcome new Harvesters!

- Roy Bond** - Continuing Ed.
- Adrian Douglas** - Business Services
- Cheryl Murphree** - Police
- Caitlin Stanford** - Dev. Writing
- Larry Wilson** - Human Resources



On October 5, Richard Glaubman, co-author of "Life is So Good," shared the story of how he came to co-author this year's **Eastfield Common Book** selection with presentations for day and evening students. Glaubman eloquently described how he became familiar with George Dawson and embarked on a mission to capture the unique and uplifting story of a 98-year-old man's quest to become literate; what developed was a compelling and warm friendship between the two men whose backgrounds were so very different. In the audience were members of Dawson's family - Mrs. Dorothy Jiles (George's daughter), Mrs. Sallie Dawson (George's daughter-in-law), Lisa Dawson-Jiles and Karessa Dawson-Lang (George's granddaughters) were able to attend the morning presentation and interact with faculty, staff and students during a luncheon which immediately followed the morning presentation. Glaubman signed copies of "Life is So Good."



As part of Eastfield's **Common Book Project**, U.S. History Professor Brett Wilkinson from Northwest Vista College

in San Antonio gave an enlightening lecture entitled "A Red Record: Racial Violence in the Life of George Dawson." Wilkinson discussed the meaning of lynching and what this heinous act signified. Utilizing the scholarly website www.Withoutsanctuary.org, Wilkinson described first-hand witness accounts of lynchings and emphasized that while the actual documented occurrences appear small in number, the significance was in the percentage increase year to year throughout the late 19th and early 20th centuries. In the context of Dawson's life and personal experience with racial hatred, Professor Wilkinson elaborated on the unique imprint this sad era of U.S. history had on the co-author's life.



The Eastfield **Arts, Language and Literature Division** kicked off its Communication Conference initiative with "An Inside Look at Radio," featuring the producers of the nationally-syndicated Tom Joyner Morning Show (TJMS). Nikki Woods, TJMS Senior Producer, moderated the panel and shared with students the joys and challenges of the radio industry. The panel also discussed their unique marketing strategies that target a predominately African-American audience. The goal of the program was to educate students about pursuing a career in radio and the Tom Joyner brand. Attendees were able to have their questions answered by the producer panel; a host of door prizes were given away such as autographed Tom Joyner books and t-shirts. In the spring, ALL Division plans to host a Communication's Day to further expose students to various career paths in communications. Over 100 attendees participated in this event.



Dr. Holder escorted the President to the Infant and Toddler Room where he was shook hands with the teachers and patted the heads of all students.

After visiting the children's classrooms, President Obama was greeted by Dr. Susan Wyatt, Chair of the Child Development Early Childhood and Teacher Education Departments and Nancy Beaver, Program Administrator of the Center for Child and Family Studies. They were able to share with him information about their students (around 1,000 registered in fall classes including students from high school dual credit to non-traditional working adults) and reported they were able to provide over 4,500 credit hours of coursework this last year through ARRA funding. Dr. Wyatt gave Pres. Obama a pin that reflects the philosophy of our program, which is "Those who care teach."



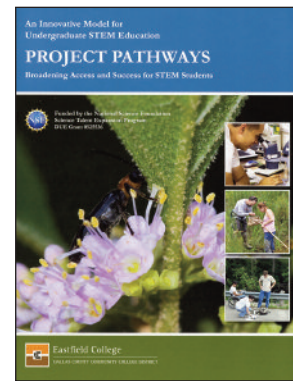
Dr. Holder says that he left the Center very enthused before moving to the gym to address more than 1,500 attendees. President Obama spoke of the need to stop laying off teachers like Kim Russell (who spoke briefly before the President). Through his speech he also urged Congress to pass the American Jobs Act so more teachers won't lose their jobs.



The **Eastfield History Department** and the **Social Science, Human Services and Business Division** and the University of Texas- Dallas Organization of Latin American Studies sponsored the Hispanic Heritage Month Lecture Series September 26-30. Peter Reggie of UT-Dallas spoke on the social and cultural significance of heavy metal music throughout Mexico and Latin America. Courtney Kennedy of UT-D presented original research on President John F. Kennedy's 1962 visit to Mexico City. Eastfield History Professor **Mike Noble** spoke on the hunt for Nazi war criminals in Latin America after World War II and Eastfield History Visiting Scholar **Katherine Reguero Cloer** lectured on the American GI Forum, a veterans and civil rights organization chartered by Congress. In addition to the featured speakers, Eastfield History Professors **Jerry Henson, Mike Walker and Matt Hinckley** helped organize and coordinate the event, and over 500 students attended the lecture series.

On September 29, Associate Vice President **Don Baynham** was elected to a two-year term as Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Dallas Heritage Village at Old City Park. The mission of Dallas Heritage Village is to collect, preserve, and teach the history of Dallas and North Central Texas. Located in historic Old City Park, the museum uses its collections of historic buildings and furnishings, representing the period 1840-1910, to sponsor research, publications and exhibits, and to present educational programs and special events for diverse audiences of children, families, and adults.

Eastfield **Criminal Justice Department** hosted a class to train 11 police officers in Sexual Assault Family Violence Investigations from October 10-14. This is a comprehensive course to prepare Law Enforcement Officers to investigate these sensitive offenses. The officers were from the Dallas Police Department, Dallas County and the Rockwall County Sheriff's Offices. The CJ Department also hosted approximately 30 law enforcement personnel for all-day training sessions on Advanced Child Abuse Investigation Training from September 27-29.



The National Science Foundation awarded Eastfield \$1.8 million for "Project Pathways: Broadening Access and Success of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) Students" in 2005. At the conclusion of the grant (September 2011), "**Project Pathways**" published 1,500 copies of a 24-page booklet that will serve as a summary of the notable accomplishments of the program and as a model to other entities that wish to increase student participation in STEM fields of study. The booklet was designed by Eastfield's Graphics Manager **Gayla O'Neall**, with photography by nature photographer Michael Black, and text by Co-Principal Investigators **Melanie Gill-Shaw** and **Dr. Carl Knight**, biology faculty. The publication was presented by Dr. Knight at the Annual Meeting of the Big Thicket Association (BTA) in Saratoga, Texas on October 7 and was well received by the members and the new Superintendent of the Big Thicket National Preserve Douglas Neighbor. (The Preserve played a major role in the success of Big Thicket National Preserve Summer Research Institute.) The publication was also presented at the Science Cafe: "Research in the Big Thicket" at the Logon Café in Beaumont, Texas on October 6. The publication will be mailed out nation-wide to organizations such as the National Science Foundation, National Park Service, Big Thicket National Preserve, Big Thicket Association; to colleagues at the University of Texas campuses (Southwestern Graduate School, Arlington, Dallas and Austin), University of North Texas, Texas A&M campuses, Sam Houston State University and Southern Methodist University; and non-profit agencies such as the Texas Society of Microscopy, Discover Life in America, Texas Conservation Alliance and the League for Innovation in Community Colleges; to Texas Instruments and Hitachi Incorporated; and local, state and national governmental leaders.

Eastfield Pleasant Grove Campus hosted the second annual Harvest Fest Health Fair on Saturday, October 1. Approximately 800 community members took advantage of the event had something for every member of the family--entertainment, information, vision exams and health screenings including glucose, blood pressure and HIV/STD screenings. There were also exercise demonstrations and other social services available throughout the day. Parkland Hospital participated in the fair and reported vaccinating over 300 children. The host committee created the Harvest Fest to create a general awareness in the Pleasant Grove area of the health services available through Dallas public and private agencies. Harvest Fest Health Fair sponsors included: Brentwood Health Care, Evercare by United Healthcare, All Smiles Dental and Orthodontics, Amerigroup Community Care, Baylor University Medical Center at Dallas, DART, Dallas County Health & Human Services, Mi Familia Medical, Pleasant Grove Lions Club, TLC Ambulance and Walgreens.

On September 20, Eastfield **Outreach and Student Development** participated in the Garland Independent School District's Hispanic Parent College Fair held at the Garland Special Events Center. 300 participants (parents and students) gained information about access to higher education. **Maria Caratini Prado**, Director of Community Programs, presented an informative bilingual session that addressed the admissions

and registration process for DCCCD. **Dina Sosa-Hegarty**, Dean of Outreach and Student Development, and representatives from other colleges and universities also spoke to the advantages of placement testing, financial aid and scholarship opportunities, the importance of volunteerism, and various student services provided at no cost by the College. On September 21, Maria Caratini Prado presented at Titcher Elementary School during Education: Go Get It Week 2011 speaking to 400 students of mainstream and integrated bilingual classes about getting an early start thinking about college and reaching their educational goals.

Join the **Arts, Language and Literature Division** as they present the following events:

- Now – Friday, October 28 Benito Huerta's Art Exhibit, Library
- Tuesday, October 25, 11 a.m., G101 Hispanic Heritage Month Read-In
- Wednesday, October 26, 10:10 a.m., G101 Benito Huerta Lecture, Art professor and local artist
- Friday, October 28, 10 a.m., Library Library Art & Literature Exhibit Reception

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In partnership with Keep Mesquite Beautiful, over 50 Service Learning students participated in the first of the Service Saturday series, volunteering for the Mesquite Trash Bash. Students reported to City Lake Park or to the Eastfield campus where they received t-shirts, trash bags, and trash grabbers and began their crusade to remove trash and litter from their community. Organized by the Office of Student Life and the Service Learning program, the campus activity was supervised by Judy Schwartz, Interim Director of Student Life, Janet Foreman, Program Coordinator, and Theresa Sternat, Service Learning Coordinator.

The second Eastfield Service Learning Saturday event was held October 15 at the college. Four students worked on clerical/data entry projects related to computer and math course learning outcomes for the Office of Student Life.

Eastfield held its first ever Service Learning Fair on September 20 in the Pit. Over 30 representatives from local non-profit agencies shared information about service opportunities with students and employees. More than 250 students signed up for service programs including the Keep Mesquite Beautiful Trash Bash, the CC Young Memory Project and many others. Faculty learned about potential partnerships for Service Learning projects to incorporate into their syllabi and students were educated as to the true meaning of "Service Learning."



Gallery 219 presents Christine Bisetto: "Forever Becomes Everyday" from October 6 –

November 4; artist reception.

Christine Bisetto transforms everyday materials, objects and memories into moments that instill a sense of the sublime. In her newest body of work, Bisetto explores the aspect of time as it relates to her everyday existence and the practice of art. Days, Months and Years are recorded poetically on folded paper, mirrors, and in song lyrics. Mere dates to us, these records of time

become a romantic reflection of Bisetto's daily life.

Bisetto was born and raised in Windsor, Ontario, Canada, but has called Texas home for the past 16 years. She earned a Master of Fine Arts degree from the University of Dallas in Irving. Her work has been shown in group exhibitions such as "Temporary Occupants," Eastfield College in 2010, "Freeriding," by Subtext Projects at Texas Women's University in 2011 and "Small Ideas and Other Stories" a collaboration with Avery Powell and Jamie Christenson at 500X Gallery earlier this year. Christine is a member of 500X Gallery in Dallas and one of the founders of brand 10 art space in Fort Worth.

Eastfield is proud to have a total of 14 STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) scholars this year. In addition to a scholarship, STEM Scholars attend workshops designed specifically for them throughout the year. There are four scholars returning from last year: Mohamed Benkhaya, Cassandra Hardin, Laura Hill, and Lorin Jackson. There are ten new scholars this year: Luis Bribiesca, Robert Castro, Tragan Knight, Juan Martinez, Blesson Mathew, Ampelio Mendez, Andrew Parrill, Jeremy Tuggle, Daniel Longley and Michael Friedman. A new element to the program this year is the faculty fellow. Eastfield's faculty fellow is Dr. Shizuko Watanabe. She will be working with up to 10 students to help them connect with STEM professionals in their field and identify research and other opportunities.

Calendar at a glance...

10	25	12:30 pm	S101	"Start Your Own Business-Entrepreneurship" presented by Bill Edwards (BJP Institute)
10	26	11 am-2:20 pm	C139	Chair Massages 15 mins /\$15 (by appointment 972-860-7190 or visit room C139 to schedule appointments)
10	31	12:30-2 pm	Pit	Halloween Costume Contest: Dress in your favorite costume; enter the contest and win prizes!
11	1	7 pm	Gym	Basketball vs. El Centro College
11	2	8 pm	Gym	Basketball vs. Southwest Adventist
11	3	9 am-1 pm	PGC	Red Cross Blood Drive: Open to the General Public
11	4	9 am-4 pm	Gallery 219	Closing Day of "Forever Becomes Everyday"
11	4	8 pm	Gym	Basketball vs. Randolph Air Force Base
11	4	9 am-4 pm	G101	Carter Blood Drive (Mobile Unit / Open to the Public)
11	8	12:30 pm	Perf Hall	Natalie Stovall in Concert!
11	8	7 pm	Gym	Basketball vs. Texas Wesleyan Univ. JV
11	8	7 pm	C135	Freedom Writers
11	10	12:30-2 pm	G101	Student Leadership Academy: Go Fish: Teambuilding using the "FISH Philosophy" presented by Professor Courtney Carter
11	11	11:15 am-1 pm	C135	Veterans Day Celebration & Recognition
11	11	12:30-2 pm	G101	Student Government Association Meeting: Everyone welcome to attend!
11	11	7:30 pm	Gym	Basketball vs. Ballers for Christ
11	12	2 pm	Gym	Basketball vs. El Centro College
11	12	TBA	Pit	Service Saturday: City of Mesquite's Mesquite Recycles Day
11	14	7 pm	Gym	Basketball vs. Paul Quinn College JV
11	15	9 am-2 pm	C139	FREE HIV Tests: Limited to EFC Students & Employees ONLY (Phone 972-860-7190 or visit C139 to schedule appointments)
11	15	10:30 am-12:30 pm	PGC	Pumpkin Pi Day at Pleasant Grove Campus
11	16	TBA	TBA	Student Government Association Campus Forum: Meet your elected Student Body representatives and receive feedback on issues affecting students
11	16	12 pm	S101	Cafe Conversation: History of Science
11	17	12:30-2 pm	G101	Student Leadership Academy: V.P. for Teaching and Learning Michael Gutierrez presents Leadership & Decision Making
11	17			Last Day to Withdraw with a Grade of "W"
11	24			Thanksgiving Holidays Begin

Gallery 219 presents...



Artwork from a previous So Fresh exhibit by Elisha Rio Apilado "Forget Reality," collage on paper

Gallery 219 at Eastfield College presents "So Fresh 2011" from December 1-8 with a closing reception on December 8 from 5-7 p.m.

A long standing tradition, this exhibition showcases the best work from each studio area to celebrate student achievements in the visual arts program during the Fall semester. Artworks exhibited included drawing, painting, 2D design, photography, ceramics, 3D design, sculpture and installation.

Gallery 219 is located on the upper floor of the Fine Arts building (Bldg "F") in Room F219C. Park and enter at the Performance Hall entrance on the west side of the campus.

Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Contact Iris Bechtol at irisbechtol@dcccd.edu for additional information.