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Learning Studios Building Groundbreaking



Chancellor Dr. Wright Lassiter (above) and Trustee Martha Sanchez-Metzger (seated, far left) joined Eastfield staff, students and community leaders in breaking ground for the Learning Studios Building on Sept. 25. This large new facility will have innovative learning spaces located throughout the building. The spaces will facilitate student learning by student to student interaction and faculty to student relationships. Designed by HKS, Inc. Architects, the planned opening date for the Learning Studios Building is fall 2008. Representatives from HKS Architects and Rogers-O'Brien



Construction also joined President Carol Brown for the ceremony. Eastfield is in the midst of a large capital building program that will result in the ultimate construction of four major educational/ learning facilities on the campus.

Faculty & Staff Notes

State Representative Thomas Latham (District 101-Mesquite) visited with Eastfield's Executive Team on Sept. 6. Rep. Latham, completing his first term, was updated on college programs and services and campus construction updates. Rep. Latham has spent most of his life in Northeast Dallas, going to school in Mesquite and serving a 30-year law enforcement career in Garland. Joining **Dr. Brown** was **Jim Jones**, VPBS; **Dr. Joy Black**, VPSSEM; **Zena Jackson**, Interim VPI; **Brenda Stevenson**, President's Executive Assistant; **Jenny Matthews**, President's Administrative Intern; and **Sharon Cook**, Dir. of Marketing.

Eastfield was a community partner in welcoming 700 new teachers to GISD. The annual event at the Special Events Center on Sept. 5 included 50 businesses and organizations. **EFC Marketing staff** represented the college.

Valencia Hooper, Social Work adjunct professor, has been invited to Nelson Mandela University, South Africa, to lecture for two weeks in October 2008.

Eastfield enjoyed another successful year of hosting College Nights for our partners, Mesquite ISD (10th year) and Garland ISD (9th year). Over 135 colleges, universities and military institutions were represented during both nights. Approximately 2000 guests (students and parents) were in attendance each night. Forty college volunteers joined in the success along with the departments all across campus. Serving as coordinator for the last ten

years is **Maria Arocha**, Director of Community Outreach.

In celebration of the U. S. Constitution, Eastfield faculty presented a workshop-lecture on Sept. 13 to students and staff. Government instructor **Phoenix Rousseau** coordinated this informational workshop on various aspects of the U.S. Constitution reviewing basic knowledge of the concepts contained within this important and historical document. Also joining her were: **Jerry Henson**, (History); **Elizabeth Huston** (English); **Michele Svatos**, (Philosophy) and **Carlos Rovelo**, Cedar Valley professor (Humanities).

Gloria Jackson, Substance Abuse Program Coordinator, served as a resource for the HealthNet cover story on "Addiction: An Equal Opportunity Health Crisis." The magazine featured Eastfield's Substance Abuse Program in its Fall 2007 edition.

Maria Caratini-Prado (CE) has accepted the nomination to Madison's Who's Who Among Executives and Professionals, 2007-08 Honors Section.

Let's give a warm welcome to our newest Harvesters:

Alicia Jones – Admissions
Rochelle Duke – Admissions
Brenda Thompson – Admissions
Jennifer Baggett – Resource Dev.
Samonia Baker – Facilities
Sandra Vacio – Facilities

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Grant Workshop A Big Success



Eastfield's Office of Resource & Community Development, under the leadership

of Melanie Gill-Shaw, hosted a one day workshop entitled "Compliance and Federal Grants Management for Texas Community Colleges" on Sept. 25.

Nationally renowned education attorney, Michael Brustein, of Brustein and Manasevit, in Washington, DC, provided training in federal grants management and audit resolution. Mr. Brustein has authored several books on Perkins, Tech Prep, WIA and Adult Education. He has represented both TEA and THECB legal issues.

In an effort to increase awareness of the possible penalties and consequences of non-



compliance, fraud and other grant issues, Eastfield also had two speakers from the Office of Inspector General. Regional Inspector General Sherri Demmel facilitated discussion on federal audit preparations. Special Agent Neil Sanchez shared his role as a criminal investigator for OIG and the consequences of violating federal regulations including penalty fees, felony charges and federal prison time for extreme cases.

Over 140 participants, from 40 colleges and universities in the state of Texas, as well as representatives from the THECB attended.

Afterwards, Mr. Brustein stated "There is little doubt that through your efforts, Eastfield has now taken a position of leadership among the community colleges in Texas on federal grants management."

Dr. Val Gonzales has been invited by the Central Philippine University, Iloilo City, Philippines, to be a visiting lecturer for five weeks (Summer 2008) on substance abuse. After completing the required 3000 clinical hours, Dr. Gonzales has also received full certification as LPC from the State Board of Examiners of Professional Counselors.

Eastfield was a community partner at the Garland Branch NAACP's 17th Annual Freedom Fund Banquet on Sept. 15. Craig Watkins, Dallas County DA, was the keynote speaker. Attendees were: **Zena Jackson**, Interim VPI; **Art Sykes**, Facilities Director; **Patrice Johnson**, (Dev Writing); **Larissa Washington** (English); **George Bush**, Interim Division Dean (ASM); **Don Baynham**, Executive Dean (BFA); **Veronica Campbell**, Financial Aid Program Coordinator; **Wanser Baltrop**, Admissions Specialist; **Brigit Holyfield**, Admissions Specialist; and **Ida Stewart**, Upward Bound Counseling Associate.

Over 125 early child care and education teachers and directors attended the "Children: Challenging and Cherishing Conference" at Eastfield on Sept. 15. Joining Eastfield as conference co-sponsors was the Dallas Association for Parent Education (DAPE) and ChildCareGroup. Eastfield Child Development program faculty and staff participating as coordinators and presenters were: **Dr. Susan Wyatt**, **Karan Marshall**, **Dr. Denise Collins**, **Dawn Hallman**, **Coretta Williams**, **Lisa Moore**, **Sheila Whipple**, and **Faye Brown**.

Over 200 people from across Texas sat for the state LCDC (Licensed Chemical Dependency Counselor) testing at Eastfield on Sept. 15. This is the tenth year for Eastfield's Substance Abuse Program to host the testing. In order to become a LCD counselor in Texas an individual must pass an oral and written exam. Eastfield was the first college site to host such a test in Texas and the model has been duplicated in various other community college districts. **Gloria Jackson**, Social Work/Substance Abuse Program Coordinator took the lead for

the annual event with fellow colleagues: **Ruth Hale**, **Cyndi Wineinger**, **Helen Butler**, **Cristina Rodriguez**, **College Facilities**, **College Police**, and **Richard Cinclair**, Division Dean (SSHS).

Several Eastfield administrators and faculty members attended the Core Curriculum in Texas Workshop sponsored by UNT and the North Texas Community College Consortium on Sept. 14. **Zena Jackson**, Interim VPI was joined by Division Deans **Don Baynham** (BFA), **Gerald Kozlowski** (CT), **Mark Presley** (SPE) and **Richard Cinclair** (SSHS). Faculty members **Elizabeth Huston** (English), **Courtney Carter** (Speech), **Ricardo Rodriguez** (Math) and **Elaine Cho** (English) also attended.

SECC UPDATE

We have raised nearly \$22,000 so far, and we are less than \$9,000 away from our SECC goal. So far we only have about 33% of full time employees participating. We need more people involved. Thank you to those who have already turned in your forms. For those who haven't, fill out the form and send it in. This page will help you <http://dsc3.dcccd.edu/intranet/efc/secc/> and if you still have questions, give Glenn Stone a call at 7217.

Forms are due by the end of October.

Buffalo Creek Golf Club in Rockwall will host the 12th Annual Eastfield College Scholarship Golf Classic on Monday, Oct. 22. All proceeds benefit Eastfield students. The 2007 Classic features an AM Flight (tee time 7:30 a.m.) and a PM Flight (tee time 12:30 p.m.) Florida Scramble format played with four person teams; cost per player is \$135 and includes cart and green fee, golf shirt, goody bag, and mulligans.

Buffalo Creek is highlighted as one of the finest courses in the metroplex and the state! The Scholarship Golf Classic is sponsored by the following Mesquite area businesses: Whataburger, On The Border, Outback Steakhouse, McDonald's and Coca Cola Bottling of North Texas.

For more information, contact Sharon Cook at ext. 7629 or visit: eastfieldcollege.com/ce/special/golf.html

Et Cetera in the news...

For the first time in its 37-year history, The Et Cetera, Eastfield's campus newspaper, published online throughout the summer. In the past the newspaper would go on hiatus for the summer, but with a dedicated staff, lead by editor-in-chief Jason Boyd, they were able to continue daily postings to their Web site, Eastfieldnews.com. The staff of four editors- Jason Boyd, Brittney Serrioz, James Bright and Kim Ansley-covered stories such as the new Learning Studios Building; the passing of Emma Cronin, Dean of Instructional Support Services; and Dallas Maverick Jason Terry's visit to the campus in July. The staff also added streaming video to the web site and on Sept. 14, began producing a bi-weekly newscast that will recap the campus' top news stories. Students from Sabine Winter's journalism classes, David Danforth's digital imaging classes and Larry Howard's photography classes contributed to the publication. Broadcast

Journalism professor Courtney Carter also consulted with them on the video aspects of the web site. Student Publications Coord., Marti Harvey, also participated in two recruitment efforts at Town East Mall in Mesquite this summer.

SPAR Updates

Eastfield Student Programs and Resources welcomed students the first week of school by providing information tables at strategic locations around the campus. The service is a welcome sight for new-to-college students. College staff volunteered time to meet and greet day and evening students. SPAR also hosted its annual back to school event on Sept. 6 with food and entertainment for several hundred students.

Eight student leaders from Eastfield recently attended the Crain Student Leadership Conference held at SMU.

Students attended workshops on various aspects of leadership, and enjoyed a motivational and inspiring message from keynote speaker Brendon Burchard.



Seated (l-r): John Jang, DeAndrea Lozano, Lina Odeh. Standing (l-r): Dylan Lewis,

Richard Brand, Brendon Burchard, Angelia Urguhart, Judy Schwartz Far back (l-r): Ron Silvia and Rachel Naaman.

Continuing Education Update

- Parent & Student Orientation Meetings (One meeting is required before registering for the graded homeschool connection courses.) Sat., Nov. 10, 9-11 a.m., C118

Student Notes...



There were 23 students and three science faculty members (**Jeff Hughes, Dr. Carl Knight and Dr. Jay**

Justice) that attended the Texas Adopt-A-Beach cleanup trip Sept. 22.

The students participated in the cleanup event Saturday morning, received a free lunch provided by the Port Aransas Chamber of Commerce as a thank you for their efforts, and then participated in a four hour educational trip aboard the University of Texas Marine Science Institute's research vessel named the Katy. While on the research vessel the students collected plankton (small plant and animal-like organisms) from the sea-water and were able to view them with microscopes on-board the vessel. They also collected benthic (bottom) samples with a Peterson's Mud Grab device and studied the organisms living there. Students were able to use an Otter Trawl (a large net, like the ones shrimpers use in the Gulf of Mexico) to collect some of the larger marine organisms such as fish, stingrays, crabs, shrimp, cnidarians, tunicates and sponges. Between collecting sites the students were able to observe several dolphins swimming alongside the vessel and sea turtles in the bay.

Saturday evening the group had dinner at the Big Fisherman restaurant and then had s'mores by a campfire on the beach while reflecting on all that they had observed/ experienced that day.

Michael Kaufmann (Journalism) & Alisha Largent (Developmental Writing) have been awarded the Mary D. Franklin Developmental Writing Scholarship. Patrice Johnson, DWRI faculty, created the scholarship, named after her mother, who served as a pioneer special education teacher for 37 years in Kansas. The scholarship pays for the DWRI or the JOUR class and the students books. This semester \$250 was awarded to both students. Students were selected based on writing diagnostic and interest in majoring in journalism or other writing fields.

Mesquite News has joined Johnson to offer students in DWRI an apprenticeship and students in JOUR an internship. Michael Kaufmann will intern with the Sports editor and Alisha Largent will apprentice with staff writers. Overall, this will give students an opportunity to work in the field they are pursuing after they graduate.

Career Services Fall Job Fair

Eastfield's Career Services Office will co-sponsor and host its Fall Job Fair from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Tuesday, October 30 in the Gym (P Building). The event is free and open to students of Eastfield College and the general public. Sponsors include Eastfield College Career Services, Eastfield College Student Programs & Resources, and the US Department of Education's Job Location and Development Program. Special employer sponsors include Annexus Personnel & Business Services, AT & T, Bank of America, Braum's Ice Cream & Dairy Stores, Dallas Employment News, Napa Auto Parts, UPS, Volt, Whataburger of Mesquite.

More than 60 area companies will be present to talk to job seekers about employment opportunities with their organizations. Attendees should bring plenty of resumés and be dressed to interview.

For more information, contact Ron Rollinson at ext. 8310. For an updated list of employers and available positions visit: www.eastfieldcollege.com/SSI/EFCjobfair.

Upcoming Exhibits...

Oct. 8 – Nov. 2
Gallery 219 Presents:
“Shaken and Stirred”



Gallery 219 at Eastfield College presents “Shaken and Stirred:” Recent Works by James Watral which runs Oct. 8 – Nov. 2. A reception

for the artist will be held Oct. 12 from 6 – 8 p.m.

Eastfield is pleased to present an installation of drawings and ceramic sculptures by James Watral. Influenced and inspired by words and images drawn on cocktail napkins, Watral presents us with depictions of the various evolutionary steps that are integral parts of his studio practice. These napkins serve as reminders, sketchbook pages, and documentations of ideas meant to confirm an existing process or generate a new direction.

Watral’s works address a variety of historical and social concerns. He states: The recent work contains forms, concepts, and surface considerations that I have used in the past. Influences for my work embrace historical and contemporary ceramics aesthetics, contemporary issues in art, garden design, architecture, dance, theater, literature, current events and science.

James Watral received a Master of Fine Arts from Tulane University in New Orleans, and a Bachelor of Fine Arts from the Cleveland Institute of Art. His work has been exhibited throughout Texas and the United States in such venues as the Dallas Museum of Art, the Nancy Margolis Gallery in Portland, Maine, the Dallas Center for Contemporary Art, and the Contemporary Arts Center in New Orleans. His work can be found in many corporate and public collections, including American Airlines, IBM, and the Dallas Museum of Art.

Gallery 219 is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. and by appointment.

Organizational and Staff Development

Brenda Jean Patrick visited Eastfield Sept. 24, teaching more great customer care tips. If you did not attend, hopefully someone has shared their notes. If not, please check with Elsa Hernandez for a listing of those who attended or check the information booth for a Customer Care poster with signatures of those who attended. Also, check with Elsa (ext. 7225) to send you a green #4.

Denys S. Blell, Vice Chancellor, Human & Organizational Development presented “Improve Your Emotional Intelligence Quotient” Sept. 27. Participants learned basic disciplines of emotional intelligence and the foundation of building a culture of trust and collaboration at DCCCD.

More organizational and staff development information to come by e-mail soon!

October 8 – 27

Eastfield Library Presents:
“Jasper, Texas”



Rev. Bobby Lee Hudson

Focusing on the strength of their community rather than the horrific crime to James Byrd, this exhibit reveals the extraordinary ways in which the entire town was affected. Photos of the peaceful Huff

Creek Road and the lovely country church where James Byrd was found hold no clue to the terrible event that turned Jasper into an international byword.

The exhibit compels the viewer to realize the impact of the crime on young and old alike in this close community. Additional photographs emphasize the diligence of the ministers who through concerted and cooperative efforts kept the incident from erupting into more violence. A timely exhibit that compels the viewer to look racism anew, Jasper, Texas, is a thought-provoking examination of the healing of a community through tragedy.

The project was made possible in part with a grant from Humanities Texas, the state partner of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Las Llaves del Éxito/ The Keys to Success

Las Llaves del Éxito/ The Keys to Success will be held from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Oct. 27. The event is free and open to the public; students in grades six through 12, and their parents, are encouraged to attend. (A related spring event will be scheduled specifically for high school juniors and seniors.)

Las Llaves del Éxito, a free one-day program offered by the DCCCD, can give students the key to their success: a college education and information about how to navigate the system so that they can attend a college or university.

Area colleges and universities – in partnership with DCCCD, DISD, the Greater Dallas Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and several non-profit agencies, as well as the Dallas Black Chamber of Commerce and the Greater Dallas Asian American Chamber of Commerce – want to share those keys to success with students and their families, particularly Latino/ Hispanic members, during this special program.

Las Llaves was started several years ago by a committee of community members who wanted to encourage high school students to graduate and continue their education. The conference will feature information sessions in English and Spanish about topics such as planning for college; paying for college; and applying for and learning more about the opportunities that a college education can provide by using the keys to success to open that door. Several parent workshops are scheduled in English and Spanish about financial aid, TAKS Rally and college funding for their students.

College representatives, admissions specialists and financial aid advisors will talk to families about the application process and steps they need to take to be considered for admission and financial aid.

For more information, call Rachel Moon with Dallas ISD at (214) 732-1333 or Perla Molina in the DCCCD Outreach office at (214) 860-2691 or DCCCD’s Spanish line at (214) 860-2432.

Calendar at a glance...

October 4

SECC Carnival, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m., C135

October 5

Club Orientation, 12:30 – 2 p.m., C135

Friday Popcorn, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Pit

Student Government Meeting, 12:30 p.m., L207

October 8-11

Latin Speakers' Week: Tribute to Guatemala, TBA

October 8

Program Board Meeting, noon, L207

October 10

Cultural Café-Guatemalan, 10 a.m., Performance Hall lobby

Wednesday Recital Series: Hispanic and Latin American

Music, 12:45 p.m., Performance Hall

October 11

Student Leadership Academy, noon, L207

October 12

Friday Popcorn, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Pit

Team Harvester, noon, C135

October 15-18

Study Skills Week, 9 a.m., C135

October 17

Wednesday Recital Series: Bernadette Buentipo, pianist

Eastfield Alumni, former student of Pierrette Mouledous

12:45 p.m., F117A

October 19

Certified Student Leader at Mountain View College

Friday Popcorn, 11a.m. – 12 p.m., Pit

October 22

Scholarship Golf Tournament, 7:30 a.m., Buffalo Creek GC

Conflict Management Workshop, 12:30 p.m., C135

Program Board meeting, noon, L207

October 24

Wednesday Recital Series: Classical Flute Duo: Annie

Benjamin & Lee Schloss, 12:45 p.m., F117A

October 25

Student Leadership Academy, noon, L207

October 26

Student Government Meeting (Funding), 12:30 p.m., L207

Friday Popcorn, 11a.m. – 12 p.m., Pit

October 27

Community Service Day, 9 a.m. – noon, Pit

Llaves del Exito, 8 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., various locations

October 30

Fall Job Fair, 10 a.m.– 2 p.m., Gym

Evening Social, 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., Pit

October 31

Halloween Costume Contest, noon, Pit

Wednesday Recital Series: Irene Gomez, Colombian Guitarist,

12:45 p.m., F117A

November 1

Student Leadership Academy, noon, L207

November 2

LeCroy Student Leadership Conference, Richland College

Friday Popcorn, 11a.m. – 12 p.m., Pit

November 4

PTK Fall Induction Ceremony, Performance Hall

November 6

Technology Fair, TBA, T Bldg

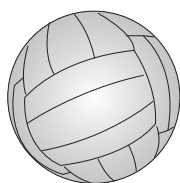
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Wednesday Recital Series: Eastfield Voice Department Recital:

Directors, Theresa Cieminski, Ron Montgomery & Mary Tiner,

12:45 p.m., F117A

Eastfield Athletics Schedule...



Women's Volleyball

Thu, Oct 4

Richland College ** Dallas 7 p.m.

Mon, Oct 8

North Lake College ** EFC Gym 7 p.m.

Mon, Oct 15

Mountain View College ** Dallas 7 p.m.

Thu, Oct 18

Cedar Valley College ** Lancaster 7 p.m.

Fri, Oct 19

NOC-Enid Triangular Tournament

Butler Enid, OK 5 p.m.

Northern OK-Enid 7 p.m.

Sat, Oct 20

Clarendon Triangular Tournament

Clarendon, 2 p.m. & 4 p.m.

Mon, Oct 22

Brookhaven College ** EFC Gym 7 p.m.

Thu, Oct 25

Richland College ** EFC Gym 7 p.m.

Mon, Oct 29

North Lake College ** Irving, TX 7 p.m.

** denotes Conference Games



Men's Basketball Scrimmages

Fri, Oct 12

Jamboree, TBA TBA

Sat, Oct 20

San Jacinto and Paris, TBA 12 p.m.

Sat, Oct 27

Paul Quinn and Wiley, TBA TBA

Thu, Nov 1

ACU, EFC Gym 7 p.m.

Fri, Nov 2

Palo Alto College, San Antonio 7 p.m.

Sat, Nov 3

SW Texas College, Uvalde 2 p.m.