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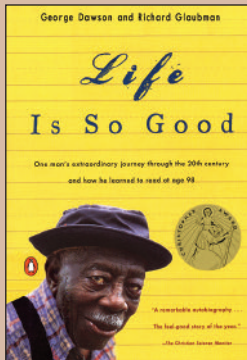
THE STAFF NEWSLETTER FOR EASTFIELD COLLEGE

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Eastfield's Common Book 2011-12: "Life is So Good"



Eastfield has chosen "Life is So Good" by George Dawson and Richard Glaubman as its 2011 Common Book. The Common Book Project is a college-wide, interdisciplinary project that aims to enrich the college experience of students, faculty, and staff in a common

intellectual experience-- the reading and discussing of a common book. The book will be integrated into more than 175 sections of classes in an array of disciplines, discussed in a variety of programs, and forms the basis for exhibits and performances (listed below).

September 12 Film & Discussion: "Gifted Hands: The Ben Carson Story," Barbara Carr, Biology Faculty, 12:30 p.m., C135

September 22 Film & Discussion: "The Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman," Barbara Carr, & Kathy Carter, Librarian, 2 p.m. & 7 p.m., S101

October 3 Guest Speaker: Richard Glaubman, Co-Author of "Life Is So Good," 11 a.m. & 7 p.m., Performance Hall

October 5 Café Conversation: "Lynching," Brett Wilkinson, History Professor NW Vista CC, San Antonio, 12:30 p.m., S101

October 13 Film & Discussion: "Driving Miss Daisy," Barbara Carr, 12:30 p.m., C135

October 18 Café Conversation: Erin Tierney Kramp: Courage in the Face of Adversity Erin Tierney Kramp Foundation & ETK Scholars 11 a.m., S101

November 8 Film & Discussion: "Freedom Writers," Pebble Barbero, Biology Faculty, 7 p.m., C135

November 16 Café Conversation: History of Science, Larry Stern, Psychology Professor, Collin CC, 12 p.m., S101

2011 Employee Award Winners



**PSSA of the Year – Full-time:
Brenda Lee**

Nominees: Johnetta Boldon, Joan Dotson, James Foster, Ruth Hale, Leslie Johnson, Thelma Perkins and Veda Little



**PSSA of the Year – Part-time:
O'Shun Jackson**



**Administrator of the Year:
Michael Gutierrez**

Nominees: Richard Cinclair, John Emery, Ricardo Rodriguez and Rachel Wolf



Innovation of the Year: "Flash Me Some Information" Dina Sosa-Hegarty, Linda Richardson and Dana Mingo



**Jean Sharon Griffith Student Development Leadership Award:
Cecilia Flores**



**Learning Technology Innovation of the Year:
"Firearms Training Simulations for Law Enforcement Personnel"
Ronald Breathwit**



**Excellence in Teaching Award,
Adjunct Faculty: Joyce Lehe**

Nominees: Joyce Hinkle, Michael Noble, Richard Nourse and Tamara Parr



Excellence in Teaching Award, Full-time Faculty: Jeff Hughes

Nominees: Kim Chandler, Tuesday Hambric, Stacey Jurhree, Len Larsen, Timothy Lo and A.W. Massey

Eastfield Employee of the Quarter: Coach Michael Martin



(l-r) Anthony Fletcher (Athletic Director), Gretchen Riehl (Dean of Science & PE), Michael Martin (Head Baseball Coach) and Dr. Jean Conway (President)

Eastfield College would like to congratulate its newest Employee of the Quarter **Coach Michael Martin**.

Receiving this award means others feel he is a model of Eastfield's high standards and student-centered values. As this quarter's awardee, Martin received a balloon bouquet, a gift card, a personal parking permit for the quarter, and his name will be placed on the wall on the Employee of the Quarter plaque. Some of the comments made about Coach Martin were:

Coach Michael Martin is very reliable and dependable. He goes above and beyond in the position of baseball coach at Eastfield College. He spends many extra hours in recruiting, travel, games, and baseball field maintenance.

Michael finds time to help people out. He definitely exceeds his job description and coaching duties.

Michael is very creative and innovative and this is the reason why he has won two national championships for Eastfield College in baseball. He is a work horse that gets the job done.

Michael has laid the foundation of being inducted into the NJCAA National Hall of Fame one day. With more years in the NJCAA he will have a chance to be inducted because he is a great teacher, coach and really cares about his student athletes.

2011 Retirees & Years of Service



- John Asselin - 10
- Jennie Banks - 27
- Dr. Harryette Brown - 41
- Patsy Caropresi - 25
- Glenn Clayton (Phased) - 41
- Mary Ann Fitzsimmons - 18
- Dr. Judie Gammage - 32
- Dr. Claire Gauntlett - 36
- James Howell - 18
- Joel Jessen - 41
- Sherry Jessup - 28
- Jim Jones - 30
- Shirley Kaczka - 4 (19 in higher ed)
- Donnell Keenan - 36
- Len Larsen - 36
- Rita Lewis - 24
- Luz Lopez - 41
- Dr. Harrell Lucky - 37
- Jackie Matney - 20
- Pat Mirtz - 17
- Anne Mistrot - 25
- Michael Moorhead (Phased) - 41
- Dennis Pavageau - 35
- Fran Pearce - 27
- Dr. David Preston - 42
- Cameron Rexroad - 9
- Yolanda Roncal - 22
- James Russell - 8
- Dr. Bob Sharp - 41
- Robert Shockley - 12
- William Sorrells - 26
- Brenda Stevenson - 34
- James Watral - 13
- Neal Wilson - 34

Welcome new Harvesters!

- John Barrett**, English
- Kassandra Buck**, English
- Katherine Cloer**, History
- John Garcia**, Developmental Reading
- Jaromy Green**, Physics
- Whitney Houston**, Resource Dev.
- Melinda Imthurn**, Music
- Jessica Kerins**, Biology
- Peter Lamborghini**, Auto Technology
- Charles Mensah**, Mathematices
- Jonathan Michelon**, Learning Frameworks
- Amber Pagel**, English
- Adriana Vega**, A, L & L Division
- Qayyah Sabur**, Upward Bound
- Charles Warnberg**, Developmental Writing

Eastfield has achieved another significant milestone in our reaffirmation of accreditation process with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. Professors **Erika Glaser** (College Readiness Division), Dr. **Ana Rodriguez** (College Readiness Division), and David Willburn (Arts, Language and Literature Division) have agreed to co-chair our QEP (Quality Enhancement Plan) Planning and Implementation Committee. These three professors will be providing important leadership to our college community as we plan for and implement our QEP that will focus on enhancing student success through the first-year experience.

Eastfield and Plano's Legacy Medical Village will partner for a \$100,000 Texas Skills Development Fund Grant. The grant will provide Legacy Medical Village practitioners and staff with free on-site training opportunities in leadership management, office skills and basic health classes. The training will be provided by **Eastfield staff and instructors** who work with the Texas Workforce Commission to advance state and federal workforce development goals. To increase the skill level of the local health workforce, Eastfield will provide instructors designated to administer job training in first aid, EMR (Emergency Medical Responders) training, chart auditing, CPR, patient safety, team building and conflict resolution, the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act compliance, current procedural terminology coding, and customer service. The Skills Development Fund is a job-training program that provides Texas businesses and workers with grants from the Texas Workforce Commission. Businesses, public community and technical colleges, local workforce development boards and economic development partners use the grants to identify workforce education needs, create new jobs and improve the skills of their current workers.

Erika Glaser, Eastfield Developmental Math professor, received notification that her 2010 College Academic Support Program (CASP) presentation "Engaging and Retaining New Developmental Education Students" has been named the CASP 2010 Outstanding Concurrent Session based on conference attendee evaluations. Winning this award entitles her to present again at CASP 2011 in Austin on October 23-25.

Pleasant Grove Campus News...

Javier Olguin, Eastfield Pleasant Grove Campus Executive Director, has been appointed to the Advisory Council for UNIVISION (public programming on KUVN 23 and Telefutera KSTR 49). The council's purpose is to provide guidance in its mission to inform, educate, and motivate its viewers to take a pro-active role in the community. The Community Advisory Council consists of individuals from various sectors of the metroplex who work in engaging the Hispanic community. The Council meets twice a year and each member is asked to complete a community ascertainment questionnaire. The objective of the meetings will be to address community concerns as well as provide an overview of Univision 23 and Telefutera 49 community efforts. With the participation of the council, UNIVISION hopes to offer possible solutions to the problems facing the Hispanic community.

On July 18, Eastfield received notification of a grant award from the U.S. Department of Education's for execution of new and continuing service delivery of the **Educational Talent Search** program at Pleasant Grove. Talent Search identifies and assists individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds who have the potential to succeed in higher education. The program provides academic, career, and financial counseling to its participants and encourages them to graduate from high school and continue on to and complete their post-secondary education. The program publicizes the availability of financial

Leaders in the early childhood development field gathered Thursday, June 9 to recognize Dallas-area early childhood professionals for their talent and dedication. The Dallas Association for the Education of Young Children's "Honoring the Profession" awards ceremony and dinner was held at the Dallas Marriott Suites Market Center. The event was sponsored by IBM and coordinated by ChildCare-Group, the Dallas Association for the Education of Young Children, Head Start of Greater Dallas, the Texas Association for Infant Mental Health, **Eastfield College** and the Texas Department of Family and Protective

aid and assists participants with the postsecondary application process. Talent Search also encouraged persons who have not completed education programs at the secondary or postsecondary level to enter or reenter and complete postsecondary education. The goal of Talent Search is to increase the number of youth from disadvantaged backgrounds who complete high school and enroll in and complete their postsecondary education.



Eastfield **Pleasant Grove Campus** was featured several times throughout the inaugural print edition of "Discover The New Pleasant Grove," the official newsletter for Southeast Dallas. The Pleasant Grove Campus was also featured in the 20 minute video showcasing the southeast Dallas community. Discover The New Pleasant Grove is an initiative to rebrand Pleasant Grove, made possible by an economic development grant from the City of Dallas.



Services. Gustavo Enrique Monsante, an early childhood educator and musician, entertained guests. **Nancy Beaver**, Eastfield Program Administrator for Child Development/ Teacher Preparation, and **Susan Wyatt**, Eastfield Department Chair for Child Development/Teacher Preparation, decorated the tabletops for the evening's event. **Karen Walker**, adjunct faculty, chaired the DAEYC awards committee and distributed awards at the event. Two Eastfield students, Heather Ray and Jamie Jones, both were awarded DAEYC scholarships.

Eastfield's **Custom Auto/Street Rod Certificate program** is pleased to announce the approval of a \$10,000 challenge grant from The Collectors Foundation Board of Directors. The Foundation awards scholarships and educational grants to organizations committed to "hands-on education" and making a difference in the lives of young people through the appeal of historic vehicles and vessels - building the next generation of collectors. More information about the Foundation can be found on its website at www.collectorsfoundation.org. The grant money will be used to purchase equipment for the new Custom Auto/Street Rod Certificate program. Eastfield is one of only six public colleges in the nation to offer this program, which teaches skills including welding, refinishing, chassis design and custom metal fabrication.

Eastfield's **Automotive Technology Department** recently completed a "Validation" process conducted by the Toyota Technician Education Network (T-TEN). T-TEN is a corporate sponsorship through Toyota Motor Sales U.S.A. that supports the Automotive Technology program with vehicle donations, funding, and administrative assistance. Two years ago, Eastfield's program joined forces with a consortium of six other T-TEN schools across the nation to address local dealer concerns and suggestions for improvement. The validation process is the culmination of this project to develop a student learning outcomes based curriculum and develop operational processes to better serve AUMT students and supporting dealerships in the area. Under the guidance of Kevin Booth, a curriculum and program design expert employed by T-TEN, faculty members Curt Liston and Jeremy Bramall have completely re-written the T-TEN Program lecture and lab course work. The curriculum focuses on student learning outcomes that will enhance analytical and problem solving skills. Extensive laboratory worksheets have been hand written to challenge the student's ability to understand, diagnose, and repair complex automotive systems. Program Director Curt Jenkins has focused on the administrative aspects of the project. Validation of the T-TEN program represents a quantum leap forward in the quality of Automotive Tech training at Eastfield.

Calendar at a glance...

Aug	22	9 a.m.	Perf Hall	Convocation
Aug	22-26		Various	Convocation Week Activities
Aug	27	9 a.m. - 3 p.m.	C Bldg	Saturday Registration
Aug	27	1 & 5 p.m.	Gym	VB Tri Match
Aug	29		Campus	First Day of Classes
Aug	29	all day	Campus	Directional Assistance - EFC 411
Aug	30	all day	Campus	Directional Assistance - EFC 411
Sept	1	11 a.m. - 1 p.m.	Lower Courtyard	Welcome Back Party featuring Limelight
Sept	1-30	9 a.m.	F219C	Gallery 219 Exhibit "Itch" Opens
Sept	2	11:30 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.	Pit/Atrium	Free Popcorn & Campus Information
Sept	5		Campus	Closed for Labor Day Holiday
Sept	6	4 p.m.	Soccer Field	Soccer vs. RHEMA
Sept	6	5:30 p.m.	Gym	VB vs. Oklahoma Baptist University
Sept	9	12:30 - 3:00 p.m.	C135	Club Orientation
Sept	9	5 p.m.	Soccer Field	Soccer vs. NEOSHO
Sept	9	7:30 - 9 p.m.	Perf. Hall	Dallas Children's Theater presents
Sept	10	1 & 5 p.m.	Gym	VB Tri Match
Sept	12	12:30 p.m.	C135	Film & Discussion: "Gifted Hands: The Ben Carson Story"
Sept	13	11 a.m. - 1 p.m.	Lower Courtyard	Club Fair
Sept	14	11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	S100	Constitution Day Program
Sept	14	by 4 p.m.	C141	Student Government Association Applications due!
Sept	14	6 p.m.	Soccer Field	Soccer vs. SW Adventist University
Sept	16	7 p.m.	Gym	VB vs. Ranger College
Sept	20	9 a.m. - 2 p.m.	Pit/Atrium	Service Learning Fair
Sept	20	7 p.m.	Gym	VB vs. SW Adventist University
Sept	22	12:30 - 3 p.m.	C135	Club Orientation

Gallery 219 presents...



Jennifer Pepper, "Stilt Grass," magnetic tape, wire and text, 2011

Gallery 219 at Eastfield College presents "Itch," an exhibition of new work by Jennifer Pepper from September 1-30,

with an artist reception on September 1 from 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Former Dallas artist and 500X gallery member, Jennifer Pepper left the city life six years ago for the green hills of rural Tennessee. Immersion in the quieter life of the lush forest surrounding her studio has influenced Pepper's newest body of work. Days spent outside exploring with her two young boys provide fodder for works that embellish and obsess over mundane natural phenomenon. As she draws from elements of the surrounding landscape – the rapid growth of invasive plants, loss of honey bees, and the

weather – Pepper retains the concerns in her previous work – that of the detritus of technology. Utilizing the obsolete technology of magnetic tape as material for her work, Pepper translates poison ivy and Japanese stilt grass into paintings and sculptures that speak to the parallel between manmade and natural systems that can easily shift beyond control.

Jennifer Pepper holds a Master of Fine Arts from the University of North Texas in Denton and recently exhibited her newest work at Beth Haley Designs in Nashville, TN in May.

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