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## Eastfield Students Become Part of History in the Big Thicket



Several Eastfield College students recently returned from a unique paid summer research program-- The Project Pathways Biodiversity Summer Institute-- in Saratoga, Texas. One group, comprised of Eastfield students Brittany Dunegan & Francisco Serrano and project leader David Lewis, even made an astonishing discovery of a new species of plant --the *Hygrophorus chamaelon*.

Their experiences were documented by the local east Texas media (KFDM Channel 6 and The Beaumont Enterprise) as the students were studying the All Taxa Biodiversity Inventory at the Preserve a project designed to inventory all the species in the Big Thicket National Preserve in collaboration with the National Park Service. Similar inventories are under way at other natural areas and Eastfield students are benefiting from knowledge of scientists, researchers and college professors from across the nation.

Biology professors Dr. Carl Knight and Jeff Hughes led the Eastfield team along with Dr. Jill Devito, Science Lab Coordinator.

The Project Pathways Biodiversity Summer Institute was made possible by the National Science Foundation Science Talent Expansion Program at Eastfield. The purpose of the program was to encourage students to consider careers in the sciences by providing them with hands on experience and access to sophisticated research equipment that is not usually available at the undergraduate level.

## Faculty & Staff Notes

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

**Angel Briceno – SPAR**

**Johnetta Boldon – College Police**

Local and international musicians delighted audiences during the annual Eastfield College Collegiate Classical Guitar Competition & Festival, June 8–10. The Collegiate Guitar Competition for children and adults kicked off the festival. Concerts featured the Collin County Community College Large Ensemble; Raul Olmos of Mexico; The Tequila Flamenco Pop Ensemble from the University of Tennessee; Eastfield College Continuing Education ensembles; Cross Timbers Youth Guitar Orchestra; Childbloom Ensemble of Austin; Eastfield Faculty Concert; Marisa and Carlos Marina Flute and Guitar Duo; ensembles from UTD and TWU; and featured guitarist Pablo de la Cruz from Madrid. Sponsors for the competition and festival were the Miles Foundation (administered via the DCCC Foundation); La Bella Strings; Eastfield SPAR; Eastfield Arts, Languages and Literature Division and Cafe Madrid Restaurants. Festival Coordinator was Dr. Enric Madriguera, former Eastfield guitar professor and current UTD Guitar Studies Director.

Girl Scout Interest Project College was held at Eastfield June 11–15. Fifty one Girl Scouts, ages 12-17, spent their week earning Interest Project Awards (IPs)

while following a college-like schedule. They attended a variety of IP classes taught by Eastfield professors and staff and area experts. Girl Scouts of Northeast Texas have enjoyed a partnership with Eastfield since 1999. Scouts worked on 17 different IPs including: astronomy-space exploration, digital publishing/ graphic communications, law and order, patriotism, visual arts, emergency preparedness, and personal finance.

Eastfield Criminal Justice Training Center (LEA) graduated 32 students in May. All passed the state certification examination.

Five recent graduates of Eastfield's Basic Peace Officer training program were recently sworn



in as members of the Dallas Police Reserve force. These students completed 704 classroom hours of required state training plus localized training with the Dallas Police Department. This training prepares them for the state certification test and the circumstances they will face on the job. All 5 students successfully passed the state examination. After field performance training, they will work with the Dallas Police Department in various roles.

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### 2007-2008

#### LeCroy Scholars

Eight high school and college students from throughout the Dallas metroplex have been named LeCroy Scholars by the Dallas County Community Colleges Foundation for their outstanding leadership and scholarship. The program honors DCCCD's former chancellor, Dr. R. Jan LeCroy, who served from 1981 to 1988. Each LeCroy scholar receives up to \$3,200 (\$800 per semester with a maximum of four semesters) to attend any DCCC college.

The students, the college they will or do attend and the fields they will study are:

- Norma Broussard of Mesquite, BHC, nursing
- Stephanie Cailloux of Dallas, ECC, nursing
- Wendy Camarena of Dallas, BHC, communications
- Pamela Juarez of Carrollton, BHC, criminal justice
- **Aisha Khan** of Mesquite, EFC, pharmacy
- Young Hoon Lim of Addison, BHC, medical
- Amelia Priddy of Mesquite, ECC, nursing
- Perla Sanchez of Dallas, BHC, biology/business

Six other students are returning 2006-2007 LeCroy Scholars.

They are:

- **Olubolanle Afolayan** of Garland, Eastfield College
- Carmina Becerra of Irving, North Lake College
- Karmen Casey of Irving, North Lake College
- **Norby Parra** of Balch Springs, Eastfield College
- Joanne Stewart of Lewisville, North Lake College
- Michelle Yoby of Highland Village, North Lake College

**Maria Arocha**, Eastfield Director of Community Outreach and Mary Greely-Miller, District Director of Rising Star, co-presented a session at the College Board's First Annual "Prepare: Educating Latinos for the Future of America" Conference in Los Angeles, June 13-15. Over 350 educators, community leaders, parents and advocates attended the inaugural conference which featured national "best-practice" initiatives for increasing the participation and success of Latino students. Maria and Mary's presentation was an overview of the DCCCD Rising Star Program. Dr. Raymund Paredes, Commissioner of Higher Education at the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board was a keynote speaker.

The Eastfield Metroplex East Piano Festival was held June 18-23. **Pierrette Mouldous**, Piano Department Director, assembled an impressive faculty of educators with specialty in piano performance to teach the week-long camps. Instructors focused on elements of stylistic interpretation and technique from classical, jazz and liturgical piano repertoire for students age 7 and up. A highlight of the festival was the guest performance of Konstantyn Travinsky of Ukraine. He began exhibiting his exceptional musical talent at the age of 5. While pursuing his master's degree in Piano Performance, Travinsky received an invitation to continue his career under the tutelage of Van Cliburn Gold Medalist (1973) and Artist In-Residence at UNT, Vladimir Viardo. Competing in international competitions since 2003, Travinsky shared his national reputation with the local piano festival participants.

**Eastfield Business and Industry Training Solutions Division** hosted the 2007 Latino Business Summit on June 21. The summit provides an added value to business networking by providing a learning business experience. Each year a topic is presented that will have an impact on business and industry, its economic opportunities, and workforce. This year's program "International Worldwide Trade:

Opportunities and Parallel Challenges" was sponsored by The Allen Group with media sponsor La Pantera - KFJZ 870 AM Radio Station. Dallas/Fort Worth panelists included: Daniel McAuliffe, President of The Allen Group and Developer of the Dallas Logistic Hub; Grace Davis, Owner and Founder of Omega Environmental Technologies; Lorraine McCord, Director of the International Trade Center SBDC. The Dallas Logistics Hub is a 6,000 acre master-planned development strategically located in the center of the region's most important highway infrastructure for industrial goods movement. There are three deep water ports in Mexico (Topolobampo, Manzanillo, Lazaro Cardenas) and the Port of Houston that are emerging as superior alternatives for Asian goods bound for the population centers of Central and Eastern United States. Because of these underlying dynamics in goods movement, Dallas has become a major hub and a key piece of the NAFTA infrastructure for international and national distribution. Eastfield's **Alma Villalpando**, Business & Training Division, serves as the college's liaison and summit committee representative.

**Amy McDonald**, Marketing and Advertising Coord., will serve as the Junior Class Advisor for the Leadership Garland program for the next two years. She will work directly with the Leadership Garland Steering Committee as they prepare for Class 27 in the fall. The Garland Chamber of Commerce program is one of the most recognized in the state and prepares candidates for leadership positions in the community.

Sandy,

Thanks for the 2 boxes with all the candy and stuff and the letters and cards from the kids. I distributed it all around the company. We spread the letters and cards out to the soldiers. They sure like getting goodies and letters from folks back home. Thanks very much. The soldiers of B 3/144 Infantry salute you for your support.

**William Milam**, Career Technologies faculty

## More News...

Dallas Mavericks' Guard Jason "The Jet" Terry will be speaking at Eastfield's **Community Outreach Program** (ECOP) on Tuesday, July 10 at 7 p.m. in the Gym (P Building).

Jason Terry's Foundation is a sponsor of the ECOP basketball league, which started last year. The ECOP league regularly has more than 100 participants ages 16-28 and approximately 100 spectators cheering their favorite team to victory. Games, which are free to the community, are held on Tuesday and Wednesday nights from 7- 11 p.m. through August 1.

The purpose of the program is to provide the Eastfield College community with an opportunity to participate in a college sponsored sporting event that promotes health and good citizenship. It's purpose is also to help inner city youth and adults to get off the streets

and make them a part of a program that can help them enroll in college, find a job, or earn their GED.

For more information contact Paul Arroyo at 972-860-7605 (work) or 214-641-6565 (cell) or email [PArroyo@dcccd.edu](mailto:PArroyo@dcccd.edu).



The Eastfield **Talent Search** program took 32 high school students on a field trip to Austin on June 13.

The students toured the State Capitol and the University of Texas. While at the University of Texas they attended an information session provided by the university and learned about the college

enrollment process and what to expect as a freshman college student. In keeping



with the Texas theme the day was concluded with a barbeque dinner in Round Rock before returning to Dallas.



For many of the students it was the first time they had an opportunity to visit our State Capitol or a college campus.

More than 500 early childhood development professionals met June 2 at the Dallas Museum of Art to honor those who play an instrumental role in educating young children. **Eastfield** was given ChildCareGroup's Community Partnership Award for receiving more than \$619,000 in federal funds to be used for improving the quality of child care and supporting child care providers. In addition to ECI and ChildCareGroup awards, the Dallas Association for the Education of Young Children presented a host of honors, including: Alzenia Hunter Teacher of the Year- **Coretta Williams**, Eastfield PCSC instructional assistant; Eastfield College Parent Child Study Center Administrator of the Year- Marsha Tackett, director, First United Methodist Church Early Childhood Center, Richardson; Pat Kennedy Educator of the Year Award- Jane Rowe, child development faculty at Brookhaven. ChildCareGroup, a United Way agency founded in 1901, works to promote and deliver the best child care services available outside the home. The event was sponsored by IBM Corporation and coordinated by various other assisting groups.

Eighteen Eastfield summer students enjoyed a historical tour of downtown Dallas on June 29. **SPAR** coordinated the tour to the remodeled Old Red Courthouse Museum and the John F. Kennedy Sixth Floor Museum.

Seventeen students and four sponsors signed up for this interesting tour. Most of the students were raised in the Dallas area, and had never visited either site. It was interesting to hear the various perspectives of what students learned about Dallas' past history.



Students acting out a courtroom drama. Judge James Bright, Witness Brittany Serrioz, Defendant Kim Ainsley and Defense Lawyer Jason Boyd



Haleen Sookoor (SPAR staff), Shirley Young, Deandrea Lozano, Angel Briceno (SPAR staff), Robert Wilkinson, Joyce Philip, Carole Richard and Gilbert Gonzales at the entrance to the Old Red Courthouse.



Students at the Old Red Courthouse

## ESOL News . . .

DISD and Eastfield College began an extensive educational partnership for professional development and ESL language improvement skills for newly recruited international interns for DISD. Approximately 95 interns from Mexico, Central America, South America, and the Caribbean comprise the group. There are also interns from Asia, Africa, India and the Middle East recruited through the aforementioned countries and continents. The partnership started with enrollments in custom designed ESL courses, and will continue with enrollment in other non-credit and credit courses at Eastfield. DISD is paying the cost of tuition and course materials for all of the interns. Maria Caratini Prado, Eastfield ESL/ESOL/Teaching Academy Program Director and Patrick Pulliam, Instructional Specialist, Alternative Certification, DISD, are in charge of the partnership.

ESOL International Tutor, Frances Beckmon, took off last year to the Great Wall of China and returned with new visions for our ESL classes at Eastfield. In July, Frances leaves us again, this time to spend a month in Argentina with our Pampas driven friends to the south! We wish Frances the best and ask for a speedy return to her family and Eastfield!

In September, our ESOL advisor Yolanda Roncal will be traveling to Japan. She will also return with new experiences and perspectives on how to work with our Asian student population.

## Organizational and Staff Development



Eastfield College welcomed Denys Blell, Vice Chancellor for Human & Organizational

Development, on June 17 for his second staff development presentation "Understanding the Cost of Fear and Mistrust in Higher Education" to a group of staff, faculty and students. The seminar explored the causes and sources of fear and mistrust, the interpersonal and systemic dynamics they create and the



cost to organizations in terms of relationships, productivity and quality in teaching, learning and service. A social science class attended providing interaction between students and college employees.



Shirley Kaczka, Eastfield's Associate Dean of Organization and Staff Development, coordinated the

event with plans for future seminars in July and September with varied new topics.

Contact Shirley Kaczka at ext. 7628 for more information on any Organizational & Staff Development event.

## Continuing Education Update

- Children's Swim lessons Session III starts July 16
- Parent & Student Orientation Meeting Schedule (One meeting is required before registering for the graded homeschool connection courses.)  
SUMMER 2007 SCHEDULE  
Saturday, July 21, 9-11am, C118  
Friday, July 27, 3-5 pm, C118  
FALL 2007 SCHEDULE  
Saturday, August 25, 9-11 am, C118  
Saturday, September 8, 12-2 pm, C118  
Saturday, November 10, 9-11 am, C118  
Saturday, December 1, 9-11 am, N216

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**11th Annual Senior Fest**  
Eastfield will once again welcome seniors from all around the Metroplex for the 11th Annual Senior Fest. This year's featured entertainment is actor/entertainer Dave Tanner. The \$8 registration fee includes a continental breakfast and lunch, as well as your choice of two workshops.

This year's workshops include topics such as Digital Camera Basics, Fitness for Seniors, Computers, Railroads and Their Influence on Dallas, and the return of the Sing-A-Long.

All those 50 and over are welcome, but register early to ensure your spot! The more popular workshops fill up quickly.

For more information and a complete list of workshops, call 972-860-7232 or visit [www.eastfieldcollege.com](http://www.eastfieldcollege.com).