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Dia de la Familia

Eastfield hosted Dia de la Familia (Family Day) on April 28. In its 17th year, the celebration's purpose was to promote higher education in the Hispanic community. Dia de la Familia promised to deliver one of its most exciting presentations yet with music, performing arts and a fashion show by the Eastfield Fashion Club and it DID. There were also activities such as giant Twister, an obstacle course, bouncing area, coloring booths, face painting, a traveling magician and balloon sculptures. Visitors received valuable information about the instructional programs and scholarship programs such as the Rising Star Scholarship. The goal of this festival was to increase community participation in education at all levels through these fun, informative activities that are free and family-focused.



Faculty & Staff Notes

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

Brigit Holyfield – Admissions

Elsa Hernandez – President's Office

Eastfield hosted the Garland City Council's Candidates Forum on April 5 at the Garland Council Chamber. President **Dr. Carol Brown** moderated the forum which included candidates running for mayor and council seats in Districts 3, 6, 7 and 8. The forum was broadcast live on CGTV, the city's government access cable channel, and was re-broadcast several times during April. In addition, the forum is available online at www.ci.garland.tx.us. This is the second year for Eastfield to host the forum. Event coordination for the last two years was in partnership with the Garland's Public Information Office and EFC Marketing & Communications Office.

President **Dr. Carol Brown** was one of four national panelists in Herman Miller's first interactive higher education webinar series on April 18. "Challenging the Status Quo of Higher Education through Collaborative Vision and Design" featured Brown and other panelists: Deb Bickford, Associate Provost for Academic Affairs and Learning Initiatives, University of Dayton; Crit Stewart, Associate Dean for Public Services at the Library and Information Center, Georgia Institute of Technology; and William J. Flynn, National Council for Continuing Education and Training (NHCCET) as moderator. The panel of

higher education leaders shared experiences in evolving physical space at his or her institution including a discussion on how the factors (student population demographics, impact of changing technology, evolving teaching and learning, changes in pedagogy, health and safety issues and challenging the status quo) they encountered made changing the physical environment challenging.

Amy McDonald (Marketing & Communications), **Melanie Reynolds** (Business Services), **Dana Mingo** (Financial Aid), **Shirley Kaczka** (Staff & Organizational Development) and **Heidi Bassett** (Business Services) attended the Disney Key's to Excellence Workshop at the Renaissance Hotel in Richardson on April 25. Four different mini-sessions comprised the one day workshop: Leadership, Disney Style; Loyalty, Disney Style; Service, Disney Style and Management, Disney Style. They were treated to an array of insight, ideas and inspiration, which they hope to share with the college.

Deb Shinder, former instructor for the Eastfield Criminal Justice Training Center, is mentioned in an article called "A look at women police writers" for Police News.com that can be found at: www.policeone.com/writers/columnists/RaymondFoster1/articles/1231892/

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Hays Named to All-USA Academic Team



Sophomore Sara Hays has been named to the All-USA Academic Third Team, which is sponsored by Phi Theta Kappa, USA TODAY and the Association of American Community Colleges.

Hays, also the president of Psi Eta Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, will graduate this May with an Associate in Science and has been accepted to the nursing program at Baylor University.

Hays will receive a specially designed and personalized medallion; she was also named to the All-State First Academic Team and received a \$400 scholarship. Selection is based on nominations submitted by community college presidents or CEOs. To be eligible, a student must post a minimum 3.25 cumulative GPA and be eligible to graduate with an associate degree.

While attending the Sigma Kappa Delta International Conference this past March, Hays was awarded an Academic and Service Scholarship for \$350. It was based on academics, service to campus, chapter and community and required two letters of recommendation.

Hays is also involved in many organizations on the Eastfield campus including Sigma Kappa Delta (English Honor Society), Human Services Honor Society, and the Science Club. In the local community she is active on the American Diabetes Association Camp committee and American Cancer Society Relay for Life committee.

Congratulations to **Jane Penney**, Eastfield Sociology professor, for her online sociology course being the first DCCCD course to have been certified by a national team of Quality Matters reviewers. Out of a possible 80 points, the Sociology course received 74 points including all fourteen 3-point standards. The course will be listed on the national Quality Matters site as a course approved in 2007 and QM logo will be posted with the course. By completing this process, Penney learned a tremendous amount of information about how students view her online course and provided her with insights into online instruction and course design.

Sandy (Hampton), Thanks for the boxes with all the stuff and the letters. I took the boxes out to a unit that is stationed out where they don't get anything. They don't even have showers. They are supposed to be getting some water tanks and build some showers and toilets but as of yet they do not know when that will be. They really are appreciative of anything they get. I tell you they have it rough. I read the article in the paper about the shipments. Good deal. We love getting stuff from those back home. And I agree it is not about whether they agree with what is going on over here it is about supporting the troops.

Anyway thanks from me and all the guys that get to enjoy the letters and goodies that you send.

William Milam, Professor, Automotive Technology

On April 14, Eastfield Child Development Faculty and Parent Child Study Center staff took a major leadership role in the successful Dallas Association for the Education of Young Children's Annual Conference which hosted over 800 participants at First United Methodist Church in Richardson. Adjunct Faculty, **Joanie Pieper**, was the Conference Program Chair. **Dr. Susan Wyatt**, Faculty, coordinated the registration for the conference. **Nancy Beaver**, Program Administrator, served on the conference planning committee and presented a four and a half hour training session for school-age child care providers. **Karan Marshall**, Coordinator for Special Projects,

conducted three 1.5 hour sessions for Infant and Toddler teachers. Three more Adjunct Faculty, **Carolyn Middleton**, **Denise Collins** and **Dawn Hallman** conducted 3 sessions each.

The stars of the conference were the teachers of the Eastfield Parent Child Study Center. **Coretta Williams** and **Rebecca Claborn** were a big hit with their three sessions on Pre School Circle time. **Lisa Moore**, **Marla Ponce** and **Linda Vatsikas-Bois** were flooded with eager participants in their three Infant/Toddler Make- and Take-it sessions.

Elaine Cho, English faculty, has been accepted to the Fulbright-Hays "Globalization and Societal Change in South India" Group Project Abroad! This is a joint project between Austin College and Richland College funded by the US Department of Education. Faculty members of both colleges and secondary and primary school educators from institutions in the north Texas region were invited to apply to participate in the project. It will run for four and a half weeks from early July to early August in India, mostly the southern states and ending in Delhi, the national capital. Participants will meet for some pre-departure workshops on weekends in late spring to select project topics and receive background information. In South India, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, and Andra Pradesh, participants will attend lectures on aspects of modern society and visit both contemporary and historical sites related to the project theme with the aim of developing educational resources to strengthen and extend their curriculum and establishing contacts to continue their study. The service component will connect each participant with one of several institutions and organizations in India for engagement on site and exploration of needs and contributions. The project will wrap up with study in Delhi with its national museums and archives as well as tourist sites there and nearby Agra.

Clay Rawlins, Electronics instructor, authored an article in a national publication called "Techniques Magazine."

PTK Wins BIG

Eastfield's Psi Eta Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa inducted 78 new members on April 29. Among the inductees were three distance learners, part of the "virtual" Psi Eta Chapter. **President Dr. Carol Brown** gave the welcome address and keynote speaker was **Dr. Rodger A. Pool**, former Eastfield president and honored DCCCD President Emeritus. Dr. Pool was also the recipient of Phi Theta Kappa's Michael Bennett Lifetime Achievement Award. Also honored was **Dr. Harryette Brown**, English Professor and PTK Advisor for nine years. She received the Texas Region Most Outstanding Advisor award at the state's recent convention.

Judy Schwartz, Student Programs and Resources liaison was honored with a Texas Regional Alumni Award of Merit for Service. **John Asselin**, Institutional Research, was honored with Texas Region Horizon Award for Advisors. Students **Sara Hays**, **Anjie Henson** and Advisor **John Asselin** received plaques for District II PTK Hall of Honor.

Psi Eta Chapter received the following awards at the Phi Theta Kappa International Convention:

- Top 100 Chapter
- Distinguished Chapter President Award - Sara Hays

John Asselin, chapter advisor, joined three Eastfield students, **Alejandra Zapata**, **Victoria Doucet** and **Tim**

Tubbs, in attending the Phi Theta Kappa Texas Regional Convention March 29-31. The group returned with several awards for the chapter and individual awards for members and advisors which included: **Psi Eta Chapter** - Five-Star Program and Texas Top Chapter; **John Asselin**- Horizon Award for Advisors; **Sara Hays**- Texas Hall of Honor for Members. To be a top chapter, Psi Eta had to demonstrate excellence in all four of the Phi Theta Kappa Hallmarks: Scholarship, Leadership, Service, and Fellowship.

Phi Theta Kappa, the International Honor Society of the Two-Year College, has recognized academic excellence in the two-year colleges since 1918.

Student Notes

Melinda Moore, former EFC student, is President elect for Physician's Assistants of Texas. She also sits on a National Board for PA's. Carrie Sacky, also a former student, is past president of the Pharmacists Association of Texas. Former EFC student **Tri Tran** is at UTD and got 104 out of 100 points on a biochemistry test. He was also accepted into PA school at the Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine in Fort Worth.

Sandra Saucedo Scott's **TECA 1311 class**, collected 1,000+ new children's books to donate to the USO United Through Reading program! Her students were very creative in finding ways to collect new books. One student had her Girl Scout troop adopt the project. Another sold items she had collected from friends and family to Half Price Books and then purchased new books. This class project became a family and community event. In fact, an executive from Half Price Books was so impressed with the number of my students coming into his store to purchase new books for this project that he sent a letter letting Scott know that his corporate office will soon be donating books for this project!

Eastfield's **Psi Beta Chapter** of Sigma Kappa Delta attended the national English Honor Society National Conference in Pittsburgh, PA on March 28-31. The Eastfield chapter

was the only DCCCD chapter represented and part of the largest SKD delegation to ever attend. In addition, Psi Beta Chapter had the most students present among other community colleges. Faculty Sponsors **Larissa Washington** and **Elaine Cho** and students **Stephanie Boyd**, **Sara Hays**, **Donna Jackson**, **Kostas Lazanas** and **William Wilson** attended workshops and concurrent sessions featuring poetry, non-fiction, fiction, American and British Literature, collaborative projects, fund raising and panel discussions. At the awards luncheon, Sara Hays received an Academic and Service Scholarship award in recognition for her outstanding contributions to Eastfield and Sigma Kappa Delta.

Students in **Larissa Washington's English class**, the **Eastfield Science Club** and **Psi Eta Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa** participated in Keep Mesquite Beautiful's bi-annual Trash Bash on April 21. They joined other community groups and individuals and spent the morning picking up litter and doing clean-up projects to help make Mesquite a more beautiful place to live. Special kudos go to Ms. Washington's class who went above and beyond, spending almost 11 hours on their assigned shed painting project.

Caropresi Guitar Scholarship Winners

The recipients of the Lee Caropresi Guitar Scholarship for this year are Toby Binion of Garland and William Grant of Dallas. The scholarship fund has awarded eight scholarships since 2004.

Former student Lee Caropresi studied under Dr. Enric Madriguera, long time professor of Guitar Studies at EFC. Lee served as the Director of Music at the Episcopal Church of the Resurrection in Dallas and played in a band called "The Touch."

"As a former Eastfield student and as a guitarist, songwriter and vocalist, Lee valued education and would be pleased to know these students were assisted in their educational endeavors," said Patsy Caropresi, Lee's widow. "We want to encourage the recipients to continue their education and develop their musical talents. My family and I were delighted to award scholarships to these students in my husband's memory."



Toby Binion (left) and Will Grant are the recipients of the 2006-07 Lee Caropresi Guitar Scholarship.

Math Club News

The Math Club hosted the Second Annual Eastfield High School Math Bowl on April 13. Students from area high schools were invited to come for the competition and enjoy a day at EFC. The goal of the event was to help our outreach program recruit more high school students at the same time that we promote our math core curriculum at EFC. The results for this year were:



1st place- Skyline HS (pictured)
2nd place- West Mesquite HS

3rd place- Garland HS

The Math Club's advisors for 2006-07 were Profs. Elizabeth Howell and Leticia Escobar. The Co-Presidents were Brian Goad and Luis Avellaneda. Though the club only had four active members, they accomplished quite a bit this year. They sponsored several activities/fundraisers such as:

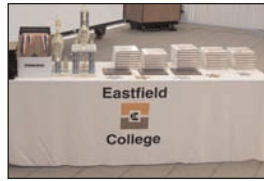
- "How to Succeed in Math" workshop during study skills week
- Guest Speaker Dr. Stuart Anderson (from A&M - Commerce): SUDOKU information and the math behind it
- Pi Day / Pie Bake Sale – fundraiser that was FUN!
- Finals Review Session– advisors and club members helped tutor students for their finals in the fall and spring
- Peer tutoring after each meeting
- Supported and spread the word about the Math Spot

Art News

John Lewis, Instructional Specialist, coordinated a demonstration/workshop on Liquitex paints for EFC art students on Tuesday, April 3. With help from Underground Art Association's (student art club) marketing strategies, the workshop was a total success. More than 35 students left the workshop with a free set of paint and lots of ideas for new artwork.

Liquitex is a brand of acrylic paints that have been around for 50 years. It was the first water-based acrylic paint invented.

HBBC Banquet



The Harvesters Basketball Booster Club (HBBC) sponsored its first annual Sports

Award Banquet on April 21. Joining the team and coaches in the celebration was Dr. Carol Brown, President; Dr. Joy Black, VPSSEM; Dr. Mark Presley, Dean of Science & PE; and Judy Schwartz, SPAR Program Specialist.



All team members received certificates of appreciation and medallions were presented to the following players for their individual national accomplishments: Semar Ferris and Greg Morgan, ranked



4th and 17th for steals per game and Brian Giddings, ranked 33rd for free throws.

Trophies for accomplishments at Eastfield were awarded to Semar Farris as Most Valuable Player; Greg Morgan, Freshman of the Year; Greg Boxell, Sophomore of the Year; Chris McGuire, Most Improved Player; Greg Boxell and Terrance McCollister shared the Harvester



Award; Obi Ezedinma, Defensive Player of the Year; Terrance McCollister, Academic Player

of the Year. The Booster Club was able to fund this special event through various fund raising activities.



Continuing Education Update

Classes starting in May:

CPR and First Aid, GED and Scuba

Summer classes:

- Children's reading, math, writing, piano, guitar
- American Red Cross Learn to Swim and personal water safety classes
- Piano Festival week of 6/18
- ESL
- American Sign Language
- GED
- Spanish
- Criminal Justice
- Computers in Spanish and English
- Quickbooks
- Medical Administrative Assistant: Billing, Coding, and Office Customer Service
- Human Resource Management
- Small Business Management
- Grant Writing
- Heavy Equipment
- OSHA Safety
- Auto Body and Advanced Repair Drafting
- Electrical and Construction Trades
- Electronics
- Telecommunications
- HVAC
- Digital Imaging
- Welding
- Water Hydrobics
- Adult Piano and Guitar
- Art
- Belly dancing
- Emeritus (senior citizen) classes
- and more!

Upcoming Events

Piano Fest: June 18 -23

Pierrette Mouledous has assembled an impressive faculty of educators with specialty in piano performance to teach the week-long camp. Age 7 and up; tuition starts at \$75 (audition on June 14-15 is required for intermediate and advanced workshops).

Guitar Fest: June 8 - 10

Local and international musicians will delight audiences during the Classical Guitar Competition & Festival to be held June 8-10. Cost for workshops range from \$50 to \$125 and are offered through Eastfield's Continuing Education Office.

Basketball News



Head Basketball Coach Anthony Fletcher announced recently that three of his players have

Greg Morgan (left) and Greg Boxell

signed formal scholarship agreements with National Collegiate Athletic Association schools. Harvesters Greg Boxell, Greg Morgan and Chris Cooper have moved to the next stage in their playing careers by signing with four year universities. Boxell, of Richardson, signed with Lynn University, Division II-Sunshine State Conference, in Boca Raton, Florida. Morgan, of Garland, signed with Cameron University, Division II-Lone Star Conference, in Lawton, Oklahoma. Cooper, of Hurst, signed a scholarship agreement last December and transferred to Nicholls State University, Division I-Southland Conference, in Thibodaux, Louisiana. All three young men were recruited heavily by Division I and II basketball programs.

Baseball News

The Eastfield Harvesters fell to Tyler in their game Friday evening at the NJCAA District C Tournament. The Harvesters came back against North Arkansas in their second game, beating them 8 to 5 but lost to Richland in their last game.

Harvesters Michael O'Campo and Anthony Sarao were named All Conference Players.

In other news...

Michael O'Campo and Tommy Rozell have signed letters of intent to play baseball at Northwestern State University in Natchitoches, LA. Allen Neill has signed with the University of Arkansas - Monticello.

Organizational & Staff Development Update

Organizational & Staff Development hosted a gathering on April 27 based on Jack Canfield's book "The Success Principles." The group watched highlights of his CD, reviewed his book and completed written exercises to discover new disciplines and strategies of success to help us incorporate into our job and daily life.

Shirley Kaczka said afterwards that all the materials were checked out but you can put your name on the waiting list for the DVD - Workbook and/or CD series. She states that this was one small step in getting to know each other, group effectiveness and leadership training, a product from our Brainstorming Breaks in March. Nine attended the limited seating session and those who attended will have the session noted on their transcript with the help of CE. She hopes to have continued sessions throughout the summer since the topic is so broad.

Remember to be on the look out for new sessions and please make every effort to come -- you meet terrific people (we have a harvest of gold here at Eastfield).

Upcoming Events

- Walk with the President at noon on Thursdays in May, EFC walking trail
- Wednesday morning, May 30 Multi Culturalism, presented by Vice Chancellor Denys Blell, Room S100
- Sign up for Weight Watchers - we need 20 people to sign up so that we can have meetings on campus

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

The votes are in!

Posters created by Felix Leshey's (adjunct faculty) Marketing 1311.4501 class were set up on the 2nd floor hallway between C and L buildings. Viewers were asked to vote on them and the poster at the right received the most votes out of the dozen on display.

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