



TEMPLE COLLEGE FACULTY COUNCIL

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

April 2016

Liberal Arts

English

Dr. Beverly Van Note, English faculty, recently presented a paper entitled "Repainting the Wicked Queen in Cary's *Mariam*" at the South-Central Renaissance Conference in St. Louis.

Math, Science, & Physical Education

Physics

Recently, Dr. John McClain, Physics faculty, participated in a Whole Earth Telescope (WET) run.

The Whole Earth Telescope (WET) is an international collaboration of over 25 telescopes. Several times during the year, for periods between two weeks to a month, these telescopes observe in unison, acting effectively as a single instrument. This month, we are performing ground-based follow-up photometry of the white dwarf WD 1145+017 (white dwarfs are essentially the remains of low-mass stars. They are the left over carbon/oxygen cores that remain after the star throws off its outer layers as it dies. The discarded material usually forms a planetary nebula, named such because when first observed they looked like planets), that has recently been suggested to be orbited by up to six or more, short-period, low mass, disintegrating planetesimals. Our data will be used in conjunction with other WET data to help determine the characteristics of these planetesimals. The director of the WET sent a note of appreciation for the good data received from Central Texas. The Central Texas Astronomical Society (CTAS) is a member of the WET.

Physical Education

Pam Lee, Physical Education Department Chair, reports that 20 First Aid students successfully completed the American Heart Association Basic Life Support for Healthcare Providers certification this semester.

Mathematics

On March 23rd, the Mathematics Department held its annual Mathematics Enrichment Seminar. This year's guest speaker was Dr. Thomas A. Garrity, the William R. Kenan Professor of Mathematics at Williams College in Williamstown, MA. The title of this year's seminar was "Why Are Mathematicians So Arrogant, and Why They Should Be: or, Why Mathematics is the Ultimate Structure of Reality". The math department's annual enrichment seminar is funded by an anonymous donor.

Biology

Dr. Jeff Troy, Biology faculty, has co-authored two papers with collaborators from Texas State University – San Marcos and the University of California at San Diego. The article titled "Characteristics Associated with Newell's Shearwater and Hawaiian Petrel burrows on Kauai, Hawaii" was published in the journal *Waterbirds*. The article titled "Intrinsic Heterogeneity in Detection Probability and its Effect on N-mixture Models" was published in the journal *Methods in Ecology and Evolution*.

Dr. Honey Golden, Biology faculty, has co-authored a paper with collaborators from the Department of Medical Physiology at the Texas A&M Health Science Center and the Central Texas Veterans Health Care System. The title of their article is "p38 α MAPK inhibits stretch-reduced JNK activation in cardiac myocytes through MKP-1". This article was published in the *International Journal of Cardiology*.

More details about these articles is included on the separate attachment submitted by Dr. Jason Locklin, Biology Department Chair.

Health Professions

Nursing

ADN students have been collecting food for the Open Arms Ministry Food Pantry.

Erica Perrine is attending the NCLEX Regional Workshop in Austin on April 1st.

Pat Kirkpatrick and Glenda Moore are attending the ACEN Self-Study Forum in Atlanta later in April. The forum will assist TC in writing its self-study in preparation the next site visit which is scheduled to occur in spring of 2017.

Thanks to the Board of Trustees for your service to and support of the students, faculty, and staff of Temple College.



To: Temple College Administration and Board of Trustees

From: Dr. Jason Locklin,
Biology Department Chair

Date: 1 April 2016

Re: **Biology Faculty Publications**

The Biology Department is pleased to announce that two faculty members have recently had manuscripts accepted for publication.

Dr. Jeff Troy has coauthored two papers with collaborators from Texas State University and the University of California San Diego.

Title 1: Characteristics associated with Newell's Shearwater (*Puffinus newelli*) and Hawaiian Petrel (*Pterodroma sandwichensis*) burrows on Kauai, Hawaii, USA.

Journal: Waterbirds

Summary: This paper documents small-scale environmental characteristics associated with nests of two seabird species (one threatened and one endangered) in montane forest on the island of Kauai. Results of the study will improve understanding of nesting habitat for these rare seabirds in Hawaii, which will be important for conservation efforts.

Title 2: Intrinsic heterogeneity in detection probability and its effect on N -mixture models.

Journal: Methods in Ecology and Evolution

Summary: Many ecologists now use the technique of N -mixture models to estimate the abundance of particular species based on repeated survey data. Detecting an individual organism during a survey depends on the probability of detecting that individual. Using simulated data, they tested several versions of N -mixture models for their ability to provide suitable estimates of abundance when different forms of variation in individual detection probability exist. Their results suggest that N -mixture models are generally robust to variability in individual detection probabilities. However, structured variation in detection probability (such as when the probability of detecting an individual increases as the number of individuals present in an area also increases) and low detection probabilities reduced model performance. This information will be important for ecologists applying N -mixture models to estimate abundance of species based on survey data.

Dr. Honey Golden has coauthored a paper with collaborators from the Department of Medical Physiology at Texas A&M Health Science Center and Central Texas Veterans Health Care System here in Temple.

Title: p38 α MAPK inhibits stretch-induced JNK activation in cardiac myocytes through MKP-1

Journal: International Journal of Cardiology

Summary: Myocardial stretch is a major determinant that leads to heart failure, which is associated with a steady increase in myocardial angiotensinogen expression and formation of the biological peptide angiotensin II (Ang II). Their work elucidated the myocardial signaling mechanisms between stress-induced MAP kinases c-jun NH2-terminal kinase (JNK) and p38 α , which play opposing roles in regulating angiotensinogen gene expression. p38 α was found to activate MKP-1 phosphatase, which inactivates JNK, thereby inducing angiotensinogen gene expression in isolated neonatal rat ventricular cardiac myocytes. The emerging role of MKP-1 in JNK regulation highlights the importance of this phosphatase in heart disease progression and its potential as a therapeutic target.



MEMORANDUM

Vice President of Educational Services

To: Dr. Glenda O. Barron
From: Dr. Mark A. Smith
Subject: April 2016 Educational Services Report

The Educational Services presentation will be "Voice Recognition and the Challenges and Rewards of Closed Captions" by Mr. Craig Collins. Outlined below are the reports from the educational services centers/departments.

COMMUNITY INITIATIVES AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS

No report.

ACADEMIC OUTREACH & EXTENDED PROGRAMS

ELearning

Mr. Brian St. Amour, Director for eLearning, reports that he and Dr. Spencer are scheduled to attend an Accreditation and the Impact on Distance Learning Conference in Dallas on April 15. Final narratives (based on conference notes) and attach evidence for Federal Requirements 4.81, 4.8.2, and 4.8.3 will then be completed.

It is time to submit the annual HERC report. This report highlights any Temple College instruction taking place in other community college's service areas. Final editing, review, and submission of the Temple College report to the Higher Education Regional Council (HERC) web portal must be completed and upload by April 15. The HERC regional meeting is scheduled for May 6.

ELearning staff is working with the Temple College Bookstore to include eLearning Orientation Session schedules on the backside of the textbook return policy starting summer 2016. Work is also being done on a redesign of the eResources Help Chart that includes Network Computer, TConnect, D2L, Library, and Outlook 365 email login instructions.

ELearning staff has set the eLearning Student Orientation schedule and upload it to the web portal. Communications have been sent to staff reminding them to review and coordinate interactive video requests, identify proposed interactive video sections and coordinate requests for facilitators.

Ms. Christa Quigley, Associate Director ELearning/VCT Coordinator, reports that she has finalize Summer Temple College courses and is comparing them to other schools' offerings to open seats to VCT students.

ELearning staff has scheduled an upgrade D2L Migration from version 10.3 to version 10.5. Dates set for updates to both the test and production servers are March 22 for the test server and May 16 for the production server. The eLearning Core Team will review test site updates. There is ongoing review to investigate the "continuous updates" model proposed by D2L and implications it may have to staff, faculty, and students.

Mr. Brian St. Amour will be attending the 19th Annual Texas Distance Learning Association (TxDLA) Distance Learning Conference in San Antonio March 28 – 31. Brian has made the final round selection for editorial readers for the *Texas Distance Learning Association Journal*; He will attend the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at TxDLA conference on March 29.

DUAL CREDIT

Mr. Stephen Phelps, Director Dual Credit, reports that he attended several ISD Program Advisory meetings to make sure all counselors were prepared for the early submission of dual credit applications due to the stepped up April fall 2016-2017 registration cycle. He also participated with Dr. Daniel Spencer in the Central Texas P20 Career Day to assist Mr. Michael Pilgrim, Coordinator, Recruitment Programs with the event.

In **SP15**, we ended with:

- 2,039 duplicated students
- 922 unduplicated students
- 6,531 semester hours
- 115,584 contact hours

Currently for **SP16** we have:

- 2,001 duplicated students
- 940 unduplicated students
- 6,363 semester hours
- 109,568 contact hours

EWCHEC-TAYLOR

Ms. Kim Townsend, Office Manager East Williamson County Higher Education Center (EWCHEC)-Taylor reports that Taylor ISD (TISD) has been busy doing repairs and maintenance at EWCHEC Taylor. Over spring break, TISD staff waxed the floors and did touch-up painting. Electrical work also has been done in various classrooms to meet the needs of instructors.

EWCHEC Taylor staff has been assisting with the coordination of the upcoming Relay for Life event to be held on April 8 at Memorial Stadium in Taylor. The EWCHEC Taylor lobby was used for a Taylor Rotary Club Blood Drive and a Temple College Nursing student fundraiser.

Taylor police were called to EWCHEC Taylor to remove a man from the parking lot that was filming cars, students, and the building. On March 28, a report of individuals smelling gas was reported and Taylor ISD staff came to check the building. No gas leak was discovered. A procedure is now in place to call 911 so that Taylor Fire Department can respond.

TEXAS BIOSCIENCE INSTITUTE (TBI)

Meetings are being held with Baylor Scott & White Health (BSWH) research staff to discuss the TBI summer research experience. TBI has received 30 applications for the program and BSWH researchers will be participating. BSWH staff also will assist with the orientation and coordination of classes for the participants that cover various safety, patient rights, and poster presentation topics.

TBI staff have received 100+ applications for incoming freshman (high school junior) students for the fall 2016-2017 academic year. The TBI is completing its tenth year of operation this spring. The first pilot class began in 2006 with 43 students.

TBI staff hosted Temple ISD higher administration and various school principals for a meeting and tour of TBI. Temple ISD has developed a “moving feast type meeting” that is routinely scheduled at various locations of business partners and TISD stakeholders so that ISD staff can see what the organizations do and what type of skill sets their employees will need for the future (by better understanding its partner’s operations, TISD can better educate its learners).

EWCHec-HUTTO

Several community events and meetings will be held at EWCHec-Hutto during April. In addition, Temple College, TSTC Williamson County, and TAMU-CT will be hosting a joint “College Preview Day” at the Hutto Center on Thursday, April 14. There are currently more than 450 students, parents, and high school counselors signed up for the event.

Community Events hosted at EWCHec-Hutto:

- Hutto EDC Project Tour – April 6
- Hutto Police Department Training – April 11-15
- Chamber of Commerce Power Luncheon – April 13
- Hutto Police Department Training – April 18-22

Recruiting Events:

- EWCHec-Hutto College Preview – April 14

STUDENT & ENROLLMENT SERVICES

General Information

Summer 2016 priority registration will begin April 4, 2016 and regular summer 2016 registration will begin April 11, 2016.

Fall 2016 priority registration will begin April 25, 2016 and regular registration will begin May 2, 2016.

EWCHec Hutto

Mr. Henry Morin, Coordinator, Student and Enrollment Services, reports 624 students were served for financial aid, admissions applications, evaluations, advising, registration, add and drop, cashier functions, and/or general questions. Some of these students were seen on more than one occasion.

On March 23, 2016 Ms. Donna Jolley, Coordinator, Student and Enrollment Services, attended a meeting at Hutto High School regarding Dual Credit.

On March 28, 2016 Ms. Theresa Stifflemire, Coordinator, Student and Enrollment Services, attended a meeting with the Community group “Hutto Has Heart” here at EWCHec – Hutto.

EWCHec Taylor

Ms. Christy Hortenstine, Coordinator Student and Enrollment Services, reports 647 students have been seen in the Taylor center so far in the month of March. (These numbers do not

include email or phone advising.) Thirty-one percent of those are financial aid related, 6% admissions related, 11% academic advising related; and 52% advising over multiple areas of admissions, financial aid, and academic advising.

Ms. Hernandez, Ms. Brown, and Ms. Hortenstine have been busy meeting with traditional students, nursing students, and Legacy ECHS students regarding graduation and transfer planning. Ms. Hernandez and Ms. Hortenstine are meeting with the LVN students who will start their program in June.

The Temple College Taylor staff, faculty, and students are preparing for the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life on April 8th. They have coordinated and hosted the silent auction for the last 10 years. Staff, faculty, and students have been working with the community to gather silent auction donations from local businesses. They will set up and run the silent auction during the event. Relay for Life is a wonderful community event attended by over 1000 people throughout East Williamson County.

Admissions and Records – March report

Applications Entered into Datatel	464
Transcripts Entered into Datatel	2,959
Transcripts Requested (Learner requested)	808 w/dup 1,191
Transcripts Equated	2,909

Advising

On March 2 – 5, 2016 International Student Advisor, Ms. Alfreda Washington, attended the Texas NAFSA Convention for International Student Advising at Texas Tech in Lubbock. Ms. Washington received her F1 Visa Student Advising for Beginners certification.

On March 24, 2016, Advising Director, Mrs. Danya Bailey, and Academic Advisor, Mrs. Emily Brighi, provided a preview of the Student Education Plan programming for Associates of Arts Academic Pathways to Student Success Coach, Ms. Hattie Freeman; Associate Registrar, Ms. Sarah Artus; and Taylor Academic Advisor, Chriss Brown. Mrs. Bailey and Mrs. Brighi gathered input and suggestions for improvement to make the proper adjustments to the programming before implementing the Student Plans for fall 2016 registration.

Financial Aid Board Report

Ms. Peggy Watts, Director of Financial Aid, reports that 699 students were seen at the front counter during the month of March 2016. There were seven Financial Aid Suspension Appeals received during the month with 29% approved. So far for the 2015-2016 academic year, there have been 2,750 students receiving Pell grants for a total disbursed amount of \$8,395,490 along with 1,836 students receiving student loans for a total disbursed amount of \$10,223,701. Total students receiving loans has decreased from the prior month due to processing Return of Title IV funds for students withdrawing from all their classes.

Mrs. Carrol Dubcak, Mrs. Sheila McMillan, Ms. Rhonda Miller, and Mrs. Lisa Schmidt Financial Aid Advisors, volunteered to escort students during the P-20 Central Texas Regional Council sponsored Career Day held at the Temple College main campus on March 4, 2016.

Mrs. Lisa Schmidt presented three in-person loan counseling classes during the month of March 2016. She will present at least two more classes this spring 2016 semester. First-time loan borrowers are required to attend one session at Temple College. There are usually thirty to forty students present per session.

The College Student Budget was submitted by Ms. Peggy Watts to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board on March 28, 2016 for the 2016-2017 academic year. On average, the total cost of attendance budget for the 2016-2017 academic year has decreased 2% primarily due a decrease in the transportation component because of falling gasoline prices. Tuition rates for 2016-2017 will remain basically the same as 2015-2016.

Ms. Rhonda Miller, Mrs. Inge Schey, Mrs. Lisa Schmidt, Mrs. Sheila McMillan, Ms. Kristina Richardson, and Ms. Peggy Watts participated in numerous webinar training sessions hosted by the U.S. Department of Education (ED) during March 2016. These webinars included Return to Title IV (R2T4) Basic Training, R2T4 Training for Modules, Understanding and Managing the CDR Challenge and Appeal Process, and FSA Program Review Essentials and the Top 10 Compliance Findings.

The second disbursement of spring-only loans plus 2nd 8-week class refunds is scheduled for April 8, 2016.

Student Loan Information:

- 2015-2016 academic year: 28.9% of total students enrolled received federal loans so far this year for a total amount disbursed of \$10,223,701. The percentage of students receiving federal loans is prone to increase during the summer due to students exhausting other forms of financial aid during the fall and spring semesters.
- 2014-2015 academic year: 39.7% of total students enrolled received federal loans for a total amount disbursed of \$16,086,684
- 2013-2014 academic year: 36.6% of total students enrolled received federal loans for a total amount disbursed of \$18,318,741

Cohort Default Rate:

- FY 2013: The U. S. Department of Education announced our Unofficial Cohort Default Rate of 11.8% on February 29, 2016. The Official Cohort Default Rate is scheduled to be released on September 26, 2016.
 - Students in Default: 231
 - Students in Repayment: 1,951
- FY 2012: Official Cohort Default Rate 15.4%
 - Students in Default: 261
 - Students in Repayment: 1,685
- FY 2011: Official Cohort Default Rate 23.3%
 - Students in Default: 333
 - Students in Repayment: 1,424
- FY 2010: Official Cohort Default Rate 26.1%
 - Students in Default: 308
 - Students in Repayment: 1,178

Three students were given the In-Person Loan Counseling session this month at EWCHEC-Hutto.

Ms. Hernandez and Ms. Hortenstine continue to process Satisfactory Academic Progress appeals as well as financial aid verifications and loan requests. Two Entrance Loan

Counseling Classes were offered at EWCHEC in March and two additional classes are scheduled for April 2016.

Recruitment

Mr. Michael Pilgrim, Coordinator of Recruitment Programs reports an increase in individual tours. Multiple large high school tours also came through campus to learn about opportunities offered at Temple College. Temple College hosted 21 colleges, universities, and Armed Forces Recruiters at our College Transfer Day. Central Texas Workforce Commission and Temple College hosted over 200 high school seniors at our annual Career Day event.

Planning for spring graduation has begun, and all required venues have been booked. This year the Hutto High School Band will perform the graduation music at the Hutto Graduation. We will continue to finalize graduation plans and begin planning for our annual Open House even in July.

- Recruiting provided 24 personal tours
- On March 2, 2016, 21 colleges and universities attended the Temple College Spring Transfer Fair
 - Tarleton University brought their computer trailer to allow students to apply to the university and register for classes
 - Texas State University brought an advising team to help students transfer their classes from Temple College
 - All the colleges and universities said they had a good turn out and plan to return next year
- March 3, 2016, Mr. Michael Pilgrim attended Salado High School's College Night
- March 4, 2016, Temple College in coordination with the P-20 Central Texas Regional Council held their annual Career Day on Campus. We invited TSTC as part of the Hutto Campus to participate in this event. We had over 200 students on campus who were able to learn about the different education opportunities offered at Temple College. They were also able to learn what careers were available from professionals in their fields. The day was wrapped up with a motivational speaker who did a superb job engaging with the students to help them understand how education can help them be successful in life regardless of their background.
- Starting March 7, 2016 recruiting began working with the athletic coaches to help engage their prospects in campus and tour. Recruiting will continue to help when we are able.
- March 10, 2016, Belton High School brought 35 students to Temple College for a campus tour. Ms. Jennifer Graham with the Temple College Foundation has been engaged with these large tours doing a great job talking to students about financing college.
- Ms. Hortenstine and Ms. Hernandez presented at the Thrall Community Education Foundation – College 101 Presentation on March 9 and the Rockdale Dual Credit Night on March 10. There were about 46 people at Thrall and about 52 at Rockdale. They have been working with local area high schools to finalize their dual credit course requests for 2015-2016. They are scheduling College 101 information sessions for graduating seniors in May for Taylor, Rockdale, Granger, Thrall, Bartlett, and Thorndale schools.
- March 21, 2016, Mr. Michael Pilgrim met with Linda Yang at the Wilson Park Recreation Center in Temple about developing a class or seminar on Temple College opportunities. The desire is to engage people from the Temple area and

ensure they know what educational benefits are available to them right here in Temple. We have established Saturday April 2, 2016 as a day to have a College and Career Day at the Wilson Park Recreation Center, and we are working on a follow-up seminar the following week for those interested in more information.

- March 23, 2016, Troy ISD brought their entire senior class of 80 students to Temple College for a campus tour.
- March 23, 2016, Mr. Michael Pilgrim participated in a webinar “7 Habits of Highly Effective College Students” offered by Franklin Covey.
- March 29, 2016, McGregor High School brought 90 high school juniors to Temple College for a campus tour.
- March 30, 2016 Ms. Jennifer Decker with Rosebud Lott & Connally Gear-Up will visit campus to see the space Temple College has made available for her group of 200 local High School Students to visit campus. Temple College Recruiting will have the opportunity to speak with these students at their May 18, 2016 event.

Mr. Pilgrim will attend community events, chamber activities, and visit with local businesses throughout the month. Mr. Pilgrim will also work to engage more businesses and local community resources in order to ensure people in our community know the opportunities available at Temple College.

Retention

Mr. Adrian Sora, Director of Student Retention reports there has been 502 retention Alert cases submitted to his office as of March 29, 2016. The cases are distributed to the necessary departments or handled in the retention Office. Thirty seven instructors have submitted at least one Retention Alert case. Mr. Sora suggests that this number should be higher.

Mr. Sora has received his Zogotech training and will begin utilizing the system. The first task he will do will be to identify and contact all of the students enrolled for the fall 2015 semester that did not return for the Spring 2016 semester. He will also begin to use the system to identify students that are below a 2.2 Grade Point Average and have the success coaches contact them. Any student that has a 2.2 Grade Point Average is statistically one semester away from being on Academic Probation.

Mr. Sora continues to meet with suspension and probation students. They just completed their second mandatory meeting.

Mr. Sora has been selected to serve as the Title IX Deputy Coordinator for Pregnancy Services. Students seeking Title IX pregnancy services will work through Mr. Sora if they wish to seek any temporary accommodations due to their pregnancy.

The Zero Week schedule for the summer and fall 2016 semesters, respectively are in the process of being completed.

Student Accommodations/Athletic Advising

Ms. Misty Reid, Coordinator of Student Accommodations/Athletic Advisor sent letters of accommodations for the spring 2016 semester on January 14, 2016. Ms. Reid is still processing new documentation for new accommodation students for spring 2016.

Accommodation letters for 2nd 8-week classes were sent on March. 4, 2016.

So far 439 accommodation letters have been approved and sent for 125 accommodation students for spring 2016.

Ms. Reid has started processing new applications and test scores for new incoming athletes for fall 2016. She has started processing athlete summer graduation applications and will enroll athletes in their summer classes on Monday April 4, 2016 during priority registration.

Ms. Reid will attend the Texas AHEAD conference in Austin on April 13-14, 2016 for accommodations professional development.

Student Life Events for the month of April

April 2 - Young Adult LULAC Garage Sale outside Arnold Student Union (ASU)

April 4 - Baptist Student Ministries Free Lunch in the ASU

April 5 - Pool Tournament in the ASU

April 6 - Carter Blood Drive outside parking lot by ASU

April 6 - Marrow Donor Registry Drive outside parking lot by ASU

April 11 - Baptist Student Ministries Free Lunch in the ASU

April 12 - Movie "Glory" in the ASU

April 13 - Job Fair in the ASU

April 14 - EWCHEC Hutto Preview Day 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

April 14 - Young Adult LULAC Guest speaker Temple Police Chief in the ASU

April 18 - BSM free Lunch in the ASU

April 19 - EWCHEC Hutto Spring Fling

April 20 - Main campus Spring Fling outside ASU

April 25 - BSM Free Lunch in the ASU

Student Success Coach

Since the beginning of the semester, Ms. Anjanette Mesecke, Student Success Coach, has handled over 525 phone calls for the lab required learners and the developmental repeaters. This includes the calls she has made to the learners and the return calls the learners. Contacting the students is an ongoing endeavor as the students are contacted multiple times a semester. When contacting the students, some of the topics addressed may include how the class is progressing for the learner, attendance, retesting, tutoring resources, study skill strategies, time management strategies and contact information for the instructors. Details regarding the calls are documented and reported and include date and time of the calls and the conversations with the students. Developmental repeaters who are repeating a course for at least the second time are the repeaters being contacted.

Ms. Anjanette Mesecke, Student Success Coach, continues processing the spring 2016 Retention Alert cases submitted by the Student Success Division. Instructors have been reporting absences and lack of performance issues in their classes. Some cases are resolved with students catching up or returning to attending the classes. Not all resolutions result in the students catching up or returning to attending class as some students are no longer enrolled in the reported classes.

Ms. Anjanette Mesecke, Student Success Coach, continues working with some of the Academic Probation students. Some of these students are the ones she saw prior to the start of the spring 2016 semester who still need assistance. Study skills strategies and time management strategies are being emphasized.

Testing

Ms. Stephanie Perkins, Testing Center Director, reports that overall in the month of March 517 students tested at the Main Campus Testing Center and 141 students tested at the

EWCHEC-Hutto Testing Center. Tests administered include the TSI Assessment, GED, ACCUPLACER, TEAS-V, HESI-A2, CLEP, classroom exams, and proctored exams from other colleges/universities.

Ms. Angelita Ybarra, Testing Center Coordinator, reports that in February 218 high school students were tested at their high school. The Testing Center has several high schools scheduled to take the TSI Assessment in April.

The HESI-A2 administration began for the ADN applicants on February 22. The testing and application deadline have been extended. The new HESI A2 testing deadline is Thursday, April 14. Prospective students' applications are now due on Friday, April 15 at noon. The Testing Center continues to give the TEAS V Assessment for the application deadlines of other allied health programs.

Veteran's Affairs

Certifications:

February	2016	2015	2014
Week 1	25	39	27
Week 2	84	41	217
Week 3	0 (Spring Break)	0 (Spring Break)	0
Week 4	52	15	103
Week 5	18 (Monday)	17 (Monday)	
Totals	179	112	347

Mr. Patrick Finnegan, Veteran Affairs Coordinator reports enrollment as:

- Spring 2016 - 564
- Spring 2015 - 516

Mr. Finnegan is preparing/advising VA students for summer and fall registrations and setting up TConnect accounts. He is assisting the business office with reconciliation of previous years VA payments Mr. Finnegan is working closely with Student Success Division, Developmental Math program, and the Math Lab to ensure appropriate math class placement for veterans, assisting in both student success and appropriate VA compensation. Mr. Finnegan submitted paperwork for VA certification of Subsea Robotics through Texas Veterans Commission. He also continues to monitor student drops to ensure quality control for VA submissions.

BUSINESS & CONTINUING EDUCATION (BCE)

Customized Training

Our BCE Division partners with businesses and other organizations in our service area to:

- Identify specific employee or team development needs
- Create a targeted plan for addressing these needs
- Find the right facilitator/instructor to lead the sessions
- Host classes at the business location, on our campus, or at another convenient location
- Measure the results and follow up with the client

Executive Director's Report

April 2016

Grants

We are still seeking \$30,000/year for three consecutive years to fund summer internships for students attending the Texas Bioscience Institute. We have received a commitment from Temple College for \$10,000/year, and a commitment from the Temple Health and Bioscience District for \$10,000/year. Additionally, the THBD has offered an additional \$5000/year if we can get that matched as well. The TBI staff are already working to screen student applicants, and arrange for internship spaces. **We are looking for funding for \$15,000/year for three consecutive years. We can't leave this money on the table. We have made a request to Little River Healthcare and BSW.**

BBVA Compass has a "Compass For Your Cause" affinity program. It promotes sound banking solutions for students (using debit cards instead of credit cards, but running them like a credit card at the point of purchase for card security), includes student outreach to help them open free accounts, and provides the Foundation a revenue source for each new account opened and every transaction run as a credit card transaction. We will need to open a BBVA checking account for the purpose of depositing funds. We currently have a BBVA business credit card.

Workforce Preparation

We are continuing to expand our social media content management with our Student Workers. We are now managing social media for 6 different businesses and organizations. One of our donors is making a \$25,000 endowed donation.

We were awarded a \$20,000 grant from the City of Temple to fund Janet's salary to operate the Workforce Preparation Program.

We have one of our Workforce Prep graduates who has been hired at Morgan Stanley, another who is a manager at Schlotzky's, and one who is working for Kerberos, Inc.

University Courtyard

Maria Cheng (ACA – bond insurer) is coming to Temple on April 20th. She will tour UCA, and will meet with me and ACC. She has concerns about budget, and is unwilling to provide the annual debt service waiver that we require for our audit and for bond compliance. She has suggested that the Foundation should borrow money to purchase the project and ACA may be willing to come to the table with some cash to pay off bond holders. My guess is that she will try to force the issue by pushing us into a compliance corner which may leave them open to walk away from the project.

Events

We have booked 11 cabins on our European Cruises. Everyone has booked both cruises.

April 7, we will have an open house to feature artist Noel Johnson's work. She will speak at the City Council meeting inviting the audience to attend. Visitors are also encouraged to have dinners at Pignetti's for "Date Night" that night.

We will have a "Spring Cleaning" sale at the Temple College Spring Fling. We will try to sell outdated and unused items that have been collected at the Foundation over the last 10 years. We are also collecting non-perishable foods for the Leopard Pantry which is up and running.

KTMPO (Killeen Temple Metropolitan Planning Organization) is partnering with the Bike Share Program to drive registrations and sponsor a ride your bike/walk to work week from May 16-20. We will have the two new stations online for that event.

Robert Jones has agreed to chair the sponsorship committee for the golf tournament. We are securing Hole-in-One sponsors to have at least 4 opportunities for hole in one prizes on the course. Robert is also putting together a call committee consisting of people who are new to the Foundation, as well as those who have served us in the past, but may be able to offer a higher commitment level. We will structure the phone-a-thon like a fantasy draft, allowing callers to “draft” names for their calling “team”, and compete for the highest sponsorship acquisition.

Leopard Loan Program

In 2015, we processed 140 loans for a total of \$97,533.

We are talking with Robert Jones of First State Bank who is working to secure a \$10,000 gift for the Leopard Loan program.

Seminars/Student Outreach

We are presenting to all potential students who tour TC. We are sending a strong Graduate Debt Free message, teaching about grants, scholarships and loans.

Building Expenses

We have acquired the expenses for internet and phones from the Entrepreneur Center which creates a huge budget variance. We are working to sell off part of the phone system, and change our internet plan to reduce that expense.

Rental Income

We have 6 offices currently rented. Fledgling businesses are also using our office space for meetings, presentations, etc. and have requested open access offices they can schedule as needed. We will begin offering those options in May. We are visiting the Bandy property to see if there are any options for the Foundation to use it in order to have a campus presence.

Staffing

I have been asked by the Rotary District Governor to lead a team to the Philippines to participate in a month-long service project. This is an extension of the project I lead 3 years ago. Rotary pays for all expenses for the entire team. Team members include young people I've worked with over the last 6 years through Leadership camps, youth exchange, Interact and Rotaract. I will have internet access and cell phone service at night (which is daytime here) and will be accessible to staff throughout. We have planned for the absence, and I've worked ahead to ensure our projects are completed ahead of schedule rather than trying to catch up when I get back. I work every Sunday with the assistance of a Rotary volunteer to have Foundation business taken care of. Staff have worked out all systems in my absence. We would need to cancel the June board meeting.