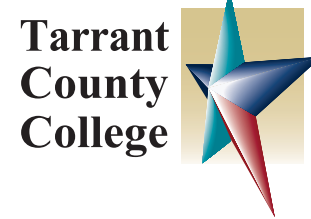


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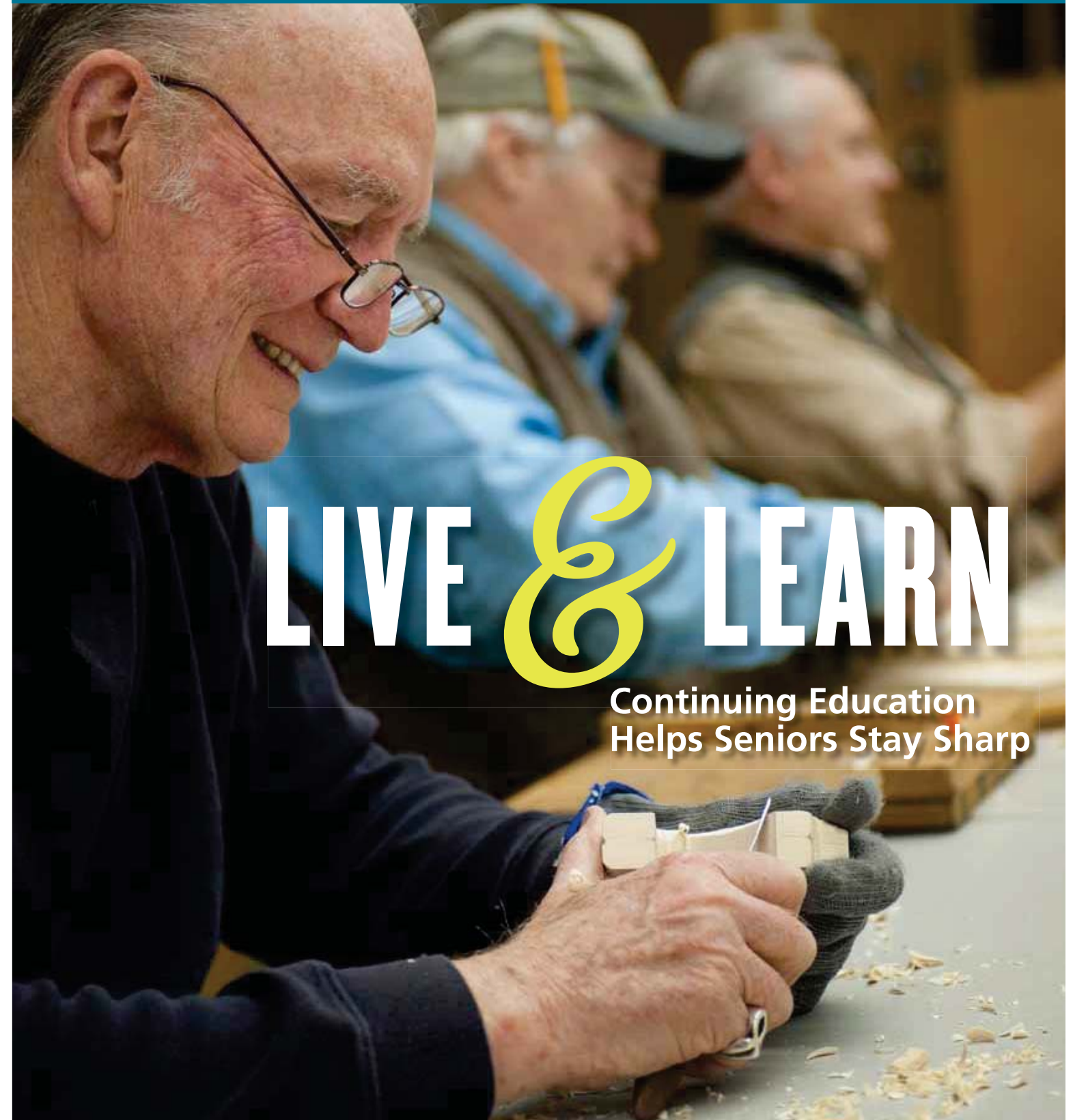
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LIVE & LEARN

Continuing Education
Helps Seniors Stay Sharp

From the desk of



Erma Johnson Hadley
Chancellor

At Tarrant County College, we are fortunate to have a number of key stakeholders who provide continuous support and testimonies of the College's extensive community reach. But of all of these groups, the participants in our Senior Education Program may be the finest examples of the wide-ranging impact.

This senior group may not appear to carry the typical qualities of a college student, but they are arguably the most eager to learn and to give back. As you'll see in this issue, their learning experiences are diverse, encompassing poetry to digital photography and racquetball. And these classes combined with their on-campus social activities indeed makes for a busy calendar.

They are not too busy, however, to give back and contribute to our Tarrant County College learning communities. Our senior group fully embraces the sense of community on and around all of our campuses – and what they do makes a lasting difference.

For instance, many seniors who take a class to learn something new often also volunteer to teach a class in a subject with which they are already familiar. Additionally, their assistance extends beyond Senior Education to College for Kids, TCC's on-campus summer program for elementary and middle school children. And they even impact the lives of many of our traditional credit students through generous contributions to the TCC Foundation Scholarship Funds.

This unique generosity and understanding of what makes a community flourish is representative of the strong network that Senior Education students built during the program's infancy more than 40 years ago. And today, the network remains just as strong. The power of education and community is certainly timeless, and at Tarrant County College we are certainly proud.

Role and Scope

The College implements its mission through a clearly defined set of programs, services and partnerships that include:

- University transfer programs;
- Workforce education programs;
- Developmental courses;
- Adult literacy courses;
- Continuing Education and community services;
- An extensive curriculum; a highly qualified, enthusiastic, innovative faculty and staff; appropriate technology, equipment and learning resources; diverse modes of instruction and delivery; support services to foster student success; work and partnership in support of the cultural and economic development of the community;
- A commitment to institutional effectiveness – an ongoing process of self-examination, self-improvement, and an unending pursuit of excellence.

Mission Statement

Tarrant County College provides affordable, open access to quality teaching and learning.

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ON OUR COVER

Tom Gluntz whittles away during a Senior Education woodworking class.
Photo by DeeDra Parrish.

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From the Editor



Gary Offutt
Projection Editor

I met an old friend for lunch the other day, and he informed me that he's thinking about retiring. After a lengthy career as a business executive, he's certainly earned the right to step down and take it easy for a while, but he said it's the "taking it easy" part that concerns him most. He's seen some of his colleagues retire, only to pass away a few months later. Much like Alexander the Great, who allegedly wept when there were no more worlds to conquer, these men apparently felt there was nothing more to accomplish without the day-to-day challenges of running a successful business, and their health quickly faded.

I reminded my friend that he is different, and times are different. People are not only living longer these days, but they're also living better. The

old idea of spending one's senior years in a rocking chair is being replaced with one of learning new things and pursuing new interests.

There are still worlds to be conquered, and no one proves that better than the students and volunteers in TCC's Senior Education Program. At every campus on any given day, seniors are picking up new hobbies, like woodcarving, jewelry making or pulling a rabbit out of a hat. Others are staying active with dance, yoga or swimming. And a few are simultaneously learning Russian and how to be a private investigator. You never know when those two skills will come in handy.

Keep learning. And if you ever feel like there are no more worlds to conquer, just pick up a TCC Senior Education Catalog. **TCC**

Tarrant County College welcomed two new campus presidents in January. Peter Jordan took the helm at South Campus, and Bill Coppola assumed his duties at Southeast. Although they both hit the ground running, we caught up with them long enough to ask them a few questions.

Q&A with Bill Coppola

President, SE Campus

DeeDra Parrish

→ WHAT HAS SURPRISED YOU MOST ABOUT TCC?

No real surprise; but the warmth and ease with which the administration and faculty of TCC have welcomed me into their family, as well as the continued offers of support and guidance as I acclimate myself to my new position, have been a wonderful bonus.

WHAT ARE SOME OF THE CONSTANTS THAT ARE TRUE FOR EVERY INSTITUTE OF HIGHER LEARNING?

Student success is the basic common goal that all of us strive for. Each and every day, the faculty, staff and administration make decisions that will have an everlasting effect upon our students. Graduation and success beyond our walls are the desired end results of these decisions.

WHAT ADVICE WOULD YOU PASS ALONG TO A NEW STUDENT?

College is your best chance to experience all that the world has to offer. Take every opportunity that you are given; you never know what lies beyond your boundaries if you don't push them to the limit. Ask questions, get involved, and know that we are all here for and because of you. Your education is yours to create, so make it the best you can.

WHAT IS ONE THING ABOUT YOUR CAMPUS THAT YOU WISH MORE PEOPLE KNEW ABOUT?

The never-ending commitment our faculty and staff make each day to our students is beyond that of any I have experienced before. I am amazed at the amount of pride and joy we possess for our students, and cannot wait to watch as it continues to grow.

HOW WAS YOUR TRANSITION TO TARRANT COUNTY?

While leaving a familiar place is never easy, both my wife and I have a long history in the DFW Metroplex, starting in 1984. We have friends in the area from our previous time here, and will always fondly remember and maintain contact with the friends we made during our time in Kingwood, near Houston. Our transition is made easier every day by the wonderful employees of TCC, who are making us feel as if we have been here for years already.

WHAT CAN YOU TELL US ABOUT YOUR FAMILY?

My wife and I have been married for more than 30 years, with 20-year-old twin boys.



One is currently attending a community college, while the other is attending a private college.

HOW DO YOU BALANCE THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF BEING CAMPUS PRESIDENT AND YOUR PERSONAL LIFE?

While I strive to keep my work and personal life separate, being a campus president puts me in the public arena on a constant basis. I try not to discuss day-to-day matters with my wife and kids, but prefer to focus on them when I am away from the office. My wife is very understanding and helps me to remain balanced in all aspects of life.

WHAT'S THE BIGGEST CHALLENGE YOUR CAMPUS FACES?

Three issues that are all interlinked—enrollment growth to nearly 15,000 students, lack of public transportation options, and the traffic/crowding that result from these factors are the major concerns facing our campus today. **TCC**

Q&A with Peter Jordan

President, SO Campus

→ WE UNDERSTAND THAT YOU GREW UP IN THE CARIBBEAN. WHAT WAS THAT LIKE?

Yes, when I arrived in New York, I was a teenager. Much of who I am comes out of a British formative education and upbringing. Besides the white sandy beaches, the outdoor lifestyle, island rhythms, and the stories my grandparents told, I recall a very disciplined environment and access to books about people and places beyond the shores of this tiny island that is 21 miles long and 7 miles wide. My motivation to travel and explore new places was born out of this small island experience that sparked my curiosity and love of reading and geography.

WHAT WAS YOUR FIRST COLLEGE EXPERIENCE LIKE?

I attended Colby College, a small liberal arts college in south central Maine. As you can imagine, the environment was very different from the community in Harlem where I lived. But there were elements that reminded me of growing up in Barbados. I know what you're thinking! How can icy winters remind you of the tropics? It was more about the powerful display and serenity of another, totally opposite dimension of nature.

Since I was a "minority" student, my Colby experience was not without its challenges. Academically, I was in an environment where classmates had gone to much better schools (public and private). I had some catching up to do. And I was faced with adjusting to "culture shock" without resources to mitigate its impact. Yet failure was not an option. I committed the time and effort that helped me make the academic and social adjustment to graduate on time.

HOW WAS YOUR TRANSITION TO TARRANT COUNTY?

Actually, I'm still in transition. Three months into the transition, the steepest part of the learning curve, as I anticipated, is learning names, including the many acronyms we use, and becoming familiar with compliance issues. By nature, I'm not the most patient person. Here, I appreciate that people are more patient and generous with their time. From members of the South Campus and College communities to the Motor Vehicles Department I've been the recipient of a warm and generous welcome.



DeeDra Parrish

WHAT CAN YOU TELL US ABOUT YOUR FAMILY?

This summer, Diana and I will celebrate our 30th wedding anniversary. We have two grown children—Ryan, who lives in Charlotte, North Carolina, holds an MBA and works in banking and finance, and Tamara, who works for a New York law firm that concentrates on medical malpractice. She will complete a Master's Degree in Sports Management this summer. We also have two grandsons, Jelani, a teenager, and Ethan, a precocious 3-year old.

WHAT ADVICE WOULD YOU PASS ALONG TO A NEW STUDENT?

First, it starts with you, the student. Identify your goals, both long- and short-term, and commit to them. Commitment to your goals means giving up (perhaps temporarily) those things that don't advance your goals.

Second, you are not alone. Know that TCC is committed to your success and we want to help remove barriers to your success. It is critical that you understand when you need help (academically, financially, personally, etc.), but you must also let your faculty or advisors know.

Third, find time to engage with the academic and social experiences on the campus. We know that students who are more engaged with their college experience persist and graduate at higher rates. **TCC**

TCC Police Make History



DeeDra Parrish

The Tarrant County College Police Department made history on Dec. 11 as the first two-year college police department to host the annual conference for the Texas Association of College and University Police Administrators. The conference was held in conjunction with the Southwest Region of International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators. Top administrators for Texas' two- and four-year colleges and universities were in Fort Worth focusing on the theme, "Overcoming Challenges, Both the Present and the Future."

← TCC Chief of Police Shaun Williams speaks at the annual conference.

Southeast Campus Unveils Veterans' Wall of Honor

↪ Southeast Campus honored its veteran students, faculty and staff with a wall of plaques featuring their photographs and biographies. The Wall of Honor will recognize their sacrifices and pledge ongoing support for veterans making the transition back to civilian life. Texas State Sen. Wendy Davis was the keynote speaker.



Gregg Ellman

↑ Chancellor Erma Johnson Hadley and Texas State Sen. Wendy Davis unveil the new Veterans' Wall of Honor at Southeast Campus.

TCC RECOGNIZED FOR INCLUSION

↪ The Association of Community College Trustees recognized Tarrant County College's dedication to strengthening equity by fostering an environment of inclusion throughout the District. Members of TCC's Board of Trustees and Chancellor Erma Johnson Hadley accepted the AACT Equity Award touting the College for initiatives that maximize student success. These included the addition of an office of institutional diversity, mandatory advising, and Weekend College. Also cited was a diversity summit for students, faculty, and staff, and the involvement of individuals from all backgrounds in the college planning process.

TRINITY RIVER CAMPUS HOSTS VISION FEST

↪ Trinity River Campus was the site February 3 for the annual Kids Vision Fest, a program that provides vision screening and eyeglasses for children. It was sponsored by the Alcon Foundation, Essilor Vision Foundation, and the Kids Vision for Life Coalition.

DeeDra Parrish



↑ A child tries on new frames at the Kids Vision Fest at Trinity River Campus.

MTV Conducts Casting Calls

↪ Music channel MTV conducted casting calls for TCC students to appear in its new show that connects college students with experts in the careers of their dreams. Interested students on each campus participated in 10-minute interviews Jan. 23-26.

The taped interviews were critiqued, and selected students were to receive further information from MTV.



DeeDra Parrish

↑ Students wait for their chance to impress MTV producers.

TCC REWARDED FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROJECT

↪ Oncor's Educational Facilities Program (EFP) on Nov. 4 awarded a \$10,400 incentive check to TCC for installing a high-efficiency air-conditioning system at Trinity River East Campus. The EFP helps schools and universities save energy and money by providing no-cost facility improvement recommendations and financial incentives based on the total amount of energy the equipment will help save. The high-efficiency air-conditioning system will save approximately 44,000 kilowatt-hours of energy annually, equivalent to the carbon dioxide emissions of more than 3,000 gallons of gasoline, according to U.S. Environmental Protection Agency calculations.

"While we're enjoying the energy savings, our students and faculty are starting the new school year off right with a comfortable learning environment," said TCC Director of Physical Plant Operations Gary Preather.

STUDENTS SHARE THE WARMTH WITH "gLOVE" PROJECT



DeeDra Parrish

➔ Sigma Tau, the surgical technology student association at Trinity River East Campus for Health Care Professions, conducted its annual "gLOVE" drive to collect gloves, mittens, hats, scarves, and other winter apparel for clients of SafeHaven of Tarrant County, a nonprofit agency serving women and children affected by domestic violence.

➔ Surgical technology instructor Cindy Mask and SafeHaven special events coordinator Valerie Salter, center, show off some of the collection, with the help of a few students.

HECTOR MENCHACA RECEIVES AWARD



➔ Trinity River Associate Professor of Psychology Hector Menchaca received the Community College Distinguished Faculty Award at the 37th Annual TACHE State Conference in February. TCC was well represented at the conference with 35 attendees. Nine of them made presentations, including four TCC students. Arturo Martinez, District Director of Graphic Services, was elected to the TACHE State Board as VP for Technology. Northeast Campus instructor Natalia Verjat and Northeast Campus assistant professor Modesta Lopez-Tollison will be part of the 2013 state conference committee.

BOARD APPROVES ACHIEVING THE DREAM INITIATIVES

➔ The Tarrant County College Board of Trustees on Jan. 19 unanimously approved a resolution honoring and supporting the initiatives of the College's Achieving the Dream team. Achieving the Dream is a nationwide initiative designed to increase student access and success. Through Achieving the Dream, TCC focuses on identifying barriers to student success through data and increased engagement; setting priorities to close student achievement gaps, and developing processes for continuous improvement and use of best practices.

NOW TO FIND A GIANT ATM

➔ The Texas Workforce Commission presented the TCC Opportunity Center with a giant check for the huge amount of \$458,025, which will go toward training Tarrant County residents with the skills they need to either retain their current jobs or find better-paying jobs.



DeeDra Parrish

➔ Board Member Conrad C. Heede, Board Assistant Secretary Louise Appleman, Chancellor Erma Johnson Hadley, TWC Chairman Tom Pauken, and Board President Bill Greenhill with the grant check.

SOUTH CAMPUS HOSTS AFRICAN AMERICAN PROFESSIONALS CONFERENCE

➔ Fort Worth attorney and TCC alumnus Glenn O. Lewis was the keynote speaker for the Sixth Annual Ariel Hunter-Chris African American Professionals Conference on Nov. 11 at South Campus. The conference theme was "Upgrade Your Career, Your Finances, Your Business, Your Life," and seminar topics included "Move from Mama's House to Your House," "The Real Entrepreneurs of DFW," and "The Six Unwritten Rules of Business."

Other speakers included Fort Worth native Reynaldo Casas who works for Viacom, which includes MTV, BET and Paramount Pictures; Tracy Williams of TruSpeak Consulting and assistant director for the Center for Professional Communication at Texas Christian University; and the Rev. Alcee Chriss, senior pastor of Aletheia Temple and widow of the conference namesake.

NOTED EDUCATOR AND AUTHOR KEN BAIN KEYNOTES ACADEMICS DAY

➔ Bain, author of *What the Best College Teachers Do*, won the 2004 Virginia and Warren Stone Prize for an outstanding book on education and society. It has been one of the top-selling books on higher education and has been translated into 11 languages.

Attendees were able to choose from among 50 topics during breakout sessions, including "Are We Taking the Learning Journey Alone?" "Breathing Room: Handling Hot Topics in the Classroom," "Chi Exercises and Stress Relief," "Digital Spaces for Student Success: E-Portfolios, Facebook, Google and Twitter," "Pitfalls to Avoid During Your First Year of Teaching" and "The Use of Humor in the Classroom, Learning While Laughing."

BRAGS ABOUT OUR FACULTY AND STAFF

Lisa Blank

Trinity River Instructor of History

Has a new partnership with the Tarrant County Black Historical and Genealogical Society to host a genealogical workshop on the Trinity River Campus for our students. She also secured a partnership with Log Cabin Village in Fort Worth not only for this year but also for next year. That agreement marks four consecutive years of partnership.

Candice Bledsoe

South Campus Professor of English

Her work titled *Laboring On: African-American Women and Higher Education* has been accepted for publication. She continues to work on *Death Penalty Anthology*, a combination of essays and creative writing submissions from prison inmates.

Pennie Boyett

South Campus Professor of English

Was among 41 scholarship winners honored at the Bess W. Scott Scholarship Fund 20th Anniversary party.

Bryan Calvin

Northwest Campus Assistant Professor of Government

Published "The Determinants of the Number of Amicus Briefs Filed Before the U.S. Supreme Court, 1953-2001" in the *Justice System Journal* Volume 32, Number 3, 2011.

Brian Cervantez

Northwest Campus Associate Professor of History

Graduated from the University of North Texas with his Ph.D. in History.

Ginna Covington, Janice McKinney, and Tetsuya Umebayashi

Trinity River Professors of Nursing

Created a new course, Special Topic Course A, for students learning current health-care issues.

Brett Dyer

South Campus Professor of Art

Works will be featured in the Revive Exhibition at the Latino Cultural Center in Dallas October 29-November 3.

Conrad Herrera

Northwest Campus Academic Foundations Chair

Proposed the "Student-Designed Community College ESOL" which was accepted by the Southwest Educational Research Association (SERA) for its 35th annual meeting in New Orleans, February 1-4. He presented a semester-long research project from the spring 2011 semester that encompassed six students designing a community college ESOL program.

John Hiser

Trinity River Respiratory Care Program Coordinator

Has been invited to speak at the Xian Symposium in China on May 18-20. Hiser has also been recognized with an NISOD award for teaching excellence.

Dr. Woody Kageler

Trinity River Health Sciences Director

Has been invited to give two presentations on the future education of respiratory therapists at the state Texas Society for Respiratory Care meeting in May.

Deb Liptak

Trinity River Small Business Development Center Counselor

Recently earned the title of "Distinguished Toastmaster" from Toastmasters International. She also is a contributing author to the book *Web of Deceit - Misinformation and Manipulation in the Age of Social Media*.

Stacy Lueking

Trinity River Professor of Physical Education

Successfully competed in the New York City Marathon. One of 47,000 runners, she ran her personal best of 3 hours and 55 minutes on the 26.2-mile course.

Maria Luera

Trinity River Continuing Education Coordinator of Special Projects

Has been named to the Fort Worth Mayor's Young Leaders Initiative.

Nancy McKenzie and Michael Wright

South Campus Reading Professors

Presented in January at the Southwest Educational Research Association conference in New Orleans. The presentation offers research to enhance student success by using technology to augment face-to-face instruction.

Hector Menchaca

Trinity River Associate Professor of Psychology

Received the Distinguished Community College Faculty Award from the Texas Association of Chicanos in Higher Education.

Ivan Mino

Southeast Campus Assistant Professor of Spanish

Is working with The Museum of Cultures to produce a DVD about the Amazon region and tribal culture. This project will target various schools in Dallas and Tarrant County.

Kristine Nelson

Trinity River Professor of Nursing

The 4th edition of the textbook she co-authored, *Nursing Care of Children*, will be issued this spring.

Edwardo Perez

Northeast Campus Professor of English

Successfully defended his doctoral dissertation at The University of Texas at Arlington and will receive his Ph.D. in May.

Susan Ragland

District Web Content Editor

Served in October as co-chair of the Marketing, Management and Professional Development track at the National Higher Education Web Professionals Conference in Austin. She has been invited again to serve as co-chair at the 2012 conference to be held in Milwaukee.

Ariana Rodriguez

Trinity River On-Call Instructional Assistant

Has been named to the Fort Worth Mayor's Young Leaders Initiative.

Vicki Sapp

Southeast Campus Associate Professor of English

Her poem, "Luna di Luna," was published in the journal *New Texas*.

Robert Tinajero

South Campus Professor of English

Published a book of poetry, *Love Revolution* and will chair the Rap and Hip Culture presentations at the upcoming Southwest/Texas American Culture and Pop Culture Association Conference in Albuquerque.

Paula Vastine

Northeast Campus Student Development Director

Recognized as "Woman of the Year" by the East Fort Worth Business Association for 2011 and as a "Rotary Builder" for 2010-2011 by J. Paul Lucas, District 5790 Governor, Rotary International. And she was elected to the board of the Fort Worth League of Neighborhoods, 2012, representing City Council District 5.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

A sampling of TCC's recent coverage in the media

November 17

Fort Worth Star-Telegram

An article about the hiring of two new campus presidents: Peter Jordan at South Campus and Bill Coppola at Southeast Campus.

November 21

Fort Worth Business Press

Feature article highlights the new partnership between the geosciences departments at TCC and UTA, as well as the Trinity River East Campus being awarded a \$10,400 incentive check from Oncor for energy efficiency.

December 24

The Dallas Morning News

TCC is mentioned in an article about Fine Arts instructor Earline Green and her work with the TCC ceramics program.

January 9

Arlington News Network

UTA Professor Allan Saxe wrote an online column touting the benefits of an education at Southeast Campus for Arlington residents.

January 20

Fort Worth Star-Telegram

Article about the TCC Board of Trustees approving a \$2.8 million contract for the design of a 67,200-square-foot energy technology center on the South Campus.

January 27

The Dallas Weekly

Chancellor Erma Johnson Hadley was named one of the "25 People to Watch 2012: Making Black History Today."

February 17

Fort Worth Star-Telegram

Article mentions the \$458,025 grant from the Texas Workforce Commission to go toward training workers at the TCC Opportunity Center.

February 17

Focus Daily News

Another mention of the \$458,025 grant from the Texas Workforce Commission. The grant will be used at the TCC Opportunity Center to help workers retain their current jobs or obtain new jobs.

February 29

Fort Worth Star-Telegram

Feature highlights seniors taking Continuing Education courses at TCC to learn social media applications like Facebook and Twitter.

SO

TCC STUDENTS CONNECT WITH FOUR-YEAR COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES



DeeDra Parrish

→ Thousands of Tarrant County College students met in January with representatives from area colleges and universities to help them plan for further education at four-year institutions. TCC campuses sponsor transfer days to allow students access to 25 or more colleges and universities in one location so they can get specific information needed for a smooth transition.

← A South Campus student talks to a representative from a four-year institution.

NE

FOLK ARTIST SPEAKS OUT ABOUT HER WORK

→ Quilter, painter and doll maker Sybil Reddick displayed and discussed her art during African-American History Month in February at a presentation, "Our Grandmother's Hands: The Folk Art of African-American Artists" on Northeast Campus. One of her quilts displayed in the library was previously hung in the Civil Rights Museum in Birmingham, Ala.



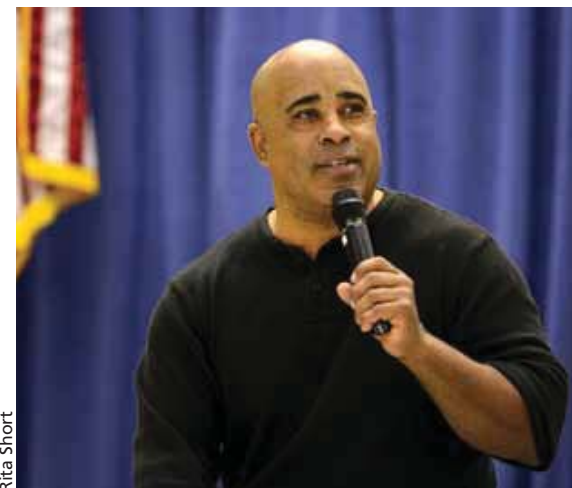
DeeDra Parrish

↑ Folk artist Sybil Reddick discusses her work at a Northeast Campus exhibit.

NW

RACING LEGEND SHARES HIS EXPERIENCES

→ As part of TCC's African-American History Month celebrations, race-car driver Willy T. Ribbs, the first African-American driver to compete in the Indy 500, shared his challenges and victories as a trailblazing driver.



Rita Short

↑ Racing legend Willy T. Ribbs inspires the crowd at Northwest Campus.

TR

STUDENTS HONE LEADERSHIP SKILLS AT SUMMIT



DeeDra Parrish

→ The Center for Leadership Development at Trinity River Campus presented its 14th Leadership eXperience Summit, featuring Professor Allan A. Saxe. Saxe is a respected political scientist and community servant-leader. His topic, "Leadership and Society," emphasized 21st century student leadership development.

↑ Students, faculty and staff enjoy the presentation of Allan Saxe.

SE

"IN PURSUIT OF EXCELLENCE" MENTORING SUMMIT



DeeDra Parrish

→ The Texas Association of Black Personnel in Higher Education (TABPHE) in partnership with Southeast Campus Continuing Education Department and Student Activities hosted the "In Pursuit of Excellence" Mentoring Summit in February. Keith Garvin, CBS Channel 11 and TXA 21 anchor, was the keynote speaker.

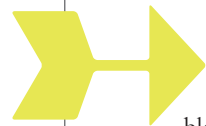
← Local news anchor Keith Garvin gives some advice to a TCC student.



Age is just a
NUMBER

THE "OLD" PERCEPTIONS ON AGING ARE BEING SHATTERED AS SENIORS TAKE ADVANTAGE OF TCC'S CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAM

By Frank E. Griffis
"Senior" Writer



I will never forget my 50th birthday. The usual joke cards (“You know you’ve turned 50 when,” etc.), gifts wrapped in black crepe paper with black bows, and the dark chocolate cake sagging with 50 noir candles, but a shrink-wrapped magazine that arrived in the day’s mail put a perspective on turning 50 that I was ill-prepared to face.

It was the latest issue of AARP magazine, complete with AARP membership application. I threw it in the trashcan as if it were diseased. Nothing can crash a 50th birthday party like the arrival of AARP magazine. I was so distressed that I forgot to ask, “How did they know?”

The problem was not with the magazine, but with my perceptions of getting older, edging into that “senior citizen” bracket. A product of the “never trust anyone over 30” generation, I was hanging onto an outdated image of

in it and said, ‘Oh, this is appropriate, I love it.’ They said it was time that we had programs for women, minorities and senior citizens at the College.

“Chancellor Rushing, who was 55 at the time, said he wanted things in place for when he retired,” Carrier said, laughing. “I attended his 90th birthday party last year. He was a real visionary.”

The programs actually began in the early 1970s when what was then Tarrant County Junior College offered swimming classes and a course called “The Technique of Preparing Gift Packages” exclusively to seniors on Northeast Campus. By fall 1972, the programs were broadened under the heading of “Community Services.” Almost simultaneously, the nation started to recognize that our senior citizens had a lot to offer, that they could become an active and integral force in the affairs of the community, the state and the nation.

“It feels good to see the seniors on campus with our other students, and to see them being lively, staying fit and enjoying life.” — Troy Vaughn

senior citizens as being unproductive, burdensome and uninvolved. Fortunately (for me and 55 million other “older” Americans), that image has flipped 180 degrees. Nowadays, our seniors have the rabid attention of retail advertising, the powerful entertainment, health-care and financial industries, and government agencies. Plus, the senior segment of the nation’s population has developed a cultural prominence rivaled only by the youth market.

Tarrant County College is no late-comer to being aware of the importance and contributions of our senior citizens. In fact, Judith Carrier, who last year retired as president of Southeast Campus, said the College was ahead of its time.

“I was a counselor and professor of psychology on Northeast Campus in spring 1974 when I got a call that Chancellor Joe B. Rushing and the campus president, Don Anthony, wanted a session with me,” she said. “My office had a red rocking chair in it, and Chancellor Rushing sat down

In June 1974, Judith Carrier was appointed TCJC’s director of Special Services, making her responsible for programs for “retired persons.” By the end of the year, seniors had their own physical fitness class on Northeast Campus, which included group exercise, swimming (including for



Student Chang-Hwei Cherny, left, and Troy Vaughn, associate vice chancellor for continuing education, share a laugh during a Spanish class on Northeast Campus.

DeeDra Parrish



Sharon M. Sturgis

Senior photography students frame shots of the denizens of the Fort Worth Zoo.

the handicapped), weight lifting, dietary and nutritional information, and a refresher course in first aid.

By the fall semester of 1975, the program was named Senior Education Experience (SEE) and classes included Spanish, physical fitness, arts and crafts, flowers and gardens, elementary bookkeeping, dancing, oil painting, consumer education, Bible, cake decorating, flower arranging and ceramics. It was not until the spring semester of 1976 that seniors were charged a registration fee of \$6 to cover any and all courses. The senior audit fee of \$5 was charged for those attending regular TCJC classes without receiving credit.

Twenty-two classes were offered in fall 1978, and the program named its first volunteer administrator. In spring 1978, seniors were given ID cards for health services, access to the cafeteria and library, and parking stickers. In fall 1985, the fee for participating in the SEE program was raised to \$10 a semester and two years later raised to \$20 per semester where it remains today. Plus, there are no pop quizzes, final exams or tests of any kind.

In July 1990, class schedules for all campuses were compiled and published in a Senior Education Catalog that also included maps of the campuses and other pertinent information. The next year, the administration of the program was restructured, decentralized and reorganized as a campus-based program for each of the five campuses. Each campus has a Senior Education Office and an all-volunteer advisory committee that meets monthly. The faculty, too, are volunteers.

“We depend on a curriculum committee that gathers input from senior centers around the county and from our

students to determine what is offered,” said Troy Vaughn, associate vice chancellor for continuing education. “We basically leave them alone; it’s basically senior-run.”

The number of participants has increased over the years. For example, the seniors who registered for classes on Northeast Campus increased more than 72 percent in the 10-year period from spring 1984 through fall 1993, from 422 to 748. As the number of participants rose, there was a corresponding increase in the number and variety of classes offered. Each semester 50 to 60 classes have been offered on Northeast Campus alone, including 20 different computer-related classes and others, such as bridge, dancing, exercise, golf, genealogy, medical subjects, myth, magic, religion and the cosmos, self-hypnosis, swimming, Texas history and travel.

According to Vaughn, the most popular programs involve health and fitness, though estate planning, card games and dancing are also very popular.

“Our seniors are very interested in the computer classes, even though many of them did not grow up with computers in their homes,” Vaughn said. “We even teach a class in registering online for classes.”

Vaughn said that seniors not only contribute to their communities, they also contribute to TCC by volunteering to assist with summer programs, such as College for Kids.

“It feels good to see the seniors on campus with our other students, and to see them being lively, staying fit and enjoying life,” Vaughn said. **TCC**

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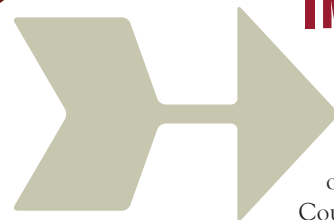
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NEVER TOO LATE FOR Fitness

By Debra Dennis

ADOPTING A HEALTHY LIFESTYLE CAN IMPROVE QUALITY OF LIFE AT ANY AGE.



Recent federal research found that only a quarter of people age 65-74 exercise regularly. They're health-conscious, fitness-savvy senior citizens like Brenda Bailey.

At age 65, the retired executive secretary and teacher's assistant is burning calories, toning her muscles, and enjoying life in the line dancing course at Tarrant County College's South Campus. "When I go out, I don't want to be too old to dance," she said. "It's very important that I have good health."



DeeDra Parrish

Ellen Adrian puts some muscle into her workout in the gym on Trinity River Campus.

Dancing is "good cardio" exercise, said Gwendolyn Forrest, a self-taught dancer and volunteer instructor for the course, which meets in the Physical Education Building. "A lot of people take this for fun and health reasons. They come here with weight problems or diabetes, but they forget about it once they're on the dance floor."

Enhancing quality of life is a top priority for students in health-related courses offered at all five campuses through TCC's Senior Education Program (SEP) for people age 55 and older.

Courses range from non-strenuous topics such as learning nutrition, CPR and diabetes management to physically demanding pursuits such as weightlifting and racquetball.

Power walkers can be spotted trekking across Southeast Campus. At Northwest Campus, seniors can pursue stress awareness, water exercise, yoga, tai chi and aikido. Trinity River Campus offers "Healthy Lifestyles," belly dancing and yoga. Students at Northeast Campus work their bodies with hula dancing and even billiards.

"It is not unusual to see people in their 60s, 70s and 80s learning just about anything," said Robert McCoy, an instructor/counselor for Special Projects at South Campus. "They are willing to engage themselves to have a more well-rounded life," McCoy said.

Various dance courses — from high-energy Zumba Gold and Dancercise to graceful ballroom steps — are among SEP's most popular as avenues to helping maintain optimum health, Forrest said. They're fun, and they improve mental acuity and facilitate weight loss while sharpening alertness and coordination.

"We work up a good sweat," Forrest said. "You're getting your heart rate up on a country-western dance or the Cupid Shuffle. And you can practice at home."

Dr. Jennifer Arnouville, a Fort Worth geriatric specialist, agrees that dancing yields valuable health benefits.

Such conditioning, she said, improves the lungs and heart,

promotes better sleeping, eases depression, and increases energy. It also sharpens senior citizens' sense of balance, creating less danger of falling, which, she said, "is one of the biggest risks seniors face and can be a long-term threat to their independence and longevity."

Another key benefit is making new friends, Forrest and McCoy said. "The more people we get, the more friendships are built and the more reliance on each other," McCoy added.

"We get people who don't have contact with others, and they make

friends," said South Campus SEP Instructor Joann Bresciani. "And we throw really nice parties."

"Socialization is so important," said Dr. Arnouville, "So many seniors can be isolated in their homes even when they have family in town."

Line-dancing class pulls fitness and friendship together, arm-in-arm, said student Beverly George, an office manager who enjoys the camaraderie. And she's planning to share it all with relatives. "I decided last Thanksgiving to teach my family to do the Wobble," she said.

Family fun is on Brenda Bailey's agenda as well. She wants to shock her family reunion in September with the Cupid Shuffle, the Wobble and the Slide On. "I'll be ready," she said. "I'm going to burn up the dance floor." **TCC**



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Floriane, left, and Ron Fernandes get some exercise, learn new dance moves, and just have fun at South Campus.

STAYING SHARP

By Sarah Bahari

SENIORS TAKE UP NEW HOBBIES TO PUT A SHINE ON THEIR GOLDEN YEARS.

After retiree Dan Hays lost his wife of 28 years, he rarely left home.

Hays lost touch with friends, passing time sitting on the couch or puttering around his house.

One day, his grandson, then a student at Tarrant County College, brought Hays a catalog on TCC's Senior Education Program (SEP) and urged him to try a class.

That was 18 years ago. Hays has since studied art, gardening and yoga. He's brushed up on Spanish and traveled around Europe — thanks to Senior Education courses he's taken at Northwest, South and Northeast campuses.

From woodcarving and dancing to piano, history and learning a new language, TCC offers seniors the opportunity to develop new hobbies or revisit long-forgotten ones.

"The idea of crossing an ocean or learning yoga had never even dawned on me," said Hays, 78, of Sansom Park. "I've tried a lot of things I had never even considered. I've kept really busy, met new people, and learned a lot."

At Northwest Campus, more students are discovering Senior Education, with enrollment jumping from 367 students in 2004 to 674 students last school year.

Students have unlimited access to courses in a wide array of topics at all five campuses.

At Northwest, seniors can choose from water exercise, yoga, woodcarving, drawing, oil painting and much more. South Campus students' numerous options include working with stained glass and learning line dances. Belly dancing and Brazilian embroidery are among options at Trinity River Campus. Southeast Campus provides classes ranging from pinochle to investing



Tim Sullivan bears down on his chisel during a woodcarving class on Northwest Campus.

DeeDra Parrish

money. At Northeast Campus, seniors can learn everything from computer technology to hula dance and world religions.

Kathy Saburn, who coordinates the program at Northwest, said she has seen many seniors extend their lives by years after developing new hobbies or renewing interests neglected while working and raising families.

"This program does much more than keep seniors occupied," said Saburn, who also teaches yoga to seniors. "It enriches their mind, body and spirit. As we grow older, it becomes even more important to stay active. If we are idle, the mind tends to go downward."

Benefits extend as well to instructors, who are volunteers. They say teaching seniors is among their most rewarding professional endeavors.

"Seniors are so easy to teach because they want to be there. They want to learn," said Steve Schoolar, who teaches woodcarving and amateur magic at Northwest. "I find them fascinating. They all have interesting stories and backgrounds."

In woodcarving, few seniors have experience before they enroll, Schoolar said. Completing the class and crafting something with their hands gives them a sense of accomplishment.

Like many of the instructors, Schoolar, 67, who runs a full-time woodcarving studio from his Fort Worth home, also has taken classes, including creative writing.

Margaret Quan, a retired history professor from Diablo Valley College in California, enrolled in a computer course offered by senior education four years ago. When she saw the quality of instructors and students, she immediately signed up to teach history classes.

Now, Quan teaches courses on Revolutionary War, Civil War and Adolf Hitler. Many of her students are history buffs who never had the opportunity to earn a college degree.

"This is their college. It opens up a whole new avenue for them," Quan said. "I see students come alive in my class." TCC

LEARNING NEW Tricks

By Sarah Bahari

SENIORS PURSUE INTELLECTUAL INTERESTS TO STIMULATE ACTIVE MINDS.

Dorothy L. Parker spent years building expertise in a medical career and caring for others as a registered nurse.

When she retired, she focused on a new priority — intellectual adventure. She enrolled in Senior Education classes at Tarrant County College. The Colleyville woman has since studied the American presidents, the Jewish roots of Christianity, the Revolutionary War, photography, genealogy and more.

"These classes open your horizons and expand your mind," said Parker, 77, who has attended courses at Northeast Campus. "It really is lifelong learning."

For many seniors, the quest for knowledge intensifies during retirement. TCC offers hundreds of Senior Education Program (SEP) classes to help satisfy that drive to learn, from religion and psychology to history and computers.

At TCC's South Campus, seniors can study Texas history, philosophy and more. Students at Northwest can learn German, read poetry, and explore many other topics. Southeast's SEP curriculum includes classes in U.S. history and current events.

At Northeast, senior students can study astronomy or world religions, learn how to write their memoirs, or even delve into the world of private investigation. The campus draws the highest senior education enrollment, with about 800 students each fall.

"You are never too old to learn," said Jackie Washington, vice president of Continuing Education at Northeast. "So many of these people have worked all their lives, raised children, kept busy. Now they want to learn Spanish or study American history or learn to crochet."

Students say learning about new topics keeps their minds engaged, which is crucial as they grow older.

"My philosophy of life is: Never let the mind rest," said Earl Armstrong, 71, a retired mechanical engineer. "It has a tendency to atrophy if you don't use it."

Armstrong, who has taken classes in history, Spanish and computers, also teaches courses on the weather and memoir writing. He serves as president of a 24-member advisory council, which coordinates the program's scheduling and makes recommendations to the

Northeast administration.

Karen Hewitt, a private investigator with Hewitt and Cowden Investigations, teaches a class called "So You Want To Be a P.I.," which provides an overview of the history and role of private investigators and covers interview techniques, research, public records, surveillance and the law. It is one of the most popular classes at Northeast.

"The students are a joy. They are so attentive," Hewitt said. "They are really hungry for knowledge and information."

For some seniors, TCC classes provide opportunities in education they did not have in younger years.

For instance, Glenda Cromeans, 71, attended Texas Wesleyan University for one year before she left school to work at the Fort Worth Army Depot.

Since enrolling in TCC's Senior Education Program, the Hurst resident has learned about gardening and photography and has taken a course in water exercise, which helps her stay in shape after two knee replacements.

"It's about knowledge," said Cromeans. "Everybody, regardless of age, should learn something new every day." TCC

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Instructor Connie Jimenez teaches a Spanish Class for seniors on Northeast Campus.

At age 84, Margie Gaither has found comfort in the high-tech world.

The retired accountant is both a student and volunteer teacher in Southeast Campus' Senior Education Program (SEP), designed for those age 55 and older.

Gaither is enrolled in two SEP computer classes, teaches an Excel spreadsheet course, and helps publish a quarterly newsletter geared toward seniors.

"I didn't want to sit around the house," she said. "It's never too late to learn something new."

Southeast volunteer instructor Ed Martin, 70, teaches an SEP PowerPoint course. His 18 students have produced a video and are engaged in page de-



Students Qutub Ali, left, and Jasmin Ali pick up PowerPoint tips from instructor Ed Martin during a class on Southeast Campus.

EMBRACING THE DIGITAL AGE AT ANY AGE

By Debra Dennis

SENIORS TAKE TECHNOLOGY CLASSES TO LEARN SOCIAL MEDIA, PUBLISH THEIR OWN NEWSLETTERS, AND MORE.

sign, publishing and formatting.

"We're building brain cells in here," said Martin, a retired high-school math teacher.

As with a wide range of SEP technology courses at Northeast, Northwest and South campuses, the class enriches senior citizens' lives with growth and learning, Martin said.

There are no tests, grades or college credit.

Building high-tech expertise in a technology-driven world is ample motivation and reward for these students — part of the largest demographic in the United States. They are editing newsletters, converting music files, texting, learning digital photography and the power of 140-character Twitter tweets, writing about pop culture, and more.

Social interaction between students appeals to John Dickey, 84, who appreciates the versatility gained through

SEP technology courses such as Martin's and the opportunity to make new friends.

"Learning is fun, and in these classes you meet a lot of people from a lot of different backgrounds. There are so many different things you can do with this [PowerPoint] course."

Dickey is creating a slide show of photographs from a recent trip to Germany. That's one way technology courses add context to senior citizens' lives, Martin said. "If there is a downside to teaching seniors, I haven't found it," he said, adding that the challenge is to keep pace with changes in technology as reflected in courses such as Mobile Handheld Devices.

"We taught MS Publisher several years ago and then switched to a video production class, because we felt it would be a good way to teach seniors the Internet and use of a computer," Martin said.

"Our goal is to teach seniors how to work on computers," said retired mail carrier Joann Bresciani, now a South Campus volunteer instructor in computer technology.

"Our generation came way before computers, and some are so shy about approaching a computer," said Bresciani, who edits "Datasheet II," a student publication distributed at churches, senior citizen centers and other locations. Some students are reticent about using the computer.

"We get people...who have never touched a computer," she said. "We suggest they take a keyboard course. From there, we can go to the basics and then as far as they want to learn." **TCC**

DeeDra Parrish



The Senior Bash often includes a fashion show.

Sharon M. Sturgis

A DIFFERENT KIND OF SENIOR PROM

SENIOR ED STUDENTS MARK THE SEMESTER'S END WITH A SENIOR BASH ON EACH CAMPUS. By Pamela Smith

When the fall and spring semesters end at Tarrant County College, it's party time for Senior Education Program (SEP) students, instructors and administrators at all five campuses.

They throw what's known as the "Senior Bash," featuring themed dinner and entertainment as students age 55 and older celebrate all that they've learned in a wide range of SEP courses, from astronomy to Zumba.

"The Bash is an opportunity to celebrate our seniors," said Kathy Saburn, a Northwest Campus administrative assistant and member of the Senior Education Advisory Council.

"We want them to feel very special, because they are, and it is our way of saying, 'Thank you for keeping this wonderful program alive.' We receive so many positive remarks after each Bash, and we have standing-room-only attendance, so we know that we please our seniors."

"The Bash has always been a celebration of the 10-week semester that keeps our seniors active and thriving," said Christine Rivera, a Trinity River Campus administrative assistant who helps to coordinate her campus' party.

"You might even call it their senior prom. They exchange phone numbers and say goodbye to each other until the next semester," Rivera said. "And we give them a chance to win great door prizes."

Some SEP alums enjoy the Bash so much they continue to come year after year or

attend celebrations on several campuses.

Mendie Cannon, an SEP student and instructor, describes the event as "an opportunity to reacquaint yourself with folks you don't see during the semester because we are all so busy. It's nice to see what the students accomplish in their classes."

Ken Oliver and his wife have attended the parties for the past five years. Oliver, who has been a TCC student and instructor, enjoys the "camaraderie and the chance to visit with others. It's a social event we can...enjoy, and most of my students are there."

Gene Cahill, who has taught SEP classes, has attended the Bash with her husband for more than 15 years. The celebration "is like a culmination, a nice dinner and a chance for all the seniors to get together," she said.

Dorothy Parker said that she has enjoyed the Senior Bash for many years. "It's quite a sight to see them out on the dance floor," she said. "All of the old years

fall away, and they're just 25 years old again. I get teary when I watch it." **TCC**



Hula students strut their stuff at the Senior Bash on Northeast Campus.

Sharon M. Sturgis

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Alumni

Groomed for Helping Groomsmen

By Pamela Smith

Judy Busocker puts her Associate Degree in Fashion Merchandising to good use at Men’s Wearhouse.

Judy Busocker has been involved in her share of weddings. Busocker, who graduated from Tarrant County College (then TCJC) in 1978 with an Associate Degree in Fashion Merchandising, has been in the bridal and tuxedo business all her working life and is a senior operations manager for Men’s Wearhouse in Hurst, overseeing 47 stores. She credits TCC for getting her started in the fashion business.

“At Men’s Wearhouse, management is on the floor, driving the tuxedo business and making sure our name is out there and that we are giving the very best quality service and products for our customers,” she said. “It’s a huge company, and they do a phenomenal job of taking care of their staff. I think that is reflective in the customer service that you receive from them as clients. It’s such a warm and inviting atmosphere.”

Busocker enrolled at TCC after graduating from L.D. Bell High School in Hurst. She considered a career as either a flight attendant or an administrative assistant. But she opted to pursue her greatest love, the clothing industry.

The College’s salesmanship classes, she said, “were on point and prepared me for working in sales with Men’s Wearhouse. Nothing compares to TCC. I really think that my foundation came from TCC.”

To earn her degree, Busocker explained, she had to first find work in the fashion world.

“I fell into the bridal industry by accident,” she said. “I saw an ad in the paper. I ended up getting a very good job, (and) I’ve stayed in the wedding industry ever since and have truly loved it. I’ve been very blessed to work in an industry I love, not just for a paycheck. I have a passion for my work.”

Busocker said TCC’s network prepared her for success in and out of school. Teachers such as Evelyn Grace and Norman Ellis and a student organization, Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA), pushed her to excel.

“I have never had a better group of teachers,” Busocker said. “I’ve been fortunate to be close to the Ellis family after my tenure at TCC. What a mentor! He is a great man who made a huge impact on my life.”

“It’s hard to believe now, but I was very quiet, and I just would sit back and observe everything,” Busocker said. But Ellis enrolled her in a public-speaking contest – a



TCC Alumnus Judy Busocker

Glen E. Ellman

move that continues to pay off for her. “That has really helped me to take control and speak in front of hundreds of people without being nervous.

“TCC is a little treasure that sits all over the Fort Worth area,” Busocker added. “I would not trade my time there for all the money in the world. I know my perception at that point in time was that it was just a junior college – you go in and get your basics and then leave and go somewhere else, but it did an immense amount of good for me.”

Busocker remains involved with TCC and plans to work with the TCC Foundation Scholarship selection committee. TCC

TCCD Facilities

Northwest Campus Projects

Many renovations and improvements were made to Northwest Campus this semester. Here are a few of them.

STUDENT ACTIVITY AREA



← The Student Activity Area received new paint, new carpet, a new ceiling, and new furniture. The existing pool tables were recovered and refurbished. Also, new cabinetry was installed. The updated furniture includes bistro tables and chairs, lounge chairs and coffee tables.

ART STUDIO

→ The art studios were assessed for safety and functional hazards, and the exposed patio was assessed for use as an enclosure. Hahnfeld Hoffer Stanford Architects completed the assessments; and they also developed plans for remodeling the art studios and for enclosing the ceramics patio. By remodeling the existing unsafe, overcrowded studios and enclosing the patio, TCC created a safer environment and added more space for working on larger projects.



TCCD Facilities

SWIMMING POOL



↑ The swimming pool area was totally renovated this year. Because of the age of the various systems, the installation of new swimming pool equipment, filtration system, pumping system and a new liner was necessary. This project also included upgrading the interior finishes, such as new flooring and wall finishes.

MAINTENANCE BUILDING



↑ A new 666-square-foot building was designed by PBK Architects to house the new variable frequency drives and pump controls to improve the quality and life safety aspects of the swift-water rescue training program at the Fire Academy.

VINEYARD



↑ One little-known fact about the Northwest Campus is that it has its own functioning vineyard, used for Continuing Education and Horticulture courses. Horticulture Instructor David Morgan is shown pruning the vines to prepare for a bountiful harvest.

NEW POLICE TRAINING FIRING RANGE PLANNED

Design is under way for a new Police Training Firing Range. It will be a fully enclosed range with supporting classrooms and ancillary spaces. This range will be used for TCC classes as well as by several municipalities for police training. The facility will house a multi-lane shooting gallery that can be used for different shooting scenarios. Students in the Criminal Justice Program will train in this fully equipped state-of-the-art facility. Construction will begin soon.

Memorial Scholarships Continue the Legacy of TCC Instructors

Tarrant County College enjoys a longstanding tradition of instructors who have a lasting impact on their students and the community. When one of those inspirational instructors passes on, endowing a memorial scholarship is a good way to ensure that their impact endures.

This fall three new scholarships will be available in memory of three instructors who left their unique marks on TCC and the lives of countless students.



Stephen Hull

The Stephen Hull Memorial Automotive Service Technology Scholarship

Steve Hull was department chair of Automotive Technology on South Campus when he was diagnosed with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, commonly known as Lou Gehrig's Disease. He continued to teach for three more years, even after he was confined to a wheelchair, until he finally succumbed to ALS in July 2011.

His widow, Shelli Hull, a professor of Writing at TCC, said that her husband's passion for teaching and desire to see his students succeed kept him going long after the disease started to take its physical toll. In the traditionally hands-on environment of auto repair, he had to rely on his words alone to direct his students.

"I know he was pleased that he could still contribute to their education," she said. "It made it more challenging for him to try to get the message across without being able to physically walk over and point, or to do it for them."

After working a few odd jobs in the automotive industry, Steve got his degree at TCC, which opened up more career opportunities for him, Shelli said. It was his desire to help others do the same that led him into teaching. He even took a pay cut from a lucrative job in the industry when he decided to teach at TCC, she added.

According to Shelli, he would encourage students enrolled in his courses to register for the other courses required to get a degree. She said he would often tell some of his best students, "Man, if you'd just take your English and some of these other courses and graduate, you could come back here and work for us."

The endowment of this scholarship will help someone have that chance.

The Dr. Norman D. Ellis Memorial Scholarship for Management Students

Mary Ruth Ellis said her late husband, Norman, was working for Burroughs Business Machines when he met Joe Rushing and C. A. Roberson, both of whom later served as TCC Chancellors. She said they made such an impression on him that he decided to return to school for a Ph.D. so that he could teach in a community college.

"At that time there were other offerings for students: business colleges and other types of situations," she said. "But he was so impressed with the community college system. He thought what was offered was the best value out there for education."

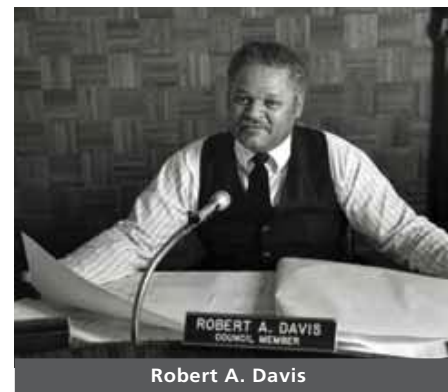
He began teaching at TCC in the 1970s,



Norman D. Ellis

eventually becoming chairman of the Marketing Department at Northeast Campus until he retired. She said he dedicated himself to any students who were willing to learn, even taking them to national competitions sponsored by the Distributive Education Clubs of America, and winning many of them.

She said he believed the spirit of competition helped them apply what they had learned to the business world and more. "He believed so much in understanding management of your business, and of your finances, and of your life," she said.



Robert A. Davis

The Robert A. Davis Memorial Scholarship

Driven by a passion to give his all in everything he did and inspiring young people to do the same, Robert Davis taught English at South Campus for 38 years. But teaching English was only one of the many contributions he made to his students and his community.

"Robert always had an indelible impact wherever he went and on whomever he helped," said his widow, Pamela Davis. "Teaching English, from correct grammar and usage, to writing, to sharing his appreciation of literature and imparting his passion for it, was more than a job to him."

So she said it seemed only appropriate to help students continue his passion for English by endowing the Robert A. Davis Memorial Scholarship. "It has perpetuity," she said. "And those who knew him knew that he had a lasting effect on them and others."

Not content to merely teach, Robert also was heavily involved in the community, she said. He worked with his neighborhood, his local church, the Forest Hill City Council, the Southeast Tarrant County Optimist Club, the Fort Worth chapter of the NAACP, and even state and national political campaigns, never seeking recognition, but always leaving that indelible impact of excellence wherever he went.

"Robert never settled for less than 100 percent from himself, and his passion was shown in all that he did," she said. She added that he would be amazed and humbled by having a scholarship endowed in his name, but he'd also be "pleased that others are...helping those who will work to better our community and the world." **TCC**



Glen E. Ellman

FALL CLASSIC MVP AWARD

D. J. Massey received the Fall Classic MVP Award for outstanding leadership and stellar results in the 2011-2012 TCC Employee Annual Giving Campaign. Pictured from left are Foundation Chairman of the Board Ginny Tigue, TCC Board of Trustees President Bill Greenhill, Massey, Vice Chancellor for Real Estate and Facilities Nina Petty, TCC Foundation Donor Relations Officer Liz Sisk, and Chancellor Erma Johnson Hadley.



Glen E. Ellman

TCC FOUNDATION HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONS SCHOLARSHIP

In honor of the inaugural faculty and staff of Trinity River East Campus and to recognize their dedication and commitment to distinction and quality preparation of our community's next health care professionals, Tarrant County College Foundation has established the TCC Foundation Health Care Professions Scholarship. Pictured from left are TCC Board of Trustees President Bill Greenhill, Board Assistant Secretary Louise Appleman, Trinity River Campus President Tahita Fulkerson, Foundation Chairman of the Board Ginny Tigue, Board Vice President Kristin Vandergriff, and Chancellor Erma Johnson Hadley.

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