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TSTC BOARD APPROVES SINGLE ACCREDITATION

The governor-appointed Board of Regents serving Texas State Technical College System gave its approval Thursday for the 11-location college system to pursue single accreditation with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges. The transition is considered a demanding endeavor but one that is expected to be completed by Sept. 15, 2015 and should strengthen TSTC's ability to supply a skilled workforce for the Texas economy.

"As an agency of the state of Texas, TSTC has a mission of helping Texas meet the high-tech workforce challenges in today's global economy," said Ellis Skinner, Chairman of the TSTC Board of Regents. "TSTC is making this move to single accreditation to reduce operational redundancy among its four colleges, allow horizontal integration for better collaboration, and improve its ability to respond to the local needs served by each campus," added Skinner.

"As the demand for a technically skilled workforce accelerates, we regularly field calls from communities 'wanting a TSTC' in their region," said Michael L. Reeser, TSTC Chancellor. "Given the growing skills gap for technically skilled workers in Texas and the nation, TSTC can reasonably expect the demand for our graduates to grow at a faster rate in the future than in the past. Once we transition to a single accreditation, we will be better positioned to respond in a more consistent manner."

Reeser added, "Texas taxpayers expect TSTC to be both effective and efficient. A single accreditation will save us hundreds of thousands of dollars each year in overhead costs while providing a more consistent high-quality outcome across the state. This change demonstrates that TSTC is serious about maximizing the benefits produced by public funds."

According to the 2014 report issued by the Texas Workforce Boards, "It is becoming more common that businesses in key industries in Texas are unable to find enough sufficiently trained workers to fill available, middle-skill jobs." TSTC offers programs and credentials targeted specifically toward those high-paying jobs.

For more information, go to www.tstc.edu/systemoffice/sacscoc or email oneTSTC@tstc.edu.

Texas State Technical College Marshall is set to offer five courses during an eight-week summer session beginning June 30 and ending August 22, 2014. The courses being offered include ITSE 1329 Program Logic and Design, ITNW 1325 Fundamentals of Networking, ISTC 1325 Personal Computer Hardware, ENGL 1301 Composition I, MATH 1314 College Algebra, and PSYC 2301 General Psychology. Classes for the eight-week session are enrolling now.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Mandatory RHA Meeting	3	4 SGA Meeting at Noon	5 PTK Meeting	6 CE Training Westlake Chemical	7 MTC Motorcycle Training 7:30 am - 5:00 pm
8 MTC Motorcycle Training 7:30 am - 5:00 pm	9	10 Women In Technology Admin 140 - 12 Noon	11 Real Talk 2014 Leadership Initiative	12 African American Outreach Group Meeting 12:00 noon Room 515	13	14
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22 MTC Motorcycle Training 7:30 am - 5:00 pm	23	24 Time Out Tuesday Room 515 - 12 Noon	25	26 Ambassadors Meeting	27	28
29	30	Notes:				

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"I am not a product of my circumstances. I am a product of my decisions." - Stephen Covey

As part of their final exam, IT students are required to take CompTIA certifications, which are industry recognized, in their respective fields. Half of the students taking the A+ test passed on their first try. The Cisco CCENT pass rate is 89 percent. Eighty percent of the Security + testers passed. The Network + test has a pass rate of 86 percent and 88 percent of students passed the Linux test. Congratulations to the students and faculty on a job well done!

Three new instructors have now joined the talented faculty ranks at TSTC North Texas. An additional five employees are being hired for fall, enabling TSTC North Texas to offer an impressive array of programs in its first year of operations: Basic Machining, Basic Welding, Combination Welding, Computer Aided Drafting, Computer Aided Manufacturing, Computer Systems Desktop Support, Computer Systems Network Administartion, Cyber Security, Diesel Equipment Technology, Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration, High Voltage Electrical Applied Engineering Technology, Introduction to Industrial Maintenance, Industrial Maintenance, and Logistics Technology.

Pictured are Steven Marshall, Desktop Support, April Graham, VP of Instruction, Mark Lipscomb, Welding, and Brian Sanders, Industrial Maintenance and HVACR.

Congratulations to Carolyn O'Neill who graduated from U.T. Tyler on May 10, 2014 with a BBA in Management. Carolyn's son Eric also graduated on the same day with a BBA in Marketing.

Beta Beta Phi Chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa honor Society held its spring semester induction ceremony April 17th for new members. The chapter inducted five new members and the keynote speaker was Lee Doughty, Information technology Instructor. Chapter President Rebekah Nunn welcomed everyone and was assisted by readers Marina Gibbs and Floretta Wright, chapter alumni, and Robert Brown, chapter advisor. The spring inductees were Matthew Albright, Krystal Boyd, Ryan McCloud, Oscar Ramirez, and Floyd Ruark.

The purpose of Phi Theta Kappa is to recognize and encourage scholarship among two-year college students. To be eligible for membership, a student must have completed at least 15 hours of associate degree course work with a cumulative 3.5 GPA. Chapter Advisors are Annette Ellis, Robbie Anderson, Robert Brown, Mario Cantu, and Dorothy Meadows. For more information about Phi Theta Kappa, contact one of the advisors.

TSTC Marshall welcomed back the students at a luncheon in their honor on May 13.

The Clubs and Organizations Fair was held May 27.