



# TSTC CHRONICLE: AUGUST 2014

## Faculty and Staff Member of the Year Nominations are In

The Texas State Technical College Marshall Employee Recognition Committee has set a date for the Employee Recognition Awards Dinner. The dinner will be held at the Marshall Visual Arts Center, 208 E. Burluson Street on August 7th, 2014 from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Employees are invited to bring a “plus one”, such as a spouse or significant other. Catering will be provided by Jalapeno Tree.

Nominees for Faculty Member of the Year include: John Frank Anding, Robert Brown, Mario Cantu, Eric Carithers, Ed Chaney, Terry Fyffe, Randy Haley, Linda LaCoe, and Ruth Ann Roberts. Nominees for Staff Member of the Year include: Jessica Ford, Ginger Gordon, Melissa Lipitz, Tommie McGuire, Brenda Murrell, and Hubert Staten.

Please join the Employee Recognition Team in congratulating the nominees on a job well done. Please check your inbox for the ballot to vote for Faculty Member and Staff Member of the Year. Votes are due by the end of the day on August 1st, 2014.

Texas State Technical College’s new Center for Employability Outcomes could help revolutionize how colleges align their curriculum with workforce demands and help their students match up better with employers’ needs. The website, [www.c4eo.org](http://www.c4eo.org), will operate in close coordination with the Texas Workforce Commission, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, and the Texas Education Agency.

The website aims to help college administrators and industry “speak the same language” when it comes to curriculum leading to careers.

Michael Bettersworth, Associate Vice Chancellor for Technology Advancement said, “We want to increase people’s employability by teaching them things that are the most relevant, and that’s it...None of this tells the college what they must teach. None of this says here is the curriculum required to be a welder or an electrician. What were doing is showing which competencies have high market value versus low market value.”

For more information, please check out a great article on the project from the Killeen Daily Herald at [http://kdhnews.com/news/texas/technical-college-system-looks-to-break-mold-on-workforce-development/article\\_2f4f6e17-5e38-5e96-8566-dd204269192b.html](http://kdhnews.com/news/texas/technical-college-system-looks-to-break-mold-on-workforce-development/article_2f4f6e17-5e38-5e96-8566-dd204269192b.html).

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 New Student Orientation	2
3	4	5 Phi Theta Kappa Orientation Room 515, 12:00 noon	6 SGA Meeting at Noon	7	8 New Student Orientation	9 MTC Basic Rider 7:30am-5
10 MTC Basic Rider 7:30 am-5:00pm	11	12	13	14 Phi Theta Kappa Induction Ceremony Ceremony Room 515, 12:00	15	16
17	18	19	20 SGA Luncheon at Noon	21 Congressman Gohmert Visit	22 Graduation  Faculty Summit	23 MTC Basic Rider 7:30 am-5:00pm
24 MTC Basic Rider 7:30 am-5:00pm	25	26	27	28	29	30

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“An investment in knowledge pays the best interest.” - Benjamin Franklin



The Summer Industry Career Day and Transfer Fair was held on Thursday, July 17th in the Visitors Entrance and the Hallways of the S. Building. There were 23 company or college/university representative on campus to visit with the over 100 students who attended the event. The Career Service wanted to thank ALOCA, United Machine Works, and Trinity Rail for bring STAR Sponsors for the event. With their donations a iPad Mini was given away as the grand door prize for the event and the lucky student winner was Alesha Norris. There were some other great door prizes given away as well to several other students. There were also two companies who stayed after the luncheon to test students who were interested in working with these companies; ALCOA and US Steel. The Career Service Office would like to thank everyone

who helped to make this event a success; JoAnn Raymond, Kenneth Culberson and Raymond Dunn, Tonya Jones, Michelle Ates, and the Student Ambassadors.

SAVE THE DATE - Fall 2014 Industry Career Day: October 23rd.



Don't forget to color the campus! Wear Green on 8/4, Yellow on 8/11, White on 8/18, and Grey on 8/25. Check out the TSTC Marshall Facebook page for pictures of each week's colors.

At the end of the five-week period, each Professional Truck Driving graduate is now awarded an MSA certificate, along with the certificate of completion (Please see example attached). Each MSA certificate awarded had both the College President and VPSL's handwritten signatures, along with the TSTC seal by Pat Robbins (same seal used on graduation diplomas for credit-side graduates. In addition, all the skill sets are listed on the reverse side as well.

The MSA (Marketable Skill Award) is a designation for the smallest unit of educational attainment recognized by the THECB and is defined by 144 - 359 contact hours. Since the CDL program is defined by 200 hours, it falls within this category. This designation is important in that it helps TSTC meet its metric for the new funding model by allowing all graduates of the CDL program to be counted as "completers." For the prospective employer of the CDL graduate, it provides a certificate that lists all the skill sets attained on the back of the certificate.



The TSTC Chancellor's Award for Excellence was established to recognize the outstanding contributions and achievements of faculty and staff who serve the students of TSTC and the communities of Texas, those whose demonstrated commitment to excellence makes

a difference in the lives of others. As the award has evolved, recipients are also acknowledged for their character, as it is the strength of our team members' character that undergird the organization.

Congratulations go to Randy Haley, Division Director, Information Technology Studies

"Since his arrival and assignment as Division Director for IT Studies, Randy Haley has reshaped and strengthened the department through clear demonstration of nearly every positive definition of the word "character." Honesty, initiative, resourcefulness and dependability would be among those that immediately come to mind. Randy joined TSTC during a time of uncertainty in IT following the recent departure of several key personnel. Program continuity had been interrupted; remaining teammates were unsure of the future, and the difficult task of both filling the voids and building a confident team lay ahead. Randy took on the task with eyes wide open."

Chancellor's Excellence Award Winners were honored at a luncheon held on August 7th, 2014.