



MEMORANDUM

Provost, Academic Affairs and Student Services

To: Dr. Christina Ponce
From: Dr. Susan Guzmán-Treviño
Subject: August 2026 Academic Affairs and Student Services Report

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT:

Guru Rajkumar will be spotlighted for his presentation in a June 2026 Geometry Labs conference.

FACULTY SPOTLIGHT:

We will highlight Nancy Eaton. Nancy will be retiring after 18-year association with Temple College.

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT:

Dr. Eva Munguia will be recognized for her leadership as project director of the STEM grant activities.

eLEARNING, EDUCATION TECHNOLOGIES and ONLINE SERVICES

Faculty/Staff Training and Support

- Extensive training sessions conducted including:
 - Embedded faculty academy conducted on July 22/23
 - D2L Faculty Training August 13 - 14th

DualFlex & Embedded Summer Academy

- Christa Quigley and Brian St. Amour conducted training on July 22–23. This Academy is a key component of our effort to prepare embedded faculty and Dual Flex college course mentors to successfully support dual credit students. Through practical training, collaboration, and hands-on learning, participants will gain the knowledge and confidence needed to help students navigate college expectations while maintaining academic rigor and support. Topics included:
 - D2L navigation and structure
 - Student support within the LMS
 - Common troubleshooting strategies
 - Assessment logistics and submission processes
 - Artificial intelligence policies and considerations within D2L

TBI SPOTS Camp

- Christa Quigley conducted (5) breakout training session on D2L on June 1.

D2L System Roles

The purpose of a June 9th meeting was to come together and align on the various activities and tasks regarding the work roles under development. This will allow us to share updates, directions, implementation efforts, and other related elements. Topics included:

- Current Roles: Department Chairs, Faculty, Embedded Faculty, Tutors, Teaching Assistants, Dual Flex Classroom Coordinator
- Intake Processes and documentation: HR, IT, eLearning, Data Systems, etc.
- Technology/Systems: View Access, Section Enrollment, etc.
- Oversight: Faculty, Deans, etc.
- NJCAA compliance auditors for student athletes

Google Workspace/D2L

- Implementation meetings conducted in June and July.

Texas Statewide Course Sharing Exchange

- We have our first student enrolled to take a course with Temple College as a Teaching Institution for SU2026 2nd 5-weeks. Cisco College, SU2026 ACCT-2302-9200 Principles of Managerial Accounting
- Christa Quigley working ongoing logistics.

Software Solutions/Vendor Management

Perusall

- This student engagement service went from free to fee-based. Brian St. Amour is researching costs and implications. An institution license may be better than passing the cost on to students. We need to find a way to keep the license usage rate under the 1,001 users in order to keep our spend at the \$5K and not be forced into the \$10K license.

Committees

AI Task Force

- Will update policy to include reference on appropriate use of employee images and likeness from an educational and marketing standpoint.

Center for Teaching & Learning

- Preparing for launch of Faculty Institute for Online Teaching Experience course shell in D2L.

Course Quality Champions

- Principles of Course Quality course completed. First cohort of new faculty enrolled on June 11, 25 participants.
- Developed content for Course Quality Development Guide during June and July.

Community

Temple College Foundation

- Christa Quigley and Brian St. Amour review over 75 scholarship applications for the 2026/2027 academic year.

Texas Academy of Science Conference

- Brian St. Amour collaborated with Jason Locklin to seek sponsorship and donation from D2L for the February 2027 conference. D2L will be a gold level sponsor. (\$2,000 donation).

STUDENT SERVICES and ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT

Fall 2026 Enrollment Trends

Dr. Shannon Bralley, Associate Vice President of Student Services and Enrollment Management (SS and EM) Division reports departments worked diligently throughout the summer, as evidenced by faster processing times and support for an increased number of incoming students. Dr. Bralley reports that the college surpassed its Fall 2025 student retention rate during the first week of August and anticipates growth across all student populations, including dual credit students and traditional, returning and new students.

The division welcomed four new Enrollment Advisors- Emma Canul, Lucil Gustav, Sheyenne Hicks, and Jasmine Kimball- who completed extensive training in July and now manage student caseloads.

Student Balances

Dr. Bralley coordinated with the Financial Aid, VA, Student Accounts, Athletics, and Health Professions departments to reach out to students with past-due balances, providing them with as much time as possible and access to all available resources for making payment arrangements. As a result of this effort, Temple College does not conduct a large-scale drop process for students with balances. Instead, the college works with each student to identify payment arrangements that allow the student to remain in good standing while keeping a schedule that works for them.

The SS and EM Division hosted four New Student Orientation sessions from August 13 through 17 at the Temple and Hutto locations.

Admissions and Records

- Ms. Natalie Bland & Ms. Vicki Hanaway opened Fall 2026 graduation on July 1.
- Ms. Bland, Ms. Hanaway, and Ms. Elizabeth Chivers met virtually with the National Student Clearinghouse on July 9 to discuss reporting accuracy and alignment.
- Ms. Bland met with Ms. Brittanie Meske to discuss dependent verification processes in NeoEd.
- Ms. Bland proposed policy changes for the Employee Tuition Benefit process.
- Ms. Hanaway conducted admissions training for the new Enrollment Advisors on July 14.
- Ms. Bland presented to Summer Bridge students in the Main Building on July 21.
- Grades for the first eight-week, 10-week, and second five-week Summer 2026 sessions were due July 30.
- Admissions and Records implemented Parchment AI in production on July 30.

The Admissions team continues to monitor and process documents from the National Student Clearinghouse, Parchment, ApplyTexas, and SPEEDE to manage degree verifications, reverse transfers, diploma replacements, and manual applications.

Career, Transfer, and Athlete Advising

From May through July 2026, Ms. Araceli Urquiza focused on strengthening student-athlete support, preparing incoming student-athletes for a successful transition to Temple College, expanding transfer opportunities, and building stronger alignment between academic pathways and four-year institutions.

- Ms. Urquiza registered more than 100 student-athletes for the upcoming academic year. All student-athletes are preparing to move into campus housing during the weekend of August 15.
- Ms. Urquiza also registered 332 of 546 traditional students, representing a retention rate of 60.8%.
- Transfer planning was completed for all student-athletes, ensuring that each student has an academic and transfer pathway established as the Temple College experience begins.
- Student-athletes received support in identifying long-term academic and athletic goals and connecting their coursework to potential four-year transfer opportunities.
- Early transfer successes include student-athletes who have already committed to NCAA Division I institutions, including Our Lady of the Lake University and East Carolina University.

Student-Athlete Online Course Shell

Ms. Urquiza developed a dedicated student-athlete course shell to provide a centralized online resource as students transition into college. The course shell will:

- Welcome student-athletes to their Temple College experience.
- Provide clear guidance for navigating the online classroom environment.
- Help students locate course materials and submit assignments.
- Establish an additional communication channel between student-athletes and advising support.
- Provide resources and information that support academic success throughout the semester.

Enhanced Student-Athlete Orientation

Ms. Urquiza developed a new approach to student-athlete orientation focused on engagement, belonging, mental performance, and student success.

- Ms. Urquiza and Ms. Rachel Melancon invited sports psychologist Ms. Capri Richardson to speak with student-athletes about the mental and psychological aspects of collegiate athletics.
- Ms. Urquiza prepared student engagement opportunities and giveaways to create a more welcoming and interactive experience.
- The orientation model extends beyond traditional institutional information and emphasizes helping student-athletes feel connected, supported, and prepared for the transition to college.

Transfer Development

From May through July, a significant focus was strengthening Temple College's transfer pathways and increasing student awareness of opportunities available after completing their studies at a two-year institution.

Tarleton State University Partnership

Ms. Urquiza met with Ms. Regina Wolf of Tarleton State University to discuss transfer opportunities between Temple College and Tarleton State. Their discussion included:

- Transfer trends and the increasing number of Temple College students transferring to Tarleton State.
- High-demand academic programs and potential areas for pathway development between the two institutions.
- Transfer scholarships and financial opportunities available to Temple College students.
- Potential opportunities to strengthen the relationship through a future Memorandum of Understanding.

Transfer Tuesdays

To increase campus-wide awareness of transfer opportunities, Ms. Urquiza and Dr. Shannon Bralley are collaborating to develop Transfer Tuesdays, a recurring initiative designed to make transfer education more visible and accessible throughout the academic year. Each Tuesday will feature a different transfer-related theme and provide opportunities for students to learn about:

- Four-year university transfer opportunities.
- Academic pathways and degree planning.
- Transfer scholarships.
- Different university environments and programs.
- Faculty and staff experiences as alumni of four-year institutions.

Faculty and staff will be encouraged to represent their alma maters and engage students in conversations about their own educational journeys.

Nursing Pathway and Alternative Advising Support

Ms. Urquiza provided proactive outreach to students who were not selected for Temple College's nursing program, helping them identify alternative pathways while maintaining momentum toward their long-term goals.

- Students were encouraged to continue progressing through AS Pre-Nursing coursework.
- Students received guidance on how completing the AS Pre-Nursing pathway would keep multiple educational pathways open.
- Students explored transfer opportunities with existing Temple College partners, including Texas Tech, Grand Canyon University, and the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor.

Strengthening Existing Transfer Partnerships

As the new academic year approaches, Ms. Urquiza is reviewing Temple College's existing transfer partnerships and agreements to identify opportunities to strengthen them and increase their visibility. This work includes:

- Reviewing existing transfer partnerships and MOUs.
- Reconnecting with university transfer partners.
- Identifying opportunities to increase student awareness of existing agreements.
- Exploring opportunities for additional pathway development.
- Working toward launching and promoting transfer opportunities that provide clear benefits for Temple College students.

Financial Aid

- A total of 847 learners submitted a FAFSA application to Temple College.
- A total of 676 students received Foundation Scholarships totaling \$770,350.00.

Graduation

Ms. Kaci Robinson reports that, during July, graduation processing continued for Summer 2026 while preparations began for the Fall 2026 graduation cycle.

- Ninety-one students are currently identified as Summer 2026 graduates.
- Eight students originally scheduled for Fall 2026 graduation were moved to Summer 2026 after a review confirmed they had completed their graduation requirements.
- The current Summer 2026 graduate count does not yet include additional Occupational Skills Awards, Fields of Study, or certificates that may be identified as eligible for awards. These credentials will be reviewed and added as applicable.
- Sixty-three graduation applications have already been received for Fall 2026.
- Fall 2026 graduation applications are being reviewed individually to verify degree requirements, remaining coursework, transfer credit, substitutions, and other requirements needed for completion.
- Graduation audits and student communications continue throughout the process to identify missing requirements and notify students of their current graduation status.

Current Graduation Numbers

- Spring 2026 graduates: 562
- Summer 2026 graduates: 91 currently identified
- Moved from Fall 2026 to Summer 2026: 8
- Fall 2026 graduation applications received: 63

The Summer 2026 total is expected to increase as eligible Occupational Skills Awards and certificates are identified and awarded.

Student Accommodations / International Students

- On August 7, Ms. Reid attended the second annual Student Parent Convening at Northwest Vista Community College in San Antonio to learn about resources and assistance available to students who are parents and are taking college classes.

- From August 13 through 17, Ms. Reid attended New Student Orientation sessions to discuss the accommodation application process and the documents students need to apply for services.
- On August 17, Ms. Reid presented accommodation training for faculty and staff on disability, Title IX, and student-parent laws and processes.
- On August 31, Ms. Reid will attend a SEVIS webinar to learn more about the federal government's recent changes to the admission status of F-1 visa students and how those changes affect the length of time they may study in the United States.
- Ms. Reid is currently accepting applications from international F-1 visa students for the Spring 2027 semester. Temple College has 31 F-1 visa students for Fall 2026.
- Ms. Reid continues to accept accommodation applications for the fall semester. In the spring semester, 158 students received disability accommodations.

Student Life

Marcia Temple, Director of Student Life, unexpectedly passed away on Friday, July 10. Her passing is a tremendous loss to the Temple College community. Her celebration of life was held in the Macey Conference Center on Saturday, August 15.

Student Success Center

Ms. Cynthia Martinez, Director of the Student Success Center, reports that the Center is planning several Math Boot Camps for students enrolled in freshman-level mathematics courses, including College Algebra, Business Math, Elementary Statistics, and Contemporary Mathematics.

The Center is also offering several Write Smart Workshops for students enrolled in writing-intensive courses, including English, Psychology, Government, History, and Speech. These outreach efforts are designed to introduce students to the resources and support services available through the Student Success Center, with the goal of increasing student engagement and utilization of the Center's services.

Main Campus

- Application Essay and Résumé-Building Workshops: Thursday, August 13, 2026, and Tuesday, August 18, 2026.
- Start the Semester Ready to Write Workshops: Thursday, August 20, 2026, and Friday, August 21, 2026.
- Math Boot Camps: Thursday, August 13, 2026, and Friday, August 14, 2026.

Hutto Center

- Math Boot Camp: Thursday, August 13, 2026.
- Application Essay Workshop: Friday, September 4, 2026.

Testing Center

Ms. Monique Gibson, Director of Testing, reports that the Temple College Testing Centers experienced a significant increase in service demand throughout the Summer 2026 semester. The Testing Centers continued to provide comprehensive testing services to Temple College students, external institutions, community partners, and workforce programs while maintaining a strong commitment to student success, accessibility, community service, and institutional partnerships.

Both testing laboratories were fully utilized throughout the summer semester to support course examinations, Next Generation HESI, TEAS testing, and other institutional and external examinations. Four dedicated accommodation rooms were also used to support students requiring testing accommodations.

- The department collaborated with Information Technology Services to update the Hutto Testing Center laboratory and enhance testing technology at the Temple Testing Center. Updates included Microsoft 365 computer configurations, removal of outdated software, and installation and preparation of Exemplify-capable computers.
- The department coordinated updates and implementation of new ATI Testing units to support the Health Sciences Department and its increased testing requirements.

Testing Services

- Successfully accommodated all scheduled and walk-in testing appointments at both the Temple and Hutto Testing Centers, including testing needs associated with the transition between facilities.
- Experienced an increase in external proctoring services at the beginning of the semester, reflecting expanded outreach and partnerships with Purdue University, the University of North Dakota, Blinn College, Tarleton State University, Rio Salado College, The University of Texas at Arlington, and Oklahoma Wesleyan University.
- Facilitated additional TCOLE examinations for Limestone County and surrounding areas, as well as TCOLE and D2L examinations for Temple College Police Academy cadets.
- Implemented remote TSIA2 testing for prospective Temple College students, including students residing outside Texas and internationally.
- Accommodated early testing for the new Police Academy Cadet Class 18, including D2L examinations during Summer 2026.
- Increased CLEP proctoring services by approximately 20 examinations during Summer 2026.
- Administered HVAC and TSTC examinations at the Hutto Testing Center.
- Provided CASA testing services in collaboration with Adult Education and Literacy for GED and ESL testing at the Hutto Testing Center.
- Increased accommodated proctoring services for Texas Commission on Fire Protection examinations, supporting fire departments using both the Hutto and Temple Testing Centers.

Professional Development and Staff Engagement

- Participated in monthly Texas Association of Community and Technical College Professionals meetings throughout Summer 2026.
- Participated in Texas Commission on Fire Protection testing activities in support of the Temple Fire Department.
- Supported Workforce and Continuing Education testing activities and participated in the WCE pinning ceremony.
- Participated in and collaborated with Texas A&M University–Central Texas during its monthly Summer 2026 application drive in the small lab.
- June 12: Hosted WCE Phlebotomy testing.

- June 2026: Participated in a presentation with UNT Dallas to learn about updates and changes related to the new HESI A2 examination.
- June 12: Participated in an EC-Council Zoom meeting with TSTC to discuss testing and certification opportunities.
- July 11: Hosted WCE Patient Care Technician testing.
- Provided proctoring services for North Texas Community College.
- July 2026: Assisted with testing during training for new Enrollment Advisors.
- July 21: Participated in the Summer Bridge Service Day Testing Center presentation and provided information about testing services and resources.
- July 24: Participated in Temple College Alumni Night at Lions Junction.
- July 28: Participated in Progressive Discipline Training for Supervisors, presented by Human Resources representative Mr. Rich Stein.
- August 2026: Met with WCE Coordinator Ms. Emily Gause during the NHA meeting to discuss testing needs and planning for the 2026–2027 academic year.
- August 29: Scheduled to support WCE Clinical Medical Assistant testing.

Veterans Affairs

Certification & Office Hours

- Processing current fall term Hazlewood, MYCAA, Tuition Assistance (TA), and VA certifications daily
- Assisting both prospective and current students with inquiries and support
- Basilia Flores and Ayleen Garcia attended AVECO conference in July 2027.

Events & Outreach

- Comic Con- Aug 1st & 2nd
- Community & Career Fair- Sept 24th (Upcoming)
 - Partnership with: Texas Veterans Commission, WorkForce, and SVA-TC Chapter

Summer Term Current Enrollment by Military-Affiliated Educational Benefit 8/11

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| • CH.1606 (Selected Reserve): 2 | • Air Force Tuition Assistance (TA):0 |
| • CH.30 (Montgomery GI Bill® – Active Duty): 5 | • Army Tuition Assistance (TA):2 |
| • CH.31 (Veteran Readiness & Employment): 29 | • Marine Tuition Assistance (TA): 1 |
| • CH.33 (Post-9/11 GI Bill®): 138 | • MYCAA (Military Spouse Career Advancement): |
| • CH.35 (Dependents Educational Assistance): 218 | • Total Military-Affiliated Enrollment: 496 |
| • Hazlewood Act: 101 | |

Fine Arts

Departmental Highlights:

- Temple College Theatre Department received the Texas Educational Theatre Association Award of Distinction for 2026. Only 7 colleges in the state were awarded the distinction of theatre academic excellence.
- Music faculty (Dr. Alex Corbett, Priscilla Santana, John Batson, Carlos Martinez) offered several outstanding summer camps including: TC Band Camp, TC Orchestra Camp, and a partnership teen musical “Singin’ in the Rain” with Central Texas Academie Musique.

- Temple College Theatre Club students directed and produced a full musical, “25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee”. The show was performed twice in the Backstage Theatre to a sold-out crowd.
- Temple College Symphonic Band performed a patriotic special concert, “250 Years of American Music” featuring over 70 community and student musicians in June.
- Professional musicians and faculty members of the Temple Jazz Orchestra will be providing music for the Temple College Centennial Gala on September 22nd.

Faculty and Staff Highlights:

- Visual Arts Professor, Michael Donahue, received recognition in the Greasy Grass Magazine for his research on Little Bighorn. He was invited as a guest speaker and presented his material at the 150th anniversary of the Battle in Montanan in June.
- Dean of Fine Arts, Priscilla Santana, represented Temple College at the Texas Community College Instructional Administrators Summer Leadership Conference in Grapevine TX, in June.
- Professor of Music, Teri Johnson, represented Temple College at the 2026 National Association of Teachers of Singing Conference in San Antonio, TX in July. Her vocal students were previously recognized in the Spring 2026 with distinct awards at the regional competition level.
- Department Chair of Communications, Theatre, and Humanities, Dr. Derek Mudd represented Temple College Theatre Department at the National Association for Theatre in Higher Education in Baltimore in July.
- Assistant Professor of music-percussion, Dr. Nathan Siegel, has received news that our Temple College Jazz Ensemble has been selected as a headliner promotional for the Music Association for Central Texas in Waco, October 2026
- Associate Professor of Communications and Theatre, Melissa Green, received her completion certification as a Designated Meisner Teacher from the Meisner Institute; only 100 people around the world have this distinguished certification in acting methods.

Upcoming September Events:

- Visual Arts- Opening reception for *Vessels & Vestments*, featuring works by ceramic artist David Hill will be September 19th. The exhibition will run through October 22. Free to the public.
- Teri Johnson, voice professor, will be performing a faculty recital titled “*These are a Few of My Favorite Sings...*” accompanied by David Perez-Guerra on Saturday September 26th, 7:30p.m. in the Backstage Theatre. Free to the public.

East Williamson County Higher Education Centers

EWCHEC-Taylor and Hutto Centers are both focused on fall registration and preparing for new student orientation events for both traditional and dual credit students. E-learning workshops are scheduled immediately following each orientation session and are open to both new and returning students. Preparations are also underway for college fair events that will occur in September.

Student life events this month are centered on welcoming students and back to school fun. Welcome tables will be staffed and snacks provided to encourage and assist students during the first week of classes. T-shirts and college swag will also be available to welcome students to campus.

Hutto enrollment, dual credit, and recruitment staff all participated in the Back-2-School rally for Hutto ISD. The event takes place each August to provide HISD families with backpacks and school supplies. As a vendor, Temple College passed out pens and pencils as well as TC swag to thousands of students preparing to head back to school. We had several meaningful conversations with parents and prospective students in the community while supporting this worthy cause.

EWCHEC Student & Community Events this month:

- August 4 – Dual Credit Orientation, Taylor Center
- August 5 – Dual Credit Orientation, Hutto Center
- August 12 – Hutto Chamber Luncheon, Hutto Center
- August 13 – Hutto Power Breakfast, Hutto Center
- August 13 – Math Boot Camp, Hutto Center
- August 13 – New Student Orientation, Hutto Center
- August 13 – TBI Hutto White Coat Ceremony, Kalahari Convention Center
- August 15 – Hutto Hoopla Annual Event Sponsor, YMCA
- August 17 – Taylor Chamber Luncheon, Judge Snell Keynote Speaker
- August 17 – Hutto ISD Dual Credit Orientation, Hutto Center
- August 24-28 – City of Hutto Emergency Management Training, Hutto Center
- August 26 – Professional Women of Williamson County Luncheon, Hutto Center
- August 27 – Hutto ISD Board of Trustees BCMT Presentation, Hutto ISD