



MEMORANDUM

Provost, Academic Affairs and Student Services

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

STUDENT SPOTLIGHTS:

Surgical Technology Student Spotlight – Jeff Fritz

- Sergio Resendiz-Arzola

2025 Outstanding Chemistry Students – Lance English

- Aiden Bleth
- Giaitzabella Bonilla
- Alex Broderick
- Elise Clark
- Kristopher Dudik
- Ariyana Fisher
- Jada Fuhr
- Brooke Keneipp
- Devin Leitch
- Lindsey Niehof
- Lila O'Donnell
- Jesus Ramires
- Luis Rodulfo
- Misti Rostovich
- Jonathan Salmon
- Mason Sniggs
- Sophie Starnes
- Chad Troyer

Texas Academy of Science Award Recipients – Jason Locklin

- Lila O'Donnell
- Ariyana Fisher
- Tyler Miller
- Yamilex Hernandez
- Michaela Stelzer

OUTSTANDING FACULTY SPOTLIGHT:

- Mr. Philip Friedman for his work with Chemistry students.
- Dr. Christine Simon, Professor of Psychology, presented a GIFT (Great Ideas for Teaching) session at January's Leopards Learn workshop.

eLEARNING, EDUCATION TECHNOLOGIES and ONLINE SERVICES

Texas Statewide Course Sharing Exchange

- The Course Sharing Program Commitment 2026-2027 memo has been submitted to the Division of Student Success and Institutional Partnerships at the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB).
- We currently have nine course offerings advertised on the Exchange for Spring 2026 2nd 8-weeks.
- Christa Quigley is working with several departments to determine the best process for identifying, reviewing, advertising, and monitoring course offerings for upcoming terms.

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- Christa Quigley will be working with SES Enrollment Advisors to promote the Exchange to students who would benefit from course offerings.

Software Solutions/Vendor Management

Copy Leaks

- Usage data for February

Number of Scans	1500
Average AI Score (%)	97

Honorlock Proctoring Solution

- Account review with account representative on February 24.
- Honorlock usage data for February:

Usage	Apr	May	June	July	Aug*	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan*	Feb
Courses	36	48	41	42	13	39	61	57	67	22	57
Unique Exams	56	65	95	106	17	71	94	129	137	38	99
Students	378	421	518	496	132	520	684	548	687	174	699
Exams Taken	484	511	1060	1076	142	808	1044	1025	1049	213	1177

- Spring semester started 1/20

Tutor.com

- Usage data for February

Current Number of Semester Sessions	37
Active Students	9
Average Session Length (minutes)	40.58
Student Rating	4.60/5.00
Recommended Rate	100

YuJa Panorama Accessibility Tool

- Additional faculty training session scheduled for mid-March.

Committees

AI Task Force

- Meeting on March 2 to review a few course sample AI practices documents for students. These documents will serve as examples for other faculty to edit and use in their courses.

Center for Teaching & Learning

- Meeting on February 13 and 27 to review data from the SP2026 *Leopards Learn* conference, discuss action items, and consider an interest survey for future sessions.

Course Quality Champions/Course Redesign Committee

- Meeting on February 24 to review/edit D2L course module for faculty training. Course development scheduled for completion in early March.

L.E.A.D.S. Stem Support

- Meeting with the team lead on February 18 to review tutorial project for students enrolled in the program.

Student Services

- Reviewed student worker resumes for work study pool for student services.

Community

Central Texas College

- Brian St. Amour mentored Izora Gales, Director of Instructional Development, regarding the Institutional Plan for Distance Education in accordance with the Principles of Good Practice for Distance Education, as required by the THECB.

Digital Learning Summit

- Christa Quigley and Brian St. Amour attended the virtual Digital Learning Summit on February 10-11. This year's theme, The Power of Practice – Transforming Experience into Innovation, centers on cultivating agile, innovation-driven approaches that support student success, timely completion of credentials of value, and seamless transitions into high-demand careers, advancing the goals of Building a Talent Strong Texas by ensuring credentials are meaningful, accessible, and economically transformative for all Texans.

Rockdale Chamber of Commerce

- Brian St. Amour presented *Intro to Artificial Intelligence* during a chamber lunch and learn meeting on 2/19. The topic explored practical ways AI can help streamline your business.

TxDLA 2026 Conference

- Brian St. Amour unable to attend in-person conference March 23-26 due to budget cuts, however he will attend virtual sessions April 14-15

Western Governors University (WGU)

- Temple College has a transfer agreement in place with WGU. Brian St. Amour completed survey to share understand Temple College's experience and ensure we're aligned with WGU in a shared vision for education offerings.

EAST WILLIAMSON COUNTY HIGHER EDUCATION CENTERS

March is a busy and often stressful month with the end of first 8-week courses and mid-terms for students. To kick off March, the college is focusing on Mental Health week for students, faculty, and staff. Activities are planned throughout the Centers and include things such as fidget toys, scratch art, snacks, seminars, and other stress relief activities being organized by the Circle of Support.

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Recruitment events are being planned at both the Taylor and Hutto Centers for this Spring. Hutto will be hosting a Preview for area high school juniors and seniors on March 27th. Local staff are coordinating with marketing, recruiting, student services and academic departments to plan an engaging event and showcase Temple College offerings. We expect about 200 high school students and their counselors to attend. Programming will focus on enrollment processes, academic and workforce offerings, current student panels, and what to expect during the first year of college.

Community tours and presentations are also conducted this month. LEAD programs for both the Hutto and Taylor Chambers of Commerce will be holding their education days in March and include the Center locations in each respective city. The Hutto Center will be the host location for a Hutto area Realtor tour and will highlight college opportunities they can pass along to their clients. The College will also be participating in Career Con hosted by Taylor Chamber focused on CTE and workforce careers and programs aimed at attracting area high schools.

EWCHEC Student & Community Events this month:

March 2-6 – Mental Health Week activities, Hutto and Taylor Centers

March 2 – Taylor Chamber Luncheon – State of our Schools, Taylor

March 2 – Workforce Committee – Hutto Chamber of Commerce

March 4 – LEAD Hutto Higher Education Day, Hutto Center

March 4 – Coupland ISD Inaugural Enrollment Event, Coupland

March 7 – Hutto Candidate Forum, Hutto Center

March 11 – Career Con Event, Taylor Expo

March 11 – LEAD Taylor Education Day, Taylor Center

March 11 – Hutto Chamber Luncheon, Hutto Center

March 12 – Hutto Power Breakfast, Hutto Center

March 16-20 – Spring Break

March 25 – Coffee with a Prof, Taylor Center

March 26 – Hutto Realtor Tour, Hutto Center

March 27 – College Preview Day, Hutto Center

STUDENT SERVICES AND ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT

Division Update

Ms. Shannon Bralley, Associate Vice President of Student Services and Enrollment Management reports during February 2026, the Student Services Division continued advancing Temple College's mission by prioritizing access, academic momentum, student engagement, compliance, and community partnership across all campuses. Across departments, services expanded to meet increasing demand while maintaining institutional integrity and a strong student-centered focus.

Ms. Bralley worked with Ms. Marcia Temple, Director of Student Life, to allocate funds to all active student clubs, as well as to empower faculty and staff advisors to have more knowledge of organization budgets and processes.

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On February 6th Ms. Bralley participated in Executive workshop with the Temple College Leadership team to examine Strategic Finance efforts in support of the college's pathways projects, as well as Executive Leadership meeting on February 11th.

Ms. Bralley attended a Caring Campus committee meeting to support the Caring Fairy team in their efforts to expand recognition across campus.

Ms. Bralley helped welcome a group February 14th from Hutto to visit main campus, to see new campus facilities and discuss Enrollment Redesign and the impact on TC students.

Ms. Bralley attended the Taylor Chamber of Commerce Banquet on February 17th on behalf of the college. She also participated in multiple meetings with the athletics staff to discuss position transitions as Athlete Advisor, Danya Bailey is scheduled to retire.

Ms. Bralley welcomed and spoke to a Cameron High School group of Seniors at a special 'Coffee Chat' following Leopard Preview Day.

Ms. Bralley attended the Temple Rotary Meeting February 26th, after which she provided tours of the Main Building to interested Rotarians.

Ms. Bralley submitted and certified Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board End of Term Reports for Fall 2025.

Department Reports

Accommodations, International Programs & Student Support

Ms. Misty Reid, Director of Accommodations / F1 Visa International Advisor / Foster Care Liaison reports the following:

- Participated in weekly Student Services & Enrollment Managers Leadership meetings (February 3 and 10)
- Attended regional Pregnancy and Parenting Liaison Zoom meeting (February 6)
- Participated in Digital Accessibility Standards live panel in preparation for WCAG 2.1 compliance (February 25)

Admissions & Records

Ms. Natalie Bland, Director of Admissions and Records reports the following:

- Participated in Parchment AI sessions (February 9 and 18)
- Attended Workforce Curriculum Proposal review meeting (February 17)
- Conducted file relocation and review during campus transition (February 19)
- Supported Leopard Preview Day through presentations and volunteer participation
- Staff participated in Mental Health First Aid training (February 26) Enrollment Advising

Enrollment Advising

Ms. Hattrice Freeman, Director of Enrollment Advising reports the following:

- Preparing for Summer 2026 enrollment through appointments and triage advising

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- Meeting with probation and suspension students to develop plans of action for upcoming semesters
- Ongoing weekly Enrollment Advising training
- Three advisors attended the TEXAAN conference in San Antonio
- Assisted Fine Arts Department students (February 16)
- Participated in Leopard Preview Day (February 20)
- Continuing proactive outreach efforts to increase enrollment numbers

Student Life

Ms. Marcia Temple, Director of Student Life reports the following:

- Arnold Student Union hosted student organization meetings, themed events, collaborative programming, and informal gathering opportunities
- Celebrated Black History Month through educational and cultural programming across Temple, Hutto, and Taylor campuses
- Hosted Fat Tuesday celebrations featuring décor, music, king cake, and bead distribution including a decorated campus golf cart bead toss
- Prepared and coordinated food service for Leopard Preview Day volunteers

Student Success Center

Ms. Cynthia Martinez, Director of the Student Success Center, reports that the Center has experienced an increase in student tutoring sessions. This rise is partly due to the additional logging of A&P tutoring sessions beginning on Monday, February 23. Resume writing services have also been promoted to help students prepare for summer employment opportunities. During the month of February, student tutoring services served 498 duplicated students, providing a total of 589 hours of tutoring, distributed as follows:

- Main Campus – 470 (360 SSC, 110 Ed Morgan A&P Lab)
- Taylor Center – 13
- Hutto Center – 15
- Online – 0

Testing Center

Ms. Monique Gibson, Director of Testing reports the following:

- Supported 1st 8-week and 16-week class exams
- Increased external proctoring for Purdue, University of North Dakota, Blinn, Tarleton, Rio Salado, UTA, and OKWU
- High demand for HESI (Nursing and Sonography) and TEAS exams
- Facilitated TCOLE examinations for Limestone County and Police Academy cadets
- Implemented remote TSIA2 testing for out-of-state and international students
- Provided CLEP testing; administered HVAC and TSTC testing
- Hosted CASA GED/ESL testing
- Accommodated TCFP Fire Department proctoring
- Hosted Holland ISD TSI testing
- Completed updated camera installations in Hutto
- Updated Pearson VUE and CLEP computers in Temple

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- Transitioned to updated ATI and HESI platforms
- Staff recertified for Accuplacer, HESI, TEAS, and Pearson VUE
- Participated in TxCHSE/GED conference, TACRO webinar, TACTP meeting, and weekly leadership meetings
- Supported National ACT administration
- Hired Traci Huffman for Hutto Testing Center

Veterans Affairs

Ms. Basilia Flores, VA Coordinator reports the following:

- Total Military-Affiliated Enrollment: 630 students
- CH.35 (Dependents Educational Assistance): 272
- CH.33 (Post-9/11 GI Bill®): 152
- Army Tuition Assistance: 8 and Air Force Tuition Assistance: 1
- MYCAA (Military Spouse Career Advancement): 5

DIVISION OF NATURAL SCIENCES

Students Present at the Master Naturalist Chapter in Cameron

Two Temple College undergraduate research students, Tyler Miller and Jacquelyn Rios, recently presented their research to the public at the January 2026 meeting of the Texas Master Naturalist El Camino Real Chapter in Cameron. The meeting drew a large community audience, including new Central Texas landowners interested in local ecosystems and land management. This was the students' first public research presentation, providing valuable experience communicating scientific results to a non-academic audience and responding to questions from the community. The event strengthened Temple College's relationship with regional conservation organizations and highlighted the college's role in conducting locally relevant research while preparing students for future conference presentations.

2026 Temple College Science Challenge

The division hosted the 5th annual Science Challenge on January 30, 2026. A total of 77 students attended from seven high schools across six ISDs, including Belton High School, Lake Belton High School, Holland High School, Troy High School, Temple High School, Gateway College Preparatory School, and Yoe High School in Cameron. An additional six students attended independently from Holy Trinity, Academy, Stony Point High School, and homeschool programs.

Sixteen Rising Scientist Awards for laboratory performance and eighteen subject area awards were presented. Two scholarships were offered covering tuition and fees for 2 years at Temple College. More than 30 faculty members and 20 staff members contributed their time and expertise to make the event successful.

Four of the participating high schools have attended in multiple previous years, and three schools were new participants this year, including both Belton high schools. Feedback from teachers and volunteers was overwhelmingly positive, with many highlighting the hands-on laboratory experiences, collaborative student groupings, and keynote session as key strengths of the event.

This year's Science Challenge was held in the new conference center in the Main Building, which served as the primary meeting space. Attendees provided positive feedback regarding the quality of the facilities and the convenience of a centralized location that allowed for efficient movement between sessions.

Temple College Scholars Symposium

The division also hosted the inaugural Temple College Scholars Symposium on February 7, 2026 in the Workforce and Visual Arts Building. Twenty-two students in biology and chemistry presented original research conducted over the past year to fulfill eligibility requirements for honors in biology and chemistry. Approximately 100 students, faculty, family members, and community members attended the event.

Student research addressed a wide range of topics, including zebra mussel population status across multiple Texas lakes, white bass population dynamics in Central Texas lakes, lichen distribution and ultraviolet fluorescence, diquat herbicide effects on plants and soil fungi, nasal botfly prevalence in white tailed deer, seasonal mammal occurrences in Louisiana, and improving math readiness for general chemistry.

Five student awards were presented at the conclusion of the symposium: Scientific Communication Award (Michaela Stelzer), Emerging Researcher Award (Yamilex Hernandez), Most Memorable Poster (Kaylyn Wolf), Best Overall Poster (Courtney Shuman), and Audience Choice Award (Cyah White).

The symposium also featured a keynote presentation by former Temple College student Zuberi Ashrof, who is currently pursuing his PhD at The University of Texas at Austin. His participation highlights the continued success of Temple College students as they transition into advanced academic and research careers.

146th Annual Texas Academy of Science Meeting

Natural Sciences faculty, staff, and students attended the 146th annual meeting of the Texas Academy of Science held February 27–28, 2026 at The University of Texas at Tyler. A total of 55 representatives from Temple College participated, including 16 faculty and staff and 39 students. Twelve students presented original research conducted over the past year, ten of whom are TBI students.

Temple College Student Presentations

Five of the twelve student presenters earned top recognition within their respective divisions:

- Lila O'Donnell — First Place Research Poster Presentation, STEM Education
- Ariyana Fisher — Second Place Research Poster Presentation, STEM Education
- Tyler Miller — First Place Research Poster Presentation, Terrestrial Ecology and Management
- Yamilex Hernandez — Second Place Research Oral Presentation, Plant Science
- Michaela Stelzer — First Place Research Poster Presentation, Plant Science

Temple College continues to maintain strong leadership involvement within TAS. Lance English serves as an Academic Director on the TAS Board, and Jason Locklin serves as Managing Editor of the Academy's peer reviewed journal, *The Texas Journal of Science*.

Founded in 1880 and formally organized in its current structure in 1929, the Texas Academy of Science promotes scientific research across Texas colleges and universities, encourages student research engagement, and supports professional development of its members. The Academy publishes *The Texas Journal of Science* (since 1949), conducts an annual scientific meeting featuring research across 17 disciplinary sections, awards approximately \$25,000 annually in student research funding, and provides expert input on science and STEM education policy matters.

Temple College was selected to host the 2027 annual meeting of the Texas Academy of Science on the Temple College campus next year, further highlighting the institution’s growing leadership and impact within the statewide scientific community.

ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY

Important Milestones/achievements for the department, individuals, faculty, or staff:

- SkillsUSA STEM Club Students Participated in Valentine’s Day, Love SkillsUSA Recruiter event. The students successfully recruited one new student.
- Dr. Melendez is volunteering at Kennedy Powell Elementary School Robots After School Program.
- Dr. Melendez presented AS Degree and CAD programs to High Schoolers at the Leopard Preview Day.

Upcoming Events:

April 2 SkillsUSA STEM Club students hosting Talent Show Fundraiser.

April 5-8 Students will travel to Corpus Christi for Texas State SkillsUSA Leadership Conference and Competitions

Temple College Students are Registered in the Following Categories:

- Quality of Excellence Program, QEP
- Architectural Drafting
- Additive Manufacturing
- Technical Drafting
- Computer Programing
- Cyber Security
- Related Technical Math
- Quiz Bowl
- Engineering Design – Humanoid Robot

HEALTH PROFESSIONS II

The Vocational Nursing Program site visit from the TX Board of Nursing on Mar.10-12.

- National Council Licensure Exam (NCLEX) first time pass rates for 2025*
- ADN- above 90% receives a commendation from the Texas Board of Nursing
- VN- Two years in a row to achieve 100%, and 4th time since 2016
- We consistently score above the state and national averages for both programs.

	Temple College	Texas	US
LVN	100%	91.87%	86.59%
RN	91.86%	88.6%	86.71%

(*Preliminary, will be approved by the Texas Board of Nursing in the April meeting.)

FINE ARTS

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- Texas Music Educators Association 2026 Clinic/Convention: 11 students represented Temple College at this major event in San Antonio on February 11-15, 2026. Among them were students accepted into the Texas Two-Year All-State Band, Jazz Band, and Choir, all of which presented performances at the convention. Temple College and Texas A&M, Central Texas University participated in the College Fair and the Alumni Reception for our TAMUCT students who are now music educators.
- Fine Arts Division hosted a successful event, “Fine Arts Major for a Day” on Monday, February 16th. Over 80 high school students from around the Central Texas area shadowed fine arts majors and engaged in a college experience exploring degree pathways in music, visual arts, theatre, and musical theatre.
- Fine Arts Division participated in Leopards Day Preview by providing sessions in music, visual arts, and musical theatre, conducted by Priscilla Santana, Dr. Nathan Siegel, Deric Ence, and Veronica Hill
- Visual Arts Department hosted the opening reception of Dan Sorensen’s Exhibit: Presence Pending. The exhibit will be open until April 2nd.
- Visual Arts Department is providing a community partnership and collaboration with the Temple Homeward Project.
- On Feb. 25, the Department of Communication, Theatre, and Humanities presented a talk on Theatrical Dramaturgy led by Austin-based playwright Greg Romero as part of the Temple College Humanities Series. Mr. Romero was the adaptor of the TC fall production of A Midsummer Night’s Dream.

Faculty Insights:

- Dr. Derek Mudd attended the annual TCCTA conference, Feb. 18-20. While there he gained professional development from sessions on digital literacy, modeling decorum in speech classrooms, civic learning, and teaching in an era of distraction and disruption.
- Associate Professor of Communication and Theatre, Melissa Green, directed Waco Civic Theatre’s production of the musical 9 to 5.
- Veronica Nun Marie Hill and Professor Jessica Just served as VASE jurors, which is a statewide high school art competition.
- Faculty recitals:
 - Dr. Gabriel Araújo, composition: January 29, 2026
 - Dr. Colin Mason, saxophone & Prof. Anna Carney, clarinet: February 22, 2026
 - Dr. Nathan Siegel, percussion: March 1, 2026
 - TC Jazz Faculty Combo Concert: March 5th, 2026
- Faculty clinics/adjudication (selected):
 - Dr. Alexander Corbett: UIL Solo and Ensemble for Region 8 Orchestra on January 31, 2026
 - Dr. Nathan Siegel: Percussion Clinic at TAMU-Kingsville on Feb. 5, 2026
 - Prof. Priscilla Santana: UIL Solo and Ensemble for Region 8 Choir on February 21, 2026

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Upcoming Events:

- Temple College Spring Musical: "Curtains", Friday March 13th 7:30p.m. and Saturday March 14th 2:30p.m. Mary Alice Marshall Performing Arts Center.
- 34th Annual Temple College Jazz Festival: March 26th-28th.
- Exhibit: Presence Pending, by Dan Sorensen. Michael Donahue Art Gallery, open until April 2nd.