

# **MEMORANDUM**

# Provost, Academic Affairs and Student Services

To: Dr. Christina Ponce

From: Dr. Susan Guzmán-Treviño

**Subject:** April 2025 Academic Affairs and Student Services Report

**STUDENT SPOTLIGHT:** Conner Stear and Cadence Sen, Texas Academy of Science award winners, will be recognized.

**OUTSTANDING FACULTY SPOTLIGHTS:** We will highlight Heather Chandler, recipient of the 2025-2026 Faculty Development Leave Grant.

# **Academic Affairs**

During the 2024-2025 academic year, the College Curriculum Committee has added the following Occupational Skills Awards (OSA):

OSA Criminal Justice Services I
OSA Criminal Justice Services I/
OSA Allied Health Tech
OSA Child Development Generalist
OSA Child Development Professional Management

For 2023-2024, the College Curriculum Committee added the following OSAs:

OSA Child Dev Behavior Mgt
OSA Child Dev Classroom Foundations
OSA Child Dev Exceptional Children
OSA Bookkeeping II
OSA Leadership
OSA Marketing
OSA Supervision
OSA Office Skills
OSA Data Analytics I
OSA Data Analytics II

OSA Archi-Tech
OSA Automation Tech
OSA CADD Tech

OSA Construct Tech
OSA Electric Tech
OSA Inventor 3D Tech
OSA Mechanical Tech
OSA Power Tech
OSA Robo Tech
OSA Safety Tech

Due to the passing of House Bill 8, these credentials are fundable, and our departments have created them to be stackable toward certificates and degrees.

# **eLEARNING, EDUCATION TECHNOLOGIES and ONLINE SERVICES** eLearning Operations

# Texas Statewide Course Sharing Exchange

- Carrie Gits, Director, Digital Learning, Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB), has asked to engage with our Surgical Technology Department Chair, Alicia Buck to discuss some possible future opportunities to create resources.
- The Texas Statewide Course Sharing Consortium Agreement has been finalized and is being routed through the 20 participating institutions for signature.

# Publisher integrations

# Honorlock Proctoring Solution

• Honorlock usage data as of February 28:

Usage	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan*	Feb
Courses	35	47	47	25	27	12	35	50	44	41	11	21
Unique Exams	52	84	73	45	50	13	60	81	71	63	17	27
Students	372	490	466	293	320	64	470	547	376	225	63	139
Exams Taken	456	797	678	415	547	65	678	733	571	609	93	146

# Tutor.com

Usage data for February 28:

Current Number of Semester Sessions	71
Active Students	16
Average Session Length (minutes)	33.83
Student Rating	4.42/5.00
Recommended Rate	97

#### Committees

# Artificial Intelligence (AI) Taskforce

- Additional faculty members added to the task force including John Greiner, our newly hired Chief Information Security Officer. Brian St. Amour has drafted a policy for the team to review.
- Policy draft review meeting is scheduled for the week of March 17th.

# Course Quality Champions

- Meetings conducted on February 25 and March 18
- Best practices metric charts completed.
- Next steps to address include:
  - Onboarding process of new faculty
  - Incorporation ADA accommodations
  - Building faculty consensus
  - Professional development for all faculty

# **Professional Development**

• Summer Leopard Learn Summit planning session will be held March 3.

#### Student Services

 Synergy meetings were held on February 19 and 27th regarding virtual/online new student orientation.

# Community

# Bell County Expo

 Christa Quigley represented Temple College at a few events at the Bell County Youth Fair & Livestock Show-Rodeo, February 1-8.

# CHLOE (Changing Landscape of Online Education) Survey,

 Brian St. Amour participated in the 10th CHLOE (Changing Landscape of Online Education) Survey, a collaborative effort by Quality Matters, Eduventures Research, and EDUCAUSE. eLearning practitioner's insights are crucial in understanding the evolving landscape of online education

#### 2025 NASPA Conference

 Brian St. Amour is attending 2025 NASPA Annual Conference in New Orleans. The conference is a gathering of student affairs professionals addressing higher education issues including student success, equity, and inclusion. Brian will attend a track on innovative initiatives, including enhancingaccess-engagement-and-inclusion-in-online-education.

### 2025 TxDLA Conference

 Brian St. Amour attending 2025 TxDLA Conference, and the theme is Leap to the Future, Denton, Texas. Brian presenting on workforce programs and the use of online learning to meet demand.

#### EAST WILLIAMSON COUNTY HIGHER EDUCATION CENTERS

- Summer registration is underway, and students are gearing up for fall registration by pre-planning their schedules with advisors to be ready for the first day of registration. Fall registration begins April 21<sup>st</sup> for all students.
- Enrollment and recruitment staff continue to work with our local high schools by having on-site visits to assist graduating seniors seeking college admission for fall 2025.

Student life events this month are centered on Easter and stress management for upcoming finals. Events include lobby games, hidden eggs, and plenty of candy and snacks. Spring Fling is the highlight activity in Hutto on April 11<sup>th</sup>.

# EWCHEC Student & Community Events this month:

April 02 – Greater Taylor Foundation, Economic Empowerment Council

April 09 – Hutto Chamber Luncheon, Hutto Center

April 10 – Hutto Power Breakfast, Hutto Center

April 10 – Campus-Wide Produce Day, Hutto & Taylor Centers

April 11 – Spring Fling, Hutto Center

April 16 – Round Rock Chamber Leadership Tour, Hutto Center

April 17 – Taylor Chamber Power Breakfast

April 21 – Taylor Chamber Luncheon

#### **HEALTH PROFESSIONS II**

- The Associate Degree Nursing Program hosted a site visit March 4-6 for reaccreditation from The Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN). The evaluators are recommending full continuing accreditation for 8 years, which is the maximum allowed.
  - They are reporting that we comply with all of the following standards:
    - Standard 1- Administrative Capacity and Resources
    - Standard 2 Faculty
    - Standard 3 Students
    - Standard 4 Curriculum
    - Standard 5 Outcomes
  - They have one recommendation in Standard 4 and two in Standard 5 that we will address in our follow-up report.
  - The committee's report is sent to us to review, and we report any changes we have made; then it will go to the Evaluation Review Panel (ERP), which is composed of other site visitors. The ERP then sends the recommendations to the Board of Commissioners which meet in September. We should have a final decision by October.
- The Nursing Department hosted an on-campus workshop March 21 for faculty provided by Nurse Tim® on Active Learning and Clinical Creativity to Foster Clinical Judgment. This workshop was funded by the Nursing Innovation Grant Program which will end in August 2025.

The Nursing Department hosted a Mini-SUN (Simulation Users Network)
conference sponsored by Laerdal on April 11. Several colleges in our area were
invited to attend. Temple College Simulation Coordinator, Nancy Eaton,
presented about the Skills Fair we have each semester and Sim Lab Assistants
Ashley Yerger and Mary Ervi presented data on the use of SimCapture and
Modular Skills Trainers at this conference.

# **WORKFORCE AND CONTINUING EDUCATION**

# **Career and Workforce Program:**

• Spring Enrollment Numbers:

Course	Enrollment	Capacity
Certified Nurse Aide	10	10
Phlebotomy Technician	15	15
Electrocardiography (EKG) Technician	20	20
Medical Coding	27	30
Patient Care Technician	10	15
Clinical Medical Assistant	29	30
Non-Certified Radiologic Technician	6	10

# **Upcoming Community Programs:**

- Summer Camp Registration Now Open
  - 140 + Camp offerings for K-12 students
     Across Hutto, Taylor, Temple, and Rockdale
     Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math-focused
- Scholarships Available
  - Summer camp scholarships are available for all campus locations.
  - Scholarships will be awarded based on financial need, special circumstances, and availability. All students are encouraged to apply!

#### **Dual Enrollment Partnerships:**

 The Workforce and Continuing Education Division is offering a series of Texas Success Initiative Assessment (TSIA) Boot Camps to support local school districts with ensuring students meet eligibility requirements for dual credit courses. Belton ISD, Rockdale ISD, and Hutto ISD have reserved camp seats for their respective students.

# **Contract Training:**

- We provided Microsoft Excel Training to employers from the Belton community in collaboration with Belton Economic Development Corporation.
- We are providing Industrial Maintenance Training to Reynolds Consumer Products.

#### **National Outreach:**

 Julie Escamilla, Dean of Workforce and Continuing Education, and Jeff Fritz, Dean of Health Professions, presented on Temple College's Pre-Healthcare Dual Enrollment Pathways at the Achieving the Dream Conference in Philadelphia, PA.

# **Upcoming Events:**

• The Temple College Workforce Development Division will host National Career and Technical Education (CTE) Signing Day on Wednesday, April 16, 2025, at the Cadence Bank Center in Belton, TX. National Signing Day honors students who are making a commitment to pursue a technical career. The significance of National Signing Day for Career and Technical Education (CTE) is to elevate technical education and recognize it as a choice that leads individuals to a gratifying and well-paying career.