



MEMORANDUM

Provost, Academic Affairs and Student Services

To: Dr. Christina Ponce

From: Dr. Susan Guzmán-Treviño

Subject: August 2025 Academic Affairs and Student Services Report

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: We are spotlighting Brooke Barrera, returning adult student, business major and employee.

OUTSTANDING EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHTS: Dr. Juanita Lockett, Treva Askey, and Carrie Svajda are being highlighted for their leadership and tireless efforts on behalf of Temple College.

eLEARNING, EDUCATION TECHNOLOGIES and ONLINE SERVICES

eLearning Operations

- Christa Quigley attended the D2L Fusion conference June 21- 24 and continued discussions on the use of D2L Performance+, a data analytics tool and dashboard for understanding and improving student performance and institutional effectiveness. It enables course activity tracking, identifies at-risk students, and makes data-driven decisions to enhance learning and teaching.

Vendor Management

Copyleaks

- We are moving from Turnitin to Copyleaks, an advanced plagiarism detection tool designed to ensure the originality of academic work. Maintaining academic integrity is crucial, and Copyleaks will provide us the technology to help uphold these standards with ease and accuracy. It will help instructors identify potential plagiarism by comparing student submissions against billions of web pages, scholarly articles, and academic papers, and provides detailed similarity reports, enabling faculty to evaluate the originality of the content.
- During the fall 2025 term, we will use both Turnitin and Copyleaks to allow faculty time to make changes in their courses as needed with minimal impact to students.

Honorlock Proctoring Solution

- Staff assisted the Testing Center in troubleshooting lab pc settings for use with Honorlock.
- Staff assisted Spanish faculty with Honorlock setup.

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- Honorlock usage data as of July 31:

Usage	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan*	Feb	Mar**	Apr	May***	June ****	July
Courses	12	35	50	44	41	11	38	11	36	48	41	42
Unique Exams	13	60	81	71	63	17	56	13	56	65	95	106
Students	64	470	547	376	225	63	415	96	378	421	518	496
Exams Taken	65	678	733	571	609	93	503	90	484	511	1060	1076

* Semester started on 1/13

** 2nd 8-week term started on 3/17

*** Spring semester ended 5/11, Summer semester starts 5/27

**** Increased use due to testing center not available due to demolition/construction

SmarterMeasure

- Contract to be terminated due to low usage; this will save college \$4,795 per year.
- We are researching assessment tools to assist with identifying both student learning needs and technology tool proficiencies to better provide services within Student Enrollment Services (SES), academic services, ITS, and eLearning.

Tutor.com

- Usage data for July:

Current Number of Semester Sessions	11
Active Students	5
Average Session Length (minutes)	21.43
Student Rating	4.33/5.00
Recommended Rate	100

YuJa Panorama

- New Department of Justice requirements for accessibility mandate we address and implement solutions and best practices.
- YuJa Panorama Accessibility Tool is under review for purchase as part of Course Quality initiative.
 - Offers document remediation modules streamlining workflows and ensuring compliance without leaving the D2L platform.
 - Automatically improves the accessibility of digital media and course content and brings artificial intelligence and machine learning capabilities into the digital accessibility.

Committees

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AI Task Force

- The final draft of Artificial Intelligence (AI) policy was returned from Policy Review Committee (PRC) to add more robust definition of AI or examples. PRC requested it not go out for 30-day review until after August so faculty who are off-contract have opportunities to review.
- Staff will send an email out to the faculty now asking for copies of their AI policies for students so we have an understanding, then possibly have an open forum to discuss their experiences with students using AI and also what tools they also use, etc.
- We will coordinate with the All College Day AI event and reboot the initiative.

Center for Teaching & Learning

- Fall Leopards Learn Conference: the committee changed several of the sessions, offering them in two formats: in-person only and online only. This will help us be more inclusive of our faculty who are unavailable to travel to the Temple Campus.

Course Quality Champions/Course Redesign Committee

- Discussion regarding D2L course templates and course buildout requirements based on modality type. There will be a base list of required essentials regardless of course modality such as Welcome News item, gradebook, assignments and due dates. Modifications to D2L layout are open to modification based on committee analysis and feedback.

Higher Education Regional Council (HERC)

- Brian St. Amour coordinated updates to our *Higher Education Regional Council (HERC)* report for submission to Region 7 and THECB. THECB Chair meeting was held on June 30, and the final report was uploaded on August 8. In this document we report out any changes since last year such as locations where we offer Dual Credit courses delivered at the ISDs within our service area, as well as any courses or clinical which we deliver outside of our service area.

Hiring Committee

- Brian St. Amour was on the Student Success Director interview committee for (6) candidates; interviews took place on June 18.
- Brian St. Amour was on the Student Success Advisor interview committee for (5) candidates; interviews took place on July 23.

Texas Statewide Course Sharing Exchange

- The steps for the testing of the HOME Process are awaiting the development of the Fee Codes for participating schools. Once the codes are received from Accounting, Parchment will begin testing with two fake student accounts and registrations with the Colleague Test site.

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Police Academy

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- Brian St. Amour conducted D2L Orientation session on July 18 to the Police Academy Class #2025-B As part of a 2-day Orientation.

LIBERAL ARTS

- We are quite proud of History professor Dr. Gene Rhea Tucker, who recently delivered on lecture titled “Spain, Texas helped colonists win their independence from the British,” which was reported in the *Temple Daily Telegram*. The lecture was given at the summer lecture series at the Barrow Brewing Company.
 - Links to the newspaper article and a video of the lecture itself are included below.
 - https://www.tdtnews.com/townnews/agriculture/article_53ad1108-61ad-4303-b353-970617ee3864.html
 - <https://youtu.be/jDyVbxj3fyU?si=Dt1k9wcqJviL9MIP>

FINE ARTS

- This summer, Professor Michael Donahue’s art work was accepted into the prestigious 39th Chelsea International Fine Arts Competition in New York City. His artwork will be displayed in a collective exhibition among thirty selected artists on a global platform gallery.
- The Michael Donahue Naming Gallery Ceremony will take place on Saturday, September 6th, 5:00p.m.-8:00p.m. This event will also debut the first Temple College Art Showcase in the new gallery.
- Dr. Derek Mudd represented Temple College at the Association for Theatre in Higher Education Conference, July 28th- August 1st. He also attended the Texas Community College Teacher Association Leading from the Middle Conference in San Antonio, July 14-15th.
- A donation was made to the Theatre Scholarship fund for \$1500 by the Academie Musique of Central Texas for the collaboration of the teen summer musical performed at Mary Alice Marshall Performing Arts Center. The musical was co-directed by Priscilla Santana alongside several musical theatre majors who were selected as production members for the showcase.

HEALTH PROFESSIONS II

The Associate Degree Nursing program is at the end of a Faculty Retention Grant that we received for 2023-2025. Part of the retention incentive was to provide faculty development activities as well as provide funding for fulltime faculty to become Certified Nurse Educators (CNE) or Certified Nurse Educators in clinical (CNEcl). This

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certification demonstrates expertise and commitment to excellence in nursing education. Prior to this incentive there were only two faculty* that had this certification. We now have a total of 6 CNE and 1 CNEcl. There are two additional faculty that are in progress.

- Tracey Cooper MSN, RN, CNE*
 - Nancy Eaton MSN, RN, CNE*
 - Melissa Michalewicz MSN, RN, CNE
 - Jean Montgomery PhD, RN, CNE
 - Erica Perrine MSN, RN, CNE
 - Elisha Robinson MSN, RN, CNE
 - Megan Strmiska MSN, RN, CNEcl
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- Jewelle Welleh, ADN faculty member, completed her Doctorate in Nursing Practice (DNP) in May
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- Unofficially, the Vocational Nursing class of 2025 has a 100% pass rate on the National Council Licensure Exam (NCLEX-PN). The Texas Board of Nursing results will not be published until February of 2026 when it will become official. This is the second year in a row that they have achieved this remarkable goal!

WORKFORCE AND CONTINUING EDUCATION

Career and Workforce Programs:

- Fall registration is underway for the following programs:
 - Certified Nurse Aide
 - Phlebotomy Technician
 - Electrocardiography Technician
 - Patient Care Technician
 - Clinical Medical Assistant
 - Non-Certified Radiologic Technician

Community Programs:

- The Workforce and Continuing Education department has completed another season of summer camps. Over 140 camps for K-12 students were offered across Hutto, Taylor, Temple, and Rockdale. Over 550 students attended camps exploring various topics in the following areas: Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math.
- The inaugural cohort of Launch Taylor will conclude with a graduation celebration on August 5. Launch Taylor is part of the Launch My City program. The program strives to develop successful local entrepreneurs by expanding access to comprehensive business training and financial and business resources. This initiative is conducted in partnership with the Taylor Chamber of Commerce, the Greater Taylor Foundation, the Rotary Club of Taylor, and 98.5 KRXT.

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- A graduation ceremony was held for Launch Temple participants. Seven local entrepreneurs completed the Launch Temple program and earned an Entrepreneurship and Small Business Management Certificate through Certiport.

Corporate Training:

- Microsoft Excel Training is scheduled for participants from multiple businesses in the Belton community. This training is an upskilling initiative in partnership with the Belton Economic Development Corporation.
- A \$110,000 Skills Development Fund Grant is under development with Sunbelt Solomon in Temple, TX. The grant will provide funding to develop an "Introduction to Transformers" course and training for 55 employees.

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 Achieving the Dream's K-College Institute in Denver, Colorado.