TO: DCCCD BOARD MEMBERS
FROM: JOE D. MAY
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RE: WEEKEND MEMO #21

**COMMENTS FROM JOE D. MAY**

Good afternoon!

This week, we welcomed our new college presidents, met with the DCCCD Board of Trustees, and focused on workforce and career development, as well as student success.

Let me share some of those experiences with you: http://www.kaltura.com/tiny/8fybk.

Enjoy your weekend as we prepare for an exciting fall semester when we welcome our students back to school.

Joe May

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**District Service Center**

Employees from District Office and District Service Center records management, education resource support services, Web catalog publications, internet publishing, and college libraries participated in a staff development event at the George W. Bush Presidential Library at Southern Methodist University on August 1. The award they received as winners of the 2013 DCCCD Innovation of the Year for their Historical Catalog Project was used towards attending a presentation by the archival staff and to tour the Presidential Library.

**District Office**

Congratulations to Katherine Pitts in the District Office Financial Aid Call Center. She recently completed her master’s degree in public administration, with a concentration in public management, from Marist College.
Dr. Peggy Shadduck, district director for the DCCCD STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) Institute, recently announced that Osaid Jaffery, a DCCCD 2013-14 STEM Scholar, has been awarded a full-tuition scholarship to study at Southern Methodist University (SMU) in the fall. Jaffery graduated from North Lake College in May with an associate's degree in science; he will study electrical engineering at SMU. He credits the STEM Institute with helping him learn about career options in science, and also about college life. The confidence Jaffery gained and the encouragement he received from his STEM mentor, Institute staff members, and his fellow STEM Scholars helped him set his sights high to successfully apply and interview for the SMU scholarship. Jaffery was one of only 10 transfer students who received a full-tuition scholarship to the University.

**Cedar Valley College**

*Our Student Success* — Robert Marusak of Mansfield, a biology major at Cedar Valley College, is one of nine DCCCD students selected as a 2014-15 Muse Scholar. Scholarship recipients are selected on the basis of their leadership potential, determination to succeed, focus on educational goals, and work ethic, along with proven leadership skills and academic achievement. The Muse Scholarship Program fully supports each recipient’s cost in college. Marusak plans to earn an associate’s degree in biology and, eventually, to major in wildlife management.

*Our Students and Staff* — Cedar Valley College Liberal Arts faculty Judy Cotton will host author/lecturer John DeFoore, founder of Consultant Services in Boerne, TX, when he visits the college to speak to her class on October 13. At age 95, DeFoore is a World War II combat veteran who continues to work five or six days a week, writes on average of a book a year, and travels around the world counseling both businesses and individuals. His visit will coincide with a unit of study, entitled “The Wisdom of the Ages and the Search for Meaning.”

*Our College* — On July 25, the Dallas Chapter of the Texas Association of Black Personnel in Higher Education (TABPHE) hosted the professional networking event, Desserts & Jazz, at the Bill J. Priest Institute for Economic Development. The event engaged current and prospective members in fundraising and other initiatives. Jarlene DeCay, TABPHE membership chair, Dr. Ryan Thornton, Halanda Kidd, and Bob Stewart represented Cedar Valley College at the event.

*Our Resource and Community Development* — Cedar Valley College, in conjunction with Cedar Hill Economic Development Corporation, is co-sponsoring “Critical Conversations: Linking Business with Education for Workforce Success” on August 12, from 2:00-4:30 p.m., at the Cedar Hill Government Center. The event will welcome DCCCD Chancellor Dr. Joe May, Cedar Hill ISD Superintendent Orlando Riddick, and Cedar Hill High School Principal Dr. Corey Seymour, all who have assumed their positions within the last few months. The free event, which includes a reception, will feature dialogue with these leaders, focusing on critical areas, such as workforce development, regional economic issues, and the paradigm shift necessary to achieve unprecedented success in Dallas County.

**North Lake College**

*Our Students* — On July 25-27, officers of the North Lake College chapter of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society attended the Texas Honors Institute, held at Southwestern University in Georgetown, TX. At the Institute, STAR Scholarships were presented, which students can use at community colleges. Five students from North Lake College won scholarships. Benjamin Kellogg, vice president of scholarships, and Carlos Valladares, vice president of leadership, were each awarded $250; Diana Moreno, vice president of services, received $500; Cindy Villalta, vice president of membership, won $750; and Jenny Maique, communications officer, was awarded $1,000. History Professor Dr. Yolanda Romero is the faculty advisor for the North Lake College chapter of Phi Theta Kappa.
Our Employees — Francyenne Maynard, dean of student support services at North Lake College, was recently quoted in two online articles. She provided students with tips on “Preparing for college in July,” which can be viewed at http://www.thechoiceblog.com/2014/07/preparing-for-college-in-july-its-all.html. Her quote about “Getting a head start on the application process” can be found at http://www.thechoiceblog.com/2014/07/getting-head-start-on-application.html. The Choice Blog provides authors an opportunity “to reach those who are just starting on this process of going to college that I’ve already completed, whether it be students embarking on their own for the first time or parents hoping to guide their children along the way.”

On July 25, North Lake College Vice President of Workforce Education Dr. Paul Kelemen traveled to George Bush Intercontinental Airport in Houston. There he joined Jane Hanna and Jonna Noble of the Construction Education Foundation (CEF), and Luis Spinola and Terry Cassidy of Azteca-Omega Construction Company to share experiences, insights, and best practices from the construction safety programming that took place as part of the Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport expansion one decade ago. North Lake College, CEF, and Azteca-Omega were prominent players in the safety training that was requisite for construction workers involved with the D/FW Airport expansion. Mario Díaz, director of Houston Airport System (HAS), invited the Dallas delegation to present to members of the Houston City Council, construction industry dignitaries, and representatives from Houston Community College, Lone Star College, and San Jacinto College. HAS would like to replicate training similar to what occurred with D/FW Airport and, accordingly, wanted the Dallas group to share “their story.”

Our Community — The TRIO Upward Bound (UB) program at North Lake College recently completed its six-week Summer Enrichment Program. Some of the 35 students attended classes in science, history, mathematics, creative writing, and Spanish, while others took dual credit classes. The Holland Code Career Assessment was administered to the students by Crystal Lartridge of North Lake College Career Services. Anne Brown, program services coordinator for North Lake College TRIO Student Support Services, provided the students tips on financial literacy. The group took field trips to Lockheed Martin Corporation, Texas Motor Speedway, AT&T Stadium, and the Dallas Holocaust Museum. In a few weeks, the students will return to their high schools prepared to meet new challenges with greater confidence.

Guy Melton, North Lake College director of school alliance and outreach, is in charge of the UB program at the college.

Eastfield College

Meet Community Educational Needs — The international police cultural and technical interchange between Eastfield College Police Department and the Academia de Polícia Militar do Barro Branco of São Paulo, Brazil concluded on July 31 with a formal graduation. Eight cadets received graduation certificates in English and Portuguese following 10 days of training with Eastfield College Police and several law enforcement agencies. The keynote address was delivered by Maj. Gen. Jerry D. Icenhower (Ret.), Texas Guard. His assignments included key combat arms command and staff positions, including Commandant of the Texas Military Academy; he currently serves as a member of the advisory staff of the Adjutant General of Texas. In addition, he holds the position of chairman, Texas Committee for the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve, an agency of the U.S. Department of Defense. The graduation exercise also included a formal exchange of gifts between the two police agencies and countries. Receiving gifts for the college and the DCCCD were Eastfield College President Dr. Jean Conway, DCCCD Trustee Jerry Prater, and Eastfield College Director and Chief of Police Michael Horak.

Advance Student Success — The Eastfield College Upward Bound (UB) 2014 summer program officially concluded on July 24. This eight-week program ended with the traditional UB summer trip. Thirty UB high school students were selected to participate in a trip to Richmond, VA, July 21-24. The four-day
travel schedule included several college and cultural site visits. Students visited the College of William & Mary, Virginia Union University, and Hampton University. Additionally, they toured several historical sites, including Jamestown, Yorktown, Colonial Williamsburg, and Shirley Plantation. The group enjoyed dinner at the King’s Arms Tavern where they were introduced to the formal dinner format of the 1800s. The trip concluded with a visit to Virginia Air & Space Center located in Hampton, VA. The successful summer trip created lasting memories for UB students and staff.

**Foster Employee Success** — Interim Vice President of Organizational Development Larry Wilson represented Eastfield College at the 20th annual Continuous Quality Improvement Network (CQIN) Summer Institute, held in St. Louis, MO, July 30-August 2. Along with other representatives from the District, Wilson reviewed the quality initiatives of learning partners, Nestlé Purina, Ritz-Carlton, Viterbo University, Headwinds Ltd., and Partners in Leadership. During the event, the Dallas Metroplex was announced as the site of the 2015 CQIN Summer Institute.

**El Centro College**

El Centro College’s David Goomas (Psychology Department, Division of Arts and Sciences) has had an article published by the peer-reviewed *Community College Journal of Research and Practice*, titled “Integrating Real-Time Antecedent Rubrics via Blackboard™ Into a Community College General Psychology Class” (DOI: 10.1080/10668926.2012.761073). Compared to a rubric that was placed on the psychology studies program website, the same rubric that was deployed via the Blackboard™ interactive rubric tool resulted in less rework and fewer omissions on writing assignments. Properly implemented technology — in this case, a real-time rubric — offers faculty the opportunity to help students meet standards and student learning objectives.

On July 30, the Workforce Training Department of El Centro College Bill J. Priest Campus held District-wide community training on Mind-Sight. Mind-Sight is a state-of-the-art, internet-service-provider-delivered, SCORM-compliant curriculum delivery and lab management system, which was purchased by the Bill J. Priest Institute in 2014. Workforce Training quickly adopted and implemented the curriculum in industrial maintenance, with applications for the Welding Department to follow. Customizable and tailored training for industry and community partners is planned for the future. The training session was well attended by representatives from several DCCCD colleges.

This summer, the Welding Department of El Centro College Bill J. Priest Campus is engaged in community partnership with Dallas County Youth Village. Youth Village is a semi-secure residential placement in southern Dallas County for young men ages 13-17. While at Youth Village, young men grow through counseling and an engaging school environment, as well as develop the positive social skills that give them tools for success, including vocational training. Facilitated by Bill J. Priest Institute’s Byron Zarrabi, program director, and Jesus Arroyo, welding instructor, the five-week program includes virtual reality welding simulation, introductory metal work, and pathways to fundamentals. The team spends five days a week at Youth Village and trains a class of 12 students, not only with the goal of successful program completion, but to encourage Bill J. Priest Institute Workforce Training as a future career path destination.

Belicia Miraval Albornoz, El Centro College information technology faculty, recently received the national Quality Matters award for her course, Network Defense and Countermeasures (ITSY 2445). Albornoz’ course was the final one to be reviewed for Quality Matters this academic year. With the recognition of this course, El Centro College earned a 100 percent achievement rate for a total of 11 courses submitted for the last two academic years.
**Brookhaven College**

*Institutional Effectiveness* — Brookhaven College was the host site for the LEAP Texas Inaugural Forum, which was held June 26-27 at the Ellison Miles Building. The state of Texas officially began its LEAP efforts in January 2014 when it joined the Liberal Education and America’s Promise (LEAP) national initiative. Rodger Bennett, Brookhaven College vice president for academic affairs and student success, serves on the Board of Directors of LEAP Texas and played a key role in coordinating this first statewide event for the group. The Forum, “Assessing Core Objectives . . . Together!”, featured Dr. Bonnie Orcutt, director of learning outcomes assessment, Massachusetts Department of Higher Education, as the keynote speaker; she discussed the Massachusetts LEAP experience and authentically assessing student learning outcomes. Orcutt also led the Multi-State Collaborative to Advance Learning Outcomes Assessment. Dr. Rex Peebles, assistant commissioner in workforce, academic affairs, and research, Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, also spoke, offering a State of the State address regarding assessment and the Core Curriculum.

**Employee Success** — David Newman, Brookhaven College gallery director and Art Department adjunct professor, served as juror for the Business Council for the Arts (BCA) “On My Own Time” competition for the Town of Addison. “On My Own Time” is an annual art competition that features the talents of business professionals, displaying employee art that was created outside of working hours. The BCA builds “opportunities for businesses and business leaders to engage with arts and culture” in North Texas.

**Richland College**

*Sustainable Community Building* — The Texas Workforce Commission has awarded Richland College a $629,602 Skills Development Fund grant to train 334 employees at the following Dallas County Manufacturers’ Association member companies: Ecolab, General Dynamics, J & A Manufacturing, Kraft Foods, KARLEE, Marlow Industries, and Micropac Industries. Training will include Advanced HVAC, Basic Measurement Tools, Electrical Basics, Electrical Troubleshooting, Hydraulics, MSSC Certifications, SolidWorks, Welding, 5S Implementation, Microsoft Office, OSHA 10, Principles of Lean Manufacturing, and Business Writing. Participants will have 12 months to complete the training, which will be provided by Richland College Garland Campus.

*Student Success* — The Richland College TRiO Upward Bound (UB) program, partnering with Garland and Richardson independent school districts, provided 30 Garland ISD and Richardson ISD students the opportunity to participate in the UB program’s end-of-year, educational field trip, July 21-24. To qualify for the trip, students earned attendance and participation points during the UB Summer Enhancement program, which prepared them for their studies in the upcoming academic year. The trip itinerary included exploratory visits to Langston University, Lincoln University, Oklahoma State University, and Washington University, as well as visits to historic landmarks of educational significance.

*Employee Success* — Mathematics faculty Praveena Dhayanithy, Dr. Charles Kurtz, and Ahmed Rashed; developmental mathematics faculty Eleanor Browne, Saeid Darabadey, and Yolanda Manzano; academic advisors Neal Abramson and Cristina Moreno; and instructional dean Thales Georgiou represented Richland College at the Carnegie “Pathways” National Forum held in San Francisco, CA, July 16-20. The team analyzed the student learning outcomes data and successes of Richland College’s implementation of Statway, one of Carnegie’s two mathematical “Pathways,” and also discussed Productive Struggle, Explicit Connections, and Deliberate Practice, learning opportunities incorporated in Carnegie’s Community College “Pathways” classroom. Upon successful completion of Statway, students earn a transferable college credit mathematics course in statistics.
Institutional Effectiveness — Richland College Professors Melinda Andrews, Dr. Matthew Henry, and Romilio Castillo; Senior Research Analyst Dr. Guyla Davis; and visiting scholar/Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) Director Carol Kent participated in the 10th Annual SACSCOC Institute on Quality Enhancement and Accreditation, held in New Orleans, LA, July 20-23. The Institute, designed for teams of faculty, QEP leadership teams, accreditation liaisons, and chief executive/academic officers who want to stay abreast of accreditation practices, provided the team opportunities to benchmark Richland College’s QEP “Learning to Learn: Developing Learning Power” initiative with SACSCOC peer institutions and presenters.

Mountain View College

Student Success — Mountain View College is pleased to announce that a number of its students participated in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) internships across the country this summer and received full scholarships to attend four-year institutions. Rubi Pena interned at Brookhaven National Laboratory. Eric Torbellin interned at The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas’ Summer Undergraduate Research Institute for the Study of Kidney Disease. Chris Cook and Richard Ferreira interned at Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory. Jereamy Riggs also interned at Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory and received a full scholarship to Texas Tech University to study chemistry. Caesar Zambrano received a full scholarship to The University of Texas at Dallas and Edguar Guardelo received a full scholarship to attend The University of Texas at Arlington; both will be studying engineering.

Student Success and Community Outreach — On July 24, Mountain View College celebrated the successful completion of its six-week Texas Prefreshman Engineering Program (TexPREP) summer camp. More than 70 students participated in the camp, which is designed to provide a challenging academic program to motivate and prepare middle and high school students for success in advanced studies leading to careers in the fields of science, technology, engineering, or mathematics (STEM). Camp participants enjoyed activities, including an introduction to engineering class, career awareness seminars, physics and watercraft projects, and a field of study day at the Perot Museum of Nature and Science. On July 31, Mountain View College was also excited to celebrate the completion of its seven-week STEM Exploration Program. The pre-college academic program encourages students to consider higher education and career opportunities in STEM fields. During this year’s Program, 40 students created, designed, built, programmed, and reprogrammed robots to perform a variety of tasks. The students’ robotic projects were presented at the closing celebration of the STEM Exploration Program.

LeCroy Center

Audra Barrett, associate vice president of instruction, Dallas Colleges Online, attended the 2014 Board of Directors Meeting of the Instructional Technology Council (ITC), held at Holland College in Prince Edward Island, Canada, July 28-31. This summer’s meeting was held during the ITC annual Distance Education Leadership Academy. The ITC is currently planning its 2015 eLearning Conference, which is scheduled for February 18-21 in Las Vegas, NV. As an affiliated council of the American Association of Community Colleges, the ITC represents nearly 400 institutions that offer distance education courses to their students in the United States, Canada, and around the world. Barrett serves as the South Central Regional Representative on the ITC Board.