



"Give the people light and they will find their way."

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Texas College Awarded a \$2.9 Million Grant For Abstinence Outreach Project.

The Department of Health and Human Services, through the Office of Program Services and Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), have made a five-year grant award in the total amount of **\$2,999,864.000** to Texas College of Tyler, Texas. Funding will be allocated incrementally over the next five years, with \$600,000 for the first year and \$599,996 per each subsequent year.

The program, "I Can



Wait . . . Will You?," is one of many outreach activities sponsored by Texas College.

The Project will educate teens and their parents/guardians to support teens' decisions to postpone sex-

ual activity until marriage and prevent their involvement through the delivery of school-based abstinence education sessions and after-school peer support training. The "I Can Wait ... Will You?" program will work with a variety of College and community partners in implementing a program that is expected to impact at least 4,000 youth through the school-based curriculum in Smith County and surrounding counties.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Spring Semester Registration—January 9, 2009.
- Honors Day Convocation—March 25, 2009.
- Texas College Legacy Dinner—Wednesday, April 29, 2009.
- See complete calendar on page 10.



Texas College is an affiliate of the CME Church.

State Senator Royce West Speaks at Homecoming

The Honorable State Senator Royce West, Dallas, served as the keynote speaker for the Alumni Day Convocation on October 31, 2008 during the festive week of Homecoming activities at Texas College. Before a packed house, Senator West spoke about the history of Texas College and its importance. He said that the founders of Texas College had the faith

of a mustard seed. He told the alumni that "each and every one of you are here today because the founders had faith and provided the sacrifice for you to receive a college education." Following a standing ovation for his message, Dr. Dwight Fennell, President of Texas College, presented Senator West with a plaque.



Senator West speaks at Texas College



Following a standing ovation, President Fennell presents a plaque to Senator West.

The President's Message

Texas College Embraces A Culture of Learning



Dr. Dwight Fennell

Texas College is a four-year, coeducational, private liberal arts institution located in Tyler, Texas, whose history spans 114 years. The College takes great pride in addressing its motto which reads, "Give the people light and they will find their way." Our belief is that the motto represents a commitment to providing knowledge in the teaching-learning process that will assist students' development personally and professionally in becoming productive citizens.

As an Historically Black College and University (HBCU),

we share a proud and great affiliation with the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church (CME) whose founding fathers created educational opportunities during periods of disenfranchisement. The College today with its diverse student, faculty and staff populations embraces new academic thrusts that are significant to the teaching and learning processes of the 21st century. The College has a broad-based curriculum with 16 major areas of study designed to take students from skill development to professional development for their workforce entry and

retention.

The College is proud to have core values that address and embrace knowledge acquisition, spiritual and moral integrity, personal enhancement, leadership and service. We open our doors to you and invite you to become a part of an environment that embraces a culture of learning. Welcome to Texas College!

Sincerely,

DWIGHT J. FENNEL

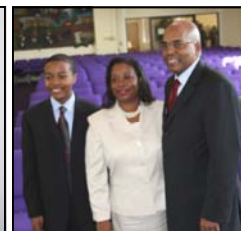
President



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—President Fennell

Meet the First Family of Texas College



Scenes of The First Family around campus: Dwight, Angela, and Dwight, Jr.



Meet the Executive Cabinet



THE EXECUTIVE CABINET. Seated, l-r: Mason and Jones. Standing, l-r: Harris, Fennell, and Brazzle.

After serving as the College President for only a few months, Dr. Dwight Fennell has already pulled together his administrative team as he charts Texas College into a new direction as a student-focused campus with core values that include academic excellence, community service, social responsibility, integrity, perseverance, and tolerance. Pictured to the left are members that represent Texas

College's Executive Cabinet. They are: Dr. Dwight Fennell, President, Dr. Johnnye Jones, Vice President for Academic Affairs, Mr. James Harris, Vice President for Financial Affairs, Rev. Orenthia Mason, Vice President for Student Affairs, and Dr. Reggie Brazzle, Vice President for Enrollment Management.

God Loves You!

The Pastor's Corner

The Bible says, **"God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."** The problem is that, all of us have done, said or thought things that were wrong. This is called sin, and our sins have separated us from God. The Bible says, **"All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God."** Beloved, God is perfect and holy, and our sins separate us from God.

The good news is that, about 2,000 years ago, The

Lord sent His only Son Jesus to die for our sins. Jesus lived a sinless life and then died on the cross to pay the penalty for our sins. **"God demonstrates His own love for us in that we were yet sinners Christ died for us."** Jesus rose from the dead and now lives in heaven with His Father.

Jesus offers us the same gift of eternal life. We can live with Him forever in heaven if we accept Him as our Lord and Savior, Jesus said. **"I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father**

except by me."

God reaches out in love to us and wants us to be His children.



Peace,

Rev. T.J. Davis, Jr.
Campus Minister
Texas College

The Mission and Core Values of Texas College

Texas College is a residential and coeducational four-year, liberal arts, historically black college awarding baccalaureate and associate degrees. It was founded in 1894 by a group of ministers interested in offering a quality education to African American youth. Texas College operates under the auspices of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church (CME). The College has a "liberal" admissions policy that permits it to serve a broad-based traditional and non-traditional student clientele.

Its mission is to ensure that graduates experience a balanced intellectual, psycho-social, and spiritual development aimed at making them active and productive members of society. The College pursues academic excellence; instills integrity; implants perseverance; promotes social responsibility; emphasizes tolerance; and encourages community service by its students as es-

sential anchors in fulfilling its mission in an ever-changing world.

The College recognizes the dynamic nature of the modern world and, hence, the need to integrate faith with technological and scientific advancements to improve the human condition.

To fulfill its mission, the following values are ensued:

Academic excellence— to develop a culture of curiosity and creativity that will

- challenge the frontiers of teaching/learning,
- stimulate research,
- raise the level of analytical reasoning and inquiry, and
- enable students to acquire leadership, human relations, communication, and technology skills;

Integrity— to instill the pursuit of character, honesty, and sincerity of purpose as the moral rubrics upon which the behaviors of our graduates and

College family are anchored;

Perseverance— to implant diligence, enterprise, and pride in the application of skills, knowledge, and abilities developed during the course of study at Texas College;

Social responsibility— to promote in the College community a conscious awareness that we are all stewards of the resources entrusted to our care;

Tolerance— to emphasize an openness to divergent points of view, applying an eclectic approach to rational and analytical thinking; and

Community service— to encourage self-extension in service to others as the heart and soul of our educational enterprise.

All departments, administrative units, and support functions are unrelenting in implementing the strategies aimed at achieving the mission of Texas College.



To fulfill its Mission,
the Core Values of
Texas College are:

- Academic Excellence
- Integrity
- Perseverance
- Social Responsibility
- Tolerance
- Community Service

\$300,000 Award Received for Suicide Prevention

The Department of Health and Human Services, through the Office of Program Services and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, have awarded a 3-Year grant to Texas College in the amount of \$100,000 per year. The program, Suicide Prevention and Crisis Response Management, will:

- Create a crisis response plan.
- Conduct Suicide prevention Exposure, Awareness and Knowledge Surveys.
- Develop and conduct educational seminars including information on suicide prevention, identification, reduction of risk factors, depression, and substance abuse.
- Promote help seeking and reducing the stigma of care

for mental and behavioral health.

- Create a local college-based hotline. Promote linkage to the national suicide Prevention Lifeline, 1-800-273-TALK.
- Conduct a Social Marketing Media Campaign.

The Program will work with a variety of College Personnel and Community Partners.



The College-Based Suicide Hotline Is:

1-877-883-8825



**TEXAS COLLEGE'S
local based link to
the national suicide
prevention hotline is
1-800-273-TALK.**

TC Receives a \$134,229 Grant from State Health Services

The Department of State Health Services and the Prevention and Preparedness Division, located in Austin, Texas has awarded a grant to Texas College for the Campus Abstinence Project. The program, **"I Can Wait . . . Can You,"** is one of many outreach activities sponsored by

the College.

The goals of this project are to:

- Increase the number of youth who receive Abstinence Education, and
- Increase the number of adults who receive Abstinence Education.

The project, which is currently underway, will conduct a Social Marketing Media Campaign as well as bring together a variety of college personnel and community partners to ensure the program's success.

Texas College's Omega Psi Phi Honors Community Members

(Partial Reprint from a story in the Tyler Morning Telegraph—Megan Middleton, writer)

The Sigma Sigma Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. at Texas College honored several community members during a program on November 12, 2008 for the organization's National Achievement Week.

Alvin Anderson, a 1950 Texas College graduate, was honored with the "Omega Man of the Year Award." Anderson's wife of 58 years, Juanita, accepted the award on his behalf. Mrs. Anderson thanked the group for the award. She stated, "We want

you to know that we are grateful. We will always treasure the memory of your doing this for us."

Also honored was Marvin Calloway, who received the Zelma Claybon Humanitarian Award for his service and dedication. Dr. Bobby Stinson, advisor for the fraternity, said that Mr. Calloway gives his service, time and money to the community.

Calloway stated, "It is quite an honor to receive this award."

Texas College President, Dr. Dwight Fennell, also recognized the Trane Company of Tyler, which provided 10 air-conditioning units to the College.

Fennell stated, "We know that over time things do wear and tear, and through the generous support of contributions, ... It has created an ease and comfort for many of us."



Paul Lewis, of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., presents award to Mrs. Alvin Anderson.

Board of Trustees Approve Changes in Admission Policy

The Texas College Board of Trustees met on campus on October 17, 2008 and approved an important change in the Admissions Policy that will have implications regarding the open enrollment status. Effective January 1, 2009, The change will require the following for students

seeking admission to the four-year baccalaureate degree granting institution:

- All students must have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.00 on a 4.00 scale.
- Students must have successfully completed

either the ACT or SAT national standardized examinations.

While the College continues to retain its commitment to those students who need additional preparation, students who do not meet these criteria may enroll in the two-year Associate of Arts (AA) de-

gree program in general studies. After completion of the AA degree program, a student may petition to enroll for the baccalaureate degree program.

Texas College Moves Toward Becoming A Laptop Campus

As advanced technology continues to be a key element that drives our society, one of President Fennell's visions is to see Texas College become a laptop campus. This entails that every student enrolled at Texas College will receive a laptop to

enhance his or her educational pursuits.

Dr. Fennell plans to implement this laptop program at the start of the Spring 2009 semester with honor students who will be able to receive lap-



top computers when they enroll. By the fall semester 2009, all students who meet established criteria will have a laptop in his or her possession. As a Wi-Fi es-

tablished campus, students will be able to access computer dispersed information anywhere on the campus. This will help change the way students study and socialize, as well as how they interact with professors.



Freshmen Honor Students at Texas College were recognized for their academic performance during a weekly Chapel Assembly that is held every Wednesday. These freshmen received certificates for their efforts. They were joined in the picture by College President, Dr. Dwight Fennell and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dr. Johnnye Jones.



Texas College
"Bringing Out
The Best In
You!"

Moniche Martinez Crowned Miss Texas College 2008-09

Miss Martinez is a senior Physical Education major and a key player on the Texas College Lady Steers Basketball Team. Her aspirations are to become a successful coach and teacher. She also wants to help young kids and is conscious about being a good role model especially for her two little sisters who live with her. Moniche is the daughter of Tim Martinez and granddaughter of Timothy and Nomie Martinez. She has three sisters, ages 6, 12, and 16; and four brothers, ages 26, 23, 16, and 4. She is from DeSoto, Texas and graduated from DeSoto High School.



(Above): Mrs. Angelia Fennell crowns Miss Texas College as President Dwight Fennell and the inner court look on. (Right): Scenes of students participating in the pageant.



MISS TEXAS COLLEGE
Moniche from the House of Martinez
Escort: Jafaar from the House of Johnson



MISS TEXAS COLLEGE and the Inner Court. From left to right: Tiffany Sanders, Miss Freshman and escort Ramon Scroggins; Toni Crayton, Miss Junior and escort, Sir Anthony Crayton; Moniche Martinez, Miss Texas College, and escort Jafaar Johnson; Mia Murray, Miss Senior and escort, Dalance Frelow; and Liliana Galavia, Miss Sophomore, and escort Hugo Adame.

A Message From The Director of Alumni Affairs

Greetings Alumni and Friends:

The Office of Alumni Affairs is always pleased to provide you with information regarding the growth of the college, activities and events. To date, we have increased alumni participation over the past year. It is our desire to keep you informed and involve you as we make plans for the future. Thank you for your continued support of Texas Col-

lege as we strive to enhance the culture of learning.

Always,
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Purchase an Official U.S. Postal Texas College Stamp



Official U.S. Postal Stamps that carry the Texas College seal are now available. These personalized stamps will feature Texas College on any item that is mailed. This is an ideal way to support your College. A portion of the proceeds from each sale will benefit Texas College. A sheet of 20 Texas College Postal Stamps can be pur-

chased for \$20.00. They are sold in the TC Business Office, or you can order the stamps on line by accessing the Texas College website at www.texascolllege.edu/ and clicking the online payment bar on the left panel of the home page, or by clicking on a photo of the stamp at the bottom of the page. Stamps are only sold in sheets of 20, but you can buy as many sheets as you desire.

These stamps are officially authorized by the U.S. Postal Service. You can use them like any other regular stamp. This is a perfect time to mail out those holiday greetings using the personalized Texas College stamps.

Texas College Holiday Ornament Just in Time for Christmas

Become one of the first to purchase an exclusive Christmas tree ornament that features the Texas College logo. The ornaments come in two colors, purple and white, and they are made of acrylic (shatterproof) material. These ornaments sell for \$10.00 each and can be purchased from the Texas College Business Office or online by going to www.texascolllege.edu/ and clicking on the online payment bar on the left panel of the Texas College website.

As an added decorative feature, the ornament can come with an optional brass ornament stand to display this beautiful piece. The brass stand sells for \$2.00. A plas-



tic desk stand comes with the purchase of your ornament.

Scenes From Homecoming



Alumni Donate to Texas College During Homecoming



The Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. donates \$1,000 to the Texas College general operating fund.



The Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. provides a \$3,000 book donation on behalf of the Dorothy Pendleton and Libbie Jackson scholarship.



Special community-based organizations also provided support to Texas College.



The Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. presents a \$5,000 donation for the Band Department.



Tredis Griffin presents a \$17,000 donation on behalf of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. for the D. R. Glass Library.



Scholarship donations were given to several Choir Members by the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.



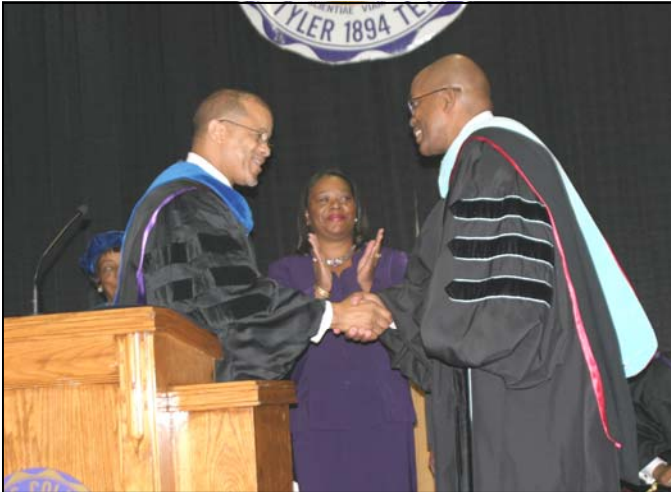
A private donor provided scholarship funds for students in the Division of Business and Social Sciences who have excelled academically.

COLLEGE CALENDAR - Spring 2009

Mon.	Jan. 5	All offices open	Thurs.	Apr. 9	Last day to withdraw from class with "W"
Tues.-Wed.	Jan. 6-7	Faculty-Staff Institute/Planning	Fri.	Apr. 10	Good Friday (Offices Closed)
Thurs.	Jan. 8	Residence Halls open @ 12 noon for New & Returning Students (evening meal served)	Mon.-Tues.	Apr. 13-14	Pre-register for summer school/summer housing fee due
Thurs.	Jan. 8	Information Meeting for Parent, Freshman & New Students (4 p.m.-5 p.m.)	Wed.	Apr. 15	Vote Day-Selection of Student Officers
Fri.	Jan. 9	Testing for Freshman/New students	Thurs.	Apr. 16	Spring Fling
Fri.	Jan. 9	Registration for New and Returning Students	Mon.-Fri.	Apr. 20-24	Graduating Seniors Exam Week
Mon.	Jan. 12	First day of class	Thurs.	Apr. 23	Athletic Banquet
Mon.	Jan. 12	Late Registration (fee assessed)	Mon.	Apr. 27	Graduating Seniors grades due in Registrars Office
Fri.	Jan. 16	Last day to change course add/drop (Fee required)	Mon.-Thurs.	Apr. 27-30	Final Exam Week
Mon.	Jan. 19	Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday (Offices Closed)	Mon-Thurs.	Apr. 27-30	Graduating Senior Week
Wed.	Jan. 28	12 th Class day	Wed.	April 29	Texas College Legacy Dinner 6 p.m. Silent Auction, 7 p.m. Dinner
Wed.	Feb. 11	Spring Convocation	Fri.	May 1	Commencement Rehearsal (2 p.m.) Baccalaureate Service (4 p.m.) Senior Reception (6 p.m.)
Wed.	Feb. 4, 11	Black History Month Recognitions	Fri.	May 1	Residence Halls Close (5p.m.)
Mon.- Fri.	Feb. 16-20	Real Men's Week & Religious Emphasis Week	Sat.	May 2	Commencement (10 a.m.)
Mon.-Fri.	Mar. 2-6	Mid-Term Exam Week	Mon.	May 4	Final grades due in Registrars Office
Mon.-Fri.	Mar. 9-13	Spring Break	Mon.	May 4	Last day to remove "I"
Wed.-Fri.	Mar 16-20	Financial Aid Awareness Wk	Fri.	May 15	Summer Registration
Wed.-Sat.	Mar. 18-21	Founders' Week	Mon.	May 18	Summer Session begins
Tues.-Fri.	Mar. 24-27	Women Changing the World Week	Mon.-Fri.	June 1-5	Summer Mid-Term Exam
Wed.	Mar. 25	Honors' Day Convocation	Mon.- Fri	June 22-26	Summer Final Exam Week
Fri.	Mar. 27	Last day to apply for graduation	Fri.	June 26	Last day of Summer Session
Mon.-Thurs.	Mar. 30-Apr. 9	Pre-registration for Fall semester	Mon.	June 29	Final grades due in Registrars Office
	Apr. 1-15	Campaign Period for Student Officers			
Fri.	Apr. 3	Steer Day for High School Visitation			

---Dates are subject to change

Local Officials Recognize Texas College



City Councilman Ralph Caraway presents a key to the City of Tyler to President Fennell during the Opening Convocation of the fall semester held on September 24. Mrs. Angelia Fennell applauds as she joins her husband on stage.



County Commissioner JoAnn Hampton and Constable Henry Jackson present a donation to Texas College on behalf of the Tyler Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce during a Chapel Service that is held every Wednesday. Hampton serves as Chairman of the Board for the Chamber.

Your Support Is Needed Give to Texas College

As Texas College moves into a new direction under the visionary leadership of new president, Dr. Dwight Fennell, we ask that you become a part of this new direction and support Texas College financially as well as through recruiting students.

In an effort to help ensure that students realize the dream of a higher education and better life in order to become positive, contributing citizens of our society, we solicit your support.

The administration of Texas College is always grateful for all that you do, and we will continue to thank you for helping us make a positive difference in the lives of so many who matriculate through our doors.

An envelope is enclosed in this issue. We ask that you fill it out and send in your donation today. Your gift is tax deductible.

SAVE THE DATE!

Wednesday, April 29, 2009

for the

TEXAS COLLEGE LEGACY DINNER

Theme: "Standing on the Shoulders of Giants"

Honoring:

- * Mr. Bill G. Hartley
- * Bishop Marshall Gilmore
- * Representative Leo Berman
- * Dr. Margaret E. Surry-Fingal
- * Mrs. Billye Aaron

Harvey Hall—Tyler, Texas

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Attention: Alumni and friends of Texas College. We would like to know where you are and what you are doing. In an effort to remain in contact with you and keep you informed about your alma mater, we ask that you please fill out the form below and return it to us at the following address:

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