



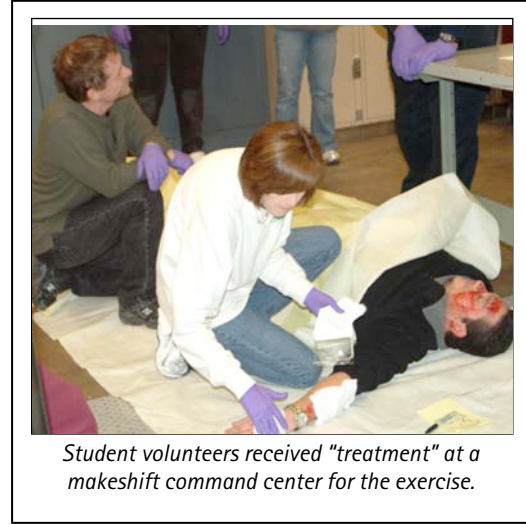
## Courtyard Chatter

Celebrating Employee Success

### Emergency Training Leads to "Disaster"

Mayhem ensued at an "emergency" in Building Q last week. Students acting as victims filled the halls for a training exercise for the final day of Community Emergency Response Teams, CERT, training.

A group of faculty and staff members along with some administrators and staff from the Head Start Center spent two and half days training for an emergency that everyone hopes never comes. The false emergency involved a tornado that caused an explosion. There were a variety of victims with injuries ranging from broken bones to severe burns and head injuries. The purpose of the exercise was to have the group walk through a real emergency scenario and put their training to use.



Student volunteers received "treatment" at a makeshift command center for the exercise.

The CERT Program teaches people disaster preparedness and how to handle the hazards that may impact their community or workplace. The training gives them basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and

rescue, team organization and disaster medical operations.

[Read the full article online.](#)

### Upcoming Events Calendar

- Jan. 15 - Adjunct Awards Reception 5-6:30 p.m., EMGI
- Jan. 16 - Workforce and Continuing Education Building Groundbreaking 3 p.m.
- Jan. 17 - Extended Saturday Registration 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m.
- Jan. 19 - Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday - Campus Closed
- Jan. 20 - Spring Classes Begin
- Jan. 30 - Emerald Awards Coffee, 9 a.m., Performance Hall Lobby Program, 9:30 a.m., Performance Hall



### Head Start Parents Receive Scholarships

The Brookhaven College Head Start Center had a reception and orientation for parents who will begin taking courses at Brookhaven College this spring. The Greater Texas Foundation donated funds while the Head Start Center was under construction to support higher education opportunities for parents with children who would be attending the facility located on the college's main campus.

This spring semester, 17 parents will receive scholarship funds totaling more than \$5,500, with awards ranging between \$200-500. Students will be enrolling in both credit and noncredit programs; some are taking English for Speakers of Other Languages courses. This is the second set of parents receiving scholarships. In the fall, there were only four students who were awarded scholarships and the 17 students this semester represent a 500 percent increase in participation.

Marilyn Kolesar Lynch, associate vice president of career and program resources, helped coordinate the orientation to offer the parents assistance with admissions, advising and financial aid. The parents have advisors and a financial aid specialist assisting them throughout the process.

"We are so proud of these parents, who are part of the community and have a connection at the college through their children's attendance at the center," said Lynch. "It is an honor to be able to offer this opportunity and service, and we look forward to working with them both this semester and beyond as they pursue their educational goals. With the generous grant from Greater Texas Foundation and our support, these parents will be changing their futures."



Scholarship winners came together to meet college representatives and to celebrate their new opportunities.

### From the Office of the Vice President of Instruction

By Sandy Wyche, executive dean, Business Studies Division



Sandy Wyche

With our current economic climate, more students 50+ are expected to enter community colleges. We anticipate a continuing growth of this student population at Brookhaven College and to include this wider age range of student in our program, we are changing our name from the Senior Adult Education Program to the Students 50+ Program.

The Students 50+ Department consists of Janice Groeneman, coordinator of client management, and DeBorah Whaley-Stephenson, senior adult student advisor. Janice and DeBorah work as a team to provide services to students. They strive to do this professionally, with quality driven products (courses, seminars, lectures, travel, student club, etc.) that pinpoint and meet the students' needs.

Our vision is to increase our program's offerings to include all aspects of the educational experience, from courses that give one the knowledge, skills and abilities to succeed in professional, educational and vocational pursuits to courses that increase the student's quality of life. Just as we have helped senior adults through the registration process, we will assist those students who are changing careers or adding skills courses to learn which credit or continuing education programs on our campus meet their needs and how they can get registered.

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## Student Recital Highlights Local High School Talents

Young musicians will take center stage in January at the kick off for the spring School of the Arts season. On Jan. 24, Brookhaven College School of the Arts and the Dallas Wind Symphony will partner to bring high school musicians from across North Texas to the college for a Student Chamber Music Festival. Woodwinds, brass and percussion



Some music faculty who are also Wind Symphony members.

instruments will warm the halls of Brookhaven College for this special recital at 8 p.m. that evening. The concert is free and open to the public.

The students will spend time on Saturday working with members of the Dallas Wind Symphony during a small ensemble clinic. Groups of two to six students made up of woodwind, brass and percussion instruments will participate.



do it one-at-a-time or gather them up for a special trip ... come on, who doesn't need the exercise? Our local Boy Scout Troop appreciates your donations!

For more details on recycling, please visit the Green Team Web site at [www.BrookhavenCollege.edu/bhc-green](http://www.BrookhavenCollege.edu/bhc-green). A list of recyclable materials is available there. You may also e-mail questions to [bhcGreenTeam@dcccd.edu](mailto:bhcGreenTeam@dcccd.edu).

## Congratulations Employee of the Month, November 2008 Chaz Hafey, Mathematics and Science Division

Chaz Hafey's lab students got an unexpected break from their studies Nov. 24 when their teacher was honored as the November Employee of the Month.

As lab coordinator in the Astronomy/Physics Lab, Chaz conducts indoor labs, runs tutorial and open lab hours for students, assists adjunct faculty and conducts stargazing sessions for students. Chaz has been instrumental in organizing CSI Brookhaven, which has been an outreach experience for the Early College High School students. He also has directed the Asteroid Search Project for our students in partnership with Hardin-Simmons University and NASA.



[Read the full article online.](#)

## Techno Tip - Vista Fix For GroupWise

### From Kermit Plowman, Information Systems/LAN Support Manager

If one of your holiday gifts included a new laptop or computer, you may have noticed that it works just great, but you are having trouble accessing GroupWise at home. If your new machine has the Windows Vista operating system, you will need to make an adjustment to ensure you can get to your district e-mail account online. A slight adjustment to Internet Explorer is required.

Here are step-by-step instructions for making the change.

1. Open Internet Explorer
2. Go to the Tools menu
3. Select Internet Options
4. In the menu box select the Advanced tab
5. Scroll down through the Settings to the Security section
6. Find SSL 2.0 and click on the check mark to unselect this
7. Leave SSL 3.0 checked
8. Uncheck Use TLS 1.0
9. Choose OK to make your changes

## Recycling Reminder From The Green Team

**Paper** - All clean paper of any type may be recycled (no greasy food wrappers or boxes). This includes copier paper, printer paper, newsprint and corrugated cardboard. To ensure your paper is recycled, store it in the small blue recycling bin in your office. You will need to transfer the paper in your office bin into one of the medium bins in your department office or into one of the large recycling totes located in the hallways of most buildings on campus. If you need a small bin, please submit a Facilities Services work order.

**Plastic/Aluminum Cans** - Receptacles for plastic bottles and cans are located at each vending area on campus. Please take a few minutes to recycle these items. You can

## Leadership Changes Throughout the District

A memo from Dr. Steve Mittelstet, president, outlined the leadership roles at Richland College for the future with Mittelstet's announcement that he will ask for a final three-year contract this year. Over the contract period, Mittelstet said he would continue to step back from the day-to-day leadership of the college while he focuses on meeting specific long-term college goals and to prepare the college for new leadership. At Eastfield College, Wright L. Lassiter, chancellor, announced that Carol Brown, president, will be taking on a new role in the district. During the transition at Eastfield College, Jean Conway, vice president for teaching and learning at Richland College, pending board approval will serve as interim president. Dr. Zarina Blankenbaker, associate vice president at Richland, will take on the roles as chief academic officer there.

## State Budget Starts With 10 Percent Less

State Comptroller Susan Combs released the basis for the state's budget for the coming biennium and the total is roughly 9 billion less than the previous year. "Though Texas has avoided the worst economic impacts affecting other states, the national downturn has finally begun to touch Texas," Combs said. "Our new economic forecast indicates Texas will be affected in fiscal 2009 before regaining economic momentum in fiscal 2010."

## Leadership Award Recognizes Former President and Chancellor

Two distinguished educators who have helped to train the next generation of community college leaders and improved access to higher education for thousands of students have been selected to receive the 2009 National Leadership Award from the American Association of Community Colleges, AACC. For more than 30 years, Walter G. Bumphus and J. William (Bill) Wenrich have provided outstanding leadership for community colleges throughout the nation. Bumphus served six years as the fourth president of Brookhaven College beginning in 1991. Wenrich took on the role of chancellor for the Dallas County Community College District in 1990 and retired as chancellor emeritus in 2003.

## Groundbreaking Set For New Workforce and Continuing Education Facility

The newest addition to the college gets underway with a groundbreaking ceremony on Jan. 16 with a reception in the Performance Hall Lobby at 3 p.m. and the formal groundbreaking at 3:45 p.m. at the construction site.