THERE ONCE WAS A DIVISION NAMED EHM.....

Let’s start with a poem written by Dr. Peg Crider

There once was a department of Humanities,
Whose growth caused EHM calamities,
When admin let “H” sail,
The teachers all railed,
And “E” and “M” cried out profanities.

And that is how our EEM Division was born on September 01, 2006.

On May 11, 2006 the Dean, Faculty and Staff from EHM Division gathered in W-217 classroom for a small, emotional meeting to say good-bye to our eleven Humanities faculty members: Jacky Stirling, Dr. Reyna Sirias-Ortiz, Dr. Mary Pat Trenkle, Dr. Cheryl Bates, Clark Friesen, Felicity Short, Sherri White, Earl Staley, Irina Nizova, Dr. Dusty Capistran, and Steffani Frideres. They will join the BSHSS Division starting September 01, 2006. We really miss you and you are always in our heart.

Our EEM Division will have English, DS English, Math, DS Math, Education and Human Development disciplines. Dr. Kathleen Russell, formerly split between Continuing Education and EHM, will join our EEM family 100% as the Director of Education Programs.

Not only has the division name changed, but our Division Office was moved too. We are now located in E-102 – a beautiful suite with large windows on one side. The move was done in July 2006, with most of the hard work of the move done by Laura, Melissa, and Pat.

“CONNECT, REFLECT, COMMIT”

New Division, New Year, New Theme!

Our Dean, Pat Stone, launched a new Division theme for year 2006-2007. It is “Connect, Reflect, Commit” and is represented by the Kaleidoscope symbol. Why the Kaleidoscope? According to Pat, there are 4 components in the Kaleidoscope image that represent our Division:

1. It’s mathematical!
2. It gets us in touch with our inner child!
3. It delights us as it changes
4. It’s a nice analogy for our Division and the talents that each of us bring to the work that we do

Our Fall Report has the top page decorated with our newest theme. And, keeping with our recognition tradition, each recognized EEM faculty and staff member will have a Kaleidoscope image posted on his/her office door. Watch for your symbol coming soon!

In our Fall 2006 Division meeting, Pat talked about the Division news, core courses evaluated in 06-07, faculty members scheduled to evaluated in 06-07 and the cycle of documents. After Pat’s presentation, we had a fun time as each EEM faculty member and staff made his/her own Kaleidoscope with instructions and materials provided. Attached are some photos for you to enjoy
GLOBAL AWARENESS ACTIVITY

Pat Stone presented in our Division meeting about our Global Awareness Initiative for the year 2006-2007. Our Global Awareness Initiative will be tied with Tomball Centennial Ceremony and the country in spotlight will be GERMANY.

There will be a lot of events coming up featuring this country.

Linda Bryan, EEM faculty member and also Tomball International Studies Director, continues to inform all Tomball employees of all the wonderful workshops or seminars that fit our Global Awareness Initiative sponsored by H.W.A.C. – Houston World Affairs Council. For examples

Passport to the World – One Day Workshop for Teachers
  Portrait of China – Saturday, June 24, 2006
  Portrait of Saudi Arabia – Saturday, July 8, 2006

Emerging Leaders from Developing Democracies
  From Institute of International Education
  Monday, May 08, 2006

Revolution in Orange: The Origins of Ukraine’s Democratic Breakthrough
  From Houston World Affairs Council
  Thursday, April 27, 2006

Linda also offered to help any faculty member who would like to apply for Faculty International Explorations Grant. Our previous EHM faculty member, Irina Nizova, was the first faculty at Tomball College that received approval to travel to Russia and she was financed by this grant.

Incorporating articles from Globalization101.org in lesson plans is strongly encouraged in our division.
As mentioned in our previous report, Laura Colwell worked together with Irina Nizova and Jacky Stirling to produce the *Global Voices* magazine for English, International Students, and ESL students. Here are some excerpts from the magazine:

As you can see, making this magazine become a reality took a lot of effort. Laura and Jacky are still working on the final phase of production of this project.

**EEM STARS**

Dr. Peg Crider is recognized across the District for her efforts leading the Rx for ER Perkins initiative. It is very rare for THECB to award a third year for a discretionary grant. Let’s hear from her colleagues:

“I am in awe of the creativity that has been generated by your leadership...” Karen Baird, former Tomball Grant Director

“Congratulations, Peg. This is great news!...” Bonnie Longnion, Associate Vice Chancellor

Dr. Crider and Scott Travis were invited to present at the NISOD conference, which was held in Austin last May. Dr. Crider presented “Exploring Strategies for Effective Retention” and Scott presented “Inquiry and Information Technology in Math and Science”.

Pat Stone co-presented a pre-conference workshop at NISOD with Associate Vice Chancellor Dr. Steve Head and Cynthia Farrell from THECB – “Student Success: Best Practices for Successful Developmental Studies Programs”.

Melissa Pickering was selected to be the presenter at COPA’s Annual In-Service Conference at Houston Community College on June 9, 2006.
Patti Falbo and the Future Teachers Club together with Dr. Barbara Hayward and Dr. Kathleen Russell organized the Faculty Appreciation Day on May 02, 2006. The club members gathered a lot of comments from Tomball faculty members thanking them for their efforts. This occasion was an opportunity for the students to show their appreciation towards our dedicated faculty members in helping them to achieve their educational goals. Great food and great fun!

“That was such a welcome treat! I don’t think I’ve been thanked in such a way. Wonderful!” Lorene Payne

“Again, Thank You all for taking the time with this wonderful event.” Dreand Johnson

“I concur. Thank you to everyone who made us feel so highly valued.” Jean Dorsi

Van Piercy and Jeff Norem continue to serve as Tomball College Advisors for TC Student Times newspaper published monthly.

Abraham Haje sponsors the Tomball College Volleyball Club and already has proved to be a very good coach. We will count how many trophies the Volleyball Team bring home.

The Student Advocacy Center is located in L 253 -- a place set up in Spring 2006 with the purpose of intervening and providing timely and effectively advice for students who are on the edge of dropping classes. With the new 120 hour rule and the penalties for repeating courses in place, EEM faculty feel the urge to help our students. Beth Hemingway, Dr. Crider and Lisa Hibner sent out the request to all Tomball/Willow Chase staff and faculty to attend 90-minute training sessions on drop intervention techniques so that faculty and staff can be ready to serve in the Center. We would like to extend our thanks to the faculty members in our division that have received this training: Kim Carter, Mindy Coleman, Dr. Crider, Claudia Davis, Patricia Falbo, Judy Harris, Hugh Wayne Hemingway, Sherry Lucas, Suzanne Mattair, Dr. Bill Powell, Greg Rose, and Kathy Sanchez.

In order to encourage the students to achieve their best, our EEM faculty members - Kathy Sanchez, Barbara Lujan, Becky Tate, and Linda Bryan - took time to nominate the outstanding students for the 2005-2006 Who’s Who Among Students in America Junior Colleges.

Patty Zachary served on the 2006-2007 Tomball College Scholarship Committee. The process of screening scholarship applications is simple and individuals need only 5 minutes training to learn how to do it, but evaluating applications is time consuming. Marlene Ruffino in the Financial Aid department expressed her thanks:

“Once again, I would like to thank Stephanie, Cindy, and Patty for their willingness and eagerness to help me.”

Bo Rollins continues to serve as the Phi Theta Kappa Faculty Advisor of the Alpha Rho Mu chapter. He helped chapter officers organize the Spring Induction for new members of PTK in the Beckendorf Conference Center on the evening of May 2, 2006. He extended an invitation to all Tomball and Willow Chase faculty and staff to attend this event. The new PTK Honors Study Topic “Gold, Gods, and Glory: The Global Dynamics of Power” was introduced.

Cynthia Herrera, one of Tomball College students, was selected to be published in PTK’s Nota Bene 2006 literacy journal for her recent submission entitled “Flower Child”. Nota Bene is the only publication to feature the writing of two-year college students from across the country.
Dusty Capistran was selected to be the President of Faculty Senate 2006-2008 and Kathy Sanchez was selected to be the Vice President. Way to go, Dusty and Kathy! Dusty was an EHM family member at the time of his election. Roger Jay, Claudia Davis, and “Dusty” Capistran were among the faculty who served on the Faculty Senate Constitution Committee.

Below are some topics that Kathy Sanchez presented at Great Teaching Seminar in May 17, 2006:

1. Student Engagement
2. Assess Outcomes
3. Critical Thinking
4. Classroom Management
5. Time Management
6. Technology Role

This project required a lot of effort and commitment from Kathy. We will select some topics and post on our EEM website.

Anyone for playing Chess? You often see Van Piercy and his students in the Chess Club concentrating on this game all around the College: in the Commons, in the Courtyard, under the stairs in the South hallway. Van believes this initiative is a way to enrich student life while enhancing students’ critical thinking skills.

Lisa Hibner, Kathy Sanchez, Sylvia Martinez, and Joan Boyle were among the Tomball College faculty members to serve as student mentors. Needless to say, many of our students need a mentor more than anything in their college life. Working with a mentor can give them a step up, help them re-direct their lives, change their career, or just simply be an outlet for them to vent and then move forward with a positive attitude.

In response to Pat’s call for volunteers to work in the DL Open House sessions offered during the start of the Fall semester, and ultimately, help our students, many EEM Faculty stepped up and volunteered their time: Kathy Sanchez, Claudia Davis, Roger Jay, Peg Crider.

In Fall 2006, Tomball College organized 2 Power Trips. One was on October 20, 2006 and another one was on November 17, 2006. The Power Trip is the event for the High School students in nearby ISD have the opportunity to visit Tomball College and learn about the programs we offered, as well as the College life and all. Dr. Russell, Lisa Hibner, Patricia Falbo and Sylvia Martinez were among the faculty members who scheduled a presentation at these events.

Dr. Hawkins sent out an email on August 14, 2006 to announce the Department Chair Appointments for the year 2006-2007. Our Division is lucky to have Kathy Sanchez, Claudia Davis assume the Chairs’ duties. Besides the Chairs, our Division also has Kathleen Russell as the Director of Education and Barbara Lujan as the Acting Chair for Human Development. Congrats to you all and please accept our thanks for your dedication! Lead Faculty assist the chairs – Pam Womack and Mindy Coleman are Lead Faculty for DS English and DS Math respectively. Lead Faculty at Willow Chase Center help with faculty issues at this important satellite location – Melissa Studdard serves in this capacity for English and Rick Smalley serves in this capacity for Math.
**Jeff Norem, Sylvia Martinez, Lisa Hibner** signed up to help out the New Students Orientation event which occurred August 19, 2006. This event was organized by the Tomball College Student Development Department to help our new students. There were 110 students and parents registered as of the day before the event.

The New Student Orientation event was scheduled at the same date as our Fall 2006 Adjunct In-Service for new as well as returning adjuncts. At this time we helped the Humanities adjuncts transition to their new Division. Despite all the confusions, this event turned out great. A total of 70 adjuncts attended. With the adjunct’s pay increase this year, this event will become a mandatory professional development event for our adjuncts. Many of our EEM faculty members sacrificed their last Summer weekend break to come and lend a hand in making this event successful. Among these faculty are: **Pam Womack, Donna Willingham, Judy Harris, Kathy Sanchez, Claudia Davis, VC Patel, Richard Dai, Peg Crider.**

**Melissa Pickering** was in charge of the EEM presence at the Annual Learning Fair event this year. She volunteered her time to assemble the door prize and set up the Division tables at both Tomball and Willow Chase. She also served as a committee member for the event. We think this was the best Learning Fair event ever organized. The EEM faculty members who participated in this event are: **Mary Ann Jackson** (our Education adjunct), **Scott Travis, Dr. Kathleen Russell, Rick Smalley, Claudia Davis, Mindy Coleman,** and **Kathy Sanchez.**

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**FROM THE DEAN…**

Pat Stone continues to enhance the communication lines in our Division by using email to share information…

“**Tomball Employees – If you happen to be in New York City June 5th, you will want...**” April 28, 2006, to promote the trip to New York City of Tomball College Choir.

“**EHM Faculty – this looks like a wonderful opportunity to enhance...**” May 11, 2006, refers to the Faculty Exploration Grant (repeated in the email sent on September 13, 2006)

“**Everyone – LASSI stands for “Learning and Study Skills Inventory” – students can pay $5.00 ...**” June 06, 2006, refers to the renewal of the LASSI modules (repeated in the email sent on September 07, 2006)

“**EHM Faculty – The new On Line Student Services, especially “My Education Plan” will be a great help...**” June 27, 2006, promotes the “My Education Plan” available online.

“**EHM Faculty – This Fall every College in the District will host a DL Open House...**” July 05, 2006, refers to the call for volunteer to work in DL Open House sessions.
“EHM Faculty and Staff – Many of our students opt to drop courses when they are...” July 07, 2006, refers to the Drop Counseling Training Sessions.

“EEM Faculty – anyone have an idea that might appeal to teens in the Library? “ September 05, 2006, refers to the Teen Programming at the Library.

“EEM Faculty – Attached is the flyer announcing the Annual Learning Fair – “ September 06, 2006, refers to the Learning Fair at Tomball and Willow Chase

“EEM Faculty – Do you have an idea for a topic that might interest...” September 14, 2006, refers to the Evening for Educators event.

“EEM Faculty – When the students are on the payment plans, there are dates when payments are due...” September 27, 2006, refers to the new process used to check the current enrollment.

“EEM Faculty – Fall semester is the semester when we have many new students to college...” October 09, 2006, refers to Incivility in the Classroom issue.

“EEM Faculty – We just received a report from the Registrar’s Office that only 17 ODR...” October 17, 2006, refers to the good turnout in returning the ODR.

“Everyone – below is an example of a job posting for a work study student...” October 20, 2006, refers to the college work study available.

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**ENGLISH and DEVELOPMENTAL STUDIES CORNER...**

*Inkling* is the Creative Arts magazine of Tomball College, proudly sponsored by Dr. Becky Tate and Dr. Greg Oaks, published every spring in April. The magazine is a collection of artwork, poems, creative essays, and short stories from the students, staff, and faculty, as well as community residents. This year, the *Inkling* reception was replaced by the *Inkling* Reading Ceremony, which was held on Thursday, May 4, 2006 at the Black Box Theatre. Writers read from their published *Inkling* pieces and they were recognized at the beginning of the reading. Below are some talented artists:

![Kathy Sanchez](image1)
![Van Piercy](image2)
![Kim Carter](image3)
![Pam Womack](image4)

Kathy Sanchez, Van Piercy, Kim Carter, and Pam Womack participated in the Magnolia ISD – Tomball College English Alliance, whose first meeting was held last August in the Beckendorf Conference Center. The participants of this conference included the English and DS English teachers at Tomball College and High School English teachers in Magnolia ISD. The English Alliance aims to provide a seamless transition for the students from high school to the college environment. At the first meeting the group discussed COMPASS testing, integrity in the curriculum, and student engagement. Fifteen Certificates of Completion for high school participants were issued for the first meeting. Future meetings are planned and the Tomball Faculty hope to widen participation to English teachers in other ISDs in our service area.
Leslie Sellers is our new Temp Full Time English teacher for the Fall 2006 semester. Leslie has been an English adjunct since Fall 2002. Her office is in N-109F Tomball campus. We are lucky to have her and if you happen to visit the North Hall, please stop by and give her a warm welcome.

Susan Barina, one of our DS English adjuncts, has completed Level II CRLA Certification, a tutoring training session. Congratulations!

Did you know that our English program leads the District in the number of on-line courses offered? Kathy encouraged the DS English and English adjuncts to complete training and get certified to teach on-line courses, to be ready to be a part of the growing trend in our District.

During Summer 2006, Sherrita Krus (one of our ESL Adjuncts), and Marva Beyer (one of our English and ESL adjuncts) helped students with their writing skills as coaches in the Tutor Coach program offered in the ELC. Fall 2006, Patricia Mackinnon (another of our English Adjuncts) joined their ranks. They are great teachers with one common goal -- helping the students to achieve success.

The Student Development Department and College Advisors work together with DS English faculty members on an initiative to have the Advisors visit the DS Writing classes and talk to the students about accessing an advisor early for enrolling in the upcoming Spring 2007 semester. This was a first time experiment scheduled this October, “Advising Month”. The plan was to let the students know of their opportunity to have a scheduled discussion with the Advisors for enrollment planning for Spring. The advantage to accessing the opportunity is that the students will have the full attention of an advisor dedicated to them and they can avoid the big RUSH when registration for Spring semester opens. Pulling this off was due to the teamwork of Jennifer Newton, Pam Womack, Beth Brown, Patricia Seibert, Shannon Stephens, Reynolds Rochelle, Sandra Angel, and all of our DS Writing teachers.

Our Division has a reputation within the College of creating innovative class formats. In addition to 8-week fast-tracks, and Second Start courses, we launched two week refresher courses in English and Math this Fall. The students who met the criteria were identified and recruited by the Advisors and enrolled in these 2-week courses. After finishing the Refresher Course, they were sent to the Assessment Center to determine if they have achieved the placement score for the next level course or if they remain in the course that they initially placed into at the beginning of the semester. Regardless of their course needs after the 2 week refresher, there is a Second Start class built to accommodate them. This initiative was launched the first time in Fall 2006, and we are making modifications to it Spring 07 by widening the criteria for qualifying for the Math Refresher course.

The DS English Team organized the District Common Final Calibration session on November 11, 2006. There were 12 DS teachers attended. This team was dedicated and hard-working teachers who traded one part of the most beautiful Saturday morning of the month to come to the College working for the success of our students.
Education is the newest discipline added to our Division. Let’s save some space in our report to introduce this new “child”. Our EEM Division directs two (2) teacher education programs – the Associate of Arts in Teaching Degree for EC –4 and EC-8 Generalists and the Alternative Teacher Certification Program (CE) for the individuals who have a bachelor’s degree and want to become certified to teach.

EDUC 1301, EDUC 2301 and TECA 1354 are the particular education courses in our Division that are a part of the AAT degree plan. Additionally our Division seeks partnerships with school districts to provide better education experiences for students and teachers. Pat Stone and Dr. Kathleen Russell issued Certificates of Appreciation to: Boys and Girls Country – A Home for Children, Rosehill Elementary School- Tomball ISD, Tomball High School-Tomball ISD, Salem Lutheran School, Hall Education Center –Aldine ISD, Aldine Academy-Aldine ISD to thank these schools for providing Field Experiences for students in our Education courses.

Dr. Kathleen Russell put high priority on the Outreach initiative for Education Programs. She went out to the school ISD as well as in the Community to share information about our Education Programs. Some of the initiatives are attending the Waller High School’s Open House, Magnolia High School lunch visit, and participating in Substitute Orientation Session held at Tomball, Magnolia and Waller ISDs. You are such a dedicated faculty member, Kathy!

100% of our Alternative Teacher Certification Program students have passed the Professional Pedagogy and Responsibilities (PPR) Credentialing exam under the leadership of Dr. Russell. Beyond passing, Tomball College students’ average scores were at least 24 points higher than the State average on all 4 domains of this test.

Here is an update from Dr. Russell for Fall 06 semester:
1. The total enrollment of the 2006 fall internship 1 class is increased to 22
2. A fourth TC intern was hired by Klein ISD for the 2006-2007 academic year.
3. Eight of the ten 2006 summer PPR students are employed as teachers for the 2006-2007 academic year
Barbara Lujan, the Counselor in the Student Life Department, is very active in Hispanic Outreach. Under her leadership, the HOPE (Hispanic Outreach Program for Education) Committee was scheduled from 10:30am to 12pm the second Friday of every month from October 2006 through April, 2007. Additionally Barbara is the sponsor of the SALSA student club for Hispanic students.

**MATH CORNER…**

As we mentioned in the last reports, all the royalties earned from each Calculator Lab Manual sold is put in two Scholarship funds: the Math Excellent Scholarship and the Developmental Math Scholarship. The Fall 2006 ranking is complete and our math students who received the Fall 2006 Scholarships are:

- Minerva Chavarria
- Jerica Norwood
- Taliah Walker
- Gail Fox
- Ashley Kuropate
- Sana Yazejy

We do not have space to include all the Thank You letters from the Scholarship recipients, but they all sent a BIG thank to our Math teachers.

Our mathematics program is noted for the incorporation of technology in the teaching of mathematics. Recently, we hosted the ICTCM Short Courses and T^3 Workshops opened to our Math faculty members as well as high school teachers. The Ohio State University graciously funded us registration fees for the first 10 Math faculty members who registered for the course. Patricia Falbo worked very hard to coordinate the event. It turned out to be a GREAT event and well attended. Besides the graduate credit hours earned from attending, each teacher can trade in any “teacher” version of hand-held calculator TI-83 to TI-84.

Dr. Peg Crider was selected to be the secretary for TexMATYC 2006-2008.

Tomball College is actively participating in PLC-MAP (Professional Learning Community – Model for Alternative Pathways). It is a collaborative program focused on developing a professional learning community to support intern teachers pursuing an alternative certification program offered by our District. One of Patti Falbo’s classes was videotaped by a TAMU graduate with PLC-MAP doing an Inquiry Based Activity. Once completed, the video will be used for interns, etc…at PLC-MAP.

Our Math Professor, Roger Jay, contacted a financial planner, Mr. Robert Huntley, to come to Tomball College on October 26, 2006 to give a seminar on retirement issues. Mr Huntley did NOT sell anything at this seminar, but rather gave insights about retirement planning. It is never TOO EARLY to plan for your future! Thank you, Roger, for doing this!
In order to help our students to achieve their education goals, our Math faculty members volunteered their time and effort to participate in the Math Tutoring program in ELC. We had VC Patel, Abraham Haje, Max Hayman, Dave Sundquist in the Summer. In Fall, Patty Zachary, Roger Jay, Tom Felkai, Rui-Xiu Dai, Denise Hammond, Mindy Coleman, Patti Falbo, Claudia Davis, Bill Powell, Lizabeth Flint, Peg Crider, Janet Healy, and Matin Choudhury joined in.

Claudia Davis, Rachel Whitten, and VC Patel continue to lead the Tomball College M.A.T.H. Club. The Club meets every 1st and 3rd Wednesday each month at 3:30pm in S-211. The Club has developed a full schedule to study as well as different activities: SML Exam, Lunch with faculty, Winter Wonderland. Dr. Wildman presented as a guest speaker at one the meetings this Fall.

Rachel Whitten crossed the finish line of the ½ Ironman Triathlon on October 29, 2006 in Conroe with her husband. For those of you who are curious about this event, here are some details. You have to complete a course consisting of 1.2 miles swimming, 59 miles biking, and 13.1 miles running. Tom, Rachel’s husband finished the swimming event first, but he was waiting for her so that they could do the bike and run events together. You accomplished an amazing personal goal, Rachel!

STAFF CORNER...

Janet Moore joined our EEM family on 09/18/06. She assumed the Staff Assistant position shared with the BSHSS Division. Janet is an outstanding Tomball student. She finished her AA degree with two majors. After working part time for a long time for the Help Desk and BTSS (Former BSHSS Division), she is looking for the right start in her career. She already impressed our Chairs and Director with her knowledge about the computer and making graphic flyers and brochures for both Divisions. We are lucky to have her. If you happen to be at the new East Faculty Suite, please stop by her office and give her a warm welcome from our EEM family.

Melissa and Laura continue to serve on Tomball College First Response Team for another year. Their first meeting was scheduled on August 09, 2006 at the Beckendorf Conference Center.

Melissa Pickering was selected to be the Vice President of Tomball College of NHEOPA Organization Officers. Congratulations, Melissa! She is also the Volunteer Chair for our Annual Winter Wonderland event. She encourages participation from faculty, staff, and community members to lend a hand to make the event successful.

Pat Stone and Duy Nguyen represented our Division at the College Night event, which was scheduled on October 4, 2006. There were a lot of parents and students attending the event. Most of our Division flyers and brochures were distributed. A beautiful prop was set up with the Thanksgiving theme to highlight our Division designed by Duy.

Duy Nguyen was nominated to be the member to be included in the 2006-2007 edition of the Empire Who’s Who Registry of Executive and Professionals.

We have tried to keep our Division annual tradition to show appreciation to other Departments near the end of the fiscal year. With the Budget cut drastically, we were still be able to order three breakfast treats from Panera Bread and deliver them to the Tomball ServiceDesk, the Maintenance Department, and the Tomball College Office Services areas. We thanked them for their tremendous support to us throughout the year.
Duy Nguyen crossed the finished line for her 7th Race for the Cure event!

FALL 2006 ENROLLMENT ANALYSIS

Fall 2006 headcount increased by 1.7% (133 students) to 8,016 and the enrollment increased by 0.9% (170 enrollments) to 18,405 compared with Fall 2005. For our Division:

- Courses Offered: 364
- Courses Cancelled: 41
- Course Made: 323
- Enrollment: 7,156
- College Enrollment: 18,384
- Percentage: 39%

Please note that since the Division re-balancing, some of the ESL classes are still included in the English sections. The Institutional Effectiveness report from District drilled down to the Division level did not reflect the change in re-balancing.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT....

Here are the Professional Development activities in our division since our last report 4/30/06.

Starting 05/01/2006 through 11/30/2006, EEM Faculty members and staff attended the following Professional Development events:

Cheryl Bates – NISOD Conference – Austin TX
Cheryl Bates – Carnegie Hall Performer – New York City NY
Mindy Coleman – DS Math Learning Roundtable – Austin TX
Mindy Coleman – THECB Grant Director Training – Austin TX
Peg Crider – NISOD Conference – Austin TX
Peg Crider – RX for ER End-of Year – The Woodlands TX
Peg Crider – Student Success for TSLCRR – Corpus Christi TX
Peg Crider – THE CB Grant Director Training – Austin TX
Claudia Davis – AMATYC Conference – Cincinnati OH
Patti Falbo – Pathway Project – Charlotte NC
Lisa Hibner – Student Success Forum – Cy-Fair College
Sylvia Martinez – Student Success Forum – Cy Fair College
Irina Nizova – Great Teaching Seminar – Camp Allen TX
Irina Nizova – Current Development in Education in Russia – Ekaterinburg Russia
Duy Nguyen – Student Success Forum – Cy Fair College
Cathy Olson – Pathway Project – Charlotte NC
Melissa Pickering – TESA Conference – Austin TX
Van Piercy – TYCA Southwest – Galveston TX
Brian Reeves – Student Success Forum – Cy Fair College
Kathleen Russell – Student Success Forum – Cy-Fair College
Kathy Sanchez – NISOD Conference – Austin TX
Kathy Sanchez – Great Teaching Seminar – Camp Allen TX
Kathy Sanchez – Student Success Forum – Cy-Fair College
Rachel Whitten – MATH Club Year-End Party – The Woodlands TX
Pat Stone – NISOD Conference – Austin TX
Pat Stone – The Houston A+ Challenge – Houston TX
Pat Stone – THECB Conference – Austin TX
Pat Stone – Student Success Forum _ Cy-Fair College
Scott Travis – NISOD Conference – Austin TX
Donna Willingham - Accelerated Learning Forum – Orlando FL
Donna Willingham – Literacy Conference – Huntsville TX
Pam Womack – THECB Grant Director Training – Austin TX
Pam Womack – Student Success Forum – Cy Fair College
Patty Zachary – ICTCM Short Courses – Salt Lake City UT

CELEBRATION and OTHER GREAT NEWS TO SHARE...

Since our last report (the cut-off date is 04/30/2006) to 11/30/2006, we celebrated the birthdays of:

Doug Boyd (05/06)       Cathy Olson (09/09)
Clark Friesen (05/13)   Pam Womack (09/11)
Brian Griffin (05/19)   Rachel Whitten (09/11)
          Linda Bryan (05/24)
          Sandra Angel (06/03)
          Judy Bowser (06/06)
          Duy Nguyen (06/21)
          Jeff Noremi (07/12)
          VC Patel (07/20)
Melissa Pickering (07/20)
Pat Stone (07/24)
Bo Rollins (08/01)
Melissa Studdard (08/05)
Roger Jay (08/05)
Van Piercy (08/08)
          Sherri White (08/20)
          Mindy Coleman (08/26)
          Jacky Stirling (08/26)
          Mary Pat Trenkle (08/28)
          Melena Studdard (09/03)
          Kim Carter (09/10)
          John Hines (09/10)
          Rui-Xiu Dai (09/11)
          Earl Staley (10/01)
          Sylvia Martinez (11/01)
          Kathy Sanchez (11/02)
          Carolyn O’Donnell (11/08)
          Greg Oaks (11/15)
          Patti Falbo (11/16)
          Cheryl Bates (11/20)
          Robert Jones (11/24)
The oldest son of Jacky Stirling became a US citizen this Summer.

Rachel Smith changed her name to Rachel Whitten. Why? She just got married in the Summer! Here are some beautiful pictures to enjoy.

Congratulations! Dr. Kathy Russell just has another granddaughter. The baby named Annaleese Jean Russell. She weighed 7 pounds, 13 ounces and measured 21 inches long. She is a very special homebirth baby and both the Mom and Daughter are doing wonderful.

The Humanities friends come back and work hand-in-hand with us for the Celebration of the Arts event on November 30, 2006. Come one, come all to see our old friends and enjoy a memorable evening together like the old days!

This will be featured in our next report.
Pat Stone wrote this poem to thank and celebrate our wonderful Humanities faculty members:

_Requiem for EHM_

To everything there’s a season  
A time and a reason  
With broken hearts  
But hope for new starts  
I’ve come to the time  
To tell you in rhyme  
EHM is no more  
The “H” is moving to a new floor.

To Humanities colleagues we bestow  
A big “Thank You” as you go  
Your work is inspirational  
Indeed, you’re quite sensational  
I’ll relate now just a few  
Of the things I’ve learned from you

_Jacky,_ your leadership provides an example  
Of never allowing an idea to be trampled  
You are steady and you are firm  
Despite unexpected turns

_Clark_ and _Felicity_ you’ve taught me to speak  
A lesson still needed so in your classes I’ll sneak  
Thanks for the tips  
For making points with my lips

_Irina_’s forte is non-English speaking students  
I’m still counting on you for sharing teaching improvements

_Mary Pat_ your solid advice  
Has helped me out more than twice

And _Reyna_, we’ll still be curriculum pals  
As we continue to grapple with Modern Language Team trials

With great appreciation to _Dusty_  
On Core Evaluation I’m no longer rusty

_Sherri_, for your enthusiasm I give thanks  
With your direction drama really cranks!

_Earl_’s artwork is renowned  
Thanks for sharing all around (especially the pieces in the Division Office)

_I have great appreciation for Cheryl_’s music innovations  
And constant drive for new creations

_Steffani_, your artistic style  
Inspires me to go the extra mile

_Soon a new Dean will inherit_  
_This department of merit_  
So I’ve come to the end of this poem to your credit  
The time we spent together – I’ll never regret it.

_In the final analysis, let’s not be sad_  
_We’ll always be friends, and for that I am glad_  

_Pat_