EEM DIVISION
SPRING 2007 REPORT
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EEM AWARDS

Let’s start our Spring Report by “blowing our horn” hard. For two consecutive years, the faculty members in our Division are widely recognized by colleagues, administrators, students and staff for their outstanding services. The Faculty Excellence Award recipients for the year 2006-2007 are: Bo Rollins, Rachel Whitten, and Patricia Falbo. A BIG round of applause for these dedicated teachers. They have demonstrated their commitment to Tomball College’s values and the community expectations.
The Mini-Grant recipient awards are also in our Division. The recipients of the District-wide innovative grant for the year 2006-2007 are: Catherine Olson and Kathy Sanchez. Katie will use the money from the grant to finance the expenses related to the Nature Symposium hosted by Tomball College on April 10, 2007. Details about this Symposium will be provided later in this report. Kathy Sanchez will use the money provided by the grant to build the Literature Library to enrich our resource and accessible to all faculty and staff.

Our Part-Time teachers also do their wonders. Debra Pallini was selected to receive the Adjunct Faculty Excellence Award for the year 2006-2007. Debra has been our Math adjunct for many years. She mostly teaches at the Willow Chase center, but she frequently comes to Tomball main campus for extra services like Math Tutor, or helping students. She is a respected adjunct at Tomball Colleges by faculty members and students. Debra will pilot a Math 0310 “redesigned” course in Fall 2007 under the leadership of Kingwood College.

Not only our EEM faculty members are recognized by administrators, peers, and students for the outstanding services but our staff also. Melissa Pickering was selected to receive the Staff Excellence Award for the year 2006-2007 along with Kitty Jay and Gilda Foster. They were honored at the 2007 Employee Awards banquet on March 23, 2007. Melissa is well known in Tomball College with her smiling face and impeccable patience to handle crisis and helping students. The “Grace Under Fire” award is the other honorable mention within our Division for her dedication and commitment.

“These individuals go above and beyond their job description by providing all of us (and our students) excellent service in their areas of expertise” from Dr. Ray Hawkins.

Kitty Jay is one of the recipients of the Staff Excellence Award for the year 2006-2007. We used to look at her as one of our dearest members of our EEM family through her dedication to the ELC and Tutoring services, very closed to our Developmental Studies in our Division. Through her leadership, many of our current Math adjuncts come from her area. We are happy to include her and recognize her in our EEM report. In other word, she is actually the EEM in-law member.
Each year, the DSTC recognizes the NHMCCD employees who have published their writing. For the year 2006-2007, our beloved teacher **Donna Willingham** was selected to receive the NHMCCD Writing Award. Her winning article is “Literature Discussion Groups in the Developmental Classroom: Opportunities for Students to Reflect upon, Interpret and Apply Literacy Learning”.

**Catherine Olson** was selected to receive a sabbatical for the Fall 2007 semester. During her leave she plans to write a series of short stories and attend two writers’ workshops on short story writings.

**GLOBAL AWARENESS ACTIVITY…**

During the week of April 7 through April 14, Tomball College hosted the visit of a Fulbright scholar, Dr. Al Dirbiji, and his wife from Yemen to our District. This is a phenomenon event for our District as well as our Tomball College since the community colleges are not usually chosen for the Fulbright program. During his visit at Tomball and Willow Chase, he gave lectures and presentations in classes, and visited community organizations to increase understanding of Muslim cultures and educational systems.
Dr. Al Dirbiji had an affinity to our Division since he has a background in English literature, ESL, Education and Translating.

Linda Bryan coordinated this event, scheduled the class visits, organized the reception, and also provided transportation for our guests. EEM faculty wholeheartedly supported this event.

As we mentioned in our Fall report, German is the country that we focused our study for the year 2006-2007.

There were many activities that spotlighted this country sponsored by the International Study Department and our English Professor, Linda Bryan, continues to serve as the Director of this Center. One of the events was:

Germany: Past, Present, and Future
Guest Lecturer: Professor Mike Csiszarik
Saturday, March 31, 2007
VFW Hall – Tomball

Germany Initiative Lecture Series
International Education Week was organized during the week of November 20 through November 24. The main activities took place in N-103. Food, music, games, speaker, and culture displays were presented and very much enjoyed by our staff, faculty, and our students. Patti Falbo, Jackie Stirling, Mike Csiszarik, and Barbara Lujan contributed their time and effort for this event.

Together with the Financial Aid Department, Linda proudly announced the study abroad writing contest. There are several $500 scholarships available which can be used towards study abroad trips to Cuernavaca, Mexico to study Spanish as well as the trip to England and Scotland this Summer.

Linda sent out the notice to call the participation of Tomball administrators, faculty, and staffs in the 4th Annual International Education Conference which was held at Cy-Fair College on Friday, April 20th, 2007. The theme for this year’s conference is Global Changes: Political, Philosophical, and Physical.

She also announced to all the Tomball and Willow Chase employees a great global awareness opportunity – The Global Peace and Security in Community Colleges and the Communities. The event was held in May 2007 in Washington D.C.

Incorporating articles from Globalization101.org in lesson plans continues to be strongly encouraged to implement in our Division.
Abraham Haje sponsors the Tomball College Girl’s Volleyball Team and Tomball College Girl’s Soccer Team. And guess what! The Girl’s Volleyball Team won the Tournament and became the Houston Area Collegiate Volleyball League Tournament Champion!

“When they are able to achieve the ultimate goal and win the championship then they deserve even more praise…” Brandon Adauto, TC student

“Special thanks to Paul Dempsey and Abraham Haje for dedicating their time and effort to us, we couldn’t have done it without them!” Dana Kreps, Team captain

Tomball College Girl’s Soccer Team placed 3rd in the District play-offs! They played their hearts out in their inaugural season. Abraham deserves credit for his patience and understanding to encourage and resolve conflicts between girls.

Katie Olson served as the Committee Chair of the 2007 NHMCCD Published Writing Awards. She sent out notices encouraging all authors District-wide to submit entries, and sent numerous reminder emails about the deadline for application.

Peg Crider, is the project director for Prescriptions for Effective Retention – Rx for ER Grant. This Perkins grant entered its 3rd year of funding, which has not happened before in Texas. Peg leads a consortium of individuals from community colleges across the State.

As we mentioned in our previous report, Peg Crider was elected to serve as the Secretary of TexMATYC (Texas Mathematics Association of Two Year Colleges). She is on the second year of her term. Additionally, she serves on a subcommittee to examine placement in Math courses state-wide with particular attention to College Algebra placement.
Recently, Pat was notified by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board of two other Perkins Leadership Grants funded for Tomball College. One is the Contextual Learning and Integrated Curriculum Grant (CLIC Grant), directed by Pam Womack and Peg Crider, together with Sylvia Martinez, Donna Willingham, and Brian Reeves. The grant will recruit and train teams of workforce and DS reading, writing, and math faculty who will collaboratively design contextual lessons to be used in each other’s courses. The partners of the Grant are NHMCCD, El Paso Community College, and Collin County Community College.

The other Perkins grant awarded to Tomball College is the Curriculum for Accelerated Learning in Math, Reading, and Writing Grant (AL Grant). The grant is directed by Peg Crider and Mindy Coleman, together with Patty Zachary and Pam Womack. The grant aims to lead an effort to incorporate accelerated learning techniques to optimize learning in developmental studies courses for workforce. The partners of the Grant are NHMCCD, El Paso Community College, and Collin County Community College.

Peg has submitted a Course Redesign Grant to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board whose aim is to deliver Math 0308 and Math 0310 in modular format to accelerate students through these courses. If funded, this grant will deliver courses that will especially help repeaters to be successful.

We are lucky to have Peg Crider in our EEM family. As you can see, she is very compassionate about our students’ success and very committed to her work.

Katie Olson is also the recipient of the Faculty International Exploration Grant award. Her project will be an excursion through England and Scotland in Summer 2007 to see first hand the symbolically charged locations in these countries referenced in the literature pieces that she teaches. She hopes to lead a Study Abroad Literature class to these locations in the future.

Let’s hear her commitment: “I will of course also provide a thorough report of my travel experiences once I have returned. This travel experience will have a huge impact on my teaching and my morale. I am just so grateful!”

Patricia Falbo continues to work on the Professional Learning Community Model for Alternative Pathways in Teaching Science and Mathematics Grant (PLC-MAP Grant). The partners of the
Grant are NHMCCD, Texas A&M University, and local area school districts. As we indicated in previous report, the PLC-MAP focused on developing a professional learning community to support intern teachers pursuing an alternative certification program offered by our District.

As well as working on the PLC-MAP Grant, Patti Falbo is also working side by side with Katie Olson on the League of Innovation grant called the Pathways Project. The Pathways Project provides the faculty who currently teach Math, Science, Language Arts, and to pre-service teachers with online and face-to-face instruction on creating and using Internet based lessons called Real World Learning Objects (RWLO) to improve student engagement and also modeling best practices.

Scott Travis was taking some Music classes in Spring semester at Tomball College. One of them was the Tomball Concert Choir. He participated in the Choir during the Graduation Ceremony in May plus the Gulf Coast Intercollegiate Consortium Choral Festival at San Jacinto College. Roger Jay is also in the Tomball College Choir. Our Math teachers are showing the artistic side of their hearts.

Van Piercy and Jeff Norem continue to serve as Tomball College Advisors for TC Student Times newspaper published monthly. The new email address to submit the articles and feedback is tcstudenttimes@nhmccd.edu

Van Piercy continues to serve as the Tomball College Chess Club Advisor. During the weekend of March 17th, 2007, the Tomball and Cy-Fair College Chess Clubs traveled to Dallas for the Southwest Collegiate Chess Championship. The event lasted 3 days and hosted around 1,500 chess players. The collegiate section included 44 players and 16 college and university teams, among them are the national powerhouses UHD and UT at Brownsville. Cy-Fair was placed 3rd and our Tomball was placed 7th. Van Piercy also mentioned the two players who really put their incredible efforts in the Chess Club: Brad Sawyer and Matin Choudhury, who actually is our Math adjunct.

Bo Rollins continues to serve as the Phi Theta Kappa Faculty Advisor of the Alpha Rho Mu. The Spring 2007 induction took place on March 27, 2007 in the Beckendorf Conference Center. The
ceremony invitation was warmly extended to all our faculty, staff, family and community members. In April, our chapter, Alpha Rho Mu, was awarded The Texas Top Chapter Award, The Five Star Chapter Award, and The Pinnacle Silver and Platinum Awards at the Texas Regional Conference in Odessa Texas. The Chapter President, Mandy Stegint, was also inducted into the Texas Hall of Honor! Congratulations Phi Theta Kappa and its advisor!

Donna Willingham will present at the College Reading Association next November in Salt Lake City. She was invited by her dissertation advisor at Sam Houston State University to co-present with her.

Pam Womack was the key note speaker at a Texas Development Education Conference held in Corpus Christi this past June. Laura Boercker also presented at this conference.

Peg Crider gave two presentations at the AMATYC Southwest Regional Conference held June 15th - “One by Any Other Name is Still the Same and Other Slick Tricks” and “Accelerated Learning in Developmental Mathematics”.

FROM THE DEAN….

Pat continues her effort to strengthen the communication line in our Division…

“EEM Faculty and Staff – ... I am looking forward to your thoughts and ideas about this important initiative that will impact all of us as well as our students.” November 28, 2006, refers to the EEM Achieving the Dream meeting.

“Everyone – thanks so much for coming to the meeting yesterday...” November 29, 2006, with attached Word document to collect all the notes presented in the above meeting.

“Math Faculty – If you need some cheering up, then stop by the Division…” January 29, 2007, refers to the Thank You letters from the students who received the Math Scholarship.

“EEM Faculty – Maybe it’s time to pick up your personal kaleidoscope and give it a twist – this is a nice professional development opportunity...” January 31, 2007, refers to “Leaving the Lectern: Exploring Active and Cooperative Learning” a Faculty Learning Cycle sponsored by Tomball College PSC.

“EEM Faculty – I chair an “Environment Scanning” Committee for the District ... Identifying student goals and working with students ...” February 01, 2007, refers to an article in the Houston Chronicle about UTEP graduation case.
“EEM Faculty – You may or may not be aware that Blackboard and WebCT are merging into a single company… It is recommended that any faculty that intend to teach an on-line course for the December Mini be using Vista for their online courses Fall 07.” February 12, 2007, refers to the Mandatory Training for Online Course.

“EEM Faculty – Debra Rockefeller will be showcasing Vista 4 for our Division…” March 07, 2007, refers to the Vista training on April 3rd.

“Everyone – I am pleased to announce that Marion Sommers is the new EEM Division Staff Assistant”, March 19, 2007, introduces Marion Sommers to our EEM family.

“EEM Faculty – Check out the link…will allow you to access the Participant Packet for this presentation.” March 27, 2007, refers to the Starlink presentation of Teaching Strategies – Promising Practices.

“Everyone – this looks like a nice Harris County Library event… part of The Big Read initiative…” April 12, 2007, refers to APA Writers Panel on the Immigrant Experience.

“EEM Faculty - ...this might be an important survey for our students…” April 16, 2007, refers to the AACC Survey – National Research Center for College & University Admissions.

“EEM Faculty – the Faculty Exploration Grant deadline has just been extended…” April 23, 2007, refers to the Faculty Exploration Grant.

“EEM Staff and Faculty – 2006/2007 was a fantastic academic year thanks to the many exciting initiatives…” May 09, 2007, her thanks to all the EEM Staff and Faculty.

“EEM Faculty – Janet Moore, our wonderful Staff Assistant, is ready and willing to help you…” May 24, 2007, recommends the faculty to build the Faculty Web Page.

“EEM Faculty – I took the information o the AtD proposal submitted earlier.. ” May 30, 2007, refers to the AtD Summary document.

“EEM Faculty – here is the latest from Linda Luehrs-Wolfe related to eCampus Vista training..” May 30, 2007, refers to eCampus Vista

“EEM Dream Team – We have an opportunity to get something significant off the ground this Summer....” June 13, 2007, refers to the Adjunct Academy program.

“EEM Faculty - ... I will see Tegrity at Dean’s Council tomorrow – I think Apreso Classroom is similar…” June 13, 2007, refers to Apreso Classroom Demo.
The May Minimester Creative Writing class has produced its own fruit. We have one student in this class have a piece accepted for publication. This student’s success has made Melissa Studdard feel so proud for her commitment.

The Style & Living magazine published monthly and mailed by subscription to residents within Bear Creek, Champions, Copperfield, Cypress, Jersey Village, Spring, 1960 and Tomball, featured our CLIC program in their May 2007 issue. The magazine ended the article by using Pam’s quote:”Programs like CLIC enhance student success at the community college, that is why we are here. Every student who succeeds is a changed life.” Pam and Dr. Crider worked very hard all year long to make the Grant worked efficiently.

Pam Womack graciously shared the information within our Division about the “Leadership Summit” conference held at Copperfield Church in May. Some of the presenters included John Maxwell, Ken Blanchard, Tim Sanders, Malcolm Gladwell, Jackie Freiberg, and Mark Sanborn.

Our Division rocked the campus again with the Nature Symposium organized by Katie Olson on April 12, 2007. This was a symposium of photos, accounts, and facts about the wilderness around us. The presenters included Bobby Ray Harrison (award winning nature photographer), who spotted the Ivory Billed Woodpecker in Arkansas in 2004.

In the words of an English faculty colleague: “I’d like to publicly thank you for putting together the terrific symposium…This symposium was not something that you had to do and was a wonderful gift to the college and to the community.” Doug Boyd, English Professor.
Curtain up, light dimmed…Let’s begin the “Celebration of the Arts” with EEM and BSHSS divisions on April 12, 2007. This is the night for our faculty, staff, students, and community members to show their talents and enjoy the evening with music, food and friends. As we promised in the last EEM report, the Fall 06 “Celebration of the Arts” which was held on November 30, 2006 will be featured in this report as well.

Let’s hear some compliments from the committee as well as the audience:
“Welcome aboard, Dep-Wah! Thanks again for performing last night. Your poems were very powerful!” Felicity Short, Speech Professor
“Many thanks everyone for making last night such an enjoyable evening for all concerned!” Jacky Stirling, ESL Professor
“Agrreed! The whole evening was terrific, a wonderful blend of style,…” Judy Harris, DS English Professor.

The Inklng Magazine is always our Division’s showcase magazine. This year the Inklng reception was hosted by the PTK, and was held on May 02, 2007. There were about 100 people showing up to cheer and congratulate the 18 writers/artists presented at the reception. Dr. Greg Oak and Dr. Rebecca Tate expressed their gratitude towards Bo Rollins, Steffani Frideres, and Doug Boyd for their help in the process. “The looks of amazement and pride on our student artists’ faces as they signed copies”, as Dr. Oaks wrote, are the motivations to keep our EEM faculty moving.
At last, we will have a new full time Developmental English/English faculty member and a new English/Developmental English faculty member join our EEM family in Fall. Kathy Sanchez, Pat, Pam Womack, Brian Reeves, Doug Boyd and Jeff Norem spent hours on the hiring committee to accomplish the hire of Betty Burdett and Laura Boercker.

MATH CORNER

Pat Stone and the Division Staff – Duy Nguyen, Melissa Pickering, Janet Moore and the “loaned” support staff from PSC, Kristi Mohnke, led the Achieving the Dream meeting, which was held on February 9th at the Beckendorf Conference Center. Dr. Head, Dr. Hawkins, and Dr. Murray were among the participants. About 30+ Math faculty and administrators attended the meeting. The ideas collected from the meeting were useful as our District wide committee decided which specific Achieving the Dream initiatives in 2007/2008 will be implemented to increase the number of students completing the Developmental Math sequence of courses.

Dr. Peg Crider was elected again to be the Secretary of TexMATYC (Texas Mathematics Association of Two Year Colleges). She is among the top Math faculty members recognized state-wide. We are very lucky to have her in our EEM family.

To answer the popular demand from many school districts in our area, Patti Falbo, the Math Department, and the Continuing Education Department hosted the 2nd annual “Algebra Short Course” on May 30, May 31, and June 1, 2007. This course is well-known in our area, and it was completely booked way before May 30, 2007. The participants mostly were the Math instructors from the middle schools and high schools, and they earned 24 classroom hours of professional development. Patti has done a great job to coordinate this event! We have approximately 27 on the waiting list and the presenter from Texas Instruments Corp. asked us if we can go from 40 to 80 participants next year.

The Math Department decided not to have the Math Bowl on the April Fools day as they did in 2006. Instead the famous Math Bowl occurred Saturday, April 14, 2007. This event is well received by the local high schools (Tomball, Magnolia, Klein, and Cy-Fair). Each school team competed against each other in Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry, Pre-Calculus and Calculus. Most of our Math professors took part in coordinating this event, among them are Claudia Davis, Rachel Whitten, Rick Smalley, V.C. Patel and Patti Zachary who spent significant time and energy to pull this off.
Need a little extra something for your chaotic and not-so-right day? Come to the Division office and read the letters from the students who received the Tomball College Developmental Math scholarships and Tomball College Math Excellence Scholarships. You will feel the pride of being teachers once again.

Students who received the Spring 2007 Tomball College Developmental Math Scholarship are:

- Taliah Walker GPA 3.56
- Diana Bauhof GPA 4.00
- Ashley Kurpota GPA 4.00
- Tanja Petrovic GPA 4.00
- Stephanie Thomas GPA 4.00
- Gabrielle Williams GPA 3.00

Student who received the 2006-2007 Tomball College Math Excellence endowment Scholarship is:

Nhat Ho

Hurray! We will have a new full time Math faculty beginning Fall 2007, Mark Hammerbacher. Claudia, Pat, Mindy, Roger, VC Patel and Rachel have worked hard to get this mission accomplished.

### TEACHER EDUCATION AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT CORNER

All students in the Fall 2006 and Spring 2007 PPR class taught by Dr. Kathleen Russell passed the TExES PPR exams. Dr. Russell did a great job for her students two semesters in a row.

The Future Teacher Club organized a presentation from Nancy Foisner on March 27, 2007. Patti Falbo is one of the sponsors of the Club. Nancy Foisner talked to the students about teacher resources to prepare them for their teaching field. Her presentation subject was “Toolbox for Your First Days of Teaching School”. This presentation was open to all the staff and faculty members at Tomball College.

Mary Ann Jackson has been teaching Education for Tomball College for a very long time. One of her classroom events each semester is inviting a panel of educators and administrators from the surrounding schools to come to Tomball and talk to the students. The purpose of the presentation is to get the students a fresh feeling of being a teacher, and help them understand expectations of teachers from the administrators. On May 1st, in room S-274, we welcomed the
Distinguished Panel members consisting of: Dr. Darlene Blair, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Tomball ISD; Miss Brodie, Student Teacher, Concordia University, Austin; Mr. Michael Daniel, Personnel Director, Magnolia ISD; Robin Latimer, Director of Education for Boys and Girls Country; Deanna Porter, Assistant Principal, Tomball Elementary; and Mr. Larry Saalfeld, Assistant Director, Salem Lutheran Middle School. Thank you, Mary Ann, for sharing your expertise and enthusiasm for teaching with our students.

The H.O.P.E. project is sponsored by the Student Life Department and Barbara Lujan is facilitator of this group. Pat encourages the EEM faculty and staff support the H.O.P.E. (Hispanic Outreach Program for Education) in anyway you can. The possibility for EEM faculty and staff to learn a few Spanish words to be able to communicate with non-English Hispanic population was recently discussed as an option for setting a welcoming atmosphere for these prospective students.

STAFF CORNER

Spring 2007 semester has been a challenge for our Division. We went through a whirlwind scenario of staff turnover. First, we said goodbye to Laura Colwell. She had been with our Division since 2003 as a Staff Assistant. She now attends full time at Sam Houston State University and her program will be Elementary Education. As Pat said in our Division – AtD meeting, Laura has been a success story for our students. She started taking courses at Tomball College since 2005 to earn enough credit to be able to transfer to SHSU, and she did quite well. She adapted well with her new life also. The last news that I heard is that her dormitory was on fire around 5:30am on her first day of summer session, but everything was OK.

Second, we said goodbye to Melissa Pickering, our beloved Division Coordinator. After she earned the Staff Excellence Award at Tomball, she transferred to Cy-Fair College for a promotion. Melissa had been with the Division since 2003 and she provided incomparable service for our Chairs, our Faculty as well as for our students. Besides her normal duties, Melissa
was also known by her peers as a Kitchen Goddess with tricks, tips, menu plans, and kitchen gadgets.  
“Cy-Fair finally recognized our own talented Division Coordinator…” Pat Stone.

New addition to our EEM family is Marion Sommers. She replaces Laura Colwell as our Division Staff Assistant on March 19, 2007. Let’s hear from Pat:

“Everyone – I am pleased to announce that Marion Sommers is the new EEM Division Staff Assistant. Marion has had extensive customer service experience working for United Airlines as well as valuable experience working for the Director of Student Life at the University of South Florida. She has a wonderful personality, fantastic office skills, and we are very fortunate to have her working with us in the EEM office suite.”

She has demonstrated her skills in order textbook, create complex spreadsheets for various purposes, and arrange schedules for interviewing.

With her exceptional skills and wonderful attitude, Marion made her way to the Division Coordinator position in May, after being our Staff Assistant for a little more than two months.

Janet has finished her Estrada Authoring training and DL certification. She will use her newly acquired skills to help our faculty members to build the faculty web page and also update our Division Web page on a regular basis. She continues to soar with her ability to develop the flyers and brochures for the Division.

Marion has completed the CPR Training and she is ready to help our EEM family members as well as our students. She and Janet agreed to serve on the First Response Team for Tomball College. The first training was held on May 10, 2007.

Duy was one of the 28 members District-wide chosen to participate in the 1st cohort of NHMCCD Academy Leadership program. So far, she has attended 3 growth sessions, 1 retreat, and 1 Legislature Study trip in Austin. Thanks go from Duy to the EEM Division for the overwhelming support from all members of the division as she completes her Academy Leadership training.

Janet Moore continues to play a major role of Technology Support for our Division. She urged all the full time EEM faculty members to make an appointment with her to create the Faculty Office Page.

The “We Cater to Student” event was held on March 8, 2007. Our Division’s booth was manned by Pat Stone, Duy Nguyen, Melissa Pickering, Janet Moore, Kim Carter, Mindy Coleman, Peg
Crider, Claudia Davis, Kathy Sanchez, and Kathleen Russell. We enjoyed two hours outside with nice weather and upbeat music. Our Division tried to boost the Online Student evaluations and one student’s name per location was drawn to receive the MP3 player when he/she submitted the online evaluation. At Tomball College’s event, the student who won the prize was Sara Torres.

Melissa Pickering volunteered to be the Chair of 2006 Winter Wonderland Volunteer Committee. She coordinated and positioned the volunteers to help out with the event. We received a lot of compliments on her efforts.

‘Thank You, Thank You for all your hard work...” Suzann Staats.
“This event continues to grow every year and pulling it off requires an extraordinary effort on the part of WWL Committee...” Jamie White
“Excellent work, Melissa!” Dusty Capistran
“I would like to agree that it was a great success!” Beth Brown

Our Division shared the painful loss of the beloved wife of Walter Carlisle, an employee at the Maintenance Department. Melissa Pickering volunteered to collect the donation for Wally

“Our hearts go out to Wally...” Pat Stone.

Beth Brown was designated as the advisor for our Division. Beth will be the primary point to contact for the students who are interested in our programs. We welcome her to our EEM family.

Melissa conducted two sessions in the Tomball Conference Day. Both sessions were well attended. She used her expertise in creating “4 Meals under 4 Minutes” to help the working women with today’s busy world. One success story was told over and over again that her kitchen skills have transformed Duy Nguyen from being the one who did not know how to cook and even burned the meatballs into the one who can bake a sand castle cake!

Pat Stone, Katie Olson, Janet Moore, Patti Falbo, Van Piercy, Kim Carter, Kathleen Russell, Irina Nizova, Melissa Pickering, Duy Nguyen were among the volunteers and presenters at Tomball College Conference Day.
SPRING 2007 ANALYSIS

Spring 2007 headcount increased by 3.4% (258 students) to 7,906 and the enrollment increased by 3% to 17,351 compared with Spring 2006. For our Division:

- Courses Offered: 307
- Courses Cancelled: 30
- Courses Made: 277
- Enrollment: 6,126
- College Enrollment: 17,351
- Percentage: 35%

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT...

Below is the list of the Professional Development Activities that our EEM family members attended or planned to attend in the Summer 2007 from last Fall report.
Linda Bryan – CCID Conference – San Antonio TX
Linda Bryan – TCCTA Conference – Austin TX
Melinda Coleman – International Alliance for Learning – Austin TX
Melinda Coleman – Aiming for Excellence in Math teacher – College Station TX
Peg Crider – TexMATYC – San Antonio TX
Peg Crider – International Alliance for Learning – Austin TX
Peg Crider – Rx for ER Grant Forum – San Antonio TX
Peg Crider – Mid-Year Grant Director meeting – Austin TX
Peg Crider – Course Redesign Meeting – Austin TX
Peg Crider – TCCTA/TexMATYC – Austin TX
Peg Crider – CLIC Grant – Tomball TX
Peg Crider – P-16 Grassroots Meeting – College Station TX
Peg Crider – AMATYC – San Antonio TX
Peg Crider – Rx for ER – End-of-Year – San Antonio TX
Peg Crider – AL Grant, CLIC Grant End-of-Year meeting – Austin TX
Rui-Xiu Dai – TCCTA – Austin TX
Claudia Davis – TCCTA – Austin TX
Patti Falbo – Pathways Project – Tomball TX
Patti Falbo – Tomball Future Teacher Club – Austin TX
Patti Falbo – NISOD – Faculty Excellence Award – Austin TX
Patti Falbo – PLC-MAP Conference – College Station TX
Mary Ann Jackson – Tomball Future Teacher Club – Austin TX
Roger Jay – TCCTA – Austin TX
Sylvia Martinez – Conference on Disabilities – The Woodlands TX
Janet Moore – DL Certification – Tomball TX
Duy Nguyen – The Academy – Navasota TX
Katie Olson – Blue Metropolis Literacy Festival – Montreal Canada
Katie Olson – Faculty Exploration Grant – France, London, Switzerland
V.C. Patel – TCCTA – Austin TX
Van Piercy – Achieving the Dream meeting – Houston TX
Van Piercy – Chess Match – Cypress TX
Van Piercy – Southwest Collegial Chess Championship – Dallas TX
Katherine Reynolds – Writing Conference – Taos New Mexico
Bo Rollins – PTK Convention – Nashville TN
Bo Rollins – NISOD – Faculty Excellence Award – Austin TX
Bo Rollins – PTK Officer Retreat – San Antonio TX
Bo Rollins – Texas Honors Institute – Brenham TX
Kathleen Russell – Assessment & Placement – The Woodlands TX
Kathleen Russell – Instruction for EDUC 2301
Kathy Sanchez – Leader from the Middle – Boerne TX
Richard Smalley – Math Workshop from Addison Wesley – Austin TX
Pat Stone – AtD Strategy Institute – Albuquerque NM
Pat Stone – Rx for ER Forum – San Antonio TX
Pat Stone – SFA Math/Science - Nacogdoches TX
Pat Stone – Achieving the Dream – Houston TX
Pat Stone – T-STEM Center Partnership – Austin TX
Pat Stone – No Child Left Behind – Houston TX
Pat Stone – NCI Academy for Ins. Admin. – Tampa FL
Pat Stone – NISOD Conference – Austin TX
Since our last Fall report (the cut-off date is November 30, 2006), we celebrated the birthdays of:

- Raphael Turner (12/08)
- Connie Garrick (12/10)
- Dorothy Stowers (12/18)
- Felicity Short (12/28)
- Katherine Reynolds (01/05)
- Reyna Sirias-Ortiz (01/06)
- Sylvia Martinez (01/11)
- Richard Smalley (01/20)
- Kathleen Russell (01/22)
- Claudia Davis (02/02)
- Eric Wildman (02/07)
- Sarah David (02/08)
- Billy Smith (02/23)
- “Dusty” Capistran (02/24)
- Brian Reeves (02/27)
- Peg Crider (03/03)
- Janine Bowes (03/07)
- Donna Willingham (03/21)
- Abraham Haje (03/31)
- Lisa Hibner (04/01)
- Mike Csiszarik (04/03)
- Barbara Lujan (04/24)
In Youth we learn; In Age we understand!

Hugh Hemingway, our Math adjunct, just celebrated his 65th Wedding anniversary with 4 generations in his family. How often in our life that we can share that moment!

Brian and Christine Griffin are the proud first-time parents of a little baby girl, Isabelle Irene Griffin. She was born on May 7, 2007, weighing 7lbs and 2 oz. She is 19 ½ inches long and she has a beautiful dark hair.
Pat summed up all the major initiatives that our EEM Staff and Faculty members intimately involved in the past year. All will make a difference in the success of our students! We are proud to be a part of EEM family:

Check this link for an outstanding sand painting performance from Pam Womack!

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ed5SwqN7mNM
I borrowed words of wisdom from Jennifer Byerly to appreciate our teachers, as we celebrated the Teacher Appreciation Day at Tomball on May 3, 2007.

A teacher is someone who’s caring
A teacher is someone who’s kind
A teacher is someone with knowledge
To fill up a young person’s mind

They work when the hour is early
They work when the hour is late
They often work right through their lunchtime
Grading papers on their coffee break

For it takes a special commitment
To do all the things that they do
We’re proud of all of our teachers
And grateful for each one of you!

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