What is STS?
Student Technology Services (STS) is a component of EPCC Instructional area and serves as a provider of professional assistance for EPCC and the surrounding educational community. Staffed and managed by students, STS is dedicated to providing employees with the hands-on technical training and professional work experience that is in such high demand today.

Mission Statement
STS is committed to providing EPCC with ample technical assistance and its students with the hands-on technical training and professional work experience necessary to complete and succeed in today’s job market.

Vision Statement
STS envisions maximum utilization of resources, yielding competent students equipped with technical proficiency and marketable soft skills.

STS Goals
Expand more to the community.

Market STS/Earn While You Learn to give all students an opportunity to join the program.

Further educate STS members, staff an faculty on current technology updates and software, that will benefit them in school and career opportunities they may encounter.
These students have been chosen because they are an asset to the STS program. These are the students that constantly volunteer in our special projects. We appreciate the hard work that they do and that it never goes unrecognized. I hope to see more of our STS students featured in our next newsletter. Thank you all for your hard work at STS.

- Debbie Aguilera

NAME: Aldre Racelis  
MAJOR: Nursing  
STS ASSIGNMENT SITE: USO  
HOW LONG INVOLVED IN STS: 2 years  
SCHOOL & CAREER GOALS: To get his bachelors degree and have a stable job in a hospital and be a missionary nurse in the future.  
QUOTE: "Therefore if anyone is in Christ he is a new creation, the past has gone behold the new has come.” 2 Corinthians 5: 17

NAME: Matthew Fraley  
NAME: Computer Networking  
MAJOR:  
Advanced Technology Center (ATC) building  
STS ASSIGNMENT SITE:  
2 1/2 years  
HOW LONG INVOLVED IN STS:  
SCHOOL & CAREER GOALS:  
QUOTE: A man who dares to waste one hour of time does not discover the value of life—Charles Darwin

NAME: Jaclyn Briones  
MAJOR: Communications  
STS ASSIGNMENT SITE: STS lab manager  
HOW LONG INVOLVED IN STS: About 8 months  
SCHOOL & CAREER GOALS: Finish and get my bachelors and hopefully become a successful mass communication broadcaster in a radio station.  
QUOTE: The trouble with life is that there’s no background music.

NAME: Jaime Rodriguez  
NAME: Computer Networking  
MAJOR:  
Advanced Technology Center (ATC) building  
STS ASSIGNMENT SITE:  
2 1/2 years  
HOW LONG INVOLVED IN STS:  
SCHOOL & CAREER GOALS:  
QUOTE: You miss 100% of the shots you don’t take—Wayne Gretzky
Ramon Martinez:
NAME: Myrna Dalakishvili
MAJOR: Physical Therapy
STS ASSIGNMENT SITE: in the IT department or help desk
HOW LONG INVOLVED IN STS: One year
SCHOOL & CAREER GOALS: get a masters in Columbia University
QUOTE: Don’t look back

Eduardo Estrada:
NAME: Eduardo Estrada
MAJOR: Electrical Engineering
STS ASSIGNMENT SITE: Mission El Paso, working in the ASC computer lab
HOW LONG INVOLVED IN STS: 4 years
SCHOOL & CAREER GOALS: To graduate from the university and get my bachelors and continue on to maybe get my masters and hopefully a doctor’s degree.
QUOTE: Don’t worry too much about things and just be happy and smile

Ruben Sanchez:
NAME: Ruben Sanchez
MAJOR: Mechanical Engineering
STS ASSIGNMENT SITE: ASC Building A in the STS lab.
HOW LONG INVOLVED IN STS: Beginning of this summer.
SCHOOL & CAREER GOALS: I want to continue my education and get my bachelors degree then go on to work in the aviation or automotive engineering fields.
QUOTE: If you want to experience all of the successes and pleasure in life, you have to be willing to accept all the pain and failure that comes with it. By Matt Hoffman

Myrna Dalakishvili:
NAME: Myrna Dalakishvili
MAJOR: Physical Therapy
STS ASSIGNMENT SITE: in the IT department or help desk
HOW LONG INVOLVED IN STS: One year
SCHOOL & CAREER GOALS: get a masters in Columbia University
QUOTE: Don’t look back

Alejandra Lopez:
NAME: Alejandra Lopez
MAJOR: Business Administration
STS ASSIGNMENT SITE: With the prep program at Valle Verde
HOW LONG INVOLVED IN STS: Since January
SCHOOL & CAREER GOALS: After I get my associates after his fall I plan on transferring to Phoenix, Arizona for Culinary.
QUOTE: Live Laugh Love
Student Technology Services has contributed a great deal of help to many outside companies and organizations such as KCOS T.V. and USO.

“We provide organizations with students,” says Edith Miledi, former STS manager.

Lorena Martinez is the supervisor for David Trejo who is an STS student working at the KCOS T.V. channel 13 headquarter, and was very open about how STS.

“STS provides us with the best students,” says Martinez. “David takes initiative in his work, he’s two steps ahead of me at times and he’s gets his job down.”

El Paso Central Business Association’s new executive director Dennis Melonas was very enthusiastic with his STS student working for them as well.

“It’s great because we have a really motivated young individual,” says Melonas.

STS keeps providing more job opportunities for their members to grow and learn.

“She’s motivated to make some changes and help be a part of our organization.”

Aldre Racelis is another STS student who was placed to work with USO and has been for about a year.

“I really enjoy working here,” says Racelis. “The managers depend on me sometimes and even leave me alone and trust me doing my job.”

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The Student Technology Services was awarded nearly 200,000 dollars worth of grant money presented by the TG Public Benefit Grant Program on Sep. 1, 2011.

The money will help STS for two years and will be used to hire two new managers in the fall, and around 13 to 15 students in the spring.

This grant provides educational access for students who wish to attain their college and career dreams, as a nonprofit institute.

The TG grant was made known by Christy Ponce, the executive director of the EPCC Foundation, who informed Debbie Aguilera, manager of technology support services.

We’re excited about the grant because it will expand the program giving students the opportunity to get hands-on job training,” said Debbie Aguilera.

Congratulations to STS on successfully receiving this grant.

The 3D lab has offered their assistance to EPCC in creating 3D models for different academic areas.

STS student Ramon Martinez directed 3D software workshops to STS students’ back in the late spring semester.

“I showed them the basics on 3ds Max Design,” Martinez said. “I showed them how to use the control panel and tools.”

3ds Max is a modeling software program that creates objects which are modified, twisted, stretched, squeezed and flexed.

However, only managers Jonathan Olan, Griselda Espinoza and former manager Edith Miledi attended this workshop.

“I think they really enjoyed it,” Martinez said. “I showed them the basics on 3ds Max and I think they really enjoyed it they were able to create their own 3d models.”

Now that some of the managers know the basics for the 3ds Max, it’s time for the STS students to learn in the near future.
Students Mentoring Students is a mentoring program specifically created for STS students.

STS Manager, Jonathan Olan established this program after Manager of Student Tech Services Debbie Aguilera was a little concerned that STS was not training their students.

“For starters, STS has a policy that we train students,” Olan said. “Debbie was worried about that so I thought ‘Why not have our students train one another of SMS,’ so then I thought of SMS (Students Mentoring Students ).”

SMS won’t be providing workshops on just anything about technology but will be open to all majors for STS students to be a part of.

“We set a day and time with students and they RSVP and let us know if they’ll make it,” said Math Tutor for SMS Ruben Sanchez. “We don’t try to work with their schedule; we do work with their schedule.”

The students get to know who they’re working with, learn teamwork, improve in workplace and build bridges with STS peers.

“I highly recommend it to our students,” says Olan. “The student mentor and the students themselves are on the same ground. Neither one is superior nor inferior towards the other.”

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“I love it,” high school student Miranda Ponce said. “Everybody is like a fish out of water so we understand each other.”

In the program, students finish academically, but it has been creating friendships.

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Cynthia Aguilar, director of Gateway to College and College Readiness, established the Gateway to College Program in EPCC modeling it after the Gateway to college national network in Portland, Oregon.

This is the first year this program has been in effect and not only has it been helping students academically, but it has been creating friendships.

Students also take a “Path to Success” class where they practice note taking, time management, and test taking skills while learning good college behavior.

“The Program’s goal is to eventually have the [Gateway to College] program for every school district and in every EPCC campus,” Aguilar says.
A WORD FROM OUR MANAGER

As we begin a new academic year, we can see exciting things happening within the STS Program. I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone that supports the STS Program in giving our students an opportunity to be successful while attending EPCC as well as preparing them for today's job market. Please enjoy our first edition of the STS Newsletter and have a great Fall semester.

Debbie Aguilera