AWCC Offers Summer Scholarships

The Association of Women in Community Colleges (AWCC) is offering scholarships for returning female students taking courses this summer.

**Award:** $500 (for Summer 2015 tuition)

**Eligibility:**
* Female student
* Currently attending EPCC (Spring 2015 Semester)
* Must enroll in a minimum of six (6) academic credit hours at EPCC during Summer 2015
* Must have completed twelve (12) academic credit hours at EPCC
* 3.0 cumulative GPA or higher

Please view requirements for this scholarship online at the EPCC Web site.

**Deadline:** Wednesday, April 1, 2015 by 5:00 p.m.

Students must fill out application and submit their essays online through the scholarships webpage on EPCC’s site. This scholarship is available through the El Paso Community College Foundation Scholarship Application.

For questions about the application process, please contact Lupe Barcenas at 915.831.2529 or email gquezada@epcc.edu

Incomplete applications will not be considered!

**Faculty:** Please pass on this opportunity to your students!
DIVERSITY PROGRAMS HONORED

EPCC was awarded the 2014 Higher Education Excellence in Diversity (HEED) award from INSIGHT Into Diversity magazine, the oldest and largest diversity-focused publication in higher education.

As a second-time recipient of the HEED Award—a national honor annually recognizing U. S. colleges and universities that demonstrate an outstanding commitment to diversity and inclusion—EPCC was featured along with 83 other recipients in INSIGHT Into Diversity magazine’s November 2014 issue. *Only ten community colleges received this award nationwide and EPCC was the only community college to receive the HEED Award in the State of Texas.*

Save the Dates

March 20, 2015

Women’s History Month & Diamond Award Luncheon
*Encouraging Partnerships & Pathways Collaborating towards Ciencias (Sciences)*

Panel Discussion: 10:00-11:30 a.m.
Luncheon: 11:30-1:30

Join us to hear a panel of local experts as they discuss strategies on building support and removing barriers to women’s equity and full participation in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM fields). Panel discussion will be followed by the Diamond Award Luncheon honoring women at El Paso Community College.

April 11, 2015

Diversity Programs Culture Bowl

Beginning at 9:00 a.m., this one-day competition invites students from 9-12th grades to learn about selected communities from around the globe. Students compete on teams of 4 persons to answer questions about cultural practices and traditions to win awards. The goal of the event is to inspire and empower a new generation of leaders to embrace the Spirit of Diversity and promote understanding. Help us get the word out to local high schools!

*Location for both events: Administrative Service Center, Bldg. A, 9050 Viscount Blvd, El Paso, Texas*
NW Library Offers Reading Literacy Program for Toddlers

At the request of the Santiago Rodriguez Head Start Education Center, the Northwest Library established an outreach Reading Literacy Program. The HS Center is located near the Northwest Early College High School on the NW Campus. Each Thursday from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m., part-time librarians Helen Bell and Fernando Racelis will read a series of books to four classes of 17 students between the ages of three and four. The plan also includes reading to 21 other Head Start classes by the end of April. The materials selected by the two librarians are designed to introduce the 420 Head Start students about friendship, family, numbers, money, and technology. EPCC students wanting to volunteer to read to young children are encouraged to contact Helen Bell at the NW Library at 831-8889.

The Integrated Technology Committee will be accepting hardware, software, and peripheral requests from March 16-27, 2015. The Committee’s charge includes technological support (instructional, student, and administrative offices), faculty and staff training, and funding requests. Please visit the IT Committee’s Web site and follow instructions on the page. Please join us at the IT Committee Vendor Fair on March 2 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the ASC Auditorium to explore tools for the office and classroom and see the latest in instructional technology.

Distance Education is now offering faculty Training on Demand. If you and a group of your colleagues want training on a specific Blackboard tool or best practices, simply contact us for the TOD form. The sessions will earn you faculty development credit. Call Luz Cadena at 831-2827 or email at lcaden10@epcc.edu
EPCC’s Drafting and Design Program is now utilizing its new name, “Computer-Aided Design” or CAD for short, in keeping with current industry trend names. CAD courses include Basic CAD, Intermediate CAD, Mechanical Drafting, Technical Illustration, Solid Modeling, Machine Drafting, Architectural Drafting-Residential, Architectural Drafting-Commercial, Structural Drafting, Landscape Drafting, Topographical Drafting, Geometrical Dimensioning and Tolerancing, Statics and Strengths of Materials, Mechanical and Electrical Systems, and the Co-op Education CAD Technician. Juan Luna, Instructor and Program Coordinator, says CAD is also collaborating to include teaching concurrent classes for the Advanced Technology Center. Teachers are locals from industry and business owners with many years of experience who look forward to serving the Southwest.

FAculty IN THE NEWS...........

Ken Gorski, AIA, Professor of Architecture, and Discipline Coordinator, has been appointed a member of the El Paso County Historical Commission by the El Paso Commissioners Court. The County Historical Commission (CHC) is a vital link in Texas’ preservation network. Few other states have a built-in mechanism that makes possible a preservation organization in every county. CHCs have statutory responsibility to initiate and conduct programs suggested by the county commissioners court and the Texas Historical Commission (THC). Over the years they have been responsible for the preservation of countless historic buildings, artifacts, documents and other pieces of Texas history.

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Mary Mendoza Holguin, Retired Reading Adjunct, has made a testamentary gift to the El Paso Community Foundation to establish the Mary Mendoza Holguin Scholarship Fund. The Foundation honored Mendoza with a full-page article and photo in the Feb. 8-14, 2015 issue of El Paso Inc. Retiring from teaching in public schools and at EPCC, Mendoza loves traveling and opening the minds of her students to the world. “I wanted to open the scholarship fund so that when my time is over on this earth, it can give out scholarships to students who are serious about going into the education field,” said Mendoza.

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Joe Old, English VV, and Robert Ferrell, Philosophy RG, have recently published the article entitled “The Rectification of (Modern) Names: Jürgen Habermas Meets Confucius—Fixing Our Broken Political Discourse” in the Open Journal of Philosophy, available online by accessing OJPP.

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Yasmin Ramirez, English Adjunct VV, has had the short story “Sagrado Corazón” accepted for publication in the Spring 2015 issue of Label Me Latina/o.

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A symposium discussing how Michael Connelly’s novel *The Lincoln Lawyer* explores the law and justice in our criminal justice system will be held on Tuesday, March 2, at 1:00 p.m. at A119 at the Rio Grande Campus. Michelle Conklin, Education NW, Jeffrey Brockhoff, Criminal Justice RG, and Alvino Hernandez, Government RG, will moderate. The idea of the symposium is to promote reading and learning that there is a fine line between fiction and reality. The book touches on issues that can make readers reflect upon their own life circumstances. Symposium facilitators want to convey the idea that reading literature is a gateway to learning. The event is part of EPCC’s Spring Arts Festival.

English Professor Lawrence Welsh, VV, will read from his award winning collection of poetry, *Begging for Vultures: New and Selected Poems, 1994-2009*, at New Mexico State University in Las Cruces, New Mexico on Friday, March 6 from 7:30-9:00 p.m. in Room 101-A of the Health and Social Services Auditorium. Welsh is a featured guest of the university’s La Sociedad para las Artes Reading Series and will be joined by fiction writer Kathleen Lee. The event is free and open to the public. His book is now in its second printing by the University of New Mexico Press and won the New Mexico-Arizona Book Award, as well as being named a Notable Book by Southwest Books of the Year. It also was a finalist for both the PEN Southwest Book Award and the Writers’ League of Texas Book Award. Welsh’s work has appeared in more than 200 publications.

Crisol Escobedo, Philosophy NW, has created the Philosophy Tutoring Lab. Services include help with reading comprehension, critical thinking, analytic reasoning, conceptual analysis, and problem solving. Special tutorials will be offered in March and April in specific topics, including Informal Fallacies, Classical Logic & Venn Diagrams, Modern Logic & Truth Tables, Turning Language into Symbolic Form, Constructing Formal Proofs, and others. Help is available in English and Spanish and is open to all students. For more information, contact Escobedo at cescob11@epcc.edu or 831-8918.

**FACULTY RETREAT TO BE HELD MAY 19-20 IN ALBUQUERQUE, NM**
Retreat will offer opportunities to visit Acoma Pueblo and ride the Albuquerque Tramway. Download form from email Ana Resendez sent week of Feb. 23 and return completed form to the office of Faculty Development, A2419, Valle Verde by March 6.
Dr. Jose Baltazar, Recent Graduate of Saybrook University’s School of Mind-Body Medicine, Applies Mind-Body Skills Groups for Stress Reduction and Wellbeing

Jose Baltazar, PhD, Graduate of School of Mind-Body Medicine

Baltazar is a Fall 2014 graduate in Saybrook University’s PhD program in Mind-Body Medicine, in the Healthcare Practice specialization. His dissertation was a mixed-methods research study applying Mind-Body Skills groups with college employees, which showed significant stress reduction and improvements in health and wellness. The Mind-Body Skills groups implemented a model developed by James S. Gordon, director of the Center for Mind-Body Medicine.

Baltazar, Counselor VV, has been implementing this process with his fellow employees. He embarked on his PhD journey in 2009. Reflecting on his Saybrook experience, he remarked, “The journey has been challenging but fun. Along with the learning experience, I have met many new people and made many new friends and have become familiar with the different opportunities a career in Mind-Body medicine offers.”

Baltazar will retire from his 42-year career as a Community College Administrator, Instructor, and Counselor in 2015. He is looking forward to being more active in his mind-body medicine consulting and education practice. His mission is to increase education and awareness of self-care in his community as well as to promote holistic approaches to health and wellbeing. He also plans to continue working with local public schools and higher education institutions conducting research and developing targeted mind-body interventions to reduce stress and enhance the health and wellness of their employees and students.

Sylvia Aguilar Zéleny, English Adjunct VV, has published in Mexico her fifth book of fiction, Señorita Ansiedad y Otras Manías, released by Kodama Cartonera, an independent publisher in Tijuana, Mexico. This collection won first place in “Emergencias,” a 2014 literary contest. Zéleny is from Hermosillo, Mexico, and graduated from the MFA program in Creative Writing at UTEP.
One perspective of Isadora Stowe’s solo exhibit in Kentucky

Solo Exhibition "CONNATE"
Anne Wright Wilson Gallery, Georgetown College, Kentucky
January 30th - March 13th, 2015
Opening reception 11-12:30 pm
Artist Talk January 26th.

Isadora Stowe, Art, and Crisol Escobedo, Philosophy, recently collaborated in presenting a Valentine’s Day celebration entitled “The Duality of Love in Positive and Negative Space” with 40 students at the Northwest Campus. Escobedo lectured on Plato’s philosophical teachings on the origin and meaning of love as a path or life worth living and its role in achieving immortality. Stowe instructed students on the use of positive and negative space techniques to create love-inspired art.

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Thirteen Adjuncts Nominated for Faculty Award

The following adjunct professors have been nominated for the faculty award:

Adrian Aragones, History, VV
Patricia Barrientos, Math, TM
Joseph Bernal, Philosophy, RG
Monica Delgado, Chemistry, VV
Gabriel Gonzalez, Chemistry, VV
Musa Hussein, Geology, VV
Hitomi Kamahara, Develop. Ed., VV
Lee Lowers, Advanced Technology Ctr., VV
Elisa Martinez, History, VV
Yasmin Ramirez, English, VV
Jennifer Rosales, Psychology, VV
Larry Sears, Psychology, VV
Ross Teller, History, MDP

Congratulations to All!!
The theme for the Fall 2015 Faculty Development Week is

“MISSION WITH A VISION”

Look for the call for workshops on March 2. Workshop proposals will be accepted through Friday, March 27. Talk with your colleagues, think about what you learned at a conference or would like to try in your classes, and develop a workshop—perhaps one that reflects our theme!

EPCC’s Recognition Dinner to be Held April 24

Please join us as we celebrate and recognize our outstanding faculty and staff for their contributions to EPCC. The Annual College Recognition Dinner will be held on Friday, April 24, 2015 at the El Paso Club, 18th floor, located at 201 E. Main Street. The no-host social hour will begin at 5:30 p.m., followed by dinner and awards presentation beginning at 6:30 p.m.

The buffet dinner will include prime rib, turkey with dressing, trout with jalapeño sauce, green enchiladas, angel hair pasta with garlic sauce, potatoes au gratin, green beans almandine, zucchini au gratin with tomato, a large assortment of salads and fresh fruit, bread and butter, an assortment of desserts and coffee, tea, and water.

Please make your reservation by calling Ana Resendez at 831-2201 or mail a check for $30 payable to EPCC.
Be Active!

Here are some tips to stay active during work hours:

- Take the stairs instead of the elevator
- Park your car further away from the entrance
- Organize the layout of your office space in such a way that you have to stand up to file and use your printer
- Place your trash can and recycle can where you have to get up from your desk and walk to reach them
- Take a longer, roundabout way to your desk
- Stand up once every hour and stretch (Remember “Heads, shoulders, knees & toes”!!)

These tips courtesy of Nancy Tharp, CSRM, Office of Risk Management and Safety

HAVe A GREAT SPRING BREAK!! MAR. 9-15

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