EPCC FACULTY AWARD WINNERS HONORED AT DINNER

The Coronado Country Club was the setting for a festive dinner to honor outstanding faculty and staff on Friday evening, April 26. After a relaxed social hour, honorees and their families and friends enjoyed dinner and a spectacular view of the sunset.

Minnie Piper Stevens Award

KEITH TOWNSEND (Speech, VV), EPCC’s intercollegiate Speech and Debate team coach, is the 2013 nominee for the state award. Townsend has fielded award-winning forensic teams for years, and he recently was presented with the 2013 Coaching Service Award at the Phi Rho Pi National Tournament. Phi Rho Pi is the National Forensics Association for two-year colleges. Among other honors for Townsend this year are Top Community College Superior Sweepstakes Award at the Pi Kappa Delta National Tournament; First Place Community College Sweepstakes Award at the American Forensic Association National Individual Events Tournament; First Place Overall Top Team and First Place Individual Events Sweepstakes Awards at the Phi Rho Pi National Tournament. Several of his students attended the dinner to join in the celebration of excellence.

Three professors received Faculty Achievement Awards: Angelina Arellanes-Nuñez (English, TM); Roswitha Saenz (Biology, RG); and Gloria Estrada (English, MDP).

DR. ROSWITHA SAENZ has taught Anatomy and Physiology, Microorganisms and Disease and Pathophysiology at EPCC since 1987, full time for the past 15 years. She has been active as a Student Mentor in the RISE Program (Research Initiative for Scientific Enhancement), Honors Program and Service Learning. She aims to “provide a strong theoretical and practical knowledge base for students so that they can then take accountability for their own learning experiences. In creating a well-structured learning environment, the student is encouraged to use introspection and practical application of learned concepts in a way that contributes to their understanding of material for real-world application.”

ANGE LINA ARELLANES-NUÑEZ holds an M.A. in Applied Linguistics and Curriculum and Instruction, specializing in Language Teaching and Learning. She is the Co-Director of the Summer Bridge Program and Project Dream at EPCC; a part of the Developmental Education Demonstration Projects, P-16 THECB Initiative, THECB INRW Initiative, and other programs directly affecting Developmental Education students. She has presented at the National Association for Developmental Education and the Border Learning Conference. She is the Faculty Advisor for Sol VOICES (Volunteer,
Organize, Inspire, Educate, Succeed), an EPCC student club of volunteers who reach out to children whose parents are incarcerated by bringing the college to the community and the community to the college. She believes that only by remaining humble, regardless of the level of knowledge or position one holds, can a person inspire others.

GLOLRIA ESTRADA, a long-time EPCC employee, is one of the few individuals who have been members of every one of the College’s constituencies: classified, professional, administrative, and faculty. As the youngest of eight siblings, Estrada says they are her greatest inspirations, especially her sisters. Having attended Ysleta High School, she holds the Lower Valley and its farming communities close to her heart. It isn’t unusual for her to teach the children of her high school friends at the Mission del Paso Campus. Having received tenure recently, Estrada is looking forward to a long career as a faculty member at EPCC.

Adjunct Achievement Awards

NICHOLAS FERNANDEZ (Psychology, NW) is a UTEP graduate and received his M.A. in Psychology from the University of Arizona in Tucson. A lecturer at the Northwest Campus, Fernandez is a member of the Leadership Academy, the Teachership Academy, and Co-Chair of his discipline QEP Committee. However, Fernandez’s true passion for teaching has manifested itself in a group that he co-founded called the Educators for Effective Teaching. The group is dedicated to researching and soliciting best practices in teaching to create and disseminate the same to other faculty. The mission of the group is to enhance the quality of education for students by directly enhancing the quality of teaching. Fernandez is involved in several local community projects such as Glasbox, United Way of El Paso, Global Youth Service Day, El Paso Permaculture Group, and others.

MARIA ISELA MAIER (English, VV) joined EPCC as a student in the fall of 1984. She graduated with an A. A. degree in Communication, becoming the first one in her family to graduate from college. There followed a B.A. in Journalism at UTEP in 1990 and an M.A. in English in 1998. Maier has taught English and Spanish at a local language school and participated in numerous Intensive Spanish Camps, teaching groups from the U.S. Forest Service. She has worked at several prestigious advertising agencies in the El Paso area, holding positions from copy writer to producer to media buyer. Maier has taught English at various EPCC campuses since 2001.

ISADORA STOWE (Art, VV) is a visual artist, curator, and educator. She began her artistic pursuits with an artist residency in Israel after graduating from high school. She earned her BFA in Painting with a
minor in Cultural Anthropology and an MFA in Painting and Drawing from New Mexico State University. Her teaching philosophy is based on a practice of marrying her students’ talents, instincts, and enthusiasm with a solid understanding of the value of art and the role it plays in the wider world. She is a founding member of Praxis Collective, a group of women artists and art educators working in the Southwest engaged in artistic practice, education, and contemporary scholarship. She exhibits nationally and has received several awards and grants for her work, including an award for excellence from the New Mexico Committee of the National Museum of Women in the Arts for her work in the exhibition “18 days” at the Center for Contemporary Art in Santa Fe.

Retirees

Several faculty have announced their retirement from teaching at EPCC. They include Yolanda Bencomo (ESL, RG); Veronica Fulton (Counselor, RG); Mary Scott (Art, Valle Verde); Dr. Cathy Soto (Medical Assistant, RG); Dr. Ronald Suciu (History, TM); and Abelardo Uranga (Counselor, VV).

The NISOD Excellence Award was presented to Pam Payne (Administrative Assistant to the President, ASC); the Professional Staff Employee of the Year Award went to Yvonne B. Almanza (IT Systems Manager); and the full-time and part-time Classified Staff Employees of the Year Awards were presented to Laura Rosales, (ISC, VV) and Daniel Fuentes (STS Peer Trainer, ASC), respectively.

Congratulations!

More Faculty in the News...

In March we told you about Joyce Whiteside (English, VV) exhibiting her photographs in two shows. Joyce won “Best of Show” in the Foto Fiesta sponsored by the Photo Enthusiasts of El Paso, and one of her photos won the local Worldwide Photo Walk online contest. Well done, Joyce!

Hector Zamora (Criminal Justice, VV) submitted the winning theme for the fall 2013 Faculty Development Week activities, “Inspiring through Education.” Thanks to all who submitted themes!
FACULTY RECOGNIZED FOR TWENTY TO FORTY YEARS OF SERVICE

El Paso Community College honored staff and faculty who have completed 20, 25, 30, 35, and 40 years of service with the College with a barbecue buffet luncheon on April 26.

Employees and guests were treated to the jazz sounds of Billy Townes before the meal and were welcomed by Dr. Ernst E. Roberts. Nicholás Domínguez, member of the EPCC Board of Trustees, and Dr. William Serrata, President, presented employees with tokens of appreciation from the College. Faculty honored include:

### 40 YEARS

Leon Blevins (Government, VV)  
Jeffrey M. Coles (English, TM)  
Fidel De Leon (Foreign Language, VV)  
Maria I. Castanon, (Teacher Prep/Child Dev., VV)

### 35 YEARS

Paul T. Finster (Math, VV)  
Linda E. Silva (Business Management VV)*

### 30 YEARS

Beverly A. Arneson (ITSC, VV)  
Mary L. Mooney (Sign Language/Interpreter, VV)  
Donald Cowan (Art, VV)  
Pauline A. Ballesteros (Nursing, RG)

### 25 YEARS

Muhammad Akhtar (Math, MDP)  
John F. Mastriani (Business Administration, VV)  
Richard D. Southern (ITSC, TM)  
Veronica Cena (Counselor, RG)  
Alfredo Salas (Accounting, TM)  
Ruth E. Vise (English, VV)

### 20 YEARS

Jesus M. Adame (Reading, VV)  
Irma Craver-Castillo (Counselor, VV)  
Irene Dunn (Nursing, RG)  
Lourdes Arnal de Prats (Education, MDP)  
David R. Coy (Respiratory Care Tech, RG)

*Linda E. Silva and her sister, Hazel Ann Silva, Assistant Registrar, were recognized together for each contributing 35 years of service to the College. Kudos!

Another luncheon earlier in the month honored faculty celebrating 5, 10, and 15 years of service.

Faculty Development Week activities begin Monday, August 19, 2013!

Plan to join your colleagues for the General Session to be held at the Centennial Club at Fort Bliss.

Theme: “Inspiring through Education”
AWARD-WINNING WRITER TRIUMPHS AT HOME IN RARE, LOCAL READING AT EPCC

Ray Gonzalez, the seminal Chicano writer who was born and raised in El Paso, Texas, returned home May 3 for a rare local appearance at El Paso Community College. More than 125 community members showed up for his first hometown reading in 20 years. Gonzalez, who is a professor in the MFA Creative Writing Program at the University of Minnesota-Minneapolis, is the award-winning author of 17 books of poetry, essays, memoir and fiction. He's also edited 14 literary anthologies in a career that spans more than 30 years. Gonzalez’s books include *The Heat of Arrivals* (1997), which won the PEN/Oakland Josephine Miles Book Award; *Cabato Sentora* (2000), a Minnesota Book Award Finalist; *The Hawk Temple at Tierra Grande* (2003), winner of the Minnesota Book Award for Poetry; and *Faith Run* (2009).

Native son Ray Gonzalez and fellow poet Lawrence Welsh, EPCC writing professor, strike a pose in Downtown El Paso. (Photo courtesy of Lawrence Welsh)
Unsubscribe the Easy Way!
By Janine Rudnick

Every day when I open up my nonEPCC email, I immediately delete 8-10 emails. At some time in the last five years, I subscribed to websites that have offered me great discounts, interesting information, or were appealing for some reason. Now, they may have lost their appeal or have decreased the amount of discounts offered, and I’m no longer interested in the weekly or daily emails. I can delete the subscriptions one by one, but it’s time consuming, and often, I can’t find the “unsubscribe” button. If this sounds like your situation, I have a solution for you if you use gmail or yahoo mail.

The service unroll.me will unsubscribe you from the emails you no longer want or will combine your subscriptions into one email instead of many. You’ll have to sign up at unroll.me and follow the simple steps. You’ll receive a notice that has a subscription list on one side and then “add to rollup” and “unsubscribe” on the other side. If you want to keep the subscription, but want it combined with other subscriptions into a daily email, check “add to rollup.” If you have decided you don’t want the subscription anymore, click “unsubscribe.” It’s that easy!

As a warning, make sure you realize that unroll.me has to get into your email settings, so as always, keep security in mind. This can’t be used with EPCC email.

Going...going…Gone!

Faculty Election Results

President: Carina Ramirez
Full Time Vice President: Blayne Primozich
Adjunct VP: Rudolfo (Rudy) Hernandez (MDP)
Secretary: Celeste Favela

Full Time Senators:
Santiago Rodriguez (MDP)
Enayatallah Kalantarian (NW)
Debra Tomacelli-Brock (RG)
Mauricio Rodriguez (VV)
Rebecca Bell (TM)

Adjunct Senators:
Aldo Lopez (MDP)
Mary Ervin (NW)
Oscar Gonzalez (RG)
Jennifer Rosales (VV)
Crystal Bustillos (TM)

Graduation Times Two!

This year, EPCC has planned two graduation ceremonies at the Don Haskins Center on Friday, May 17, 2013. Choose the one you are attending!

2:00 p.m. Associate of Applied Science Degrees & Certificate Completion
Be there between 1:00-1:30 p.m.

6:30 p.m. Associate of Arts Degrees
Be there between 5:00 -5:30 p.m.
Calling all Artists!!

Help design the next Faculty Development Week booklet cover! Cover art may be a photo, painting, or another graphic or image that illustrates the theme “Inspiring through Education.”

Faculty, staff, and students may submit entries. The winner will have his/her artwork featured on the cover of the Fall 2013 booklet.

Entries are due at the Faculty Development Office A 2419 VV by Friday, May 10 or can be sent to anar@epcc.edu via email.

Please send high resolution .jpeg files that can be reproduced. For more information, contact Ana Resendez at 831-2201 or Ruth Vise at 831-8841.

Have You Signed Up for Tejano Alert?

If not, go to EPCC’s web page and click on Tejano Alert to submit your information to receive emergency text messages on your cell phone or email devices. EPCC will notify faculty, students, and staff of emergency situations with directions or further information.

Go to alert.epcc.edu now to submit your information and tell your students, too!

New Faculty Advisor Named for Chrysalis

EPCC’s literary magazine, welcoming entries from students, faculty, staff, and community members, has a new faculty advisor: Kelli Wood, English professor at the Transmountain Campus. Wood had this to say:

“Tony Procell, as advisor, has brought a vibrant spirit to Chrysalis. His focus on highlighting the diversity and quality of writing and art throughout our communities has made Chrysalis a literary magazine that reaches out to writers and artists world-wide. I hope to continue in the path Tony has forged and am excited about the adventure Chrysalis will provide. We hope you will take time to sit back and relax with a copy of this year’s issue and take the journey into the worlds within. Then, consider adding your voice to the ongoing chronicle of our times and our lives.”

If you have not seen a copy of the 2013 issue of Chrysalis, call Tony Procell at 831-8901 to request one. Good luck, Kelli, and thank you, Tony!