Inspirational Thought of the Day

Be kind, for everyone you meet is fighting a hard battle.

- Plato

Submitted by Fernando Reyes, M.Ed.Psy
We’re sorry . . .

PATRICIA DURAN, Counselor (MDP) was honored for 20 years of service to EPCC at the employee recognition luncheon in May 2013. We regret the inadvertent omission from the May 2013 newsletter.

The Learning Community Program wants you.
- All freshmen students NEED you.
- Students who transfer the skills of reading and writing into their core study courses are the most successful students.

Mastering Academic Excellence EDUC 1300 is a course meant to help student succeed in all classes.

If you are an EDUC 1300 instructor, you are invited to seek out a partner in the Social Science, Hard Science, Mathematics field, or English discipline and develop a Learning Community.

Fall 2014 schedule building will begin soon with your dean. Be the leader at your campus in helping students succeed in all their courses. Join the Learning Community family.

Contact Susan Silva at 831-3365 or ssilva10@epcc.edu for information about Learning Community stipends for instructors who develop and deliver new Learning Communities.
The 2013 El Paso Chopin Music Festival
Dr. Lucy Scarbrough,
President and Artistic Director

The 2013 El Paso Chopin Music Festival will be held at the Chamizal National Memorial Theatre and will start at 7 p.m. each night. Admission is free, but come early. It is open seating and first come, first served. For more information, email chopinfest@sbcglobal.net or visit the website: www.elpaso-chopin.com.

Saturday, October 5, 2013

Born in Tarnow, Poland, Krystian Tkaczewski has been called a "Polish virtuoso." He has studied in both the United States and Poland. Participation in numerous competitions and festivals has taken Mr. Tkaczewski around the world. He has won first or second prize in competitions in Greece, Italy, Macedonia, Spain, and the United States. Mr. Tkaczewski has also been the recipient of scholarships and awards from the Wroclaw Music Academy, the Polish Ministry of Culture, the City of Tarnow, and the Musical Club of Hartford.

Since 2004, Mr. Tkaczewski has been an active member of the Society of Polish Musical Artists. He is the founder and artistic director of the Chopin International Piano Competition in Hartford and the Artistic Director of the Chopin Society of Connecticut.
Saturday, October 19th, 2013

A native of Shanghai, Mei-Ting Sun arrived in New York at the age of 9 and entered the Professional Children’s School and Mannes College of Music. He continued his education at Mannes, receiving both his Bachelor’s and Master’s degrees. In May of 2006, he received his Doctorate of Musical Arts degree from the Juillird School.

Mr. Sun has won numerous prestigious awards, including unanimous first prizes in the 7th National Chopin Piano Competition in 2005 (U.S.A.) and the first Minnesota International Piano-e-Competition in 2002, along with the prizes for the best performance of a Concerto and Polonaise in the National Chopin, and the best performance of a Schubert Sonata in Minnesota. He is also the first prize laureate of the 2002 Bartok-Kabalevsky-Prokofiev International Piano Competition and the 2006 Morocco International Piano Competition.

Mr. Sun can also be heard on numerous radio and TV shows such as the “Young Artist Showcase” on WQXR Classical Radio, “Performance Today” on NPR, and “South Florida Today” on NBC-6. Mr. Sun is also highly involved in education and outreach of classical music. He regularly gives masterclasses and lectures at major universities around the world, and is currently working on his book about the Op. 10 Etudes of Chopin.

Saturday, November 2nd, 2013

Lucy Scarbrough began studying at age 16 with Sylvio Scionti of New York and later with Russian pianist Maurice Lichtman. At the American Conservatory of Music in Chicago, she received the Conservatory’s top prize, the John R. Hattstadt Award for outstanding musicianship. After receiving her degrees at the Conservatory, she taught at the Chicago Musical College and continued her studies with the internationally known pianist and founder of the Chicago Musical College, Rudolph Ganz.

She has received numerous awards including the Burlington Foundation Teaching Award, the National Teaching Excellence Award of U. T. Austin and the coveted Minnie Stevens Piper higher education award of Texas. In 1996, she was inducted into the El Paso Women’s Hall of Fame. In 1998, Lucy Scarbrough received the Hidalgo award for service
to the Hispanic community of El Paso, Texas and Ciudad Juarez, Mexico.

As Project Director of the Expansion Arts Program, funded by the National Endowment for the Arts, Scarbrough founded and directed the College Arts Festival. She founded and is director of the El Paso Civic Orchestra. In 1995, she founded and is the artistic director of The El Paso Chopin Music Festival.

She served on the The Chopin Foundation of the United States' Selection Jury for the Seventh and Eighth National Chopin Competitions in 2005 and 2010, respectively. Dr. Scarbrough was the commencement speaker for the Spring, 2006 Commencement of El Paso Community College. Her most recent honor was recognition from the President of the United States for her humanistic contributions to the arts in El Paso, Texas.

Tutorial Services Wins New Faculty Expo Table Contest

Each semester, the Office of Faculty Development sponsors an Expo for new faculty. Various departments, disciplines, and groups come to the ASC to show faculty what EPCC has to offer. There is a table decorating contest for Expo participants. This year, the theme was “Inspiring Through Education.” EPCC Tutorial Services created this year’s winning table and received a traveling trophy. Pictured are Ivan Torres and Carolina Gonzalez. Congratulations!
In 1974 congress passed the Federal Education Rights and Privacy Act to safeguard the privacy of student’s educational records. Many in our society are concerned with the protection of personal matters. The fourth amendment to the constitution protects our personal belongings from unreasonable searches and seizures. The protection of personal information is a right that is well-grounded in our way of life, principles and, values. FERPA is only one of the many laws that that safe guards privacy.

There are three principles that FERPA guarantees to students: the right to inspect and review their education records, the right to amend any education record that the student may not agree with, and the right to disclosure of their education records. A student has the right to see any part of their education portfolio, and the registrar’s office must comply with this request. If a student believes that any part of their education record is not truthful, the student can request an investigation to correct the inconsistency. If the institution finds after the investigation that the record is flawed, it must be changed. If the institution finds that the record is correct, then it will not be changed but the student can request that a disclaimer be put on file concerning that particular record. And last the student has the right to say who can see their educational records. The person that the student designates must have written authorization from the student.

FERPA is a comprehensive regulation, and it is recommended that all faculty members, or staff that work with student education records attend the FERPA workshop that is offered during faculty development in January 2014. If you need more information, please contact Alex Hernandez at 915-831-6383.
Congratulations to...

Minnie Stevens Piper Award Nominees:

- Maria Gomez, Reading RG
- Marie Racine, Radiation Therapy Program RG
- Ken Gorski, Architecture VV
- Charlie Miller, English VV
- Grace Vaughn, Business Management VV
- Blayne Primozich, Government TM
- Tony Procell, English NW
- Tracy vonMaluski, ESL MDP

Faculty Achievement Award Nominees:

- Mark Norbeck, History RG
- Lynn Davis, Social Science VV
- Roselia Galindo, Reading VV
- Margie Nelson Rodriguez, English VV
- Susan Tollefson, Literacy Program VV
- Grace Vaughn, Business Management VV
- Rebekah Bell, Speech TM
- Melinda Camarillo, Mathematics, TM
- Sandra Padilla, Reading TM
- Barbara Yancy Tooks, Speech NW
- Rene Chavez, Counseling MDP

Good Luck to Each One of You!
NW Library Praised by Texas State Library and Archives Commission

The Grants Administrator for the Texas State Library and Archives Commission recently had high praise for the Northwest Campus Library efforts to reach out to young people in the Canutillo area. The children participated in storytelling, worked on Smart tables doing math, science, vocabulary and literacy games. They also played with various iPad apps designed to teach language, music, interactive ebooks, and art.

Erica McCormick, the Grant administrator for the 3 year grant totaling $152,000 which the NW Library received from the Texas State Library, visited the Interactive Technology and Literacy program in July and had high praise for this community program. She was impressed that the Library served almost 1,492 children in one year. McCormick wrote: “The community around the Northwest campus is benefitting in ways that cannot be calculated yet, but will be realized in the years to come.” She thanked Dr. Lydia Tena for supporting the library’s program.

Migrant parent and EPCC student assist with math on the Northwest Library’s Smart Table

1,200 students from Head Start, CISD read ebooks, play puzzles, language and math activities on iPads
Traditional storytelling mixed with digital books and games promotes library use and college going culture.

Library makes connections with Santiago Rodriguez Head Starters, many of whom have parents attending EPCC.
It’s Your Move!

Compliments of the Drafting and Design Technology Program

For more information about this program, please contact:
Juan Luna
Coordinator/Instructor
915-831-2061
A NEW YEAR: A NEW CHRYSLIS JOURNEY

Kelli Wood

After a number of years, Tony Procell has stepped down as Faculty Advisor for Chrysalis. His dedication to Chrysalis, like those before him was inspiring, and I can only hope to come close to the superb job that Tony and his predecessors have done.

Last year, Chrysalis was the recipient of a number of awards from the Texas Intercollegiate Press Association: The Sweepstakes Award for Overall Excellence in a Literary Magazine, First Place for Cover Design, Second Place for Literary Magazine Essay to Noah Smart (2 awards), and two Honorable Mentions--Literary Magazine Illustration: Ernesto Hernandez (2 awards) and Literary Magazine Story Package to Ana Deleon and Victoria Arrellano.

As we begin our work with the basics of setting up our office and planning for the 2014 Chrysalis, we are both invigorated and excited. We look forward to the surprise and joy that reading submissions will provide.

Consider sharing your work with us. We accept short stories, selections from novels, essays, drama, and screenplays up to 2,500 words; poetry; and works of visual art--both photography and artwork. All text should be saved in .doc, .docx, or .rtf format. All visual works should 300 dpi; black & white preferred and/or high contrast.

Send your submissions to chrysalis@epcc.edu. Include your name, the submission category, the title of your work, a working phone number, your email address, and a short one or two line biography (20-50 words).
Diversity Programs is celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month. This year's theme is "Descúbrete: Empowerment through Wings of Knowledge." It is a celebration about literature, student artwork, music, current affairs and more. The official Kick Off was September 18 at the Valle Verde Cafeteria Annex, Cafeteria Annex with President Serrata and the Consul General of Mexico, Mr. Jacob Prado. An Immigration Symposium was held September 26th, at the VV Annex. Speakers included Congressman Beto O'Rourke and Senator Jose Rodriguez.

The celebration will conclude with the annual Mentor's Dinner at 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, October 16th at the ASC Auditorium. Mentors are community members committed to the betterment of the community. Their selfless service goes beyond what is expected and improves the lives of those less fortunate. The keynote speaker this year will be, Dolores Huerta, Co-Founder of the United Farm Workers and President of the Dolores Huerta Foundation. Ms. Huerta will receive a Lifetime Achievement Award for her community service, advocacy for workers’, immigrants’ and women's’ rights. EPCC will recognize Carlos Marentes, Executive Director of El Centro de los Trabajadores Agricolos Fronterizos (Border Farm Workers Center) and Mrs. Guadalupe De La Vega, founder of FEMAP (Federacion Mexicana de Asociaciones Privadas). Jose Luis Garcia will be recognized posthumously.

Tickets for the Mentor's Dinner are $20.00 and are available at any EPCC Cashier. For more information contact Diversity Programs at (915) 831-3324 or visit www.epcc.edu/hispanicheritage.

EPCC art students and local artist, Gabriel S. Gaytán will display their art work through the end of the celebrations at the Administrative Services Center (ASC).

Faculty, please encourage your students to participate in the activities. Consider sponsoring a student, it will be an experience to remember.

By Diversity Programs and Hispanic Heritage Committee
The Best Place to Start

El Paso Community College and Diversity Programs Present the:

12th Annual Hispanic Heritage Celebration
Descúbrete: Empowerment through Wings of Knowledge

Wednesday, October 16, 2013
Mentor’s Dinner
Honoring:
Mr. Carlos Marentes
Mrs. Guadalupe Arizpe de la Vega
Hispanic Heritage Recognition to:
Mr. Jose Luis Garcia, posthumous

Keynote Speaker &
Life Time Achievement Award
Dolores Huerta
President of the Dolores Huerta Foundation &
Co-Founder of the United Farm Workers

EPCC Administrative Services Center
9050 Viscount Blvd.,
Building A - Auditorium

Tickets $20 available at Campus Cashiers
Cash Bar (ID Required)
A portion of the proceeds from ticket sales is used for Scholarships

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Wellness Program
Mind-Body Skills Group

An Eight Week Course to Learn Tools for Self-Care, Self-Awareness, & Health Promotion

Jose M. Baltazar, Counselor/Professor is a PhD. Candidate in the Mind-Body Medicine program at SAYBROOK University in San Francisco.

Jose holds certifications in Reality/Choice Therapy, Advanced Neurolinguistics, and Brain Based/Accelerated Learning.

Mind-Body Healing Skills Group Sessions:
Fall 2013
Rio Grande Campus: Room A-121
Thursday’s 6:00-8:00 pm (8 sessions)
September 19 thru November 7, 2013

Mission del Paso Campus: Room E-112
Monday’s 6:00-8:00 pm (8 sessions)
September 16 thru November 4, 2013

Valle Verde Campus: Room B-181
Saturday’s 8:30-11:30 am (6 sessions)
September 14 thru October 19, 2013

For Inquiries and Registration:
Jose M. Baltazar (915)831-2085 or Email at jbaltaz6@epcc.edu

The group is limited to 12 participants

*Employees are reporting high benefits from the sessions
*Groups for this fall are already underway and they fill up in one day!

EPCC FACULTY DEVELOPMENT OFFICE
WELLNESS PROGRAM
Greetings from the Career Services Department!

The Career Services Department will be hosting its annual Transfer Fair 2013 on Wednesday, November 13, 2013 from 9:00 am to Noon.

We encourage all prospective transfer students to attend this event and obtain information from reputable 4-year universities and institutions. Attending this important event will give students the opportunity to become informed on the admissions process and requirements for the university or institution of their choice.

Students will come away with a greater understanding of the transferring process and have the opportunity to meet one-on-one with a university representative!

As part of our marketing efforts to reach as many students as possible, we are asking for your support to promote this event among your students. We would like to encourage you to visit the Transfer Fair as a class and/or allow your students to attend in lieu of class as a class assignment. Please let us know if you have any questions and we will be happy to meet with you to provide you with more details.

You can contact us via email at careerservices@epcc.edu or call us at (915) 831-2636.

Have a terrific Fall semester!

Please send copy and photos by November 15, 2013, for November’s newsletter to cdelgad6@epcc.edu
Celeste Favela, Faculty Development Coordinator
Transfer Fair 2013

Attention Faculty

Help your students further their education!

Wednesday, November 13, 2013

9:00 am - Noon

VV Cafeteria Annex

Take part in this year’s Transfer Fair 2013
Make it a class project!

Important questions students must consider as part of the transferring process:

• What admission requirements do I need to meet?
• What programs of study are offered at the University?
• Is my current program of study available at the University?
• Will my coursework be accepted to the University program of study I choose to pursue?
• Are transfer scholarships available?

Students can’t miss this opportunity!

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I get around 7 magazines each month. I like magazines, and especially like that I got them for free. However, they stack up in my house, and sometimes I don’t get to all of them before the next batch arrives. I’ve found a solution to my love of magazine—the public library. You may remember that I love the public library because of the free books (duh!) and audio books, but the El Paso public library now has a way to get free magazines downloaded to your device.

There are 60 magazines to choose from. They range from light reading (OK) to more those with more in-depth articles (National Geographic). To get your free magazines, you’ll have to sign in with your library card and then sign up for Zinio. Once connected with both, you can select and download the magazines you want to read. The magazines stay on your device, so you can have a collection of magazines to read wherever you are! It works well on the iPad.

Take a minute to see what’s new in the world of digital magazines! Your stacks around the house (and the person who dusts them) will thank you.

Do you like to sing? Do you play an instrument? Did you play or sing in high school and would like to resume making music every week? Please consider joining one of EPCC’s fun and exciting music ensembles, open to members of the community:

**Orchestra** (rehearses Tues. 6-8:40 p.m.) – contact jmeyer6@epcc.edu

**Choir** (Tues. & Thurs. 11:30 a.m. – 12:50 p.m.) – contact bmcmil3@epcc.edu

**Jazz Ensemble** (Thurs. 4-6:40 p.m.) – contact rguti178@epcc.edu

**Mariachi Band** (Weds. 6-8:40 p.m.) – contact amorgant@epcc.edu

All groups rehearse at the VV campus. For general information on the music department, please contact aharri18@epcc.edu.
EPCC THEATER ENSEMBLE 2013-2014 SEASON

LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS

Book & Lyrics by Howard Ashman
Music by Alan Menken
Directed by Keith Townsend

In time for Halloween! Little Shop of Horrors is a comedy horror rock musical about a hapless florist shop worker who raises a plant that feeds on human blood and flesh. With music, composed in the style of early 1960s rock and roll, doo-wop and early Motown, it's no wonder this is an audience favorite!

Oct. 24, 25, 26, 30, 1, 2 @ 8:00 pm
Oct. 27 & Nov. 3 @ 2:30 pm

Transmountain Forum Theater
9570 Gateway Blvd. North
Patriot Freeway • Diana Exit

Tickets available at the door
$7.00 EPCC Students/Faculty/Staff/Seniors*
$10.00 Non-EPCC Students/Military*
$15.00 General Admission
*ID required
Cash or Checks only
Box Office: 6:00 pm evening shows and 12:30 pm Sunday matinees

Children under 6 will not be admitted.
Call (915) 831-5056 for info/reservations

In cooperation with EPCC Salute to the Arts

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