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Campus Manager,
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Rita Banninger

Adm. Assistant II,
Jeanette Brownlee

Duplication Clerk,
Diana Gatica

Building Attendants,
Lee Vallejo and
Bynum Thomas

PIN Learning Lab Expansion

The summer has been abuzz with all the construction work, HVAC renovations, and preparation for fall semester at the Pinnacle Campus. Not the least of which is the expansion of the Learning Lab on the 6th floor. An additional 622 square feet which was formerly classroom space was incorporated into the Learning Lab floor plan.

The Learning Lab expansion will help meet the needs of our continually increasing student population at the campus. Learning Lab Manager, **Marie-line McGhee**, reports an increase in student traffic to the learning lab from 928 students visiting the lab in July 2008 to 1532 student visits in July 2009 – a 65% increase of student traffic.

The PIN Learning Lab has 3 tutoring specialists, 2 Instructional Associates, 2 Technical Support staff, and 15 – 18 hourly tutors. Subjects tutored are all math courses, English, French, Spanish, all writing courses, biology, physics, chemistry, electronics, social sciences, history, computer science, study skills and reading.



A Salute to PIN 2009 ACC Service Award Winners

5 Years of Service

Lydia Bearden, Adj. Professor, Chemistry
Gail Braswell, Campus Financial Aid Supervisor
Mark Butler, Adj. Professor, Sociology
Troy Carter, Technician, Micro Computer Support
Gary Cronkite, Safety Officer, College Police
Maria Gebara, Asst. Professor Adjunct, Mathematics
Carl Gregory, Adj. Professor, COSC / COIS
Hadi Parhikhteh, Adj. Professor, PHYS / MADE
Reza Rezaee, Asst. Adj. Professor, Government
Patti Rubenak, Asst. Adj. Professor, Math-Develop.
Collins Selby, Asst. Adj. Professor, WOED / FOLA
William Tolan, Assc. Professor, Photography
Charles Wayne, Assc. Professor, Biology

10 Years of Service

Richard Anderson, Video Sup. Ser. Help D Spec.
Bridgette Barr, Adm. Asst. III, Library Services
Kenneth Box, Master Control Engineer, Dis. Learn.
Jeanette Brownlee, Adm. Asst. II, CAMA
Rachel Dayton, Adm. Asst. III, Soc. & Beh. Sciences
Jerry DeFrese, Adj. Professor, Art
John Kennie, Video Support Services Manager
James Land, Testing Center Supervisor
Judith Laird, Adj. Professor, English
Pamela Ryan, Adm. Asst. III, Distance Learning
Lee Vallejo, Building Attendant

15 Years of Service

Joanna Gutt-Lehr, Adj./Instructional Associate
Stanley Macora, Adj. Professor, Philosophy
Larry McIntire, Adj. Professor, Art
Bynum Thomas, Building Attendant

20 Years of Service

Megan Baldwin, Adj./College Associate
Rita Banninger, Even. Op. Coord., CAMA
Janis Dailey, Assc. Professor, Student Development
Diana Gatica, Duplication/Mailroom Clerk, CAMA
Jeffrey Hunt, Adj. Professor, History
Pam Lackey, Senior Library Specialist, Library Services

Cherry Luedtke, Professor, Library Services

Michael Pool, Adj. Professor, Anth./Geog.
Abel Villarreal, Adjunct Professor, Math

25 Years of Service

Nancy Miller, Professor, Mathematics



Tejano Monument Nearing Completion

Tejano Monument - a celebration of Spanish-American heritage in present-day Texas culture. The monument comprised of multi-sculptures (see lower photo) will be placed on the Capitol grounds as an enduring legacy that acknowledges and pays tribute to the contributions by Tejanos to the State of Texas and recognizes the Tejano Statue-Capitol, Inc. working with the Texas State Preservation Board to ensure its completion.

Update:

Andres Tijerina, PIN History Professor and Chair of the Tejano Monument fundraising committee, is readying for the final push to install the monument at the state Capitol as first reported in this newsletter in December of 2002.

So far the fundraising committee, headed by Professor Tijerina, has raised \$1,457,000.00 with a goal of \$1,606,954.

Governor Perry held a signing ceremony for Texas House Bill 4114 to place the Tejano Monument on the historic south lawn of the Capitol. The signing took place on Friday, May 29, 2009 at 10:45 a.m. in the Governor's Reception Room.

Attendees included artist Armando Hinojosa, founder Cayetano Barrera, Legislative Officials, Tejano Monument, Inc. Board and Committee Members and long-time Tejano Monument supporters.

A press conference was held as part of the signing ceremony. After the event, attendees met at the future site of the Tejano Monument.

For more information regarding this historical project go to: <http://tejanos.com/>.



The artist, Armando Hinojosa with his sculpture, entitled "Vaquero."



Artist's Sketch of Tejano Monument

The PIN Welcomes

Mark Allen, Maintenance Technician. Mark worked previously at the Rio Grande Campus.

Rene Flores, Multimedia Developer, Instructional Technology.

A graduate of Yale University, Rene comes to us having been the lead visual designer for the UTOPIA project, an online portal to the unique treasures and resources at the University of Texas at Austin. He joined the Instructional Development Staff in 2008 moving to the PIN from RVS.

Jennifer Gotcher, Assistant Professor, Chemistry Biotechnology, Office 414.

Donald Hurwitz, Associate Professor in Management, Office 310.2.

Shea Scott, Multimedia Developer, Instructional Technology. He comes to us having started his career in Instructional Technology at the Eastview Campus.

Leticia Ivone Rojo, Computer Support Technician, CIS Computer Lab. Leticia graduated with an AAS degree in Computer Information Systems, Computer Programming.

Amanda Trimble, Multimedia Developer, Instructional Technology.

Amanda attended the Art Institute of Boston, earning a BFA in Graphic Design. She comes to us from the Rio Grande Campus.

Raena Wharton, Assistant Professor, English, Office 310.3.

Kudos & Congrats

Christy Berry, formerly the PIN Admissions and Records Supervisor, upon her promotion to Registrar.

Jeanette Brownlee, Adm. Asst. II, CAMA, ACColades winner for Spring 2009.

Amy Holt, Media Assistant, upon receiving her Associates of Science degree from ACC in Environmental Science.

Melissa Brown, Adm. Asst. III, CAMA, upon completion of her Associate of Applied Science in Visual Communication with concentration in Graphic Design specialization.



Recent ACC Grad Melissa Brown



Student Life Fearless Leaders, **Adam Pfluger**, Assistant and **Megan Fullen**, Coordinator.

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Student Life Events at PIN – Fall 2009

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| August 24 | 8:00 a.m. – until supplies run out (5:00-ish)
11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. | Free coffee in the Student Commons
Ice Cream Social in Student Commons
(various toppings dispersed by visiting a department table) |
| August 25 | 8:00 a.m. – until supplies last
11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. | Free coffee in the Student Commons
Ice Cream Social in Student Commons
(Various toppings for ice cream from departments in the lounge) |
| August 26 | 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. | “Don’t Stress, You Can Do It!” in Student Commons |
| August 27 | 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. | “Don’t Stress, You Can Do It!” in Student Commons
Video camera will be set up filming short 30 second clips of ACC students giving advice to new students which will be viewable on the SL website and everyone can vote on their favorite clip! |
| August 31 | 11:00 – 1:00 p.m. | Welcomepalooza! We will have a carnival With many games, prizes, free food and Entertainment. Our big back to school bash!! |



Tennis, Anyone???

The Pinnacle Campus is blessed with not one, but two tennis aces! Who knew? Campus Police Sergeant, Clayton Harris, won the Doubles competition at the 35th Annual 40-Love Tennis Classic in Dallas, Texas during the weekend of July 17 – 19. The Annual 40-Love Tennis Classic is held in association with the United States Tennis Association with players coming from across the country.

Clark Peterson, Support Services Coordinator, Distance Learning, attended the 2009 State Games of America in Colorado Springs, Colorado, this past July 31 through August 2. The State Games of America (SGA) is a national multi-sport event for athletes of all ages and abilities held every biennium. Medal winners from 31 state games nationwide earn the right to compete against other winners and match their skills and competitive desire in a national arena.

Clark played singles tennis in the Men's 4.0 and 4.5 divisions. On Sunday, August 2, he won the silver medal in the 4.0 singles and the gold medal in the 4.5 singles.

Below are both tennis players with their awards! Congratulations to Clayton and Clark!



Officer Clayton Harris with his trophy.



Clark Peterson with his medals.

PIN Calendar of Events

September 7, 2009	Labor Day (ACC Closed)
October 2009	SECC Kick-off (date to be announced)
November 26 – 29, 2009	Thanksgiving Holiday (ACC Closed)
December 9, 2009	Holiday Potluck
December 13, 2009	Fall Semester Ends
December 22 thru January 3, 2010	Winter Break (ACC Closed)



ASK ANNIE

Q. Why did John Moran leave us?

A. Because John finished his last HVAC course at ACC and has taken a position with HVAC at another ACC location.

Do you have a pressing question you'd like Annie to find the answer for?

Just send the question to Rita at rbannin@austincc.edu and Annie will get on it!



John with Yu Shin of Simon's Café.

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Appreciation Day For John Moran

On Friday, August 7, 2009, the Pinnacle Campus Manager's Office hosted an appreciation/farewell cook-out for former Maintenance Technician, **John Moran**.

John, accompanied by his wife, Laurinda, and other family members came to tell everyone good-bye.

Thanks to those who did the grilling and for everyone who brought food!



John with his sons and daughter.

