

April 28, 2006

DuckBytes

snack-size news

- **Mischief and Mayhem** improv show, 7:30 p.m. April 28-29 (April 29 is adults only) in Arena Theatre. Free admission, but limited seating. Call ext. 3733.
- **Student Composers Concert**, performances of works composed by students of Aaron Mobley, 7:30 p.m., May 3., Fannin Perf. Hall. Call ext. 6250.
- **Ole! Cinco de Mayo celebration**, outdoors by the lake, May 5. Call ext. 6130.
- Celebrate student success! **Class of 2006 graduation ceremonies**, 7:30 p.m., May 5-6, outdoors by the lake. Fireworks display at 9 p.m. Call ext. 6194.
- A picture is worth 1,000 words! RLC's **Annual Student Photo/Imaging Exhibition** through May 11 in Brazos Gallery. Call ext. 6339.
- **Art exhibits** by Max Kazemzadeh: "Electronic Media" in Brazos Gallery; and "Controlling the Wild West" in Lago Vista Gallery. Both show through May 12. Call ext. 6339.
- Keep up with the DCCCD's **Board of Trustees**. See their meeting agendas: www.dcccd.edu/About+DCCCD/Board+of+Trustees/Board+of+Trustees+Meeting+Agendas/2005+Board+Agendas.htm.

CONGRATULATIONS, T-DUCKS!



Photo by Arnie Sachs, Consolidated News Photos

From left, Vice President Dick Cheney hands a commemorative certificate to **RLC President Steve Mittelstet** and **RLC Vice President for Institutional Effectiveness Kay Eggleston** as U.S. Secretary of Commerce Carlos Gutierrez and Dale Crownover, chairman of the Baldrige Award Foundation, look on at the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award ceremony on April 19 in Washington, D.C. To see more photos, visit www.richlandcollege.edu/mbnqa/photos.htm.





Richland College receives Baldrige Award

Washington, D.C. – Richland College, the first community college in the United States to receive the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award, accepted the nation's highest presidential honor for quality and organizational excellence on April 19 at a ceremony in the nation's capital.

A delegation of 50 faculty, staff, administrators and students from Richland as well as chamber of commerce leaders traveled to Washington, D.C., to participate in the ceremony sponsored by the White House and the U.S. Dept. of Commerce.

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Strategic Planning Priorities for Student Learning

 Response to Community	 Student Success	 Employee Success	 Institutional Effectiveness
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NEWS

BALDRIGE from page 1

Dr. Stephen K. Mittelstet, Richland College president, accepted the award from Vice President Dick Cheney at the ceremony.

“This presidential recognition honors Richland College’s serious commitment to and passion for student learning success and our vital mission of teaching, learning and building sustainable local and world community,” Dr. Mittelstet said. “We are grateful to arrive at this important milestone in our ongoing quality journey, as today we celebrate together the quality success of which the businesses, educational institutions, and health care organizations in our nations are so capable.”

At Richland College on April 19, the faculty and staff celebrated with a collegewide luncheon and viewing of the Baldrige award ceremony via live satellite downlink.

Richland College, one of seven institutions in the Dallas County Community College District, is one of six national recipients of the 2005 Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award. Other recipients are Park Place Lexus in Plano; Sunny Fresh Foods Inc. of Monticello, Minn; DynMcDermott Petroleum Operations of New Orleans, La.; Jenks Public Schools of Jenks, Okla.; and Bronson Methodist Hospital of Kalamazoo, Mich.

The six recipients for the 2005 award were selected from among 64 applicants. All six recipients were evaluated vigorously by an independent board of examiners in seven

areas: leadership; strategic planning; customer and market focus; measurement, analysis and knowledge management; human resource focus; and process management. The evaluation process included approximately 1,000 hours of review and an on-site visit by teams of examiners to clarify questions and verify information submitted on the applications.

The Baldrige examiners prepare a feedback report for each applicant. Some of Richland’s strengths are:

- Richland’s leadership system, which allows for broad representation and input from faculty, staff, students, community members and other key stakeholders
- Processes in place that support a culture that engages participation among students, faculty, staff and community members, such as Richland’s monthly departmental performance reviews
- Richland’s commitment to serve an ethnically diverse student population
- Richland’s ability to be agile by supporting and developing a strong cadre of adjunct faculty members
- Effective use of resources in response to a reduction in state funding

“Richland College has used the Malcolm Baldrige criteria for performance excellence during the past nine years as a framework that guided us through continuous performance improvement,” Dr. Mittelstet said. “We will continue to maintain those standards of excellence both now and in the future.” 🌱🙌🏻👏🌟



Publication Schedule

Upcoming issues:

Thunder E-Bridge	Fri., April 28
<i>ThunderBridge</i>	Fri., May 5
<i>ThunderBridge</i>	Fri., May 19
Thunder E-Bridge	Fri., May 26

Listening Outpost

The Listening Outpost provides opportunities throughout the semester for staff and students to visit informally with Richland’s president, vice presidents and other leaders.

You are invited to bring your ideas, dreams, concerns and plans to the Outpost located in El Paso Hall near the cafeteria.

Participants for the week are listed at the Outpost. Evening Outpost participants can be reached from 5-9 p.m. in Adjunct Faculty, A110.

Evening Outpost

Monday, May 1

Michael Iachetta, Adjunct Faculty

Tuesday, May 2

Becky Jones, Business & IT

Wednesday, May 3

Gilda Jones, Adult Resource Center

Thursday, May 4

Kon Kelley, Corporate Services

Monday, May 8

Stan Kohan, Engineering

Tuesday, May 9

Brent Kesterson, Instructional Prog.

Wednesday, May 10

Myron Laster, TRIO/Soar

Thursday, May 11

Janet James, Administration



NEED SIGNS TO PROMOTE YOUR ON-CAMPUS EVENT OR INFORMATION SESSION?

Be sure to work with Information Services! We can design materials for you, or help you make sure you meet Richland’s style standards. For information, contact Whitney at wrosenbalm@dcccd.edu or by phone at ext. 6023.

Reel Entertainment

The World Language Lab at Bonham Hall shows foreign films every Thursday this Spring from 2-4 p.m. in D174.



Students, faculty, staff and the community are invited to these great movies. Free popcorn and Thunderwater credit are available. Call **Delfina Bedarte**, WLCC, at ext. 6909 for information.

Upcoming Shows:

Cilantro y Perejil
(Recipes to Stay Together)
on May 4

This heart-warming contemporary comedy asks the question "Is it worthwhile to stay together?" Winner of nine Ariel (Mexican Academy) Awards. 90 minutes in Spanish with English subtitles.



Help with Graduation?

Once again, the Graduation Committee is asking for staff volunteers to assist with Richland's Graduation Ceremonies, which will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday evening, May 5-6. Volunteers are needed for both evenings. Volunteers will receive TOLI credit.

In case of inclement weather, both ceremonies will be held in the Gymnasium.

If you choose to volunteer, you will be asked to wear black slacks and a short-sleeved white shirt. In addition, all volunteers will be asked to wear an RLC Official Host Vest.

Volunteers will be needed to help with assisting guests with directions to the ceremony location crowd control during and after the ceremony; handing out commencement programs; distributing bottled water at water stations; and assisting the SPAR staff serve refreshments at the reception(s);

If you would like to volunteer, please reply send an e-mail to **Carmarion Anderson**, Admissions, by May 1 with your volunteer preference(s) and day(s).

Once the volunteer schedule is developed, you will receive an e-mail confirmation with details regarding your assignment, training and logistics.



Graduation assignments

Attention all Faculty, Administrators, and Staff participating in the graduation ceremonies:

Richland's Graduation Ceremonies will

be taking place at 7:30 p.m. on both Friday, May 5, and Saturday, May 6.

Graduates have been assigned the night they will participate in the ceremony based on the first letter of their last name. Faculty, Administrators, and Staff participating in the graduation ceremonies will follow the same groupings as the graduates.

- If your last name begins with L-Z, you will be participating in the ceremony on Friday, May 5.

- If your last name begins with A-K you will be participating in the ceremony on Saturday, May 6.

You may also participate in both ceremonies if you so desire.

Please meet at 6:30 p.m. in the lobby of Thunderduck Hall dressed in your regalia on the evening you have been assigned. We will begin the processional promptly at 7:30 p.m.

In case of inclement weather, both ceremonies will take place in the Gymnasium. No change will be made to your participation date. However, you will meet at 6:30 p.m. dressed in your regalia at the lower level of gymnasium.

After the ceremonies, the recessional will lead to El Paso Hallway (entrance by the Career Center/Bookstore) and the congratulatory/receiving line will be formed the entire length of El Paso Hallway. A reception sponsored by SPAR will be held in the Cafeteria/Student Lounge Area.

Please feel free to e-mail **Oscar Lopez** with questions concerning the graduation ceremonies.



A DAY OF FUN AND FAREWELLS

honoring
Sid Chapman
Jim Irwin
and **George Massingale**

all retiring from RLC Humanities

Thursday, May 11

Brazos Gallery, Room C140

9-10 a.m. Jim Irwin,
muffins and coffee

11a.m.-12 p.m. Sid Chapman,
potluck lunch

2:30-3:30 p.m. George Massingale,
light refreshments and cake

4-6 p.m. Steak & Ale Happy Hour

HEY THUNDERDUCKS!



We want your professional and personal news for the *ThunderBridge*. Send your items by e-mail to **Jenni Gilmer** at jjgilmer@dcccd.edu. All items need to be turned in by Monday of production week for the *ThunderBridge* or *Thunder E-Bridge*.

NEWS

Volunteers needed for Wildflower! Arts Fest

RLC is a sponsor of the Wildflower! Arts & Music Festival in Richardson, May 19-21. Wildflower! is an eclectic arts and music festival that draws more than



50,000 attendees. Featured performers include The Click Five, Joan Jett and the Blackhearts, Jimmie Vaughan, Lisa Loeb, KC and the Sunshine Band, Jonny Lang, Bowling For Soup, Shawn Colvin, Loverboy, Cowboy Mouth, The Spinners, Ruthie Foster, Gregg Rolie of Santana, and Sara Hickman. To volunteer at RLC's booth, call **Nancy Gomez** at ext. 6007. Visit www.wildflowerfestival.com for info. 🌸

Needle-free HIV testing

The RLC Health Center and the Greater Dallas Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse are offering free HIV testing for students and employees from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on May 9 in the Health Center, Thunderduck Hall, Room T110.

Same day results using an oral swab (no needles). All testing will be confidential. Private consultation is provided. No records will be maintained by the Health Center. To make an appointment, call ext. 6135. 🌸

Elder-Jones 1st Afr.-American on Garland housing board

Delores Elder-Jones, RLC's Program Administrator of African-American Community Outreach, was



Delores Elder-Jones

appointed to the board of directors for the Garland Housing Finance Corp. Ms. Elder-Jones is the first African-American and the second woman to be appointed to this board.

The Garland Housing Finance Corp. board sells bonds and uses the proceeds to build and renovate housing. As a member of the board, Ms. Elder-Jones will help create housing programs to assist in eliminating substandard housing and build affordable housing for the citizens of Garland. ★

Alumnus nominated for Emmy

Joshua Gause, Richland College alumnus, has a message for community college students:

"Just because you go to a community college doesn't mean you won't succeed," Mr. Gause said. "Looking at portfolios is what determines if you're good. So many people go to expensive schools but that's not the important thing. It's what you put into it."

He would know. Mr. Gause recently had the honor of being nominated for an Emmy this year at the 33rd Annual Creative Arts Daytime Emmy Awards.

Mr. Gause, who earned an Associate of Applied

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Richland College presents

Mischief and Mayhem

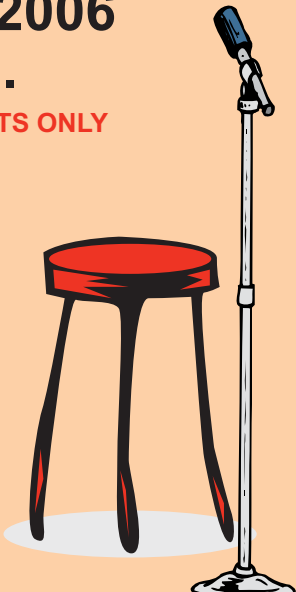
An evening of Improv

April 27-29, 2006
7:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 29, **ADULTS ONLY**

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www.richlandcollege.edu

Free Admission • Seating is limited.
Please call 972-238-3733 for reservations.

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STUDENT SUCCESS

RLC student newspaper, literary magazine win 29 awards at TIPA convention

RLC's student newspaper and literary magazine won 29 awards at the annual Texas Intercollegiate Press Association (TIPA) convention recently held in San Antonio.

Student media from TIPA member institutions submit up to two entries per category (except in overall excellence and online categories) of material published or broadcast during the fall and spring semesters. Entries are then judged by professional media representatives from around the country.

Also at the TIPA convention, students can compete in on-site contests under deadline. For the contest, students may work from pre-developed materials, attend an activity/event or witness an activity/event.

Formed in 1909, TIPA contests have grown from three initial competitions to contests in general magazine, radio, television, online, two divisions of yearbook, literary magazine and six divisions of newspaper, plus more than 25 on-site contests during the annual convention.

RLC's literary magazine, *Parallax*, won 10 awards:

- 1st Place, *Parallax* Staff, Sweepstakes
- 1st Place, *Parallax* Staff, Literary Magazine Overall Excellence
- 1st Place, Doris Brogan, Literary Magazine News Photo
- 1st Place, Doris Brogan & staff, Literary Magazine Photo Essay
- 1st Place, Marci Harnden & staff, Literary Magazine Cover Design
- 2nd Place, *Parallax* Staff, Literary Magazine Photo Essay
- 2nd Place, Charlotte Schofield, Literary Magazine Poem
- 2nd Place, Stephanie Schuurman, Literary Magazine Illustration

- Hon. Mention, Kimberly Keeton, Literary Magazine Story Package
- Hon. Mention, Greg Silva, Literary Magazine Essay

Staff members of the *Richland Chronicle* won 19 awards:

- 1st Place, Art Colwell, Information Graphic
- 1st Place, Joyce Jackson, Critical Review
- 1st Place, Cory Mageors, Page One Design
- 1st Place, Cory Mageors, Sports News
- 1st Place, Charles Reis, On-Site Print Sports Writing*
- 2nd Place, Troy Brakefield, Non-Photo Illustration
- 2nd Place, Nima Kapadia, Page One Design
- 3rd Place, *Chronicle* Staff, Online Newspaper*
- 3rd Place, *Chronicle* Staff, Overall Excellence
- 3rd Place, Troy Brakefield, In-Depth Reporting
- 3rd Place, Art Colwell, Photo Illustration
- 3rd Place, Art Colwell & Gladys DeSantiago, Picture Story
- 3rd Place, Gladys DeSantiago, Sports Action Photo
- 3rd Place, Gladys DeSantiago, Sports Feature Photo
- 3rd Place, Nima Kapadia, News Story
- Hon. Mention, Raged Anwar, Opinion Page Design
- Hon. Mention, Troy Brakefield, Editorial Cartoon
- Hon. Mention, Art Colwell & Troy Brakefield, Single Subj. Design
- Hon. Mention, Cory Mageors, Sports Page Design

* These awards were in a single division, which means that entrants competed against all two-year colleges, and four-year colleges and universities.



Richland College alumnus nominated in new category of Emmy Awards

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Science in Multimedia Web Design about three years ago, wrote and designed the computer program for Stranger Adventures "Helen Beaumont" produced by Riddle Productions, which was one of five nominees in the new category for original entertainment programming created specifically for non-traditional viewing platforms, including computers, mobile phones, iPods, PDAs and similar devices.

Live 8 on AOL produced by America Online won the new media Emmy on April 22. Besides Stranger Adventures "Helen Beaumont," other nominees were 24: Conspiracy by Fox Mobile Entertainment; It's Jerrytime! produced by Ozone Inc.; mtvU Stand In produced by MTV Networks' mtvU; and Sophie Chase produced by CB Films Inc.

"I thought Stranger Adventures had potential, but I didn't think I would move to California and three months later be nominated for an Emmy," Mr. Gause said. "It was

really amazing to be up against MTV, AOL and Fox."

Stranger Adventures is an online, interactive, brain-teasing adventure that features live-action video footage intertwined with text e-mails that continue to tell the hero's story.

Featuring a new adventure each week, the story unfolds as each day the viewer receives e-mails and video communications from the main character.

Find out what Stranger Adventures is all about at www.strangeradventures.com.

STUDENT SUCCESS/PEOPLE

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Courtesy Photo

Members of the Richland College Sierra Student Coalition, (from left) **Joemaine Perry**, **Khadejah Makkich**, **Sara Yamada**, and **Anna Pierce** cleaned up a channel of the Thunderduck Lake just south of Thunderduck Hall in preparation for the new Richland Thunderduck Wildlife Habitat. Eventually, Richland Horticulture and Service Learning students plan to become involved in creating the Habitat. 🌿

TEMM Travel Club raffle winners

Congratulations to the following winners from the TEMM Travel Club Spring 2006 Raffle: **Andy Tubbs** – American Airlines round trip for two and stay at Biltmore Hotel Coral Gables; **Akua Nsante** – Starbucks Gift Basket; **Patricia Spence** – Mystery Prize: Mesquite Rodeo Tickets; and **Steven Alker** – Mystery Prize: Movie tickets for two.

The TEMM Travel Club thanks all for their support. Through the raffle, the club raised more than \$1,000 and an additional \$3,000 through the luncheon and silent auction. Thanks to RLC's generosity, all the students will attend the DEX Conference and Competition and have their expenses paid. ★

Lee named to All-American b-ball team

The Thunderduck basketball team is proud to announce sophomore **Lewis Lee** was named to the 2005-06 All-American Team as an Honorable Mention selection. Lewis, a graduate of Fort Worth Trimble Tech High School, finished the 2005-06 season leading the Thunderducks in 14 statistical categories, including points (552), rebounds (257) and steals (42). He finished the season with a 62.8 field goal percentage, while leading the Thunderducks in field goals attempted (357) and made (224). Lewis went to the free throw line more than any other T-Duck (178 attempts) and made 104 free throws for a 58.0 free throw percentage.

Nationally, Lee was ranked in the top 25 in six statistical categories, including points, rebounds and points per game (18.5) and 41st in rebounds per game. On January 18, Lee was named NJCAA Div. III Player of the Week after averaging 21.3 points per game and 12.3 rebounds per game while leading the Thunderducks to a 3-0 record the previous week against Hill College, Kingwood College and Rose State College. 🌿



Photo by John Pollock

INTERNATIONAL RHYTHM

Students, faculty, staff and administrators shared their cultures at the annual International Festival. The annual event featured a parade of cultures, with Thunderducks wearing cultural garb, a peace pole planting ceremony, exhibitors and a student cultural showcase. 🌿

PEOPLE



Photo by John Pollock

PARTY FOR THE PLANET

Left, students get their faces painted as part of RLC's Earth Day celebration on April 21.

Activities at the event included a hybrid car on exhibit, an exhibit from Green Mountain Energy, environmental exhibits, a petition to recycle Apple computers, cloth diapers exhibit, bio-diesel fuel exhibit, free food, and live music. It also included a display about the plan for the new Richland Thunderduck Wildlife Habitat.



**Richland Collegiate
High School**

of Mathematics, Science, and Engineering



Photo by Jenni Gilmer

LEFT: From left, mid-day personality Cruz from KISS-FM calls numbers as **David Canine**, deputy superintendent of RCHS, draws them from an old-fashioned spinning drum.



Photos by Jenni Gilmer

LEFT: From left, **David Canine**, deputy superintendent of RCHS, and **Jerry Prater**, DCCCD Board of Trustees chairman, prepare the drum for the lottery.

RIGHT: **Kristyn Edney**, RCHS principal (right), hands information packets to students selected by lottery to attend the new charter high school.



Random lottery determines first 200 students for RCHS

The first students to attend Richland Collegiate High School for Mathematics, Science, and Engineering were selected on April 17.

RCHS, which opens in Fall 2006, gives students the unique opportunity to earn college credits while finishing their last two years

of high school. RCHS is the first charter high school of its kind in Texas.

For the lottery, RCHS officials were joined by 106.1 KISS FM's mid-day personality, Cruz, and DCCCD Board Chairman Jerry Prater. Numbers were assigned to students who submitted applications and were randomly drawn

from an old-fashioned drum and posted via a multimedia display in the Alamito/Crockett Hall breezeway. Richland's Thunderduck mascot also made an appearance. To see the results of the admissions lottery, [click here](#).

Despite 100-degree temperatures on April 17, the lottery was well attended. 🐾 🌿

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★ ThunderStars ThunderWelcome ★

When you see new Thunderducks on campus,
greet them and welcome them to Richland College.



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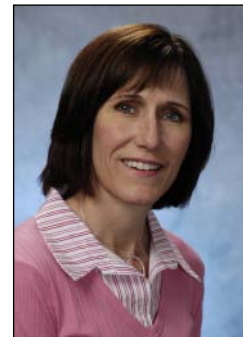
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