

July 28, 2006

**DuckBytes**

*snack-size news*

- **Free HIV testing** for RLC students and employees from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Aug. 1 in the Health Center, Room T110. Tests are by appointment only, needle-free and confidential. Call ext. 6135.
- The **east elevator in Thunderduck Hall** is out of service for repairs. Due to the extent of the repairs, the elevator is expected to be out of service until Tuesday, Aug. 1.
- The deadline for **inputting requisitions** for the current 2005-06 Budget Year will be Aug. 15. Requisitions received after 5 p.m. on that date will be processed in the next budget year (2006-07). There is one exception to the above deadline: All technology items approved for CB 2007 must be input in Colleague no later than Aug. 1. Questions? Call Larry Grant at ext. 6945
- Keep up with the DCCCD **Board of Trustees**. See meeting agendas at [www.dcccd.edu/About+DCCCD/Board+of+Trustees/Board+of+Trustees+Meeting+Agendas/2005+Board+Agendas.htm](http://www.dcccd.edu/About+DCCCD/Board+of+Trustees/Board+of+Trustees+Meeting+Agendas/2005+Board+Agendas.htm).

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**Strategic Planning Priorities for Student Learning**

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# NEWS

## “Open House. Open Late.”

On Thursday, Aug. 3, Richland will be open from 8:30 a.m. to midnight for “Open House. Open Late.”

Testing, Admissions, Advising, the MC, Financial Aid, CE and the Business Office will all be open during that extended time and many campus units will be providing workshops and have information tables in El Paso from 3-9 pm.

“Open House. Open Late” targets RLC’s entire service area and all potential student populations (Emeritus, high school age, adults, ESOL/ESL, underrepresented, etc.). To reach all these audiences, graphic designer **Lisa Henson**, Information Services, and a team of translators on campus created posters in English, Spanish, Vietnamese and Amharic.

Volunteers needed to help with Orientation, Campus Tours and Hosts. Orientation sessions will be about one hour long will include a standard 20-23 slide PowerPoint presentation with an outline/script that provides new students an overview of the college and its resources. Campus tours will be given every hour.

If you can’t help at the event, please consider helping spread the word by placing posters in the community.

To volunteer to assist with the “Open House. Open Late,” or for a PDF of the event poster, contact **Cindy Castañeda** at ext. 6361 or [cindyc@dcccd.edu](mailto:cindyc@dcccd.edu). 🌿

## Volunteer for Duck Camp

Richland Collegiate High School for Mathematics, Science, and Engineering will kick off its inaugural year with Duck Camp, Aug. 10-11. Registration continues through Aug. 24 for RCHS students.

RCHS needs volunteers for this event designed to welcome incoming students.

RCHS is seeking your support with the following activities:

- Ten volunteers are needed each morning from 7:45-9 a.m. for daily registration in the Large Gym, Aug. 10-24.

- Twenty volunteers are needed for the “Playfair” Activity in the Large Gym on Aug. 9-10. Playfair is the most popular campus attraction in history for New Student Orientation Programs. It is more than just an entertainment event – it is a team-building experience that promises a long-lasting effect on the students and members of our campus community. Training will take place on Aug. 9 from 6-7p.m., location TBA. Playfair will be on Aug. 10 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Lunch will be provided.

- Sixteen volunteers are needed to be tour guides for the RCHS Scavenger Hunt on Aug. 11 from 8:30 to 10 a.m.

To volunteer, contact **Donna Crenshaw** at 972-761-6886. 🌿

## Join the ‘Conversation’

You are invited to participate in “Conversations,” a professional development opportunity for Richlanders who want to practice thinking together, strengthening relationships, and addressing issues in this natural, time-honored way. An additional reason to join, if you will be a third-year employee during 2006-2007, is that you may choose Conversations as an alternative to Uncommittee and Formation.

The focus for this year will be “Sustaining the American Dream,” and each of our conversations will invite participants to consider the powerful, elusive idea of sustaining the American dream. Sessions will be facilitated by **Zina Gardner, Leo Lopez, Curtis Thomas** and **Susan Wehe**.

Meetings will be on Sept. 25, Oct. 23,

**See CONVERSATION on page 3.**



## Publication Schedule

Upcoming issues:

**Thunder E-Bridge Fri., May 26**

For the summer, the *ThunderBridge* will be published once a month, on the last Friday of the month in a printed and electronic version.

Next issue:

Aug. 25

## 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, July 31

**Fred Wittel**, M/S/BS

Tuesday, Aug. 1

**Shannon Ydoyaga**, Health Professions

Wednesday, Aug. 2

**Deb Yoder**, Disability Services

Thursday, Aug. 3

**Oscar Lopez**, Admissions

Monday, Aug. 7

**Thomas Adams**, Multicultural Center

Tuesday, Aug. 8

**Luz Villegas**, Educational Transitions

Wednesday, Aug. 9

**Fillis Hughes**, Skills Training Center

Thursday, Aug. 10

**Robert Baker**, College Police

## Enrollment Update


	Summer 2 2006			Summer 2 2005						
	Contact Hours	# Registered	# Paid	Contact Hours	# Registered	# Paid	% difference headcount	# difference headcount	% difference contact hrs.	# difference contact hrs.
<b>BHC</b>	210,800	2,829	2,812	215,224	3,002	2,965	-5.76	-173	-2.06	-4,424
<b>CVC</b>	73,664	988	947	69,008	974	954	1.44	14	6.75	4,656
<b>EFC</b>	180,176	2,594	2,563	190,544	2,698	2,690	-3.85	-104	-5.44	-10,368
<b>ECC</b>	64,768	906	884	67,888	962	946	-5.82	-56	-4.60	-3,120
<b>MVC</b>	130,056	1,817	1,808	135,856	1,927	1,902	-5.71	-110	-4.27	-5,800
<b>NLC</b>	169,792	2,291	2,283	157,184	2,180	2,172	5.09	111	8.02	12,608
<b>RLC</b>	324,784	4,700	4,688	303,792	4,426	4,417	6.19	274	6.91	20,992
TeleCollege	56,416	839	836	31,216	512	504	63.87	327	80.73	25,200
District	1,210,456	16,964	16,821	1,170,712	16,681	16,550	1.70	283	3.39	39,744

Source: COLLEAGUE XCR1 (Dates used: 07/17/06,07/15/05) METHOD=comparative # of days from start of summer 2

Above are the final enrollment figures from Summer II, compiled by RLC's Institutional Research office. Congratulations, RLC, on a gain in enrollment!

### CONVERSATION from page 2

Nov. 6, Dec. 4, Jan. 29, Feb. 26, March 19 and April 2. Because the essence of conversations is community building, participants are asked to view their registration as a commitment to attending all eight sessions.

To register for the series, call ext. 3722 or e-mail Leo Lopez at [RPL8610@dccd.edu](mailto:RPL8610@dccd.edu) by July 31. Please indicate with your registration, if this series will fulfill a third-year orientation requirement. 

### Sign up to be a mentor

Mentoring has been an integral practice at Richland since the very first day we opened in 1972.

Most of us have experienced being a mentor, or have been guided at some point in our own development by a mentor. The value and effect of a mentor's words of comfort, advice, and encouragement, cannot be overstated.

In the spirit of *teaching, learning and community building*, Los Patos Listos and the African American Employee Association will breathe new life into the Mentoring

Program in Fall 2006.

The pilot program will begin with 40 student mentees for the fall semester and will grow according to the demand from our community of students and from the effectiveness of the program.

The Mentoring Program at Richland College is designed to facilitate mentoring relationships between our faculty, staff, and students. Our students' academic success and personal enrichment affect all of us; together we can lower attrition rates and raise students' GPAs. Mentors empower students to more fully believe in themselves.

#### WHY BECOME A MENTOR?


- Devote a few hours within a semester to make a difference.
- Assist students in meeting educational goals and lifelong learning skills.
- Instill the value of giving and sharing knowledge.

- Earn TOLI credit.

#### THE ROLE OF AN RLC MENTOR:

- Serve as a role model/advisor for students' academic success and personal enrichment.
- Share career experiences and resources that provide insight and opportunities for student's development.
- Meet with mentee periodically to make the student feel he/she can be positively accountable.
- Develop and encourage goal setting and attainment.

Sign up to be a mentor by completing the Mentor Information Form available at the WLCC Office (L208). Any information you provide will be used only to pair you with a student.

For more info, contact the Mentoring Committee Liaisons: **Martha Camarillo** at ext. 6708, **Roberto Galindo** at ext. 6138 and **Delores Elder-Jones** at ext. 6854. 

Please make note that the Adjunct Faculty Office has a new name:

**A.C.C.E.S.S.**

Adjunct Faculty College Center & Evening/Weekend Support Services

# PROFESSIONAL

## ★ ThunderStars ThunderWelcome ★

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



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## Richland College Fall 2006 Foundation Cooperative Learning Schedule

Richland College is pleased to offer a series of workshops with strategies and practical hands-on experience in utilizing cooperative learning, a paradigm for teaching, learning and community building in which individuals are active participants in their learning process.

The Cooperative Learning initiative at Richland College was developed to provide faculty, staff and administrators with the theory and practice to incorporate cooperative learning principles and activities in the classroom and other learning environments. All Richland staff, administrators and faculty are eligible to participate. Former participants in cooperative learning workshops are encouraged to attend this revised series.

Part 1	Tues, Aug. 22	8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Part 2	Wed, Aug. 23	8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Part 3	Thurs, Aug. 24	12:30p.m. to 4 p.m.

Fifteen hours of Thunderwater Professional Development credit are awarded for completion of the series.

If you'd like to participate in the Fall 2006 Foundation Cooperative Learning Workshop series, please contact Becki Williams at ext. 6362 or [bwilliams@dccd.edu](mailto:bwilliams@dccd.edu).

### Cooperative Learning Facilitators

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