

June 30, 2006

DuckBytes

snack-size news

- Richland College will be closed on **Independence Day** on Tuesday, July 4. Don't forget to leave a "campus closed" message on your voice mail.
- **Free HIV testing** for RLC students and employees from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on July 11 and 18; and Aug. 1 in the Health Center, Room T110. Tests are by appointment only, needle-free and confidential. Call ext. 6135.
- **Registration is ongoing for Summer II and now Fall.** Encourage your friends, family and neighbors to get an education! Classes in credit and cont. ed. offered. See the schedules by visiting www.richlandcollege.edu/schedule.htm.
- **The DMAT Lab (M111) needs scratch paper.** It needs to be full size, clean on one side, no student information on either side, not stapled together and any color is OK. Call ext. 6160 and someone will pick it up, or it can be sent to the Test Center in M105.
- 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.



WOVEN WITH LOVE



Photo by John Pollock

From left, **Rachel Respass**, Program Development; **Sandy Groom**, Business and Info Tech.; **Claudia Goodson**, Adult Resource Center; and **Mercy Fernandes**, WLCC, are members of RLC's knitting club that started last fall. The group, which meets once a month, recently knitted beanie hats for newborn babies at Parkland Hospital.

The Richland knitters donated 16 baby hats to Parkland in early June. Their plan is to donate baby beanie hats every semester. They also are considering making 30 by 30-inch baby blankets to donate. To be a part of the group, contact Claudia Goodson at ext. 3784. 🌿

Strategic Planning Priorities for Student Learning


Response to Community


Student Success


Employee Success


Institutional Effectiveness

Williams sworn in

Dallas County voters recently elected **JL Sonny Williams** as district 1 representative on the Dallas County Community College



JL Sonny Williams

Mr. Williams and current board member Charletta Compton, who ran unopposed for DCCCD's district 7 seat, were sworn in during the board's June 6 meeting.

Current DCCCD board members canvassed the votes and approved election returns during a special meeting on May 24.

Mr. Williams, a retired Minyard Food Stores executive, is president and CEO of Momentum Advertising and Communications. He also has served as a member of Dallas Baptist University's board of trustees and has experience in consensus-building.

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?

- Need for mentoring is apparent.
- 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 information, contact the Mentoring Committee Liaisons: **Martha Camarillo** at ext. 6708, **Roberto Galindo** at ext. 6138 and **Delores Elder-Jones** at ext. 6854.

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 3

Zarina Blankenbaker, ACCESS

Tuesday, July 4

CAMPUS CLOSED, Independence Day

Wednesday, July 5

Deb Somero, HSCR

Thursday, July 6

James Spigner, Upward Bound

Monday, July 10

No Outpost scheduled

Tuesday, July 11

No Outpost scheduled

Wednesday, July 12

Joyce Williams, Program

Development

Thursday, July 13

Clark Buerk, Physical Education

Friday, July 14

Tony Summers, Administration

Monday, July 17

Bill McMullen, Financial Aid

Tuesday, July 18

Dwight Riley, Business and Info. Tech

Wednesday, July 19

Martha Timberlake, CTLC

Thursday, July 20

Finney Varghese, Financial Services

Friday, July 21

Maricela Aguilar, C.E.

Monday, July 24

Fonda Vera, Inst. Research

NEWS

Television show pilot filmed at RLC

In June, Richland College was the site of filming for a pilot for Lifetime Television for Women entitled “Inspector Mom.”

Fireside Productions is making the pilot for the murder mystery television show starring Danica McKellar (she played Winnie Cooper on “The Wonder Years”) about a soccer mom who solves mysteries. Fireside filmed in Uvalde, Bonham and Alamito, as well as on the soccer fields.

RLC Multimedia adjunct professor **Brad Keller** is director of “Inspector Mom.” 🌿

Call Tyrone about Danka

Danka copy machines are leased by RLC but are owned by Danka. So, please do not move a copy machine from one area to another yourself.

Contact **Tyrone Hollins** at ext. 6276 if you need a copy machine moved, and he will arrange for Danka to come and move it.

The leased machines are under warranty- but if the machine is moved by Richland personnel, the warranty could be voided.

When we received our new machines last October, one of the old machines was “missing.” After much research we found the machine – at another campus.

Through the years, the machine had been moved and the movement had not been recorded. Even though the billing department of Danka had the monthly clicks charged to the other campus, the Installation department at Danka had not updated their records to reflect the relocation. Had Richland not located that machine, Richland would have been responsible for payment for the missing machine.

Tyrone keeps an inventory of all the copy machines and their locations. He also reports

movement of machines to Facilities who also keep an inventory of machine locations.

Please always coordinate copy machine moves through Tyrone. Even if you only need to move your copier from one room to another on the Richland Campus on a temporary basis, and even if you only need to move the copier from two feet over and plug

into a different outlet, please coordinate with Tyrone. Remember: If we move the machines ourselves even if we do not “lose” the machine, it could be costly for Richland in the form of the cancellation of the warranty on the machine.

Call Tyrone at ext. 6276 or **Deborah Clark** at ext. 6158 with questions. 🌿

Garland Summer Musicals

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DALLAS COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT



A hilarious Hollywood story filled with brilliant music and dance!

June 16, 17, 23, 24 – 8:00 p.m.
June 18, 25 – 2:00 p.m.



Cole Porter's song and dance spectacular!

July 21, 22, 28, 29 – 8:00 p.m.
July 23, 30 – 2:00 p.m.

Directed by
Buff Shurr

Granville Arts Center

Fifth and Austin
Downtown Garland
Adjacent to DART Light Rail

Ticket Information
972-205-2790
Visa/Mastercard



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From left, **Judy Elimelech** gives **Latressia Stalling**, Disability Services, her goodies for being named the Employee of the Month.

July 2006 Outstanding Employee

Dear Latressia:

Congratulations on being selected the Richland College Outstanding Employee for July 2006. Your award is well-deserved recognition of the exemplary service you have provided Richland College.

With the start of your service at Richland College as a student assistant, you earned the respect and gratitude of your colleagues in Administration. With your earning your associate's degree last year and successfully acquiring the Disability Services' secretary's position, you are continuing on the path of success. Your colleagues in Disability Services are so impressed with the quality of your work that they enthusiastically nominated you for collegewide recognition, citing the excellent service you provide our students and your infectious joy about your work. They note that you are a quick learner, have adapted remarkably well to your new responsibilities, and eagerly take on new challenges.

In your work with students, you handle with a high degree of patience and compassion what can sometimes be a challenging situation, and you consistently arrive at a satisfactory resolution. You bring joy to the Disability Services office each day and exhibit a genuine Thunderduck spirit. When we think of individuals who take joy in their work and who embrace and embody the Thunderduck culture and spirit, you are certainly among the best.

Latressia, symbolic of our deep appreciation of your efforts, you will receive Richland's Certificate of Recognition, complimentary cinema tickets, special parking privileges through July 2006, a plant from our Horticulture department, and a coveted Thunderduck mug. An announcement of your selection will appear in the *ThunderBridge*. Congratulations, Latressia!


Yours sincerely,

Stephen K. Mittelstet

'IR' exhibit in Brazos

Richland College presents "IR 12" through July 21 in the Brazos Gallery (C140).

The exhibit features the work of instructors **Roy Cirigliana** and **Wayne Loucas**, and students **Jason Brown**, **Lee Cohen**, **Diran Demirjian**, **Carolyn Freeman**, **Ryan Gray**, **Jenn Kauffman**, **Cara Krause**, **Rachel Landingin**, **Curtis Maroney**, **Crystal Mercer**, **Daniel Mikkelson**, **Ty Rollins**, and **Jocelyn Zepeda**.

For more info, visit www.richlandcollege.edu/photoimaging.htm or call gallery coordinator Randall Garrett ext. 6339. 

2006-08 PSSA officers

The Richland Professional Support Staff Association has elected new officers for 2006-2008. They are President **Diane Graifemberg**, ACCESS; Vice President **Becky Driscoll**, Academic Enrichment; Secretary **Judy Anderson**, Engineering; and Treasurer **Joyce Helms**, Accounting. Congratulations! 



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.

This summer's schedule:

July 28

Aug. 25



PROFESSIONAL



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



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Ext. 3750



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ACCESS
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Wilfred Manyango
Asst. Director
SPAR
Ext. 6130



Susie Brown
Academic Advisor
Academic Advising
Ext. 6134



REGISTER NOW!



Register for Fall
through Aug. 26.

Fall classes are
Aug. 28-Dec. 14.



Register for Summer II
through July 11.

Summer II classes are
July 12-Aug. 10.

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