

May 26, 2006

DuckBytes

snack-size news

- **Register NOW for Summer classes!**
 Encourage your friends, family and neighbors to get an education this summer. Classes in credit and cont. ed. offered. See the schedules at www.richlandcollege.edu/schedule.htm.
- A **plagiarism e-mail list** recently has been created to discuss plagiarism Districtwide; share resources, stories, tips and strategies; post questions and concerns; develop plans for fighting plagiarism; and anything else related to plagiarism or academic honesty. To be added to the list, send a blank e-mail to plagiarism-join@elist.dcccd.edu.
- **Free HIV testing** for RLC students and employees from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on June 6 and 13; 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.
- Richland College will be closed in observance of **Memorial Day** on Monday, May 29. Don't forget to leave a "campus closed" message on your voice mail.
- 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.

Have a safe Memorial Day!

THE 'LASSITER ROAD SHOW'



Photo by John Pollock

Interim Chancellor Wright Lassiter (center) listens intently to **Debbi Richards**, Administration (right) as **Susan Wehe**, WLCC (left), waits to speak with him.

Dr. Lassiter visited Richland on May 23 as part of what he humorously called the "Lassiter Road Show" – his visits to the seven DCCCD colleges to talk with employees.

Dr. Lassiter, most recently president of El Centro College, shared some highlights from his more than 50 years in education, as well as his vision for the DCCCD, pledging to help us continue building community, internally and externally.

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

Strategic Planning Priorities for Student Learning

- Response to Community
- Student Success
- Employee Success
- Institutional Effectiveness

NEWS

RLC to host Men's Health Conference

RLC will host the Parkland Health & Hospital System's 4th Annual Men's Health Conference on Saturday, June 10.

The event, "Tune Up the Whole Man: Mind-Body-Spirit," will be from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Richland College.

Tune Up the Whole Man will include:

- Sessions in English and Spanish
- Free health screenings including cholesterol, blood pressure, glaucoma, prostate cancer, HIV, hearing and more
- Presentations, panel discussions, and breakout sessions on topics including men's spiritual, physical and mental health

All males age 12 and older are invited to this event. Women also are invited to attend, however, many sessions are limited to male participants.

In addition to the health screenings and educational sessions, this free event includes a continental breakfast and lunch.

For more information about Tune Up the Whole Man Men's Health Conference, e-mail menshealth@parknet.phm.org or call Parkland Health & Hospital System at 214-266-1232.


PSSA officer elections

The deadline approaches to run for an office in the Richland College Professional Support Staff Association (President, Vice President, Secretary or Treasurer).

Or, if you know a co-worker who would be interested in one of these positions, nominate him/her with permission.


Karen Stanland is chairing the nominating committee whose members include **Jobickson Modi**, **Becky Driscoll**, and **Joel Weiner**.

Feel free to contact any one of them with

your nomination and/or interest. The election process must complete before May 31. 

T-duck's story on Ch. 11

The inspiring story of Amos Kur, an RLC student who comes from the Sudan, was featured on May 1 edition of the KTVT-TV Ch. 11 news.

See Amos' amazing story for yourself by clicking here to go to the Ch. 11 video library: <http://cbs11tv.com/video?cid=34>. Amos' story is entitled, "Inspiring People: Dafur Evacuee Now Resides in North Texas." 

Crisis Counselors

During Summer I and II, crisis intervention and short-term personal counseling will be provided by **Karen Cuttill** and **Veronica Estrella**, our two part-time counselors, the following days/times:

Monday

8:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. – Karen Cuttill
4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. – Veronica Estrella

Tuesday


8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. – Karen Cuttill
4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. – Veronica Estrella

Wednesday

8:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. – Karen Cuttill
4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. – Veronica Estrella

Thursday

8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. – Karen Cuttill
4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. – Veronica Estrella
Karen and Veronica share an office in S208. They can be reached by phone at ext. 6349. However, please continue to dial 972-297-9981 from a touch-tone phone to contact them for a crisis.

If you do not receive a return call within five minutes, call the HAD Office at ext. 6230 or the College Police at ext. 911 using a campus phone. 



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:

June 30

July 28

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, June 5

Zarina Blankenbaker, ACCESS

Tuesday, June 6

George Massingale, Humanities

Wednesday, June 7

Susan Barkey, WLCC


Thursday, June 8

Donna Walker, Administration

Friday, June 9

Kim Lester-Booker, Skills Training Center

Monday, June 12

Bill McMullen, Financial Aid 

PROFESSIONAL/PEOPLE

ThunderAccomplishments

• **Yoshimi Umekawa**, Information Services, recently graduated magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Design Communications from Texas A&M-Commerce. Yoshimi was able to complete her degree by taking coursework at the Universities Center at Dallas (www.usddowntown.org). ★

• **Cherie Henson**, adjunct professor at RLC and the Dallas TeleCollege, was recently selected as the 2006 Instructor of the Year at the Terrell campus of Trinity Valley Community College. Cherie teaches public speaking and business and professional speaking part-time at TVCC. ★

• **Amy Ferguson**, Library, was recently elected to the Council of the American Library Association. She has also been chosen to participate in ALA's Institute for Information Literacy, to be held in Boston in July. ★

• The Texas Society of Medical Assistants awarded **Shirley Oktay**, Health Professions, a lifetime membership in the association. Shirley has been active in the association for the past 20 years and served as president, vice president, and vice speaker of the house of delegates. She currently is serving as parliamentarian. Shirley currently teaches part-time at Richland. She is RLC's former program director of the Medical Assisting. ★

• **Michael Horak**, College Police, recently was commissioned as a Warrant Officer One in the Texas State Guard. Michael has served in the Guard as a sergeant since 2000. During his tenure in the Guard, Michael was called to State Active Duty to assist civilian authorities in response to evacuees displaced by Hurricane Rita and Katrina. ★

ThunderValues and Planning Priorities in Action

Joy: We value laughter, play, love, kindness, celebration and joy in our learning and work – taking our learning and work seriously and ourselves lightly.

The following letter was written by **John Carmichael**, Enrollment Planning, about the kind actions of fellow employee, Carmarion Anderson, at Graduation. It represents many of RLC's ThunderValues, especially Joy:

"Graduation is a special time of year. I was dismayed that I was unable to attend Richland's 2006 Graduation ceremony, Saturday, May 6, because of illness.

It did not deter me, however, from viewing the entire celebration, thanks to the efficiency of Richland College's (award winning) Journalism program, and the special live webcast. What a terrific job they did!

It is quite ironic that an extremely poignant moment was captured at the very end of the ceremony by a very astute student camera person (whoever you are, you deserve recognition).

Carmarion Anderson, a department

assistant in Enrollment Planning, observed a young family (Mom was the proud graduate) in need of assistance to take a family photograph. Without hesitation, Carmarion sized up the situation, and snapped several photos for the jubilant family.

Smiles were very large all the way around, but, most especially, on the faces of the two small sons. They understood (even at such a tender age) that this was a special moment in time, and I thought to myself, what a wonderful gift to offer your children. Graduation, most certainly is, a gift for the(all) ages.

Special thanks go out to Carmarion, whose small random act of kindness, made a big difference in the lives of this family, and conveyed the true spirit of graduation. Your kind act didn't go unnoticed (but then again, that's not why you did it). Way to go, Thunderduck!"

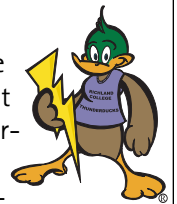
Send your personal stories of our ThunderValues and Planning Priorities in Action to Jenni Gilmer at jgilmer@dccd.edu.

ThunderValues: Mutual Trust; Wholeness; Integrity; Fairness; Considerate, Meaningful Communications; Mindfulness; Cooperation; Diversity; Responsible Risk-Taking; and Joy.

Planning Priorities: Response to Community, Student Success, Employee Success and Institutional Effectiveness. 🙌

ThunderFitness

Zero-calorie butter spray actually has calories! Sure, if you use the recommended "serving size" (a couple of sprays), I Can't Believe It's Not Butter spray is fat and calorie free. But when you use a more realistic portion, the calories and fat rack up. The average real serving is about 15-25 sprays, which contains about 20 calories and two grams of fat. And obviously, the more you spray, the more calories and fat you add. The numbers are still fairly low, but this butter substitute certainly does have calories... and fat. So be careful!



- www.hungry-girl.com

PROFESSIONAL

★ ThunderStars ThunderWelcome ★

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



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Register for Summer I
through June 2.

Summer I classes are
June 5-July 6.



Register for Summer II
through July 11.

Summer II classes are
July 12-Aug. 10.

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