

Thunder Bridge

RICHLAND COLLEGE THUNDERSTAFF NEWSLETTER
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Happy (early) Halloween from Richland College!

 Oct. 20, 2006

DuckBytes

snack-size news

- **Art exhibits:** "Candace M. Briceño: Flora," through Nov. 10, Lago Vista Gallery (Library); "Ojo-the Unexpected: Contemporary Latin-American Artists of the Metroplex," through Nov. 22, Brazos Gallery (C140). Call ext. 6339.
- The **RLC Yoga Club** meets Wednesdays from 4:30-5:45 p.m. in Room E076. Wear comfortable clothing and bring a towel or mat. Call Amy at ext. 6112 for info.
- The **RLC Knitting Club** meets from 12:30-1:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Friday of each month outside C150. Call ext. 3784.
- Show your T-duck spirit! Admission is free. **RLC's athletic teams** are playing in October: Women's Soccer, Oct. 20 at 4 p.m.; Volleyball, Oct. 21 at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.; Men's Soccer, Oct. 21 at 7 p.m.; Women's Soccer, Oct. 22 at 7 p.m.; Volleyball, Oct. 23 at 7 p.m.; Men's Soccer, Oct. 25 at 8 p.m.; Volleyball, Oct. 26 at 7 p.m.; Volleyball, Oct. 30 at 7 p.m.;
- Check out the **ThunderSports Update** at www.richlandcollege.edu/sports/latest_scores.htm for the latest news on RLC sports.
- DCCCD **Board of Trustees** meeting agendas: www.dcccd.edu/About+DCCCD/Board+of+Trustees/Board+of+Trustees+Meeting+Agendas/2005+Board+Agendas.htm.

PRAYERS FOR PEACE



Photo by John Pollock

From left, Yolanda Nolan, DCCCD, and Ahmed Dieng of Senegal pray as part of the ceremony to plant the 15th peace pole at RLC. See page 2 for more details.



Together We Care, Richland!

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Strategic Planning Priorities for Student Learning


Response to Community


Student Success


Employee Success


Institutional Effectiveness

NEWS

15th peace pole planted

RLC hosted an "Abraham Walk" as part of the ceremony to plant the college's 15th peace pole on Oct. 18.

Abraham is considered the spiritual forefather of Jews, Christians and Muslims, and an Abraham Walk symbolizes unity for all faiths, beliefs and religions.

The Abraham Walk began at the Labyrinth and the peace pole planting was east of Sabine Hall near Thunderduck Lake.

The newest peace pole joined RLC's peace pole trail around campus. The 6.5-foot-tall peace poles all have the message "May Peace Prevail on Earth" written in English on one side and in three other languages, one per side. This message was written on the 15th pole in Bengali, Turkish, Wolof and English.

Peace studies and activities are a vital part of RLC's mission of teaching, learning, and building sustainable local and world community.

The Peace Pole Project was started by the World Peace Prayer Society, a nonprofit, member-supported, non-sectarian organization.

Founded in Japan in 1955 by Masahisa Goi, the Society has its world headquarters in New York City, and is recognized as a Non-Governmental Organization associated with the Department of Public Information at the United Nations.

More than 200,000 peace poles have been planted in more than 180 countries around the world. Peace poles have been purchased and planted by elementary school children, college students, and civic and religious groups.

Peace poles can be found at the magnetic North Pole, the Pyramids of El Giza in Egypt, Confucius Burial Site in Taiwan, Gorky Park in Russia, the Allenby Bridge on the border

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DON'T BE A BYSTANDER!

Help reduce Richland's ecological footprint

Join GREENRichland for **CAMPUS SUSTAINABILITY DAY**

Wednesday, Oct. 25
10 a.m.-1 p.m.
in El Paso Hall



-  Learn about "ecological footprinting" – a simple way of understanding the impact of human life on earth's environment.
-  Take a short online quiz to measure the size of your own "footprint" and learn how to reduce it.
-  Hear about GREENRichland and RLC's sustainability initiatives, including the growing recycling program.
-  Enter the "Bystanders to Change Makers" contest to share your best ideas for expanding RLC's environmental efforts, with a chance to win a FREE \$500 Home Energy Audit.

Professors are encouraged to give students extra credit for viewing the video and taking the quiz. Employees can receive one hour of TOLI credit for viewing the video and taking the quiz.

All Thunderducks also are invited to view a Campus Sustainability Day teleconference entitled "Where Is Your Campus On the Continuum of Integrated Sustainability Planning?" to be held 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at the LeCroy Center.

This activity is sponsored by GREENRichland, an employee and student task force dedicated to promoting a sustainable natural environment and an abundant quality of life for future generations. For more information, visit www.richlandcollege.edu/greenrichland.



Richland College

DALLAS COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

IT ALL BEGINS HERE.

A LITTLE 'CUCKOO'



Photo by RLC Theatre Dept.

RLC's Theatre Dept. presents "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" at 8 p.m. on Oct. 20-21 in Fannin Performance Hall.

"One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest," written by author Ken Kesey and adapted for the stage by Dale Wasserman, is described as "the unforgettable story of a mental hospital and its inhabitants... 'One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest' is a powerful exploration of both the beauty and the danger of being an original."

As is consistent with Wasserman's script, RLC's presentation of "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" contains profanity and strong language.

Admission is free, but donations to Angels of Richland Theatre Scholarship Fund are gladly accepted. For more information, call ext. 3733.

Richland College Theatre Department
presents

ONE FLEW OVER THE CUCKOO'S NEST

by Dale Wasserman
based on the novel by Ken Kesey



ThunderTip

Business card orders are to be made on a requisition. The vendor for business cards is Marfield.

Input the requisition as usual and send to **Larry Grant** in the Business Office. There is no need to contact Information Services to order business cards. Larry will contact Information Services for approval on the order if needed.

For more information, call Larry at ext. 6945.



– RLC Business Office

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between Israel and Jordan, and the Atomic Bomb Dome in Hiroshima, Japan.

For more information about peace events or activities, call **Sue Jones** at ext. 3738 or **Scott Branks del Llano** at ext. 6369. 🙌

'Inspector Mom' airs Nov. 18 on Lifetime

The made-for-TV movie "Inspector Mom," which was filmed partially at Richland College, airs at 8 p.m. ET on Saturday, Nov. 18, on Lifetime.

"Inspector Mom" stars Danica McKellar who played Winnie on "The Wonder Years." Click here for a preview of "Inspector Mom": <http://www.lmn.tv/movies/details.php?id=MOV+3995>. 🙌

Music recital series

Each week, the Humanities Division of Richland College presents its Recital Series. All performances are Tuesdays at 12:30 p.m. in Fannin Performance Hall and are free. Thunderwater Credit is available for employees who attend.

Upcoming performances include:

Oct. 24, Rock/Pop Showband

Oct. 31, Early Brass

Nov. 7, Guitar Ensemble

For more info, contact **Joe Perea**, Humanities, at ext. 6254, or visit www.richlandcollege.edu/human/music. 🙌

Flu, pneumonia shots

Representatives from Maxim will be on campus to offer Flu Shots and Pneumonia Shots to the students and employees of Richland on the following dates and times: Oct. 24 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. in Room C140;

See SHOTS on page 4.

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, Oct. 23

Robert Galindo, Humanities

Tuesday, Oct. 24

Mehrdad Haroutunian, Admin.

Wednesday, Oct. 25

Sandy Hawkins, Corp. Services

Thursday, Oct. 26

Zarina Blankenbaker, ACCESS

Monday, Oct. 30

Lennijo Henderson, Library

Tuesday, Oct. 31

M.T. Hickman, HAD

Wednesday, Nov. 1

David Henry, Multicultural Center

Thursday, Nov. 2

Eva Higgs Nixon, Program Dev.

Monday, Nov. 6

Celeste Hernandez, CE

Tuesday, Nov. 7

Marcia Hines Parrish, Career Svcs.

Wednesday, Nov. 8

Bonnie Hueston, Edu. Transitions

Thursday, Nov. 9

Eddie Hueston, Facilities




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Oct. 25 from 1-6 p.m. in Room C140.


Flu shots are \$25 and pneumonia shots are \$40. Maxim accepts cash or checks. No credit cards and no Medicaid. Medicare is accepted – please bring appropriate paperwork for proof.

In order to eliminate long lines and to get everyone through in a timely way, the Health Center will schedule appointments.

Call the Health Center ext. 6135 or stop by Room T110 to make an appointment. 

QEP refresher course

A QEP refresher course on writing student-learning outcomes is scheduled for from 2-3 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 26, in Room M207.

This session is appropriate for both faculty and staff. If you think you might benefit from this session, call **Mary Frances Gibbons** at ext. 6075. 

RLC hosts Llaves again

Richland College will host on "Las Llaves del Exito" ("The Keys to Success") from 8 a.m.



to 12 p.m. on Sat., Oct. 28.

Las Llaves del Exito is

designed to share the keys to success with students and their families, particularly Latino/ Hispanic members.

The event is free and open to the public; students in grades six through 12, and their families, are encouraged to attend.


The conference will feature information sessions in English and Spanish about: planning for college; writing an essay; paying for college; passing the state's TAKS test (a new session that features a TAKS rally for parents and students); preparing for college by taking

the SAT and ACT exams); exploring careers; applying for and learning more about the opportunities that a college education can provide by using the keys to success to open that door.

More than 1,000 participants usually attend the event, and more than 200 volunteers work with students and their parents, providing practical information to help them become college-bound. Brunch is provided for volunteers, speakers and participants.

College representatives, admissions specialists and financial aid advisors will talk to families about the application process and steps they need to take to be considered for admissions and financial aid.

Institutions and corporations involved in the program include DCCCD, Dallas ISD, Richland College, Dallas Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, KFLC 1270 am - La Voz del Pueblo, KLNO 94.1 FM - Recuerdo, M Crowd, Metzger Awards, Garland ISD, Richardson ISD, Mesquite ISD, the University of North Texas, UNT-Dallas, University of Texas at Dallas, Education Is Freedom, LNES, DeVry University and Eastfield College.

For more information, call Lettie Cruz with Dallas ISD at (972) 925-3165 or Perla Molina in the DCCCD community development office at ext. 2691 or DCCCD's Spanish line at (214) 860-2432. 

Lifeguard on duty

RLC now has a lifeguard on duty, **Charity Phillips**, at the Guadalupe Pool during the following hours: Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 1:30-5 p.m. and Tuesday from 2-5 p.m. No hours on Thursday, Saturday and Sunday.

All Thunderducks are welcome to swim. Kickboards, pull buoys, hand paddles, swim noodles will be available for use.

Call ext. 6260 for more info. 

SECC UPDATE

Together We Care, Richland!

Only 7 more workdays to give before Oct. 31 deadline

The State Employee Charitable Campaign (SECC) is almost over!



State
of Texas
Employees
**TOGETHER
WE CARE**

As of Oct. 13, the Thunderducks have given \$92,273 – that's \$21,320 more than Richland's 2006 goal of \$70,953.

Click here to see RLC's SECC ThunderTotals as of Oct. 13: www.richlandcollege.edu/secc/secc.htm.

Last year, RLC gave a historic \$101,455, which exceeded the 2005 goal of \$68,886 by 47 percent (or \$32,569)! In the past five years, the Thunderducks have exceeded their goals.

The campaign ends at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 31. Donations may be made through payroll deduction, check or cash.

The following workgroups met or exceeded their goal with 70 percent full- and limited full-time staff participation by Oct. 13, the **Early Thunderduck Special** deadline. They will receive matching funds plus a celebration lunch with door prizes:

Academic Enrichment • Accounting Services, Financial Services, Business Office, Mailroom, Printshop • A.C.C.E.S.S. • Administrating Computing (I.T.) • Administration • Campus Police • C.E., Corporate Services, Career Placement, RSTC • Educational Computing • Educational Transitions, RCHS • Emeritus • Facilities Services • Financial Aid • Health Center • Humanities • Information Services, Marketing

& College Relations • Library • Media Technology • Physical Education • Program Development • Research • School of Business & Information Technology • School of Engineering & Technology • Testing Center • TRIO/Upward Bound • WLCC/MCC

Your workgroup can still make the **Fifty Percent Matching Funds** deadline: Workgroups who meet or exceed their goal with 70 percent full- and limited full-time staff participation by the Oct. 31 deadline (50 percent matching funds means 50 percent of the total donation, not just the workgroup goal – so the more a workgroup contributes, the more it receives!).

Please remember:

- Several scholarships have been established honoring Richland College. Find a list at www.dcccd.edu/fdn/scholarships/bycampus.html#RLC.
- You can donate to the DCCCD Foundation (#280076 on pg. 11 of your SECC booklet).
- You can donate to a specific District Foundation scholarship (#280076) by writing the name of the scholarship in the margin of your form.
- Or you may visit the District Foundation at www.foundation.dcccd.edu for additional scholarships.

Questions? Call ext. 6194 or e-mail [Sharon Wright](mailto:Sharon.Wright@dcccd.edu) or [Whitney Rosenbalm](mailto:Whitney.Rosenbalm@dcccd.edu), Information Services. 🌟

From the Chancellor

The Dallas County Community College is again participating in the State Employees Charitable Campaign (SECC). This year the campaign theme is titled, "Together We Make A Difference" – a title which fits our District in a very special way. We have been an extraordinary example of servanthood and compassion in the manner in which we have supported the SECC campaign each year.

The SECC provides employees an opportunity to select from hundreds of charities, including the DCCCD Foundation that supports student scholarships. Perhaps you, like me, may have had a personal experience with one of the agencies or organizations included in the campaign materials. If so, consider showing your appreciation by supporting it, or them, with a contribution. As you know, donations may be made through payroll deduction, check or cash.

In recognition of our record of always exceeding our campaign goal, this year's goal has been increased by 3 percent. This increase is under our contribution level for 2005; therefore it should not be an unusual challenge to reach. The District will continue to provide matching funds of up to 50 percent of the dollars raised if the location achieves a 75 percent participation rate, or a 5 percent increase over the previous years rate of participation. Matching dollars are awarded to the location for their use.

President Jennifer Wimbish of Cedar Valley College is the Districtwide Chair for 2006 and she has already launched this year's campaign. Be reminded that the campaign will officially end at the end of October.

Thank you for continuing to be a part of this great team in the DCCCD.



– Wright L. Lassiter, Jr.