EXCELLENCE (from page 1)

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The science center will include labs equipped for the study of meteorology, oceanography, biotechnology, environmental sciences and analytical chemistry. The meteorology lab with a weather station will be used to support weather and environmental studies.

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Chynna Talamantez (center) poses with Floresville Middle School Principal Jacqueline Baker and SPC President Dr. Adena Williams Loston. Chynna won a lunch appointment with SPC President Dr. Loston when she attended St. Philip’s College’s Women Breaking Through Conference on April 10. She said the conference allowed her to get familiar with STEM majors with professionals in STEM fields in the San Antonio metropolitan area.

The Associate of Applied Science in Power Generation and Alternative Energy will make use of wind turbine, fuel cells and solar cells to study devices that generate electrical power through alternative sources of energy. Training and certification in the installation and repair and maintenance of alternative energy systems will be offered.

The Centers are being funded with Title III funds already in place, 2010-2012 Title III funds, and College Cost Reduction and Access Act (CCRAA) facilities funding grants.

PARTNERSHIPS

Both the mathematics and science areas will provide outreach opportunities to secondary students in STEM areas, including math and science camps for children ages 12-18; the third annual Science and Math Summer Academies is current taking place. The Math, Engineering and Statistics Advancement Summer Boot Camp and The Women Breaking Through Conference were initiated this year.

In the future, a bridge programs will teach students from SPC feeder schools about STEM professions, reinforce math and science skills and prepare students for more advanced coursework. An Advanced Placement STEM course will be offered, with two Advanced Placement STEM courses in place by 2012-2013.

A mentoring program will also be established that pairs St. Philip’s College STEM majors with professionals in STEM fields in the San Antonio metropolitan area.

THE CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE IN SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS—THE GOALS

» Strengthen and Create Programs that Position the College for Recognition
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President’s Message

Greetings friends, alumni, faculty, staff and students.

“Summertime, and the living is easy...” The Garthropp brothers were not talking about St. Philip’s College, rest assured. St. Philip’s students, faculty and staff have been fully engaged in one of the busiest summers in the school’s history.

SCHOLARSHIP? A Fulbright Scholar spoke of the importance of the wind industry to the future of Uzbekistan.

HISTORY AND CULTURE? St. Philip’s participated fully in Juneteenth, the oldest nationally celebrated commemoration of the ending of slavery in the United States. This year we participated in a parade, hosted a highly entertaining, engaging, and thought-provoking performance about the works of Frederick Douglass, and received an award for our Juneteenth President’s Lecture Series programming.

OUTREACH? The school was awash in summer camps for children, tweens and teens. One special area of emphasis was STEM programs, or programs in science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

Wealthyly, we were also busily participating in Mayor Castro’s East Side summits and bringing young girls on our campus for an etiquette dinner with members of the Silver Stars of the Women’s National Basketball Association.

At the same time, the summer also saw us plunge full speed into creating an environment of excellence, starting with workshops to begin the process of working towards a Baldrige award, the summa cum laude of an efficient and productive work environment.

Yes, indeed. It has been a productive summer at St. Philip’s College. As always, we invite our friends and alumni to stop by and see us. You’ll be amazed at how your campus has changed, and we would be extremely pleased to show it to you. We look forward to seeing you.

Best regards.

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The Centers, a response to workforce needs for trained workers who high paying careers in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) fields, are directly connected to national STEM project initiatives.

At the core of the plan is a cooperative effort based on community outreach, business and workforce partnerships, transfer programs, college preparatory programs and professional development.

The Centers will be home for new degree programs launching this fall, including an Associate of Applied Science in Power Generation and Alternative Energy, an Associate of Arts in Statistics and an Associate of Science in Earth Science and Natural Energy Resources. An Associate of Science degree in Biototechnology is also being programmed.

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The St. Philip's College of the Texas Education Agency was accredited by the National Commission for the Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs. This program may impact SPC’s ability to participate in the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board’s Health Professions Program Improvement Plan.

St. Philip's College hosted a Fulbright Scholar from the heart of Central Asia as a guest lecturer on June 8.

The Quality Texas Foundation helps Texas businesses, schools, hospitals, non-profits, and government agencies improve performance. It administers the Texas Award for Performance Excellence program, the state’s highest recognition for quality.

“St. Philip’s College is very proud to receive this outstanding recognition,” said St. Philip’s College President Dr. Adena Williams Loston. “This acknowledgment is further measure of the admirable work that all at St. Philip’s College are engaged in to achieve performance excellence, using the Baldrige Criteria as a framework for continuous improvement in all that we do.”

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Programs are accredited by the association for five-year terms. The college’s re-accreditation term is May 6, 2010 through June 1, 2015. To earn the re-accreditation, the college’s center met each of 10 standards of the association.

The center’s re-accreditation is a sign that the center is a leader in a national effort to invest in high-quality early childhood education and to help give all children a better start, according to Mark Ginsberg, Ph.D., NAEYC executive director.

“I share this news with great pleasure,” said Child Center Coordinator Sharon Y. Evans. “We’re proud to have re-earned the mark of quality from the association and to be recognized once again for our commitment to our industry’s highest professional standards. The scores we received showed we are at 100 or 100-plus on everything, which is really great.”

The St. Philip’s College Child Development Center is an operational unit within the college’s Division of Health Sciences. It serves children 12 months-to-five years of age, and the staff is currently accepting names for fall childcare enrollment. Services are available to students, faculty, staff, and community members. Contact the staff at (210) 486-2500 for info.
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GOVERNOR PERRY MAKES VETERAN COLLEGE CREDIT ANNOUNCEMENT AT SPC

Texas Governor Rick Perry announced a 93 million workforce development initiative on June 3 at St. Philip’s College. The initiative maximizes credit for a service member’s military experience for degrees, licenses, and employment within the state’s allied health care industry.

This program may impact SPC students enrolled in our health professions programs—Cardiovascular Technology, LVN program, LVN to ADN, Radiologic Science, Histologic Technician, Medical Laboratory Technician, Occupational Therapy Assistant, Physical Therapy Assistant, Radiography Technology, Respiratory Therapy, and Allied Health recognition.

Speakers at the event included St. Philip’s College President Dr. Adena Williams Loston; Alamo Colleges Chancellor Dr. Bruce Leslie; Gov. Rick Perry, R-TX; Texas Workforce Commissioner Ronny Corgelton; Texas State Senator Leticia Van de Putte; D-TX; Alamo Colleges Board of Trustees Chairman Denver McLeod; and Physical Therapist Assistant student Richard Moraless.

Speaking for veterans already enrolled in community college allied health programs, Morales, a former Army cavalry scout, said the state’s new initiative is “an impressive program that will accelerate our education while recognizing our experience.” Morales is a student in the college’s Physical Therapist Assistant degree program, which is rated Exemplary by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

At the college, the term allied health identifies a cluster of health care professions. Allied health workers support and assist the work of doctors and nurses. These workers generally fall into two categories—technicians and technologists—and work under the supervision of other clinicians.

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THE ST. PHILIP’S COLLEGE RECEIVES RECOGNITION FROM QUALITY TEXAS FOUNDATION

The Quality Texas Foundation recognized St. Philip’s College as one of five recipients of the foundation’s 2010 Engagement Level Recognition at a June 8 luncheon at the Texas Quest for Excellence Conference in Rockwall, Texas.

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MORE THAN 400 STUDENTS WALK THE STAGE AT MAY GRADUATION

More than 800 degrees and certificates were conferred to 400-plus St. Philip’s College students during the college’s spring 2010 graduation ceremony May 7 at Municipal Auditorium.

The program featured a keynote address by Navarra R. Williams, President and CEO of San Antonio Metropolitan Ministries, Inc. It was the 123rd graduation exercise in the 112-year history of St. Philip’s College.

The event was recorded for broadcast on the U-Verse, Grande, and Paragon cable stations and can be seen from a link at the college’s Online Calendar.

ST. PHILIP’S COLLEGE RECEIVES RECOGNITION FROM NATIONAL UNITED MINORITY INFUSION IN UZBEKISTAN

St. Philip’s College hosted a Fullbright Scholar from the heart of Central Asia as a guest lecturer on June 8.

Dr. Alisher Abidjanov is an associate professor of philosophy at the National University of Uzbekistan in Tashkent and a 2009-2010 Fullbright Visiting Scholar grant recipient in residence as a scholar at Johns Hopkins University.

The title of his lecture, “Ethnic Relations: Unity through Diversity,” was well received by a near capacity crowd, said St. Philip’s College Social and Behavioral Sciences Department Chairman Jason Fabianke, who hosted Dr. Abidjanov.

“We’ve had Fullbrighters before, but this is our first philosopher, so we were very excited to host Dr. Abidjanov on the college’s second day of class this summer,” said Fabianke. “Our students are always interested in having lively discussions over topics that concern ethnicity, politics, and ethnic relations.”

The Fullbright Program, sponsored by the U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, is the nation’s flagship international exchange program and is the largest activist program of the United States and partner countries worldwide.

SFC CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER RECEIVES RE-ACCRREDITATION

The St. Philip’s College Child Development Center has been re-accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC).

Programs are accredited by the association for five-year terms. The college’s re-accreditation term is May 6, 2010 through June 1, 2015. To earn the re-accreditation, the college’s center met each of 10 standards of the association.

The center’s re-accreditation is a sign that the center is a leader in a national effort to invest in high-quality early childhood education and to help give all children a better start, according to Mark Ginsberg, Ph.D., NAEYC executive director.

“I share this news with great pleasure,” said Child Center Coordinator Sharon Y. Evans. “We’re proud to have re-earned the mark of quality from the association and to be recognized once again for our commitment to our industry’s highest professional standards. The scores we received showed we are at 100 or 100-plus on everything, which is really great.”

The St. Philip’s College Child Development Center is an operational unit within the college’s Division of Health Sciences. It serves children 12 months-to-five years of age, and the staff is currently accepting names for fall childcare enrollment. Services are available to students, faculty, staff, and community members. Contact the staff at (210) 486-2500 for info.

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A LETTER TO THE PRESIDENT

Hello, Mr. President,

I was diagnosed with ovarian cancer on September 3, 2009, and within what seemed like moments of my announcement at the office, my co-workers had assembled a walking team and were gearing up to participate in the ovarian cancer walk that took place just days later. As you can imagine, I was very touched and affected by their participation. At a time when my emotions were in turmoil and my thoughts focused on the many ugly, painful moments yet to come, my co-workers’ kindness and thoughtfulness helped me feel normal and told me that I was not going through the journey alone. I’ll cherish the memory of treasure share the story of your own.

Recently, one of the participants brought me pictures so that I could see them all walking on my behalf. I wanted to share this particular picture with you as one more example of how the SPC family cares for its own. I hope that all the members of our huge family experience such support and kindness, especially in their times of need.

Gabriela Perez
Education Skills Specialist II and Intern CE Specialist

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The Center of Excellence in Science and Mathematics—The Goals

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The Centers will be home for new degree programs launching this fall, including an Associate of Applied Science in Power Generation and Alternative Energy, an Associate of Arts in Business and Workforce Partnerships, an Associate of Science in Health, and an Associate of Applied Science in Health. The Centers, a response to workforce needs from partnerships with the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio and the University of Texas at San Antonio, will provide training opportunities for high-paying careers in high demand.

The Centers will also offer STEM programs for children, tweens, and teens. One special area of emphasis will be STEM programs, or programs in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. Meanwhile, we were also busily participating in Mayor Castro’s East Side summits and bringing young girls on our campus for an etiquette dinner with members of the Silver Stars of the Women’s National Basketball Association. At the same time, the summer also saw us plunge full speed into creating an environment of excellence, starting with workshops to begin the process of working towards a Baldrige award, the summer culminate of a productive work environment.

Yes, indeed. It has been a productive summer at St. Philip’s College. As always, we invite our friends and alumni to stop by campus and see us. You’d be amazed at how your presence energizes our community. Yes, indeed. It has been a productive summer...