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A FACELIFT FOR EMMETT SCOTT MEANS "DISCOVERY" OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL



Forty years after the closing of Emmett J. Scott High School, Texas College gives the facility a face lift which expands class room space for the College's growing adult learning and the general communities. "Modular adult learning programs are the future as individuals find themselves pursuing a college degree later in life," state Ms. Peggy Lyons Banks, SUCCESS Program Coordinator and Texas College Alumna.



Emmett J. Scott High School might represent a cherished long gone era for some, but for many of the students who attended the school it holds special memories of caring teachers, excellent programs and fun times. "Emmett Scott was not just for me about education," said Beverly Beavers Brooks, a 1962 graduate and financial chairwoman for the school's upcoming reunion. "It was about preparing for whatever challenges were out there in the world."



Texas College Administration hopes the spirit of this beloved what Emmett Scott High School accomplished in the hearts and lives of so many individuals lives on. "We envision this facility as not only a class room area, but a multipurpose venue that will allow of seminars and community learning," states Texas College President, Dr. Dwight J. Fennell. "It is our expectation that this venue will become an educational bridge of discovery hence its new name, the Texas College Discovery Learning Center," continues Dr. Fennell.

A formal grand opening and dedication service will be planned for a later date.



THE HISTORY OF EMMETT J. SCOTT HIGH SCHOOL

Emmett Scott's beginnings date back to 1888 when the West End building on South Herndon served first through 10th grades. As the number of students grew, the community added more rooms and a house. But the old building burned in 1921.

Rebuilt on Border Street in 1923, the community renamed it Emmett Scott Junior High after the educational and political leader and it was used for elementary and high school grades.

In 1949, Emmett Scott Senior High School was built at the corner of Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and Englewood Avenue. The building included 26 classrooms, an administrative suite, library, cafeteria, shop, auditorium, gymnasium and band hall, according to the history. An Integration Order closed the school in 1970, but the structure remained until 2006 when it was torn down. However, demolishing the school did not remove the legacy it left in the hearts and minds of those who walked its halls.



PRESIDENT FENNELL GIVES FACULTY AND STAFF A CHARGE FOR THE UPCOMING SEMESTER



Dr. Dwight J. Fennell
23rd President of Texas College

In a continuation from Fall 2012 Faculty/Staff Institute, President Fennell continues with the theme "Transformation with Deliberate Accountability" for the Spring 2013 semester. This theme is meant to galvanize all faculty and staff for improved Institutional Effectiveness by creating:

- A state of change that address our future;
- A purposeful change for improvement;
- A change that is bold and compelling; and
- A redefinition of who we are in the delivery of our Mission.

For the College, this means:

- Delivering the institutional Mission and Core Values;
- Fulfilling the mantra of regional accreditation for the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) by demonstrating evidence of the "Principles of Accreditation;"
- Addressing the state mandates of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) with accountability to the delivery of the General Core, Content Pedagogy and Program Integrity; and,

- Addressing the strategic direction of the College with fulfillment of the *2012-2017 STRATEGIC PLAN.*"

"We have come a long way, but we still have a mighty work ahead of us," states Dr. Fennell. Strategically, the College will concentrate on strengthening academics and focusing on learning outcomes for our students by:

1. Having students gain a command of the use of communicative skills both written and verbal;
2. Teaching students to become critical thinkers in the use of content knowledge and beyond;
3. Having students involved in service projects and social responsibilities that assist with skill development; and
4. Providing students with the knowledge and experiential learning that will assist with the development of others where they live and work.

Armed and ready for our task, the Texas College Family is looking forward to a productive semester.

TEXAS COLLEGE ACCREDITATION UPDATE

Texas College is pleased to inform you that at the December 2012 Annual Meeting of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC), the review or reaffirmation took place. The action taken by SACSCOC is that Texas College continues with full accreditation with a status of warning for a six month period.

FACULTY AND STAFF UPDATES

As Texas College continues to offer our stakeholders a quality educational experience, additional faculty and staff are needed to assist us in fulfilling the mission of the College and meeting our institutional effectiveness goals. Please join us in welcoming and congratulating these individuals for their commitment to the Texas College Team for the betterment of the institution.

NEW HIRES

Mr. Roland Brackens
Superintendent of Physical Plant

Dr. Tiffany Lloyd-Bullock
Assistant Professor of Political Science

Mr. Ricky Eddie
Enrollment Services Specialist

Mr. Marc Gomes
Instructor of Theatre

Dr. Matthew Hernando
Assistant Professor of History

Mr. Jamar Jones
Artist in Residence

Mrs. Rose Woods Muñoz
Instructor of French

Mr. Marcus Wade
Visiting Lecturer of Sociology

Mr. Oscar Williams
Visiting Lecturer of Music

REASSIGNMENTS

Mr. Stan Fridie
Computer Specialist

Mr. Saul Gates
Acting Choir Director/Recruiter

Mrs. Victoria Holmes Gordon
Instructor of Business

Mrs. Fayette Davis
Coordinator of the Lower College

Mr. Anthony Meyers
Coordinator of the Lower College

Dr. Rhonda Saldívar
Coordinator of the Lower College

Ms. Mildred Tisdale
Coordinator of the Lower College

COLLEGE COMMUTER EXPERIENCE MADE EASY... PARK, RIDE & LEARN

Live in Dallas? Want a college degree? Give yourself two days in a week and you can earn an Associate's or Bachelor's degree. Why relocate to Tyler, Texas when Texas College will PICK YOU UP?

Join the Texas College family and become a full time student in this dynamic program that will assist in making a college education accessible for those who thought it was too difficult or out of reach. Start now and/or complete your degree and be home every night.

The Texas College **PARK, RIDE & LEARN** Program will offer the opportunity to be a full time student taking a minimum of 12 credit hours and attending class only two days a week (*Tuesday and Thursday are the current scheduled class days*).



THIS IS THE PERFECT PROGRAM FOR:

- Single Parents | Flexible Work Schedules
- Individuals With Limited Time To Waste
- Those Who Desire a Degree While Maintaining a Life at Home



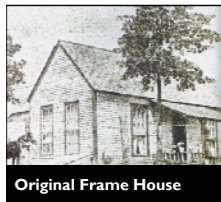
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119 YEARS AND STILL STANDING

As the oldest institution for higher learning in Tyler, Texas, Texas College enters into the 2013 Spring Semester celebrating 119 years of creating educational opportunities for youths. The College family will gather for Founders' Convocation on Friday, March 15th to remember the legacy of an institution built and sustain on a great deal of faith and hope.



Original Frame House

It all began in a frame house in the Spring of 1894. Texas College was found by a group of ministers affiliated with the Christian Methodist Episcopal (CME) Church.

The founding represented the start of the educational process for a group of disenfranchised individuals in the area of east Texas, City of Tyler.

The Charter as originally issued July 1, 1907, indicates that the name of the corporation was established as "Texas College," with the purpose of an educational institution designed to operate under the supervision care and ownership of the CME Church in America. The exclusive educational direction was to include the education of youths, male and female, in all branches of a literary, scientific and classical education wherein [all] shall be taught theology, normal training of teachers, music, commercial and industrial training, and agricultural and mechanical sciences.

On June 12, 1909, the name of the college was changed from Texas College to Phillips

University. The noted change was associated with Bishop Henry Phillips, as a result of his leadership and educational interests for mankind. The name change was short lived and reportedly lasted until actions for a name reversal occurred in 1910 at the Third Annual Conference of the church. On May 1912 the college was officially renamed Texas College.

The subsequent years of the College were spent with refinements and enhancements of the educational enterprise. The Articles of Incorporation reflect such efforts with modifications and amendments during periods 1909 to 1966.



Martin Hall Administration Building

Today, Texas College complies with its founding principles in that she remains open to all individuals without discrimination on the grounds of national

origin, race, religion, or sex...with the right to offer instruction in the areas of Arts and Sciences, Humanities, Natural Sciences, Social Sciences preparation of teachers and the provision of instructional supports, to those in pursuit of an education.

**MAKE YOUR
119TH ANNIVERSARY
FOUNDER'S DAY
CAMPAIGN...PLEASE SEE
ENCLOSED LETTER**

TEXAS COLLEGE FAMILY MAKES AN IMPACT THROUGH COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS

Texas College students lend a helping hand to various community agencies during the holiday season. They are as follows:

- AIDS Awareness Day
- Boys and Girls Club of East Texas
- East Texas Food Bank
- Glass Recreation Center
- PATH Network

We are applaud the following groups for their commitment the Core Values of Community Service and Social Responsibility:

- Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated
- Baseball Team
- Men's and Women's Soccer
- Student Government Association
- Texas College Faculty & Staff
- Volleyball Team





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Calling all TC Alumni!!!

The Office of Alumni Affairs is updating our records. Thank you to those who completed your data forms during Homecoming; however, we know that ALL alumni have not completed this form.

**CONTACT THE OFFICE
OF ALUMNI AFFAIRS
OFFICE TO UPDATE
YOUR CONTACT
INFORMATION TODAY!**

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FROM THE OFFICE OF ALUMNI AFFAIRS

Our mission in the Office of Alumni Affairs is to enrich the lives of alumni and engage them as volunteers, advocates, and contributors who strengthen Texas College.

Our vision is to be valued strategic partners in the success of Texas College.

Strategic Goals (*what we need to do to achieve our vision*)

- Maximize alumni engagement
- Increase alumni philanthropic support
- Increase alumni involvement as TC advocates
- Invest strategically in TC Alumni Relations
- Increase the collective understanding of alumni contributions

TC students (our future alumni) would benefit from greater financial support from alumni to help defray the costs of a TC education.

We are working on designing a five-year strategic plan for strengthening alumni engagement to build alumni philanthropy and advocacy at Texas College.

SPRING 2013 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday, February 20th
Honors Convocation

Monday - Wednesday, February 25th-27th
Religious Emphasis Observance

Friday, March 8th
LEGACY Scholarship Fundraiser

Friday, March 15th
Founders' Convocation
Celebrating 119 Years

Thursday, April 25th
Annual Athletic Banquet

Friday, May 3rd
Baccalaureate Service
Graduate Banquet

Saturday, May 4th
Commencement Exercise