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An Invitation

You are invited to visit the Blinn College campuses and meet members of the student body, faculty and administration, as well as, inspect the facilities of the College. Escorted tours of the campuses will be provided by appointment. Campus hours vary, so please call to schedule a tour [Brenham (979) 830-4152; Bryan (979) 209-7541; Schulenburg (979) 743-5220 and Sealy (979) 627-7997] in advance of your visit.

**We encourage you to visit our web site at
<http://www.blinn.edu>.**

Blinn College

**The First
County-Owned
Public Junior College in Texas**

133 Years of Continuous Service

Accreditation

Blinn College is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (www.sacscoc.org) to award associate degrees.

Contact the Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia, 30033-4097; or telephone 404-679-4500; or Web site www.sacscoc.org for questions about the accreditation of Blinn College.

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TEXAS EDUCATIONAL THEATRE ASSOCIATION

This catalog describes a flexible program of the curricula, educational plans, offerings and requirements which may be altered from time to time to carry out the purposes and objectives of the College. The provisions of this catalog do not constitute an offer for a contract which may be accepted by students through registration and enrollment in the College. The College reserves the right to change any provision, offering or requirement at any time within the student's period of study at the College. The College further reserves the right to require a student to withdraw from the College for cause at any time.

Copies of this publication have been deposited with the Texas State Library in compliance with the State Depository Law.

Important New Student Information

1. Complete a Blinn College application for admissions. Complete the Texas Common Application at <https://www.applytexas.org>.
2. Apply for financial aid. Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at www.FAFSA.ed.gov. Utilize the IRS data retrieval tool for faster processing and to reduce documents requested by Blinn.
3. Send your final high school transcript if your college transfer hours are less than 12 semester credit hours.
4. Send your complete college transcripts from all colleges attended, if applicable.
5. Determine your Texas Success Initiative (TSI) status by having an approved exemption or test scores from a state-approved placement test (http://www.blinn.edu/admissions/success_initiative.html). Blinn College offers the Accuplacer, Compass, and THEA-QT tests. For information on testing visit the following web site (<http://www.blinn.edu/counseling/testing.html>) or contact the Testing Center/Academic Advising and Counseling Office on the campus that will be attended.
6. Send your bacterial meningitis vaccination documentation. (<http://www.blinn.edu/immunization.html>)
7. Meet with a counselor/advisor to discuss course options. (<http://www.blinn.edu/counseling/advising.htm>)
8. Research course offerings.
9. Register using <http://my.blinn.edu> during approved times (<http://calendar.blinn.edu>).
10. Pay by the payment deadlines (<http://calendar.blinn.edu>).
11. Stay in touch.
 - a. Create <http://my.blinn.edu> password
 - b. Check your e-mail account
 - c. Check the Blinn College web page <http://www.blinn.edu>

(For further information or assistance, visit or call the campus you plan to attend.)

Student Right-to-Know and Campus Security Act

On November 8, 1990, the President of the United States signed into law the Student Right-to-Know and Campus Security Act. Considered a consumer rights statute, the Act requires colleges and universities to report graduation rates of all students as well as those of student athletes. In addition, schools must report certain campus crime statistics and campus security procedures. These statistics are available on the Blinn College web site. For questions contact the Office of the Senior Vice President of Student Services for the Brenham, Schulenburg, and Sealy campuses and the Dean of Student Success on the Bryan Campus.

BLINN COLLEGE ALMA MATER

Dear College we, our hearts to thee have holden
 By loyal love for each familiar scene,
 Our faithful pledge to thee is ever golden
 On our dear Blinn the sun of glory beams
 Our song to thee we raise in joyous praise,
 Our song to thee we raise in praise.

The children we, our love and pride confessing

Within thy walls we find a pleasant home;
 And may strive to bring a greater glory
 To crown thee now, and thro' years to come,
 And may we strive to bring a greater glory

To crown thee now, thro' the years to come.

ATHLETIC NICKNAME: Buccaneer

BLINN COLLEGE FIGHT SONG

Fight, Fight you Blinn Buccaneers
 Fight on to victory amid our cheers
 You're the masters of the ball
 You'll never falter, never fall
 With colors waving, Fight on, team fight
 You'll make a touchdown for blue and white
 Win or lose you'll always know
 We're for you Blinn Buccaneers.

Fight, Fight, Fight Team Fight
 Fight, Fight, Blue and White
 B U C S Blinn Buccaneers Fight
 Team Fight.

COLORS: Blue and White



Dear Students:

On behalf of the Board of Trustees and the entire Blinn College family, I am pleased to welcome you to Blinn College. For more than 130 years, Blinn has offered high-quality, affordable educational opportunities in a uniquely personalized and friendly atmosphere.

The premier two-year college in Texas, Blinn College has one of the nation's highest percentages of students who transfer to and graduate from top universities (exceeding the state average by more than 20 percent), and has earned national recognition for its affordable educational excellence and its commitment to community service and civic responsibility.

Blinn offers job seekers the skills and credentials they need to succeed in the region's fast-growing industries, and partners with local businesses to provide skills development training for incumbent employees. Each year, Blinn programs and students make a \$345.3 million impact on the local economy.

Blinn has been named to the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll, the highest accolade an educational institution can receive from the federal government for its commitment to service and civic engagement, five of the last seven years, and received Carnegie Classification from the Carnegie Foundation for Advancement of Teaching. That honor places Blinn among the top five percent of colleges and universities in the nation.

Blinn has been recognized as one of the most affordable large community colleges in the nation. Blinn students who take 30 credit hours will save approximately \$3,500 in tuition compared to the average Texas public university. We also offer more than 220 endowed scholarships.

And while we're one of the most widely-recognized community colleges in the state of Texas, we continue to explore innovative opportunities to help you succeed. Beginning in Fall 2015, we are introducing a new initiative, "Destination Success: First-Year Focus," in which we will use learning communities to help first-year college students make the transition from high school through learning communities that give each student a strong support system as they adapt to a college workload.

With a focus on students and teaching excellence, Blinn offers a robust and modern variety of academic transfer courses, health science programs, workforce training and continuing education classes for almost 20,000 students. We serve students throughout a 13-county district that encompasses four unique campuses in Bryan, Brenham, Schulenburg and Sealy, and our flexible online programs allow you to study from anywhere in the world.

Thank you for your interest in Blinn College. Schedule a tour with us today and let us show you why Blinn College is the "*Proven*" choice for all your educational needs.

Mary Hensley, Ed.D.
District President/CEO
 Blinn College



On behalf of the Student Services Division, I welcome you to Blinn College. We hope your time at Blinn is fulfilling and enjoyable. According to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, Blinn College is the top transfer institution in the state of Texas. We pride ourselves on helping students complete their educational goals whether they are to receive an Associate's Degree, transfer to a senior institution, or receive a professional degree or certificate.

Blinn College has four unique campuses located in Brenham, Bryan, Schulenburg, and Sealy. For those of you in high school, Blinn College has a large dual credit program where high school students earn both college and high school credit. Blinn offers a full range of transferrable academic courses as well as many professional degrees and programs offered in both traditional classroom settings and online.

This catalog and its online counterpart is designed to be used as your resource for Blinn College policies and procedures. It also contains campus specific information to assist you to be a more informed student.

The Student Services Division is here to help you in your pursuit of academic enlightenment and excellence. Please contact myself or one of the Student Services professionals for help and guidance. We are here to help you succeed!

Good luck in your educational endeavors both here at Blinn College and throughout your academic career.

Sincerely,

Dennis K. Crowson, Ph.D.
Senior Vice President of Student Services

On behalf of Student Government Association (SGA) and the entire student body, I am excited to welcome you to Blinn College, Brenham campus. I can assure you that you have made an excellent choice in choosing Blinn to continue your education. We are excited to have you join us on our continued journey toward academic excellence. I would encourage each of you to find a place to be involved, whether it is through academic clubs, social clubs, or activities such as intramural sports. Giving yourself the opportunity to experience new things and meet new people is the best way to discover pathways to a bright and exciting future. It is what your college experience should provide.

I am honored to serve as your Student Body President, and it is my mission to help you discover the best you that you can be through the opportunities that Blinn has to offer. If you have questions or concerns, or just need someone to listen because you're feeling overwhelmed, please don't hesitate to get in touch with me.

My email is, randall.russell72@buc.blinn.edu, and I'll have regular hours at the SLA office in the student center.

Looking forward to a great year with you! Sincerely,

Randall "Austin" Russell
Blinn College Student Body President, Brenham

Hello fellow Students,

On behalf of the Blinn Bryan Student Government Association (SGA), I am happy to welcome you to Blinn College Bryan. Coming to college is a step towards accomplishing your goals and dreams. For this reason I want to congratulate you on your accomplishments thus far and encourage you to keep going strong. Work hard, study hard, have fun and after your studies are done, reap the fruits of your efforts.

As you make your way through the halls and classes of Blinn College, faculty and staff work hard to ensure that you get the best education possible. SGA is also committed to help students and make life at the college better. Our organization helps both in the school community and also the local one. Last year we had our holiday Food Drive and it was a success. This year we intend to have another Food Drive and hopefully surpass our last year's mark.

The past year we were able to start intramurals at Blinn. This year they will continue and you should keep an eye out for them so you can get involved and have some fun. Furthermore, our organization helps with other clubs on campus so that regardless of what your interests are that you can be part of something you enjoy.

SGA will continue to support student like and to better your experience in other areas. Through the course of time the organization has also served as a liaison between the students and the administration. We will do our best to benefit you as a student, since we represent the voice of all of you guys. I, as your SGA president, will do my best and so will all our organization to voice your concerns. However, you can also do you part. I encourage you to get involved with SGA. Show up to the general assemblies, or stop by the Student Government Office in the Student Center Room E119 and ask how you can become a member of the organization. Make sure to like the Blinn – Bryan CAB page on Facebook where you can keep up to date with the activities that are taking place at Blinn College.

Hope to see you around!

Best Regards,

Oscar Reyes, Blinn Bryan Campus Student Body President

Hello students,

I am so excited to welcome you to Blinn College Schulenburg. This college incorporates the foundations of learning while creating enjoyable, lasting memories. There are amazing faculty and staff who work hard, long hours to create an opportune environment to help you better yourself through higher education. College is a time in your life that you will look back on always. It is the major stepping stone into your future. Make your time here count.

Outside of Schulenburg's classes, we have a newly formed Student Government Association (SGA). Each Blinn campus has an SGA, and its main purpose is to be the voice of the students. We work with the administration to make our school a better place for your education. Along with that, we take trips to attend region and state conventions to meet other SGAs around the state of Texas.

As your SGA president, I work hard to get to know as many of you as I can and want to know your thoughts and concerns about our campus. Not only do we, as an SGA, work to create a better learning environment for you, but we also try to create a bit of student life around the campus by having fun activities such as giving out finals stress packets, fundraising for a cause, helping out when the school hosts an event on campus, and having welcome-back activities.

The more students who are involved, the more fun we end up having. I would like to personally invite you to join SGA. It doesn't matter if you are fresh out of high school or you are coming back after taking a break from your education. We want to hear what you think because everyone has ideas and every idea is different. Let your imagination run because you never know where it might take you.

Hope to see you soon!

Best Wishes,

Ashley Brugger
Blinn College SGA President, Schulenburg