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Long before I ever came to Blinn College, Norwood Lange had already etched his name upon the history of Blinn College. After graduating from Brenham High School in 1951, Norwood came to Blinn and played for our baseball and basketball teams before transferring to Sam Houston State University on an athletic scholarship. Blinn was the first step for Norwood, who was drafted into the U.S. Army and stationed in Europe for 18 months, where he played on the All-Army baseball team.

After completing his military duties, he returned to Sam Houston State, where he captained the 1957 Bearkats baseball team and signed with the Detroit Tigers, playing for their minor league team in Saskatchewan, Canada.

After shoulder surgery cut his baseball career short, he entered the insurance industry in Beaumont in 1964, eventually returning back home to Brenham in 1980. Ten years later, he began 24 years of service to Blinn College as a member of the Board of Trustees. In 2007, he was named to the College’s Hall of Honor, and since then he has only built upon his legacy of ambassadorship for our College and community.

Norwood announced his resignation from the board during this month’s meeting after almost a quarter century of service to Blinn and its students. Since I arrived in Brenham, he has been a great resource regarding Blinn’s proud history and an even better friend. Norwood has overseen a period of tremendous growth for our College, from approximately 6,000 students when Norwood joined the board to more than 18,000 today.

I wish Norwood and his wife Barbara the best as they move on to a new chapter in their lives, and want them to know that they will always be a cherished part of the Blinn College family.

Harold Nolte, Ed.D.
District President
Lange resigns after 24 years on Blinn College Board of Trustees

College enrollment leapt from 6,930 students to more than 18,000 during Lange’s tenure

After 24 years of service to Blinn College and its students, Norwood Lange has resigned from the College’s Board of Trustees.

Lange, who joined the board in 1990, served as secretary from 1996-2000 and 2004-08. In 2007, he was inducted into the Blinn College Hall of Honor. During his tenure, Lange helped to oversee a period of incredible growth at the College, as enrollment leapt from 6,930 students in 1990 to 18,413 last Fall and Blinn opened new campuses in Bryan, Schulenburg and Sealy.

With that enrollment growth came a construction boom, including the Dr. W.W. O’Donnell Performing Arts Center, the W.J. “Bill” Rankin Agricultural Complex, the Brenham campus Administration Building, the J. Hal and Allynne Machat Music Facility, student apartments and the Bert and Mae Dean Wheeler Residence Hall. Additionally, Blinn’s Health Sciences Division is housed at the 53,000-square-foot Texas A&M Health Science Center.

The board will appoint a new Precinct 1 representative to serve until the next regular election in May.

A 1951 Brenham High School graduate, Lange attended Blinn from 1951-52, where he lettered in baseball and basketball. He attended Sam Houston State University on dual basketball/baseball scholarships before being drafted into the U.S. Army. He was stationed in Europe, and after 18 months he was inducted onto the All-Army team and was named onto the All-Army team and was named captain of the 1957 team. He graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree and signed a contract with the Detroit Tigers, playing one year for their affiliate in Regina, Saskatchewan. After shoulder surgery, he went to work for PPG Industries as branch manager in Galveston.

Lange entered the insurance industry in Beaumont in 1964. He became active in the Rotary and Optimist clubs, managed Little League baseball and officiated basketball games for 22 years, including time as a Southwest Conference official. In 1980, Lange and his family returned to Brenham, where he purchased the Holleman-Reed Insurance Agency.

Lange has served on the St. Paul’s Lutheran Church Council, the Brenham Country Club Board of Directors and the Prime Bank Advisory Council in Brenham and Houston.

“...I t has been an honor to serve alongside Norwood Lange,” Board President Douglas Borchardt said. “His leadership and vision have helped Blinn become one of the premier community colleges in the state, and he leaves a legacy that has impacted generations of Blinn College students.”

Blinn offers huge savings for 2014-15 academic year

College’s tuition and fees will save students almost $4,000 vs. average Texas public university

Blinn College students will not only have the opportunity to earn a diploma in the upcoming year, but they’ll also walk away with huge college savings compared to universities throughout the state.

According to figures compiled by CollegeForAllTexans.com, Blinn College students who take 30 credit hours in the 2014-15 academic year will save thousands in tuition and fees compared to students at both public and private universities across the state.

“It’s important to not only provide a quality education, but to make that education affordable so everyone in our community has the opportunity to reach their dreams,” said Dr. Harold Nolte, Blinn district president. “It’s not enough to offer academic excellence — at Blinn, we are committed to affordable academic excellence.”

At just $4,082 for 30 credit hours, Blinn’s out-of-district tuition and fees offer students a savings of $3,891 (48.8 percent) compared to state residents at the average Texas public university. The average tuition and fees for Texas residents at a public university is $7,973.

Savings are even greater for Washington County residents. With an in-district tuition of $2,674, students can save $5,299 (66.5 percent) compared to what they would spend at a Texas public university.

Students who choose to attend Blinn instead of one of the state’s 37 private universities save more than $20,000 over the course of the year. With the average Texas independent university costing $25,436 in tuition and fees, out-of-district Blinn students save $21,354 (84 percent) over the course of the year.

On top of the College’s low tuition and fees, the Blinn Foundation offers more than 200 endowed scholarships available to incoming and returning students from a wide range of backgrounds, majors, academic backgrounds and experiences. Blinn students and prospective students can also register for external scholarships and participate in grant programs.

Last year, AffordableCollegesOnline.org, a site that educates students about their options for obtaining and paying for a degree, named Blinn one of the most affordable large community colleges in the nation.

Blinn’s 41.6 percent academic transfer rate is one of the highest in the nation and significantly surpasses the state average of 25.4 percent. The Blinn TEAM (Transfer Enrollment at A&M) Program allows selected applicants to Texas A&M’s freshman class a unique co-enrollment opportunity with the opportunity to earn full Texas A&M admission. The initiative, the first of its kind between a major university and a community college, received the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board’s Recognition of Excellence in 2013.

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Blinn Health Science Center gives middle school students inside look at healthcare careers

Seventh and eighth graders inspired to pursue higher education, science careers at HSC Summer Camp

Ten area middle school students got an inside look at an array of healthcare careers recently during Blinn College’s first-ever Health Science Center (HSC) Summer Camp. Bryan and College Station seventh and eighth graders explored health-related fields during the three-day camp at the College’s Health Science Center campus, a 23,000-square-foot state-of-the-art facility featuring the latest clinical simulation technology. Faculty, staff and local healthcare professionals introduced students to physical therapy, fire science, emergency medical services, dental hygiene, therapeutics manufacturing, nursing and radiology through lectures and hands-on simulation activities.

“Our goal is to introduce young students to healthcare careers, especially those less widely known,” said Kim Decker, emergency medical technician instructor. “A lot of people don’t think about radiology through lectures and hands-on simulation activities.

PTK is the official honor society for two-year colleges by the American Association of Community Colleges. Founded in 1918, PTK promotes scholarship, leadership service and fellowship among its members. To be accepted into the program, students must carry at least a 3.5 grade point average (GPA) with at least 12 transferable hours. Blinn – Brenham’s Beta Alpha chapter has more than 100 members.

“I came to Blinn to focus on my grades and transfer to Texas A&M for vet school,” Ferreira said. “Then I got involved in Phi Theta Kappa. It’s such a fun, educational opportunity. It challenges your critical thinking skills and it’s a great experience for any student.”

At the recent weekly PTK Honors Institute in St. Louis, Ferreira learned important leadership skills, including confidence, consistency and open-mindedness. Much of the conference was dedicated to preparing the officers to implement the Honors in Action project on their respective campuses. Honors in Action is a PTK initiative that encourages students to apply critical thinking and problem-solving skills toward an annual community action plan.

“It was a great learning environment,” Ferreira said. “You take the topic for the year and apply it to your community to discover how you can make it better. That’s what the Honors in Action project and PTK is all about.”

Ferreira is the first Blinn student to hold a regional officer position since 1980.

“I’m blessed to have this experience,” she said. “If you have the opportunity to be a part of something that is bigger than yourself, do it. The doors are numerous and so are the learning opportunities.”

Blinn student represents College, honor society as district vice president

Boehnemann family and friends gift $15,000 for Blinn nursing scholarship

Nursing grad Cynthia Boehnemann was a dedicated nurse for more than 40 years

More than one year after her passing, the late Cynthia Boehnemann of Brenham continues to leave a legacy of selfless service for Blinn College students who follow in her footsteps.

The Blinn College Foundation recently accepted a $15,000 gift from the Boehnemann family and friends to establish an endowed memorial scholarship in honor of Cynthia Boehnemann for students enrolled in Blinn’s Licensed Vocational Nursing (LVN) Program on the Brenham campus. The scholarship will be awarded to an LVN student on the College’s Brenham campus who has demonstrated the ability, character and integrity necessary for a successful career in the nursing field.

“The Cynthia Boehnemann Memorial Scholarship is a gift of a lifetime for a student,” said Susan Myers, executive director of the Blinn College Foundation. “Mrs. Boehnemann’s legacy will live on through these students’ lives and work.”

Boehnemann graduated from the college’s LVN program and was employed as a nurse for more than 40 years at St. Jude and Trinity hospitals in Brenham. Friends and family said she loved her profession and made serving others a top priority.

“She was more than just a nurse,” said Donna Frick, LVN professor on the Brenham campus. “She was a mentor, she was a friend. She was everything to everyone she knew. We are so proud to know that her legacy will be shared with other students through the scholarship.”

Blinn’s Licensed Vocational Nursing Program consists of classroom, laboratory and clinical experiences. Hospitals and other healthcare facilities throughout the Brenham and La Grange communities are utilized for clinical rotations. Students spend 35–40 hours each week in scheduled, attendance-mandatory activities.

The program’s first semester includes 10 courses, and students must pass all their classes to advance to the next semester. To pass, students must score at least a 75 percent, and the program also features a strict attendance policy.

The Foundation supports programs and activities that enhance the quality of education for Blinn College students and expand the educational opportunities for the entire community. While raising funds is an important function, the Foundation also seeks to heighten community awareness of the mission and accomplishments of the College and to promote excellence in education.

Since its inception in 2000, the Foundation has raised more than $13 million for Blinn. Those funds have been used to help launch major construction projects across Blinn’s campuses, including the A.W. Holdefer Jr. Technical Education Center, the J. Hal and Allyne Machat Music Facility, the W.J. “Bill” Rankin Agricultural Complex and the Bert and Mae Dean Wheeler Residence Hall.

An additional $1 million has been spent purchasing classroom equipment and supplies requested by Blinn faculty.

The Blinn College Foundation recently accepted a $10,000 gift from the Boehnemann family and friends to establish an endowed memorial scholarship in honor of Cynthia Boehnemann for students enrolled in Blinn’s Licensed Vocational Nursing (LVN) Program on the Brenham campus. Family members Robin Boehnemann, Anne Woods, Shawie Woods and Leilie Boehnemann were presented with a plaque in recognition of this scholarship. Not pictured: Tim Woods.

Ione Ferreira learning about leadership, service at Phi Theta Kappa conferences

The doors are numerous and so are the learning opportunities.
Blinn professors selected to participate in Advanced Placement test scoring

Michael Williams and Audrey Wick spend eight days scoring AP free-response essays

Two Blinn College faculty were selected to participate in the College Board’s Annual Advanced Placement (AP) English language exam reading last month.

Audrey Wick, humanities professor on the Blinn-Shieldsburg campus and Michael Williams, humanities instructor on the Blinn-Bryan campus spent eight days in Louisville, Kentucky, evaluating and scoring the free-response sections of the AP exams. They were joined by more than 12,500 AP teachers and college educators representing many of the world’s leading academic institutions.

Advanced Placement courses enable willing and academically prepared high school students to pursue college-level studies with the opportunity to earn college credit through AP exams before graduating high school. Each June, AP high school teachers and college faculty members from around the world gather to evaluate and score the free-response sections of the AP Exams. This year faculty evaluated more than 4.2 million AP exams.

“This is a great opportunity for professional development,” said Wick, who has participated in several readings. “It’s helpful to see what is coming out of high schools so that we as college instructors can be prepared when those students enter our classrooms.”

Faculty dialogue at the annual readings helps to ease students’ transition from high school to college, Wick said.

“We want to close the gaps between high school and college curriculum, and we don’t get that opportunity during long semesters,” Wick said. “At the readings, there is a direct opportunity for me to close the gaps by having important conversations with high school teachers. It’s refreshing and helpful to students and faculty.”

Blinn tabs Griffith to oversee technical and workforce education

College creates new VP position

Blinn College has established a new vice president position to oversee in Health Sciences and Technical & Workforce Education divisions, the College has announced.

Dr. Cynthia Griffith, formerly vice president for instruction, will serve as the vice president for instruction for technical and workforce education. An interim vice president for instruction for academic programs will be named shortly.

“Dividing our instructional administration between two vice presidents will allow us to place greater focus on every division at Blinn College,” said Dr. Harold Nolte, district president. “Our Health Science and Technical & Workforce Education divisions are vital to Blinn and the communities we serve. We look forward to drawing upon Cynthia’s experience and knowledge as she leads these divisions into a bright future.”

Griffith joined Blinn as vice president for Allied Health Sciences in May 2013 and was assigned as vice president for instruction in November. From 2008-13, Griffith was dean of public service, health and behavioral sciences Lone Star College – CyFair. Prior to that, she was dean of workforce and community education at Alamo College – Northeast Lakeview and served as director of radiology technology at Lone Star College – Montgomery and Angelina College.

Blinn names three assistant deans for Division of Science, Engineering & Math

College’s 12 assistant deans bring 144 years of Blinn experience to new roles

Blinn College has named Dr. Lee Don Bieniess, Grady Hendricks and Max Hibbs assistant deans for the Division of Science, Engineering & Math.

With the hires, Blinn has now named 12 assistant deans with 144 years of Blinn College experience across its Visual & Performing Arts; Humanities; Social Sciences; Business, Agriculture & Kinesiology; and Science, Engineering & Math divisions.

The College has previously named Deborah Vavra and Craig Jeffrey assistant deans in developing and maintaining curriculum and programs. Assistant deans will promote activities, strategies and processes that prepare students for success while meeting the requirements of all internal and external accreditation entities, and will help lead their divisions in planning, development, implementation and evaluation.

The College is currently in the process of hiring department heads. All assistant deans and department heads will begin their duties Aug. 20.

Lee Don Bieniess, Ph.D.

Bieniess has been a Blinn faculty member since 2001, when he joined the Natural Science Division as a physics instructor. The following year he began teaching chemistry, and in 2007 he was named chemistry coordinator and tasked with scheduling classes for the Chemistry Department and assisting with hiring new professors. In 2009, he was named assistant division chair. Bieniess earned his Bachelor of Science in chemistry from Texas A&M University in 1969, and his Ph.D. in chemistry from Texas A&M in 1978.

From 1978-72, he served as a bench chemist and expert witness in forensic chemistry for the U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Lab, where he worked more than 200 cases.

Grady Hendricks

Hendricks has been a Blinn faculty member since 2001, when he joined the Physics Department as a part-time instructor. In 2002 he became a full-time faculty member and currently teaches algebra- and calculus-based introductory physics courses and has also taught introductory astronomy.

In 2010, Hendricks was named Physics Department coordinator, a role that included managing the departmental budget, scheduling, mentoring new faculty and recruiting and scheduling interviews with part-time teaching applicants. He was nominated for the Blinn Professional Association Outstanding Teaching Award in 2006 and earned the National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development (NISOD) Excellence Award in 2012.

Hendricks earned his B.S. and M.S. degrees in physics from Texas A&M University.

Max Hibbs

Hibbs joined the Blinn faculty in 2000. He has served as Blinn Professional Association vice president-elect and vice president and campus representative for the Texas Community College Teachers Association (TCCTA). He served as TCCTA – Mathematics section secretary in 2010-11 and president-elect in 2011-12, and served on numerous curriculum, textbook and post-test committees for the Blinn Mathematics Division.

Hibbs has also served as faculty advisor for the Blinn Match Club and the College’s Brehnam campus chapter of Mu Alpha Theta, the international community college honor society. He won the NISOD Excellence Award in 2009 and was runner-up for the Blinn Teaching Excellence Award in 2013.

Hibbs earned his Bachelor of Science in mathematics from Southeastern Oklahoma State University in 1975 and his Master of Science in mathematics from Oklahoma State University in 1977.

The assistant deans will each have home campuses, but will serve all campuses district-wide, providing assistance and leadership to the academic deans in developing and maintaining curriculum and programs. Assistant deans will promote activities, strategies and processes that prepare students for success while meeting the requirements of all internal and external accreditation entities, and will help lead their divisions in planning, development, implementation and evaluation.

Regardless of their major, every Blinn College student can benefit from a visit to the Bryan or Brenham campus Writing Centers. The Writing Centers, located on the Bryan campus in Room 119 of the Academic Building and on the Brenham campus in Room 9 of the Academic Building, provide one-on-one tutoring services to all Blinn students. Though it’s not an editing service, each of the centers’ staff of professional tutors can help students understand an assignment, choose a topic, brainstorm, plan, revise, edit and document sources.

During a tutoring session students choose what aspects of their assignments they would like to work on, and tutors help students identify and address their writing concerns.

“It’s very important for students at all levels to write clearly and effectively,” said Bryan campus Writing Center director and English professor Richard Williamson. “They are going to be
Blinn welcomes more than 2,000 students to New Student Orientations

More than 2,000 new Blinn College students have seized the opportunity to meet with advisors, register for classes and get a glimpse of college life before Fall classes begin Aug. 27.

In 17 New Student Orientation (NSO) sessions since May, students have participated in workshops on enrollment and financial aid, received tips on adapting to collegiate expectations, participated in scavenger hunts across campus and familiarized themselves with their campus of choice.

“Students who attend college orientations feel more confident on campus and know what services and resources are available to them,” said Rachel Landolt, academic advisor and Bryan campus NSO coordinator. “It’s a major contribution to their success, and that’s what we aim to offer here at Blinn.”

While students attended workshops and participated in group advising, parents and family members were invited to attend their own orientation, which included information on the college transition, financial aid, enrollment services and advising.

“College can be just as much a transition for the family as it is for students,” Landolt said. “Breaking up the orientation this way allows us to get parents the information they want and enables them to ask questions.”

On Blinn’s Brenham campus, students and their families can sign up for on-campus housing or visit with local apartment representatives invited to the campus.

“Students seek out Blinn because it offers the feel of a four-year university,” said Mordecai Brownlee, dean of student life. “They’re moving away from home, which can be a frightening experience, and we want to help build a support system around the students. We do our best to make sure that when the students leave home, they have everything they need to move forward.”

Students at the College’s Sealy and Schulenburg campuses will participate in NSOs after the Fall semester begins. Blinn plans to introduce an online orientation next Spring for enrolled students.

BOARD NOTES

Regular board meeting July 15, 2014, Brenham, Texas

The board received or heard reports from:
- Dr. Harold Noble, district president, on administrative announcements.
- Sylvia McMullen, president of Brazos County campuses, on updates from Brazos County campuses.
- Andrea Liner, dean of admissions/registration on enrollment.
- Tony Adam, director of institutional assessment, on the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges reaffirmation update.
- Dr. Mary Barnes-Tilley, OEP co-director, on the Quality Enhancement Plan.
- Richard O’Malley, executive director of facilities, planning and construction, on buildings and grounds.
- The board reviewed the financial statement and list of checks for the period ending June 30, 2014.

The board voted to:
- Approve the minutes for the June 16, 2014, regular meeting and the June 17, 2014 and June 30, 2014 special meetings.
- Appoint a member to the Brazos County advisory committee.
- Authorize the administration to enter into a professional services agreement with Association of Community College Trustees for board training services and interim services assistance.
- Authorize the administration to negotiate a professional services agreement with Ariketek Studio, Inc. for the planning and programming design services related to the development of campus buildings and space improvements on the Bryan campus.
- Adopt revisions to the following Blinn College board policies: BD (LOCAL): Board Meetings; BES (LOCAL): Board Meetings - Public Participation; DMA (LOCAL): Term Contracts - Termination Mid-Croft; FLB (LOCAL): Student Rights and Responsibilities - Student Conduct; GFA (LOCAL): Community Use of College District Facilities - Conduct on College District Premises; FLD (LOCAL): Student Rights and Responsibilities - Student Complaints.

Several board policies were revised/adopted from the annual Texas Association of School Boards policy update. For more information, please visit the Policy/Procedure Information web page. Maggie check the Board Meeting Agenda/Minutes web page for the latest board action pertaining to policies.
Blinn hosts fifth annual Summer Science Seminar for Teachers

Fourteen K-12 teachers learn techniques for engaging science students

Fourteen area teachers got a fresh look at science recently during the fifth annual Summer Science Seminar for Teachers, hosted by Blinn College’s Division of Science, Engineering & Mathematics.

Presentations ranged from chemistry to microbiology to spiders, as kindergarten through 12th-grade teachers learned to engage their students in science from Blinn College – Brenham campus faculty during the daylong seminar.

“It’s a unique kind of professional development,” said Karen Kilion, event facilitator and natural science instructor. “It’s great to help these teachers increase their knowledge base and get them a step ahead in the classroom.”

The seminar began in 2009 as a way to support professional development and introduce a handful of area high school teachers to the College and its science facilities. Kilion’s first experience with the seminar was five years ago as a science teacher at Brenham high school. She attended the seminar twice before joining Blinn as a faculty member in 2011. “I always looked forward to the seminar as a teacher,” Kilion said. “As a facilitator, I love the event because it attracts the best of the best who truly have a desire to learn and help others do the same. It’s an honor to work with such dedicated educators.”

Teachers left the seminar with not only a wealth of new tools for their classrooms, but eight hours of professional development credit and a grab bag full of hands-on activities provided through a donation from the Blinn College Foundation. Each teacher also took home door prizes donated by the Foundation and the College bookstore.

Blinn faculty and staff get tips for advising prospective Texas A&M transfer students

Texas A&M representatives share answers to frequently asked transfer questions at ‘Aggie Day’

Blinn faculty and staff received tips for advising prospective Texas A&M University transfer students at a recent “Aggie Day” event with Texas A&M staff.

Blinn’s academic Advising & Counseling office hosted “Aggie Day” in the Barbara L. Pearson Banquet Room in the Bryan campus Student Center to ease Blinn students’ transition into Texas A&M.

Representatives from Texas A&M’s colleges of veterinary medicine, engineering, liberal arts, geosciences, agriculture, architecture and business answered frequently asked questions for the audience of Blinn faculty and staff.

Each representative addressed the qualities that make for a competitive applicant for university admissions, transfer recruitment programs and scholarships.

“Students who want to transfer to A&M may not know the steps that will get them there,” said Sophia Polk, academic advising and counseling director. “Aggie Day gives us the opportunity to learn how we can help students get admitted into the colleges of their choice.”

Generally, a successful Texas A&M transfer student will have at least a 3.0 average in their common body of knowledge coursework, a 3.0 grade point average, evidence of success in core courses for their major and a strong admissions essay.

“Aggie Day brought us some really valuable tools and information and I know our students will be more successful because of it,” Polk said. “That is what we are here for—to ensure student success.”

Polk said she intends for Aggie Day to become a regular event in addition to Texas A&M representative monthly visits to Blinn’s Bryan and Brenham campuses.
Blinn athletic department to support adoption awareness in 2014-15

The Blinn College athletic department is partnering with Here I Am Orphan Ministries for the second year of its Adopt-a-Charity program.

Last August, Blinn announced that its athletic department would partner each year with a local non-profit organization. The program donated more than $1,200 to Adam’s Angels Ministry during its inaugural campaign as Blinn hosted an Adam’s Angels game during each of its six sports – football, volleyball, men’s and women’s basketball, softball and baseball. Gate proceeds from each Adam’s Angels game were donated to help local families facing childhood cancer.

This year’s Adopt-a-Charity partner, Here I Am Orphan Ministries, is a Christian non-profit ministry that cares for orphans through prayer, missions, education, advocacy and adoption awareness. For more information, visit www.orphanministries.com.

“The Blinn College athletic department is excited to help bring awareness to Here I Am Orphan Ministries,” Athletic Director Scott Schumacher said.

The Adopt-a-Charity program built upon the success of the Blinn baseball program’s Turn Back the Clock games, in which the Buccaneers would wear replicas of 1920s and ’30s jerseys and donate a portion of game proceeds to local charities.

In addition to the Adopt-a-Charity program, Blinn College athletes read at local elementary schools, host an annual baseball clinic for Washington County Little Leaguers, host and volleyball clinics for First Baptist Church School students and dedicate a softball game each year to raising money for breast cancer awareness.

Last month, the NJCAA announced that Blinn’s baseball, softball and volleyball teams each earned 2013-14 all-academic recognition. Ninety Blinn athletes were named to the College’s Spring 2014 Don Wilhelm Athletic Director’s Honor Roll.

Blinn’s Evangelista named NJCAA female athlete of the year

All-American volleyball players led Buccaneers to the 2013 national championship

Blinn College All-American volleyball player Bruna Evangelista has been named the 2014 NJCAA Betty Jo Graber Female Athlete of the Year after leading the Buccaneers to the third national title in program history.

Evangelista is the first Buccaneer to win the award in its 21-year history.

An NJCAA and American Volleyball Coaches Association 2013 All-American, Evangelista recorded 584 kills (4.03 per set) and 157 blocks (1.08 per set) last season, including a 23-kill performance in the national title game against Tyler Junior College. She was named the national tournament MVP.

For her career, Evangelista recorded 852 kills in 1,712 attempts for a .383 hitting percentage.

“Blinn helped me with everything,” Evangelista said. “I grew so much as a volleyball player and as a person.”

Evangelista has signed with the University of Alabama to play volleyball next year.

“She has meant a lot to the program, not just on an athletic basis but on a personal basis,” coach Erin Mellinger said. “This award says a lot about who she is and what kind of athlete she is.”

Blinn volleyball defeated Tyler Junior College 3-1 to claim the national championship in Cypress, Wyo., last November. The Buccaneers finished the season 39-3 and won all four matches at the tournament to claim the title. The Buccaneers entered a berth to the national tournament by winning five of six matches at the Region XIV Championships, defeating the team they would eventually play in the NJCAA finals for the regional title. Blinn volleyball previously won the national championship in 2008 and 2011.

The award is named after Betty Jo Graber, a former Weatherford College women’s basketball coach. NJCAA’s basketball committee chair and founding member of the NJCAA women’s division. Graber was a member of the inaugural Women’s Basketball Hall of Fame in Tennessee. The award is given annually to the NJCAA student-athlete who best exhibits her hard work, discipline, ethics and excellence.

Blinn has competed in intercollegiate athletics since 1903 and captured 29 NJCAA national championships since 1987.

Buccaneer Alumni Lettermen hosting golf tournament Aug. 9

The Buccaneer Alumni Lettermen Association will host its annual golf tournament Saturday, Aug. 9 at Brenham Country Club to benefit the Blinn College Athletic Department.

The 18-hole, four-person modified scramble includes a meal ticket, green fee, cart and putting and hole-in-one contests for $50 per team. The shotgun start is set for 1 p.m. The first 36 paid teams will be accepted.

For more information or to register for the tournament, visit www.buccaneersports.com or contact Dr. Kyle Merten, Blinn College director of alumni relations, at 979-830-4495.

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Aug. 9, 2014

Brenham Country Club
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NEW HIRES

Brenham Campus, Full-time
Christy Berry, director Academic Services; Janice Kramer, purchasing assistant; and Kathryn Telsede, administrative assistant.

Bryan Campus, Full-time
Sonia Salinas, Admissions and Records clerk.

Bryan Campus, Part-time
Christine Mascarado, tutor; Michelle Ramotowski, tutor; Lee Jennings, instructor; Ashley Navarrette, instructor; Michael Walock, instructor.

Museum, Part-time
Frank Atkinson, custodian.

Schulenburg Campus, Part-time
Marsha Pietsch, instructor and Dorian Villegas, instructor.

PERSONAL NOTES

Humanities Professor Essie Childers, Assistant Dean of Business Jennifer Garcia, Communication Studies Professor Margarita Gangotena, Science and Mathematics Professor Cheryl Metz, Business Professor Erin Wilhite and Business Instructor Brandy Scholze attended the Texas Community College Teachers Association “Leading from the Middle” Conference in Sugar Land, July 13-15. Comprised of educators from every teaching discipline, as well as counselors, librarians, and administrators, the 6,000-member TCCTA is the largest organization of postsecondary educators in Texas. Childers serves as TCCTA’s president-elect and Gangotena is a Blinn TCCTA representative.

Mark your Calendars

AUG. 5............ Summer II and 10-Week Finals
AUG. 7............ Summer II and 10-Week Grades Due
AUG. 8............ Board of Trustees/Executive Council Workshop, Board Dining Room, 8 a.m.
AUG. 8............ Paramedic Pinning Ceremony, Pearson Banquet Room, 4 p.m.
AUG. 11.......... International Student Orientation, Pearson Banquet Room, 10 a.m.
AUG. 19.......... Board of Trustees Regular Meeting, Brenham Administration Bldg., 6:30 p.m.
AUG. 20.......... Faculty Returns
AUG. 25.......... Brenham Campus Housing Check-In, 10 a.m.
AUG. 27.......... Fall 2014 Classes Begin

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• Do not ignore or hesitate when alarms sound or if you see unsafe conditions or danger

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