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Veterinary Technology Program gives students competitive edge
As many of you know, our Board of Trustees voted Monday to terminate our purchase contract for the property at 2501 Earl Rudder Freeway South in College Station, owned by Lynntech, Inc.

This decision was based upon the thorough due diligence process we conducted to ensure that the property would be the best fit possible for Blinn College and its students. After analyzing all the information we gathered, the administration recommended to the board that we terminate the purchase contract. The board agreed.

As we announced that evening, we will now assemble a real estate assessment team comprised of internal administrators and external consultants to identify potential land options for campus expansion opportunities. The board has authorized College administrators to enter the due diligence process on any Brazos County site identified as a viable campus location, and we will continue to explore property and facility opportunities to meet our enrollment needs.

The addition of a new site for Brazos County expansion remains a top priority for the College, and while we intend to move quickly to meet our growth needs, we will not rush for the sake of taking speedy action. Our exploration of the Lynntech property proceeded exactly as the process should – as we saw an opportunity, we gathered all available information and we made a judgment based upon the research.

We will now continue that process of strategic exploration until we find the perfect home for our next Blinn College campus – one that serves the needs of Blinn College, its students and the community. 

Harold Nolte, Ed.D.
District President
Veterinary Technology Program gives students competitive edge in landing internships, careers

Five Blinn College faculty were recently honored with the 2014 National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development (NISOD) Excellence Award in recognition of their dedication to student success.

Music and Drama Professor Sarah Burke, Natural Science Instructor Frances Karel, Vocational Nursing Instructor Michelle Malburger, Legal Assistant Program Coordinator Robert Stanberry and English Professor Richard Williamson were honored at the annual NISOD conference in Austin.

Created in 1978, NISOD is a consortium of community colleges that share a philosophical commitment to support excellence in teaching, learning and leadership. NISOD member institutions receive weekly professional development materials and are eligible to nominate outstanding faculty, staff and administrators for the annual Excellence Awards program.

The Blinn recipients were nominated by the heads of their divisions based on their character and integrity, effectiveness as instructors, involvement in student organizations and activities, service to Blinn College and participation in professional organizations and professional development activities.

“It’s a great honor to be recognized by your colleagues and by your school,” Williamson said. “The award is greatly appreciated.”

In addition to teaching English, Williamson is director of the Bryan campus Writing Center. He said he brought back a wealth of information from the conference to be used in the classroom and the Writing Center.

“We are doing here at Blinn is great—we’re engaging students, we’re using the latest technology,” Williamson said. “We have to meet the students where they are and realize that a lot of what they do is technology-oriented. I left feeling really good about where we are headed.”

NISOD Excellence Award recognizes faculty for outstanding teaching and leadership

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This summer, Danielle Gaucher (Boston) will zip up her wetsuit and plunge into her dream job. All 5.7 million gallons of it.

A recent graduate of Blinn College’s Veterinary Technology Program, Gaucher has a position as an aquatic research intern at Walt Disney World Resort in Orlando, Fla., where she will assist with health checks and treatments of aquatic animals ranging from crustaceans to sharks, dolphins and manatees.

“This is my dream job, and I don’t think I would have gotten here without the Blinn vet tech program,” Gaucher said. “It’s exactly what I went to school for and I can’t wait to get started.”

Though it’s not a program requirement, students enrolled in Blinn’s competitive two-year vet tech program often secure hard-to-find internships and full-time employment positions upon graduating because of the rigor of the coursework and the hands-on experience the program provides its students.

Program director David Sessum said he receives internship opportunities throughout the year and a lot of students pursue opportunities on their own.

“The level of education Blinn’s vet tech students receive is unparalleled,” Sessum said. “They participate right alongside veterinary medicine students at Texas A&M University and use state-of-the-art equipment you can’t find at other facilities.”

Veterinary technology is one of the fastest-growing professions in the nation, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. Veterinary technology students at Texas A&M University partner with the Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences.

Gaucher is pursuing a bachelor’s degree in marine biology from Texas A&M University at Galveston. After volunteering with the Galveston Texas Marine Mammal Stranding Network, Gaucher decided to continue her education at Blinn to give her a competitive edge in the job market.

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New assistant deans bring 104 years of Blinn faculty experience

Nine faculty members with 104 years of Blinn College experience have been named assistant deans for the College’s Visual & Performing Arts; Humanities; Social Sciences and Business, Agriculture & Kinesiology divisions.

Craig Jeffrey and Deborah Vavra will be assistant deans in the Division of Visual & Performing Arts; John Schaffer and Amy Winningham will serve as assistant deans in the Division of Humanities; Dr. Mary Barnes-Tilley and Brandon Franke will be assistant deans in the Division of Business, Agriculture & Kinesiology.

The assistant deans will each have home campuses, but will serve division-wide roles, 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.

Announcements will be forthcoming regarding assistant deans in the Social Sciences and Science, Engineering and Math divisions, and the College anticipates announcing department head hires by the end of the month.

All assistant deans and department heads will begin their duties Aug. 20.

Deborah Vavra – Assistant Dean, Visual & Performing Arts

Vavra has served 18 years at Blinn College, including the past year as interim division chair for Visual & Performing Arts. She was assistant division chair from 2002-13, and has been a member of the Visual & Performing Arts faculty since 1995.

Vavra received the NSID Excellence Award in 2003 and 2013 and has received numerous honors for her role as a Phi Theta Kappa advisor. She prepared documents for Blinn’s SACCS monitoring report in 2013 and was a member of the SACCS writing team for faculty credential standards. She is also a current member of Blinn’s curriculum program review, campus climate, academic standards and Communication Studies assessment committees.

Vavra earned her bachelor’s degree in speech communication in 1989 and her master’s in communication from the University of Houston in 1992. She has also completed 15 hours of post-graduate coursework at Texas A&M University.

Craig Jeffrey – Assistant Dean, Visual & Performing Arts

Jeffrey has been a full-time instructor on the Bryan campus for more than three years, teaching a variety of architecture courses as well as Arts Design I. Prior to joining the Blinn faculty, he taught Introduction to Architecture at Lee College.

Jeffrey earned his associate’s degree from Lee in 2004 and earned his bachelor’s (2008) and master’s (2010) degrees from Texas A&M.

John Schaffer – Assistant Dean, Humanities

A Blinn faculty member since 1992, Schaffer has served as Humanities division chair since 2010 and serves as assistant division chair from 1999-2010. As a division leader, he has supervised faculty and assisted in faculty performance reviews, class scheduling submission, program budget reports and the textbook selection process.

Garcia earned his associate’s degrees in accounting and business administration and management at Blinn before earning her Bachelor of Business Administration in General Business from Sam Houston State University in 2002. She earned her real estate certificate from Blinn that same year and earned her master’s in educational administration in 2013.

Bryn Behnke – Assistant Dean, Business, Agriculture & Kinesiology

Behnke has been a Blinn faculty member since 2009, and was named an assistant division chair in January. As assistant dean, he has helped lead the department’s SACCS review and compliance and implemented the semester schedule.

Behnke was a finalist for Blinn’s Teaching Excellence Award in 2012 and 2014 and was named the College’s outstanding organization advisor in 2011. He has been an advisor for the College’s Agricultural Club since 2012.

Behnke earned his associate’s degree from Blinn before earning his bachelor’s and master’s degrees from Sam Houston State.

David Corkran – Assistant Dean, Business, Agriculture & Kinesiology

Corkran has been with Blinn since 2006 and was named an assistant division chair in 2008. In 2011, he was named division chair and was responsible for budgeting, hiring, curriculum, class scheduling, course syllabi creation and review, instructor evaluations and equipment purchases and maintenance.

Corkran earned his bachelor’s (1992) and master’s (1994) degrees in kinesiology from Sam Houston State.

Dr. Mary Barnes-Tilley – Assistant Dean, Social Sciences

Barnes-Tilley has been with Blinn since 1995 and served as Social Sciences division chair on the Brenham campus from 2003 until this year. As division chair, she was responsible for developing and implementing the anthropology, geography, history, psychology and sociology departments on the Brenham, Sealy and Schulenburg campuses. Barnes-Tilley also hired faculty, managed the division budget and coordinated the development of the division’s curriculum and syllabi.

She will continue to serve as Blinn’s Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) director as the College proceeds with its Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) reaffirmation efforts.

Barnes-Tilley earned her Associate of Arts from Blinn in 1993 before transferring to the University of Texas at Austin, where she earned her bachelor’s degree in government in 1995. She earned her master’s degree from Sam Houston State University in 1997 and her Doctor of Philosophy in political science from Texas A&M University in 2011.

Brandon Franke – Assistant Dean, Social Sciences

Franke began his career as a teaching assistant at Sam Houston State University before joining Blinn as a part-time government and history instructor in 1999. In 1999, he became a full-time instructor, and in 2006 he was named assistant division chair for the Bryan campus Social Sciences division, where he supervised the government and history disciplines. His responsibilities included hiring, scheduling and managing day-to-day operations.

Franke received the Blinn Professional Association Teaching Excellence Award in 2013. He has been named Texas Junior College Student Government Association (TJCSCGA) state advisor of the year twice and regional advisor of the year seven times. He has served as advisor for Blinn’s Bryan campus Student Government Association since 1999.

A former Blinn student, Franke earned his bachelor’s and master’s (1998) degrees in history from Sam Houston State. He conducted post-graduate study in political science from 1998-2000 at Sam Houston State, and was a doctoral student at Texas A&M University from 2001-02, where he studied American and comparative politics.
Blinn recognized among five “awesome” Texas community colleges

A leading college and career resource site has named Blinn College one of five “awesome” community colleges in the state of Texas. Schools.com recognized Blinn for its high transfer rate, low teacher-student ratio and nationally-recognized community service programs.

In 2013, Blinn’s academic transfer rate was the highest in the state and more than 20 percent higher than the state average, according to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB). In its Transfer Enrollment at Texas A&M (TEAM) Program, a unique co-enrollment program that allows hundreds of additional students to qualify for Texas A&M’s freshman class each year, recently received the THECB’s “Recognition of Excellence.”

Blinn’s community service efforts are spearheaded by its Service Learning Program, which combines community service with classroom instruction or student club activities, focusing on critical, reflective thinking and civic responsibility to engage students. Service Learning involves students in activities that address local needs while developing their academic or professional skills and commitment to their community. Since 2004, Blinn students have documented more than 372,000 hours of community service valued at more than $7.1 million by the Points of Light Foundation.

Blinn has been named to the President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll, the highest accolade an educational institution can receive for its commitment to service and civic engagement, five of the last seven years. In addition to being named to the President’s Honor Roll, Blinn received Carnegie Classification in January 2011 from the Carnegie Foundation for Advancement of Teaching. That honor place Blinn among the top five percent of colleges and universities in the nation in terms of documented public service.

Earlier this year, Blinn released a study showing that the College makes a $345,3 million economic impact on its community. That figure includes $293.5 million in added income by former students employed in the regional workforce, $61.3 million in College operations spending and $44.5 million in student spending.

Schools.com offers college and career resources for students seeking accredited colleges, universities and online schools. This marks the second consecutive year that Schools.com has recognized Blinn after recognizing it as one of the top 10 community colleges in the state of Texas last March.

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“TheBrilliance of Master Peace Officer from the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education (TCLEOSE) in February 2008. He was promoted to captain in September of that year.

He became interim chief of police Jan. 1. “Craig has been a studying presence on the Blinn College police force for many years,” said Dr. Dennis K. Crowson, Vice President of Student Services. “He is well-respected both within the Blinn family as well as the community. For the past six months as interim chief he has done an outstanding job of bringing the Blinn police force together. I congratulate Chief Wiesepape and look forward to working with him in this role.”

A grant from the Texas Comptroller worth almost $270,000 will help Blinn College expand its renowned simulation experience for tomorrow’s professional.

Blinn was awarded $269,320 from the state’s Job Building Fund, which was designed by the Texas Legislature to fund training in high-demand occupations. The College is required to match 5 percent of the project.

The Texas Legislature approved a new $25 million Jobs and Education for Texas (JET) program to aid state economic growth in 2009, of which $10 million was allocated to the Job Building Fund to finance equipment purchases for new or high-demand career and technical education programs. Through a competitive process, Blinn was selected to receive funds for the purchase of additional equipment to support the Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) Program.

The grant will be executed beginning in July, and will allow the College to add equipment to its simulation labs, including:

- Additional intravenous catheterization equipment (virtual IV systems).
- Additional computer on wheels systems that allow students to bring medical records to the bedside during simulation.
- An automated delivery system that allows students the simulator to automatically demonstrate a variety of birthing scenarios.
- Additional recording equipment that will allow the College to record simulations in all laboratories. After the simulation is complete, these recordings are reviewed with the student to identify areas for improvement.
- Cardiomics SimScopes, computerized stethoscopes that simulate abnormal heartbeat, breathing and abdominal sounds.
- DocuCare, an electronic medical record system that allows students to create a simulated health record, including charts and care plans.
- A defibrillation simulator that allows students to practice defibrillation techniques.

“This grant takes our simulation lab to the next level and allows us to make our simulations accessible to more students at once,” said Simulations Director Sami Rahman. “Especially with the increased recording ability, that’s going to allow more of the simulated activities students really need to prepare for their future careers.”

Blinn was previously awarded JET grants for $550,000 in 2010 and $287,632 in 2012. That funding allowed Blinn to continue upgrading its simulation mannequins and populate more patient beds in its simulated hospital.

Clinical simulation facilities are an important part of Blinn’s capacity to graduate highly skilled nurses who are prepared to quickly obtain their license and begin working in today’s high-demand health services environment. Blinn is leveraging the simulation environment to provide up to half of the required clinical practice training time needed to become a licensed nurse.

“This environment allows our students to learn and grow, and if they make mistakes, to correct those mistakes so when they are on the clinical site with faculty and preceptors, they have hands-on knowledge and a better understanding,” Rahman said.

In November, Blinn was awarded $100,000 by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to address the statewide nursing shortage. Those funds have been used for faculty enhancement, student recruitment and the identification, development and implementation of curriculum innovations.

Blinn has received commendation from the Texas Board of Nursing five of the last six years. Students who complete the program and pass the National Council Licensure Examination have a job placement rate between 97 to 100 percent and are qualified for a wide array of nursing positions, including pediatric, geriatric, hospice, school and clinical nursing. New graduates can expect to earn over $52,000 per year.

Funds will allow Associate Degree Nursing students even greater simulation opportunities.

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“I’m excited to work with students, faculty and staff to continue the program,” Wiesepape said. “We want everyone on campus to be alert and aware with the most up-to-date programs for the safest campus environment possible.”
Graduates provide free dental care to children in Guatemala

Blinn College’s Dental Hygiene Program is about much more than producing top-notch dentists— it’s also about serving others. May graduates Shayla McClure (Banga), Jessica Johnson (Liberty Hill) and Lyndie Vickrey (College Station) have taken that lesson to Guatemala with Global Dental Relief, a nonprofit organization that provides free dental care to children across the world. The recent graduates provided free fillings, extractions, fluoride treatments and dental hygiene instruction to more than 500 children in just six days at a clinic in Santa Catarina Palopó, a village in southern Guatemala.

“It was a little overwhelming seeing so many patients between the three of us, but it was an amazing experience,” McClure said. “I loved that I was able to use what I’ve learned to help people who need it most.”

Blinn’s Dental Hygiene Program is known not only for its academic and technical rigor, but its commitment to community service. Each year dental hygiene students host Give Kids a Smile, an initiative of the American Dental Association that provides free dental services to qualifying local children. At their most recent Give Kids a Smile event, more than 50 Bryan-College Station children received cleanings, x-rays and sealants at no cost.

McClure said one of the most memorable moments on the trip came courtesy of a dental hygiene instructor from a college in San Diego.

“She told us that she hopes her students are half as competent as we are,” McClure said. “It really made us proud to be part of Blinn College and to have graduated from such a prestigious program.”

The former students funded the trip on their own from sponsorships from family, friends and local dentists.

“I really applaud the students for this,” said Wood, dental hygiene instructor. “They have really taken it to the next level.”

Dr. Kyle Merten attended Blinn’s Brenham and Bryan campuses

Blinn has named a former student and seven-year veteran of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service its alumni relations director, the College has announced.

Dr. Kyle Merten joined the Blinn College’s Alumni Relations department in its infancy in 2008 after serving seven years at Texas A&M, including the past five as an assistant professor and Extension specialist. As Extension specialist, he applied for and received over $100,000 in community and state grants over the last two years and coordinated the Texas 4-H Roundup, the organization’s premiere leadership event.

“This opportunity gives me a chance to build a brand-new position from the ground up and create a bright future for the alumni and friends of Blinn College,” Merten said. “I enjoy developing relationships and being around people, so when I got the call about this opportunity, I felt like it was the best of all worlds for me.”

Since Merten began coordinating the Texas 4-H Roundup five years ago, the event has experienced a 60 percent boost in attendance and now hosts almost 4,000 youths, volunteers and county Extension agents from across the state. The Roundup garners over $200,000 annually for Texas 4-H program.

Merten coordinates the Texas 4-H Leadership Conference, National 4-H Congress and National Conference and has played a key leadership role in coordinating the Texas 4-H Beefkeeping Essay Contest and developing the Texas 4-H Golf Challenge.

“He came very highly recommended by everyone we spoke to in the community,” said Susan Myers, executive director of the Blinn Foundation. “He has had tremendous success with Texas 4-H and we’re excited to bring that energy and creativity to Blinn College.”

A Brenham native with ties throughout Brazos Valley and the rest of the state, Merten graduated from Brenham High School in 2002, where he also enrolled in Blinn dual credit courses. He continued taking courses at the Blinn – Brenham campus his freshman year at Texas A&M, then moved to College Station as a sophomore, where he continued taking courses at Blinn – Bryan.


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As Blinn’s alumni relations director, Merten will organize and strengthen the College’s alumni database and help communicate Blinn’s accomplishments and upcoming events to former students and friends of the College. Additionally, he will work closely with Blinn’s Alumni & Friends Association and the Alumni Lettermen Association and participate in fundraising projects in support of the College’s students and programs. He began his duties July 1.

“The Blinn 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. Hodge Jr. Technical Education Center, the J. Hal and Allyne Machat Music Facility, the W.J. “Bull” 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.

Seven M.C. Harris students earn their machinist certification from Blinn

Program was product of a unique partnership between Blinn, Bryan ISD and Workforce Solutions

Blinn recognizes Bryan Collegiate seniors who will continue their Blinn education

Blinn, Bryan ISD partner to place BCHS students on the fast track to a college degree

Theatre students enjoy once-in-a-lifetime trip through Canada

Students attend 12 performances during 16-day study abroad experience
AROUND THE CAMPUSES

Star of the Republic Museum thanks military
families for their service

Star of the Republic Museum administered
by Blinn College will show its appreciation
for members of the U.S. armed forces this
summer by offering free admission to
active duty military personnel and their families
between Memorial Day and Labor Day.

Free admission to all sites at Washington-on-
the-Brazos State Historic Site will be offered May
26 – Sept. 1 as part of the Blue Star Museums
program, a collaboration among the National
Endowment for the Arts, Blue Star Families, the
U.S. Department of Defense and more than 2,000
museums nationwide.

"Our museum is proud to be part of Blue Star
Museums, which gives us a chance to thank our
military families for their service and share with
them our love of Texas history," said Star of the
Republic Museum Director Houston McGaugh.

The program is open to any bearer of a Geneva
Convention common access card, a DD Form
1173 ID card or a DD Form 1173-1 ID card, which
includes active U.S. military as well as members
of the National Guard and Reserve, U.S. Public
Health Service Commissioned Corps and the
NOAA Commissioned Corps. Up to five family
members will also be admitted free of charge.

"Blue Star Museums has grown into a nationally-
recognized program that service members and
their families look forward to each year," said
Blue Star Families Chief Executive Officer Kathy
Roth-Douquet. "It helps bring our local military
and civilian communities together, and offers
families fun and enriching activities in their home
towns. We are thrilled with the continued growth
of the program and the unparalleled opportunities
it offers."

A complete listing of museums participating
in the Blue Star program is available at:
www.arts.gov/bluestarmuseums.

More than 700 students participate in ‘If I Had a
Hammer’ program

Program teaches students important math, science and life skills

Schulenburg students bolster their careers with
computer skills training

Graduates learn keyboarding, basic computer functions and master Microsoft
Office programs

BOARD NOTES
Regular board meeting June 16, 2014, Brenham, Texas
The board received or heard reports from:
• Robert Nelson, Faculty Senate president, on Faculty Senate
  resolution.
• Dr. Harold Nolte, district president, on administrative
  announcements.
• Sylvia McMullen, president of Brazos County campuses, on
  updates from Brazos County campuses.
• Scott Schumacher, athletic director, on athletics.
• Tony Adam, director of Institutional Assessment, on the Southern
  Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges
  reaffirmation update and the Quality Enhancement Plan.
• Richard O’Malley, executive director of facilities, planning and
  construction, on buildings and grounds.
• Dr. Dennis Crowson, senior vice president for Student Services,
  on enrollment and housing.
• The board reviewed the financial statement and list of checks for
  the period ending May 31, 2014.

The board voted to:
• Approve the minutes for the May 20, 2014 regular meeting and
  the May 21, 2014 workshop.
• Support the proposed 2014-15 budget for the Washington
  County appraisal district.

Buccaneer Lettermen Alumni
Association Golf Tournament

SAVE THE DATE
AUG. 9, 2014
Brenham Country Club

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Brenham, Bryan, Schulenburg, Sealy JUNE 2014

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Harvey McIntyre named baseball coach of the year

Coach of the Year after winning the Region XIV Conference and the Southern District Coach of the Year by the NJCAA.

McIntyre was named the Region XIV Baseball Coach of the Year by the NJCAA. "This isn’t about me, because I couldn’t have done this by myself," McIntyre said. "This is about the guys playing and assistant coaches Jonathan Ogden and coach Jordan Kopcinski who work with these guys every day. I couldn’t be more proud of what this team has done this season."

Blinn defeated Alvin, 12-4, in the Region XIV Conference championship to claim its first region title under McIntyre and advance to its first World Series since 1992. When, under coach Kyle Van Hoo, the Bucs placed third.

Blinn defeated Cochise (Ariz.) College, 7-4, in its World Series opener; then upset No. 1-ranked Chattahoochee Valley (Ala.) Community College 10-2 in an eight-inning run-rule. Miami Dade (Fla.) College and Spartanburg Methodist (S.C.) College then handed the Bucs back-to-back losses and to a fifth-place finish.

This year marked McIntyre’s 14th season with the program. He served seven seasons as an assistant coach before being named head coach in 2008, where, in that time, the Bucs have compiled a 246-164 record and have averaged 35 wins per season and earned a berth to the Region XIV Conference tournament each year.

McIntyre is a Brenham native and a 1995 graduate of Brenham High School, where he played baseball and advanced to the state championship under Earl Hathaway. He began his college career at Howard College (1996-97), then transferred to Northwestern State University (La.), where he played for the Demons under now Texas A&M coach Rob Childress. After graduating, McIntyre played for the Alexandria Aces in 1999 before joining the Blinn coaching staff in 2000.

Blinn baseball coach Harvey McIntyre led his Buccaneers to a fifth-place finish at the NJCAA World Series this season. And because of the team’s success, McIntyre was named the Region XIV Baseball Coach of the Year by the NJCAA.

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### AROUND THE CAMPUSES

#### NEW HIRES

**MAY HIRES**

**Bryan Campus, Full-Time**
- Crystal Leo, VOCN Instructor

**Post Office Campus, Full-Time**
- Rodney Thomas, Director, Workforce & Corporate Partnerships

#### PERSONAL NOTES

**Humanities Professor Essie Childers** presented at the 2014 TeamUP National Student Success Conference June 12-13 in Chicago. Her topic was, “It’s All About CoLTs – Collaborative Learning Techniques.”

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### SAFETY

**Sixty Seconds for Safety**

Summer means fun and it also can mean danger. Heat stress and heat exhaustion are dangerous situations that should be avoided and can be deadly.

Protect yourself by doing the following:

- **Drink plenty of water before you start activity as well as during the activity.**
- **Wear light, loose clothing.**
- **Take frequent breaks.**
- **Use sunscreen and wear head covering outdoors.**
- **If possible, schedule work in cooler parts of the day.**
- **Drinking fluids is a key element.** Remember…don’t wait until you are thirsty to drink and drink plenty of water. Sport drinks are OK, but water is always your best rehydration option.

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### MARKETING

#### FY14 Deadlines

**Purchasing**

In order to close out the Current Fiscal Year (FY14), it is necessary that a cutoff date be established for purchases that are to be charged to the 2013-2014 fiscal year. Approved purchase requisitions for the current year MUST be submitted to the Purchasing Department by Friday, July 25, 2014.

**Key Information Regarding Year-End Procedures**

1. All goods or services received by Aug. 31, 2014 will be charged to the Current Fiscal Year (FY14).
2. Goods or services received after Aug. 31, 2014 will be charged to the next Fiscal Year (FY15).
3. The last day for procurement card use is July 31, 2014. Procurement card purchases that cardholders would have made during the month of August will be made through the Purchasing Department.
4. For purchase requisitions received after July 25, 2014, the Purchasing Department shall determine if the vendor can deliver/provide the goods or services prior to the Aug. 31, 2014 date. Purchase orders will be charged to the appropriate fiscal year depending on the anticipated date goods or services are to be delivered. The only exceptions to purchases after July 25, 2014 are true emergencies.
5. Grants will comply with their grant end-date. Questions should be directed to Justin Hupe, Accounting Manager, located on the Brenham Campus.
6. Approved invoices for goods or services for the Current Fiscal Year (FY14) MUST be submitted to Accounts Payable by Sept. 12, 2014.
8. All purchase orders that are open (An open purchase order represents an order which goods or services have not been received) have a Aug. 31, 2014 dead line to be completed in order that it can be charged to the 2014 fiscal year. Open purchase orders not completed will be disencumbered on Oct. 1, 2014.

Questions regarding Year End Purchases should be directed to the Purchasing Department on the Brenham or Bryan Campuses. Questions regarding Accounting issues should be directed to Accounts Payable on the Brenham Campus. Notices 2 and 3 will follow in June and July.

**Marketing**

In order to meet the July 25 deadline established by the Purchasing Office, it is necessary that a cutoff date be established for any new publications and marketing materials requests that are to be charged to the 2013-2014 fiscal year. In allowing the standard 10-14 days for pricing and printing, any NEW requests for the current year must be submitted to the Office of Marketing & Communications by Friday, July 11, 2014. Any job submitted after that date will be subject to holdover until Sept. 1.

For projects that are submitted prior to July 11, we will follow-up with each of you to ensure the project is completed by Aug. 31.