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FROM THE TOP

As individuals, we all recognize the need for self-study and reflection to determine where we excel and where we can improve. The same holds true for organizations. Blinn is fast approaching a period of analysis that will help provide the blueprint for our near- and long-term future.

While there is no national agency or board that accredits colleges and universities, the responsibility for accreditation of higher education institutions lies with regional associations that are recognized as having the expertise and experience to exercise such evaluations. The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) is our regional authority, and our 10-year reaffirmation of accreditation will take place next year.

This process is not the result of following a checklist, nor does it require a college to fit a single mold or template for its mission, organization and operations. Rather, the reaffirmation is a detailed self-study followed by a discussion and review.

The SACS reaffirmation standards require the College to examine how well it is carrying out its mission. Does the College have a balanced governance structure that promotes integrity, autonomy and a balance of stability and flexibility? Are the College degree programs appropriate to its mission, with rationales and outcomes appropriate to the field of study? Does the College articulate and continue examining the learning outcomes it expects, and how effectively does it achieve those outcomes? Does the College have support services that promote each student’s development?

Blinn will examine these and other questions as it seeks reaffirmation. Many of you will be asked to take an active role in this process, and I encourage you to take the time to do so. Through this process we are certain to generate new ideas that will lead Blinn into the next decade and an even brighter future.

Harold Nolte, Ed.D.
District President

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Mission Statement
Blinn College provides a personal commitment to individual and community enhancement through educational excellence.

Vision Statement
Blinn College will raise the educational aspirations and achievements of all people by being the doorway for enriching lives and broadening horizons.

Accreditation
Blinn College is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia, 30033-4097, 404-679-4501) to award the associate degree. Blinn College seeks to provide equal education without regard to race, color, sex, age, national origin, religion, disability or any other constitutionally or statutorily impermissible reason. This policy extends to all programs and activities supported by the college.

ON THE COVER

Blinn students meet with legislators

Blinn College Board of Trustees
Seated, left to right: Douglas Borchardt - Secretary Howard Kroetz - President
LeAnn Toubin - Vice President
Standing, same order: Carolyn D. Miller, C.P.A.
David Sommer, Dr. Henry Boehm, Jr.
Norwood Lange
When Washington County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Director Kevin Deramus ran the numbers at the end of 2011, it was clear something had to change. More than 1,200 of the 5,000 emergency calls his paramedics received came from only 380 patients, many of whom would have been better served by their primary care physician or a walk-in clinic.

One elderly patient called the EMS 11 times for transport to his medical appointments in Houston, at a whopping $38,000 price tag for taxpayers. The situation illustrated a broken system – broken for the patient, paramedics and taxpayers.

Seeing an opportunity to better target health care and increase efficiency, Deramus and Washington County Medical Director Robert Stuck visited their most frequent patient at home to forge a personal connection, then followed up with monthly visits. Deramus offered the gentleman advice and found him a ride to his doctor’s appointments.

"Just an hour of my time every once in a while was all he really wanted," Deramus said. "That was the best medicine."

The patient hasn’t called for a transport in 13 months since Deramus’ first visit.

Aiming to build on that success, Washington County has enrolled nine veteran emergency paramedics in an advanced community paramedic class certified through Blinn College’s Office of Workforce Education.

The course merges preventative and emergency medicine. Students learn which medical situations require urgent care and which scenarios need education and information – but not an ambulance.

Blinn’s program is in rare company, with only a handful of similar offerings around the country – and no such programs at other community colleges in Texas.

"If you look at the data, as a community we make pretty good calls regarding whether to go to the emergency room or the clinic between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.," Deramus said. "After about 6 o’clock, we make horrible decisions, and everybody decides they’re going to the emergency room. That’s the part we have to manage better, and a lot of that is just educating people."

Program graduates can help schedule doctor’s appointments, make certain the patients receive the medications they require and alert them to programs that can provide financial assistance. These veteran paramedics provide personal service to patients that a traditional 911 paramedic doesn’t always have the time or training to offer.

"Traditional paramedics are good at treating acutely ill patients – if you’re dying of a heart attack or having a stroke, those kinds of scenarios, Deramus said. "What we’re not geared for is treating chronic health problems that patients aren’t necessarily dying from. That’s what this program is all about."

Once an advanced community paramedic is introduced to a patient, he or she will check in regularly to ensure that the individual is taking the precautions that lead to a healthier lifestyle and fewer ER visits. If the program is successful, Deramus expects to see the EMS responding to fewer emergency calls.

"Eliminating just one non-urgent trip for each of our 400 patients who call most often will save about $800,000 in the first year," Deramus said.

Without the advanced community paramedic program, Deramus said Washington County would have already been forced to add another ambulance and crew to handle the demand at a cost of approximately $440,000.

Comm{}[5]_Community Paramedic Program merges emergency and preventative care, saving taxpayers thousands

\[\text{ENROLLMENT}\]

\begin{array}{lrrrr}
\text{Spring 2013} & \text{Spring 2012} & \text{Difference} & \text{Percent Change} \\
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\text{Total} & 3,207,616 & 3,224,664 & -17,048 & -0.53% \\
\text{Bryan} & 2,095,376 & 2,038,808 & 56,568 & 2.74% \\
\text{Brenham} & 158,048 & 157,500 & 548 & 0.35% \\
\text{Schulenburg} & 149,317 & 137,507 & 11,810 & 8.60% \\
\text{Sealy} & 149,317 & 137,507 & 11,810 & 8.60% \\
\text{Distance Education} & 1,087,017 & 1,085,323 & 1,694 & 0.16% \\
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\[\text{CONTACT HOURS}\]

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\text{Spring 2013} & \text{Spring 2012} & \text{Difference} & \text{Percent Change} \\
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\text{Total} & 26,204 & 25,976 & 228 & 0.88% \\
\text{Bryan} & 22,051 & 22,405 & -354 & -1.58% \\
\text{Brenham} & 3,800 & 3,525 & 275 & 7.80% \\
\text{Schulenburg} & 2,000 & 1,925 & 75 & 3.95% \\
\text{Sealy} & 24,480 & 24,330 & 150 & 0.61% \\
\text{Distance Education} & 270,000 & 270,000 & 0 & 0.00% \\
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Spring enrollment exceeds expectations

Healthy growth at three locations helps offset expected dip at flagship campus

When the 2013 Spring semester enrollment climbed at three of Blinn College’s four campuses, brightening the outlook on overall enrollment in the wake of an anticipated enrollment decline at the school’s oldest campus in Brenham, Blinn’s Spring 2013 enrollment offered better-than-expected numbers. The College recorded a total enrollment of 16,512 students, edging up 2.05 percent to 199 students while the Sealy campus added 11 students to boost enrollment by 7.33 percent.

Dr. Dennis Crowson, vice president for student services, said Blinn college officials have predicted leaner rosters at schools across the state – as expected enrollment decline at the school’s oldest campus. Community college officials have closely monitored Washington County’s success while considering similar programs in their own regions.
Students meet with Texas legislators at state Capitol

More than 50 students get to speak with Gov. Perry, state lawmakers

More than 50 Blinn College students and administrators spoke with state legislators in Austin on Feb. 5 as part of Texas Community College Day at the state Capitol.

The day began with a rally on the Capitol’s south steps, where more than 1,400 representatives from the state’s 50 community colleges were greeted by Sen. Kel Seliger, who told the students they held the key to Texas’ future. Students were then ushered inside the Capitol, where they visited the House and Senate galleries and met with lawmakers about the impact community colleges have made on their lives.

Blinn students met Gov. Rick Perry and State Rep. Lois Kolkhorst, whose District 13 includes Blinn’s flagship Brenham campus. “It’s a big day and I’m glad Blinn College is involved in it,” said Dr. Harold Nolte, Blinn’s district president. “Each one of our students has a story to tell, and it’s important for our legislators to see that first-hand. Our legislators think about the people they’ve met and the personal stories that have been shared with them when they make decisions. Meeting our students puts a face to it all. As community colleges, we have no better advocates than the outstanding students we produce.”

More than 50 Blinn College students during Texas Community College Day Feb. 5 at the state Capitol.

Safety First

Emergency Management and Safety Coordinator Gary Waites works toward a safer Blinn for all

Blinn College Emergency Management and Safety Coordinator Gary Waites began his professional career at the Chocolate Bayou Petrochemical Plant with two distinct responsibilities.

His primary responsibility, the one he performed during his career with the U.S. Air Force, was as a laboratory technician. But in the event of an emergency, alarms would sound and Waites was instantly transformed into an emergency responder.

Now, as Blinn’s emergency management and safety coordinator, Waites’ goal is to instill that same sense of safety and responsibility in all College employees, regardless of the title on their business card.

While Blinn employees won’t be expected to strap on a firefighting helmet and battle a blaze, Waites works to transform his coworkers into “ambassadors of safety.”

The Chocolate Bayou refinery, roughly 15 miles southeast of Alvin, covered 2,400 acres and featured its own fire department and emergency response team. Waites’ role during emergencies expanded through the years to battalion chief of the site’s fire department.

In addition to training new responders, Waites oversaw emergency medical services (EMS), fire safety and hazmat training. In 1989, he was named the facility’s emergency response coordinator.

As Waites gained more emergency response responsibilities at Chocolate Bayou, he also became heavily involved in community EMS, helping start departments in Alvin, Santa Fe and joining the Santa Fe Fire Department. He served 12 years as the EMS coordinator for College of the Mainland and has been a licensed paramedic since 1981.

Waites’ emergency management experience includes the 2005 Chocolate Bayou facility fire that required more than 150 firefighters and five fire departments. Waites was the on-scene commander, managing a fire that took 14 hours to bring under control.

“My boots have been on the ground more than once,” Waites said. “I’ve had ceilings fall in on me, free trapped car victims and performed rescues in a hazmat suit. Here at Blinn, I’m in more of an administrative role, but if there’s a call, I’m there.”

Waites joined the Blinn team in 2010, accepting a newly-created position that consisted of both emergency management and safety coordination. Waites was already familiar with Occupational Safety and Health Administration, Federal Emergency Management Association and Institution of Occupational Safety and Health regulations, but Blinn also had to bring itself in line with Texas Department of Health, Texas Department of Homeland Security and national Homeland Security guidelines. With that in mind, he set about creating new procedures and policies from scratch.

About 75 percent of Waites’ responsibilities involve emergency management while the other 25 percent consist of maintaining campus safety. He manages the “Blinn Alert” emergency notification system and heads a safety task force that includes personnel from all four campuses.

Maximizing campus safety requires the cooperation of the entire campus community, Waites said. “The more people who are aware of their surroundings and take ownership of our safety, the better off we’ll be,” he said. “We want to get people more active in the entire process. The term I use a lot is that everyone is an ambassador of safety and emergency response. If someone sees something, we want them to say something or do something. The exciting part is getting people to reach out and take ownership in campus safety.”

Faculty and staff can fill out a safety incident report form by visiting the emergency management or the human resource forms pages on the Blinn website. For more information, contact Waites at gary.waites@blinn.edu or 979-830-4661.

Texas Gov. Rick Perry paused for a photo with Blinn College students during Texas Community College Day Feb. 5 at the state Capitol.
Blinn volunteers respond to crises with training and courage

Dozens of faculty and staff form the College’s Critical Incident Response Team (CIRT)

Imagine teaching a full class on any ordinary day when suddenly an alert text splashes across your phone: “Evacuate campus immediately.”

“Who is keeping us safe?”

In one instance, we found two rooms where there were no audible alarms,” Boetger said. “Had we not done the exercise, we would never have known. We drill annually for fire evacuation readiness and are also incorporating lockdown drills and training for active shooters.”

Training sessions also include guest responders from emergency response teams outside Blinn, which give trainees a broader view of emergency prevention and response. “We’ve had safety officials from the state and local counties come talk about biological and chemical terrorist response,” Boetger said. “They demonstrate the kind of equipment available for detecting chemical and biological threats.”

CIRT-led tours have included a walkthrough of the National Guard Armory near the campus on 25th street—a resource the team may need to use in the event of a crisis. “It’s possible we’d need to function on our own for at least 24 hours if something happens,” Boetger said. “It’s good to know that if our resources are spent, we still have national, state and federal resources as well. We’re blessed to have Texas Task Force 1 located in our community.”

Since its launch with a handful of members in 2001, CIRT has grown to 40 faculty and staff, each representing a portion of Bryan’s main campus, post office campus, fitness center and Blinn’s Allied Health programs located at the Texas A&M Health Science Center.

Boetger said that the word is getting out about CIRT and the College’s commitment to safety. Rather than being passive players in their own protection, faculty and staff are actively attending training like the recent “Run, Hide, Fight” module about an active shooter scenario on campus.

“We offered this training four in one week,” Boetger said. “We did that training for two days, and we also presented it to the division chairs, so it’s gotten to be about nine or ten times that we’ve presented the program in that time frame. And we were really happy to reach close to 90 people over a two-day span.”

Most CIRT trainings have been extended to all faculty and staff, with two trainings per month during the main semesters. According to Boetger, people were more hesitant to get involved during CIRT’s early days, but she credits a national change in thinking about disasters and preparedness for creating a sense of urgency.

“I think most people are trying to face the reality that it could happen anywhere, anytime, so we want to try to be as prepared as possible,” Boetger said. “No plan is perfect, and that’s why we continue to train. Last year, we had two search exercises for suspicious devices. It’s just practice, practice, practice.”

As far as CIRT’s future is concerned, May says the Blinn – Bryan team will continue to grow and progress, and plans are taking shape to form a CIRT team on the Blinn College – Brenham campus.

For more information, visit: www.blinn.edu/brazos/cirt/
Bryan, Brenham campuses host student success programs
Program prepares Bryan students for higher learning, employment

The College’s first-ever “Student Success Week” wrapped up in Bryan with events tailored to help students be successful and increase awareness of the College’s academic service offerings.

According to Dean of Student Services Kathy Arzivio, students can sometimes overlook the services they need the most.

“We wanted to showcase these resources this week and remind the students ‘We are here for you,’” Arzivio said. “The Academic Advising and Counseling Center is focused on expanding outreach efforts to Brazos County students. We plan to do even more events, activities and workshops for students to help them meet their educational goals at Blinn.”

Under Arzivio’s leadership, Academic Advisor Ann Reynolds has assisted the team of advisors with recent initiatives aimed at improving student success and helping students reach their goals.

Guest presenters included representatives from Brazos Valley Small Business Development, the Texas A&M Department of Geology and Geophysics, the Sam Houston State Ag Ambassadors, and others.

Brenham campus draws more than 1,000 students for Success Week

More than 1,000 students participated in the Brenham campus’ second annual Student Success Week, featuring a host of workshops and information sessions aimed at student success. Topics included career counseling, advising for college transfers, mock interviews and resume reviews, an all-day transfer fair and a presentation on starting your own business.

While last year’s event focused on general seminars, this year’s more personal advising sessions were conducted on a walk-in, one-on-one basis that allowed the advisors to speak with students about their specific goals.

Our advisors took the time to speak with each student and provide counseling based on their personal situation,” said Mardecdal Brownlee, director of Student Leadership & Activities. “It’s all about helping students transition and grow, not only professionally but academically.

Representatives from more than 20 institutions visited campus Wednesday, including Texas A&M University, Prairie View A&M University, Stephen F. Austin University, Sam Houston State University, as well as trade schools and the armed forces. Blinn’s Small Business Development Center (SBDC) offered information on how students could begin their own businesses.

Prospective students flock to College’s Brenham campus

More than 500 people visited the Blinn College – Brenham campus this month to tour the 130-year-old flagship campus and learn more about the College’s unique traditions and values. English major Ashton Smolik took visitors on a tour of the Brenham campus during their visit.

Four students named to all-state choir
Honorees to perform at Texas Music Educators Association Convention in San Antonio

Four Blinn College choir students have been named to the Texas Two-Year College Choral Directors Association all-state choir and recently performed at the Texas Music Educators Association Convention in San Antonio.

Melissa Hackett (Hempstead), Bobbie Hackett (Hempstead), Devin Norwood (Brenham) and Hayley Styles (Wallis) were selected after auditioning in front of a panel of two-year college choral directors.

“We are very proud of the success these students have attained as a result of their dedication,” said Elizabeth Shipsey, assistant choral director. “They represent a strong tradition of choral excellence at Blinn, with at least four students named to the all-state choir in each of the last 11 years.”

Student wins theatre scholarship
Freshman’s musical composition for ‘Snow White’ wins acclaim

Blinn College – Brenham campus student Christian Daigle recently received the “Outside the Box” award at the U.S. Institute for Theatre Technology (USITT) Southwest Regional Winter Symposium in Huston.

Daigle, a theater major from Waller, was recognized for his original composition for Blinn’s production of “Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs.” Daigle was awarded a $3,000 scholarship from the Archibald Foundation to continue his education at Blinn, and won a Shure SM57 microphone.

Blinn’s Theatre arts department sent 18 students and three faculty members to the symposium, which included almost 200 students, faculty and entertainment industry professionals from Texas, Arkansas, Oklahoma and Louisiana. Blinn’s chapter of the USITT is partnering with Texas A&M University to host the symposium in Jan. 2015.

Symphonic Band performs for 200 at O’Donnell Center
Brenham audience treated to symphony classics

The Blinn College Symphonic Band and the Brazos Winds hosted a joint performance for a crowd of approximately 200 earlier this month at the Dr. W.W. O’Donnell Performing Arts Center on the Blinn College – Brenham campus.

The Blinn symphonic band, under the direction of Harry D. Blake, played a variety of styles that included selections from “Die Fledermaus,” a light operetta by Johann Strauss II and arranged by Japanese composer Eiji Suzuki.

Freshman music major Nigel Yarbrough put his saxophone skills on display in a rendition of “Tosca Fantasy” by Giacomo Puccini. Yarbrough recently won the Texas Community Colleges Band Directors Association competition.

The program included “Sheltering Sky” by John Mackey and “Spirit” by P. Scott Davidson. “Spirit” was commissioned in memory of drum major Bethany Schimank, who died in a car accident in December 2011.

The Blinn College Symphonic Band (pictured) hosted a two-hour joint performance with the Brazos Winds earlier this month at the Dr. W.W. O’Donnell Performing Arts Center.

Blinn shows Sealy, Royal students the value of a college education
Presentation included information on financial aid and the admissions process

Blinn College – Sealy campus officials invited almost 100 Brookshire Royal and Sealy High School students to its campus recently for a multi-pronged presentation about higher education.

The event was designed to not only inform the students of the benefits of attending Blinn, but to describe the benefits of any college education and how those students could be successful making that transition out of high school.

“We wanted to encourage these students to attend Blinn, of course, but even more importantly we wanted them to take some time today to seriously consider their goals for the future and how best they can obtain those goals,” said Blinn – Sealy Director Jeri Dulaney. “Most of the time, a college education is the best path to reaching those goals, and we wanted to make the path to higher education a little less intimidating for them.”

Dulaney spoke to the students about their economic goals and showed them a typical monthly household budget. She then discussed the salaries available in different professions and described the educational requirements for those positions.

After a pair of current Blinn – Sealy students spoke about their transitions from high school to college, the students were split into breakout sessions that explained the financial aid and admissions process, the benefits Blinn College can offer to local students, the challenges a college student faces coming out of high school and the benefits of Blinn’s vocational programs for students who want to quickly enter the workforce.

Prospective Student Relations Coordinator Myron Dippel told students about Blinn’s reputation for challenging courses that prepare students for the workforce or a four-year university. Blinn has one of the state’s highest percentages of students who go on to graduate from four-year universities.

Dippel told the students the salary of an average Blinn graduate is $9,000 per year greater than that of an employee with just a high school diploma, and that tuition and fees at Blinn are about one-third the cost of the same classes at most four-year public universities in Texas.

Blinn College – Sealy campus Director Jeri Dulaney presented to roughly 100 Brookshire Royal and Sealy High School students about the benefits of a college education.
Schulenburg campus invites star gazers to Schaefer Observatory

Visitors will receive guided tour of the constellations

Astronomy buffs of all ages are invited to a pair of stargazing parties at the Schaefer Observatory on the Blinn College – Schulenburg campus on March 7 and April 13.

Blinn’s Star Party events will be held at 6:30 p.m. March 7 and 7:30 p.m. April 13. As darkness falls, Astronomer Gordon Houston will give a brief presentation, then conduct a constellation tour. Guests should wear comfortable shoes to climb the ladder to the observatory and may wish to bring a lawn chair, jacket and insect repellent.

Both events are dependent upon clear evening skies. Guests may visit www.cedartexas.com and enter Schaefer Observatory in the keyword search box to check conditions.

The Schaefer Observatory was built in the 1940s by local hardware store owner H.P. Schaefer and his sons to view the moon’s surface. The family donated the 27-foot tall galvanized metal structure to the Schulenburg school district in 1991, and in 2008 Blinn received the observatory. It is located behind the main building on Blinn’s Schulenburg campus at 100 Ranger Drive.

Star of the Republic Museum to feature Gentilz exhibit

The Star of the Republic Museum administered by Blinn College is proud to announce the display of an exhibit featuring renowned 19th-century artist Theodore Gentilz, whose paintings captured everyday life in South Texas and Mexico during the period as well as important historical events.

The 16-piece exhibit, “The Substance of Life: Texas Through the Eyes of Theodore Gentilz,” will be open from March 2-May 31, and will include “Laundry,” “Barri lesos on San Felipe” and “Flachqueros: Gathering Juice from the Maguey.”

Gentilz (1819-1906) was born in Paris and studied as a draftsman, painter and engineer before he was hired in 1844 by French entrepreneur Henri Castro to serve as surveyor, artist and promotion agent for Castro’s projected colony in Castroville, Texas. Gentilz used his considerable drafting skill to produce a valuable record of the period’s events, characters, customs, architecture and landscapes. As a historian, he attempted to recreate the major events of his time.

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The board reviewed the financial statement and list of checks for the period ending Jan. 31, 2012.

The board voted to:

• Revise board policies ECC (Local): Instructional Arrangements – Course Load and Schedules and F (Local): Student Records.

• Re-appoint members to the Brazos County advisory committee.

• Re-appoint members to the public committee.

• Authorize the administration to seek proposals for a learning management system.

• Authorize the administration to seek proposals for a mass notification system.

• Authorize the administration to seek bids for the replacement of flooring and the reconstruction of walls in the Blinn campus Student Center cafeteria.

• Authorize the administration to negotiate and approve a utility easement with Atmos Energy for the placement of a natural gas line extended from Villa Maria to the Academic Building along Blinn Boulevard and the Bryan campus.

• Authorize the administration to seek and award bids for interior cosmetic improvements of Memorial Hall and the repair and resurfacing of the adjacent parking lots on the Brenham campus.

• Authorize the administration to add the Chief Financial Officer as an authorized check signer at Brenham National Bank.

• Authorize the administration to award RFP #114, wide area network connectivity for the Schulenburg and Sealy campuses.

• Authorize the administration to seek and award bids for frozen food products and bread products for March 1, 2013 – Aug. 31, 2013.

• Authorize the administration to seek proposals for qualifications (RFQ) for professional architecture services related to the development of a master facilities plan for the Bryan campus.

• Set housing charges for the 2013-14 academic year.

The board received or heard reports from:

• Dr. Harold Nolte, district president, on administrative updates from the Brazos County campuses.

• Dr. Ted Raspiller, president of Brazos County campuses, on construction, on buildings and grounds.

• Richard O’Malley, executive director of facilities, planning and construction, on buildings and grounds.

• Dr. Harold Nolte, district president, on administrative announcements.

Theatre department brings American classic to the Brenham stage

The Blinn College – Brenham campus theatre arts program packed the Dr. W.W. O’Dowell Performing Arts Center with four capacity performances of “Biloxi Blues.” The play was the third performance in Blinn’s 2012-13 theatre season, “An American Year.” The season kicked off with “Eiron” in October and “Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs” in November, and will conclude with “An Evening of Tennessee Williams” in April.

Houston Mayor Annise Parker (center) stood for a photo with Blinn District President Harold Nolte and Brenham campus Social Sciences Chair Mary Barnes-Tiley prior to her speech at the Washington County Forum. Parker spoke at Blinn about the joys and challenges of governing the nation’s fourth-largest city and a $4 billion annual budget.
Buccaneers battle childhood cancer with Turn Back the Clock Days

Festivities will raise money for Adam’s Angels Ministry while bringing fans back to baseball’s golden age

The Blinn College baseball team will help knock childhood cancer out of the park this season with its annual Turn Back the Clock Days at Leroy Dreyer Field.

During the Buccaneers’ recent double-header vs. Wharton County Community College and their April 13 double-header vs. Alvin Community College, the Buccaneers will wear replica jerseys modeled after those worn by the team during the 1920s and ’30s. Proceeds from the event, which features old-time music and 25-cent hot dogs, will benefit Adam’s Angels Ministry. The Cullivers lost their 4-year-old son, Adam Christian Culliver, to acute myelogenous leukemia. Blinn began hosting Turn Back the Clock Days in 2009 as a fundraiser for local charities. In previous years, the event has raised money for Boys & Girls Club of Washington County, the Brazos Valley Hospice and Washington County Little League.

All monetary donations and fund-raising proceeds raised from this year’s event will allow Adam’s Angels to assist families with living expenses, fuel costs, medical parking and meal vouchers.

Blinn women set new single-season wins record

Jenkins recognized for setting career wins record earlier this year

In 35 years of Blinn College women’s basketball, no team has won as often as these Buccaneers.

In November, Jenkins became the winningest coach in program history. As of Feb. 23, he has a 272-162 career record.

Ten Buccaneers sign with four-year football programs

Blinn sends players to Baylor, Hawaii, Texas Tech, North Texas

Ten Blinn College football players signed with four-year colleges across the country recently.

The rest of the Buccaneers opted to remain in-state. Offensive lineman Tyler Edwards (Malvern, Ark.) signed with Baylor University and kicker Kurt Walker (Hebron) signed with Texas Tech. Defensive back Terin Broussard (Beaumont Central) signed with the University of Texas-San Antonio, while fellow defensive back Demetrius Woodard (Aldine MacArthur) signed with Texas State.

Offensive lineman Chance McCormack (Dayton) signed with Lamar University and tight end Chris Loving (Klein) signed with the University of North Texas.

“We were really proud to have those guys and they made a big contribution to Blinn football,” said Head Coach Ronny Feldman. “Blinn has always been a place where coaches from all over the county come to recruit, and we’re glad our players were able to find great fits to continue getting their education while playing football.”

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PERSONAL NOTES
Childers elected VP of statewide teachers association
Parallel Studies Professor Essie Childers became the first Blinn College faculty member elected vice president of the Texas Community College Teachers Association (TCCTA). A member of the Blinn College – Bryan campus faculty senate since 2007, she begins her one-year term next month. Childers, who served as treasurer last year, was elected to her new role during the TCCTA’s 66th annual convention in Houston earlier this month.

English professor presents conference workshop
English Professor Audrey A. Wick presented a workshop in early February titled “What’s Contextualization Got to Do with It?” as part of the Cengage Learning TeamUP/Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) Kickoff Institute in Irving. This was the first event in a year-long series of workshops and webinars for the THECB to prepare community colleges to shift their exit level developmental reading and developmental writing course into one integrated course in Spring 2015.

CONDOLENCES
Academic Affairs Administrative Secretary Nancy Roesler’s mother, Willie Mae Wagner, passed away Feb. 12. Memorials are suggested to the Lucky Wagner Memorial Team Roping Scholarship Fund (11806 Old Mill Creek Rd., Brenham, TX 77833) and condolences may be sent online at www.brenhammemorialchapel.com.

Mark your Calendars

MARCH 1-2
Bryan Theatre presents “Copenhagen,” 6:30 p.m., Barbara L. Pearson Banquet Room, Building E Student Center

MARCH 8
Bryan campus Preview Day

MARCH 11-15
Spring Break

MARCH 19
Board of Trustees Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Barbara L. Pearson Banquet Room, Building E Student Center, Bryan campus

MARCH 22-23
District UIL Meet

MARCH 29
Holiday