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Holidays!!

EXECUTIVE BOARD



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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

December 1, 2010

Greetings TJCSGA,



On behalf of your TJCSGA Executive Board, I would like to wish you a safe and productive winter break. We have been working hard to make this an awesome year for TJCSGA. There are some exciting things happening at this year's State Convention and we have put together a cohesive Community College Day platform to discuss with our state representatives. I am looking forward to meeting you in **Austin on February 2, 2011** at this remarkable event. Please plan on joining us at the rally on the steps of the Capitol, and **make arrangements to meet with your respective congressional representatives**. A tentative schedule is as follows: **9:00 Check-in, 10:00 Program on Capitol steps, 10:30-12:30 Meetings with representatives** (as you set up with your local representatives), **12:30 Lunch and Program**. Our platform for this year is aimed at making sure all community college students have the best opportunities available to them. Included in this packet is some information on the focus of our platform that has been provided by the Texas Association of Community Colleges. We are trying to show our representatives exactly how community colleges affect their students. More details about other points to the platform are forthcoming.

There have also been some changes made to the competitions. For this year, there will be no *Event of the Year* or *Community Service Event of the Year*. The board decided that to reduce the workload of the Awards Committee these two competitions will be eliminated and more room would be added to the *Essay* award to allow for their inclusion in that. The Competition Guidelines are currently being revised and will be posted, more than likely, before the December 1st deadline.

I'm also excited to announce that the TJCSGA Executive Board is striving to increase the regional input for the State Convention preparations. We have created three new committees to help make this happen. These committees are the Registration Committee, the Standing Rules Committee, and the Programming Committee. Each has a chair that is a TJCSGA Executive Board member- Host, Parliamentarian, and Vice President respectively- and each will have a Region Executive Board member that will serve on the committee- Region Secretary, Region Parliamentarian, and Host or other comparable position. Included in this packet is more information about these committees, but if you have any other questions please let us know.

Another exciting new feature is the Historian Committee. The chair of this committee is the TJCSGA Editor of the Bulletin. Maryntia is asking for three representatives from each region to serve on this committee. This committee will aid the TJCSGA Editor of the Bulletin in gathering photos and video from each school in the region to be included in the Bulletins and an electronic scrapbook that the committee will compile at the State Convention.

We will have more information about these committees, Community College Day, and much more in the bulletin that will be out in December. We are also looking into redesigning the TJCSGA website to make it more appealing and user-friendly. If you any ideas about this or anything else, then please email them and any bulletin submissions to eboard@tjcsга.org.

Thank you all. Have a great break and hope to hear from you soon.

Sincerely,

Anthony Najar
TJCSGA President Representative
Amarillo College
Region 1

You may now register online!! To make it simpler you can book the hotel at same time!!

COMMUNITY COLLEGE DAY PLATFORM

2011 Legislative Priority: 82nd Legislature

Appropriations

The 82nd Legislature should support community colleges by investing sufficient base funding in the amount of \$2.286 billion. This funding consists of \$1.844 billion (base formula amount from the last state budget) and \$442 million for the unprecedented growth in student enrollment at community colleges over the past two years. Community colleges in Texas are playing an essential role as the state struggles to meet growing educational demand. For these institutions to remain affordable and accessible the state must provide sufficient base funding including the extraordinary increase in enrollments at community colleges.

Community Colleges: The Future of Texas Today

We are the Largest Sector of Higher Education in Texas

More than 720,000 students attend community college in Texas

55% of the students in Texas public higher education attend a community college

Enrollment has increased 67% since Fall 2000; adding more than 290,000 new students

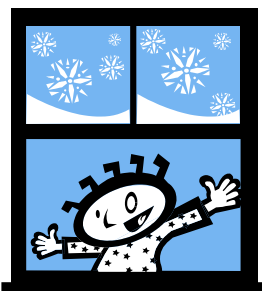
In the past two years community colleges have grown by 20%

We Look Like Texas

Enrollment: 46% Anglo, 32.4% Hispanic, 13.9% African-American, 7.4% Other

73.5% of the freshmen and sophomores in Texas public higher education enroll in community colleges

75% of minority freshmen and sophomores in Texas public higher education attend a community college



*Caption
describing
picture or
graphic.*

Please send any information from your region to ma278918@myoc.odessa.edu!!!

We are Successful in Graduating and Transferring Students

The total number of degrees and certificates awarded has increased 49% since 2000- now totaling over 55,000 annually

The total number of transfer students from community colleges to universities has increased 75% since 2000 – now totaling nearly 35,000 annually

Produce 62% of all registered nurses and 84% of all first responders

We are the Best Economic Value for the State

Lower cost to the state than four-year institutions for providing freshman, sophomore, and Early College Start experiences

Lowest cost provider of higher education and training

Less expensive for the State to fund community colleges than the costs of similar programs/services at four-year institutions

We Help Drive the State's Economy

Fastest, best way to build a larger stronger middle class

Most attuned to the needs of business, industry and labor markets

Primary provider of State's workforce

Help to reduce the costs of social services to the state

We are the Best Bargain for Students and Families

Going to a community college just makes financial sense

Average cost to attend a university full-time for a semester:
\$3600

Average cost to attend a community college full-time for a semester: \$740



**WE ARE
THE
FUTURE!**

ATTENTION TJCSGA:


The TJCSGA Executive Board is proud to announce the creation of *three* new convention planning committees that will give Regions more input in planning the convention. The *Historian Committee* was also created to help gather pictures and video throughout TJCSGA. Below is a brief description of these committees.

The *Registration Committee* Members will be charged with helping pass along registration and other important Convention information along to their respective regions. The committee members will be the Region Secretaries. The chair will be the TJCSGA Host and the vice-chair will be the TJCSGA Treasurer.

The *Standing Rules Committee* Members will be charged with developing a set of standard rules for the convention. The committee members will be the Region Parliamentarians. The chair will be the TJCSGA Parliamentarian.

The *Programming Committee* Members will be charged with working with the TJCSGA Executive Board on developing the program the convention. The committee members will be the Region Hosts or other member as designated by the Region President whose duties relate to those of this committee. The chair will be the TJCSGA Vice President.

The *Historian Committee* Members will gather photos, articles, and video from their respective regions to include in the bulletins and to create a digital scrapbook at the Convention. Each Region President will appoint at least *one* member for this committee but no more than *three*. Any TJCSGA delegate can serve on this committee. The chair of this committee shall be the TJCSGA Editor of the Bulletin.



*Region Executive
Board members please
send*

*biography information for the
next Bulletin.*

*In the Next Bulletin
Region Officer biographies
More convention information*

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