



The 35th Annual Conference of the
Texas Junior College Student Government
Association

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Austin Texas.

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Welcome from the President

Dear Student Government Leaders of Texas:

The Power of One in Austin – the 2005 Texas Junior College Student Government Association Convention is upon us! This event will be our culminating event for the year. It will be a time to share our achievements, ideas and thoughts from the past twelve months. It will also be a time that we grow as individuals; being motivated by workshops, and inspired by speakers. We will do all of this while sharing the camaraderie of each other.

Our conference takes place this year in Austin, the political and educational capital of the state. I can think of no better location to celebrate TJCSGA's 35th year!

Pat yourselves on the back, Texas, you have done an outstanding job representing and leading the state's 1.1. million community college students.

Sincerely,



Cal Pifer
President,
Texas Junior College Student Government Association

2005 TEXAS JUNIOR COLLEGE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION STATE CONVENTION

Convention Schedule At A Glance

Thursday April 14th.

- 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.- Conference registration/ Turn in silent auction items.
- 3 p.m. – 4 p.m. - Ice Breaker starring Jonathon Sprinkles
- 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. - Advisor's reception
- 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. - Opening Ceremony/Keynote Speaker Comptroller
Carole Keeton Strayhorn / Silent Auction Items Due / Registration
Ends
- 9:30 p.m. – 10 p.m. - Regional Meetings
- 11 p.m. – 1 a.m. - Dance

Friday April 15th

- 8 a.m. – 9 a.m. – Breakfast/ Campaigning Begins (10 minute rule)
- 8:30 a.m. – 10 a.m. - General Assembly I
- 9 a.m. – 10 a.m. Registration Deadline 10:00 for all competitions and
election paperwork
- 10:30 a.m. -11:15 a.m. Workshops I & Advisors Meeting

1. **American Student Association of Community Colleges (ASACC)**

Presented by: Deneen Phillips – ASACC National President
The ASACC National President will be on hand to guide you through a workshop designed to increase knowledge and awareness of this powerful national student leadership association.

2. **One-on-One with a State Legislator**

Presented by: Representative Scott Hochberg
This interactive workshop will give you a chance to ask questions about the Texas Legislature in an open, informal setting with one of the most highly regarded educational policy experts in the state.

3. **A Dose of Inspiration and Motivation**

Presented by: Larry Payne – Executive Director of Houston Habitat for Humanity.

Be prepared to be motivated and inspired by Larry Payne, a man that has donated his entire career to public service.

4. Marketing Your Student Government Association

Presented by: Linda Young and Reyna Jackson – Austin Community College Center for Governmental and Community Relations

An all encompassing workshop focusing on how student government associations can better market themselves to their student body, community, media and government.

11:20 a.m.- Noon Workshops Session II

1:00 p.m.-2:30 p.m. -Committee Meetings (Including Nominations)/Lunch on your own/ Free time

5:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. - Regional Meetings

7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. - General Assembly II/Dinner Keynote Speaker Liz Carpenter

10:00 p.m. - Midnight - Talent Show with Master of Ceremonies Jonathon Sprinkles

Saturday, April 16th

8 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. – Breakfast

8:30 a.m. – 9:00 / Campaign Speeches

9 a.m. Keynote Speaker Congressman Chris Bell

10 a.m. Silent Auction ends.

10:30 a.m. – 11:15 p.m. - Workshops Session I

TIER SYSTEM

1= New to Student Government and TJCSGA

4= Veteran or Graduating Delegate

3. Student Fee Advisory Committee

Presented by: Cal Pifer and Teresa Schrock

This workshop will focus on how students government associations can take advantage of state law and better serve themselves and their students through the Student Fee Advisory Committee.

1. Texas Junior College Student Government Association 101

Presented by: Josh Nino – Former TJCSGA President and current President of the United States Leadership Association

Josh Nino will guide new student government student through the

organization. He will focus on the opportunities at the state level and the personal benefits of the organization after graduating from Odessa College.

4. Team Building (DOUBLE BLOCKED)

Presented by: Team Craft

A workshop designed for all graduating delegates that will be moving on to either the work field or a four year institution. This workshop will empower students to become better leaders in an organization.

2. Habitat for Humanity

Presented by: Larry Payne – Executive Director Houston Habitat for Humanity

This workshop will showcase the many opportunities there are to get involved with Habitat for Humanity.

11:15 a.m.-Noon Workshop Session II
1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. - Lunch & General Assembly III
2:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Advisor's Meeting
3:00 p.m. - 3:15 p.m. - Campaign set up
4:00-5:00 p.m. View scrapbooks
3:15 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. – Campaigning
3:45 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. - Clean up
4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. - Regional Meetings
8:00 p.m. - Midnight – Porter Davis Band
Michael Rayner Comedian
Ron Miller Hypnotist

Sunday, April 17th

7:30 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. - Breakfast on your own.
8:00 a.m. - Noon – General Assembly IV at the House of Representatives
(Elections, Amendments, Resolutions)
Noon – Checkout
1:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. - Executive Board Meeting Congress

2004-2005 Executive Board

President, Cal Pifer of Kingwood College

Cal Pifer is a sophomore at Kingwood College in Houston, Texas. He is deeply interested in educational policy. As a result, he is majoring in political science and secondary education. He plans to pursue graduate school and possibly law school to further his educational goals.

Cal is highly active in politics on the local and national levels and has worked with several campaigns in the last year. In addition, he is involved with a number of educational non-profits including the National Service Learning Partnership based in New York City and the Coalition of Essential Schools based in San Francisco.

Cal is thoroughly enjoying his term as president. His favorite aspect of the job is working with the state legislature and other state organizations for community college funding. He feels that lobbying is one of the most powerful and beneficial initiatives that TJCSGA can take on. In this way, he sees Texas' 55 community colleges working together to benefit all 1.1 million community college students in the state.

On the personal side, Cal grew up in Pennsylvania before spending three years over seas in Perth, Australia. He moved to Houston in 1998 and considers the city his home. He loves to take advantage of the many cultural and educational opportunities the city has to offer. For the last five years Cal has worked as an experiential educator on sailing vessels in the north east. In this way he is able to combine his love of teaching and sailing. Most recently he worked as an Outward Bound Sailing instructor on Thompson Island in Massachusetts.

Vice President, Brittany Bryant of Navarro College

The current Vice President of TJCSGA is Brittany Bryant. She is a student at Navarro College.

Secretary, Teresa Schrock of Amarillo College

I was born the youngest of five children at the 2nd General Army Hospital in Landstuhl, Germany. When I was three years old, my father retired from the Air Force and my family and I moved to the panhandle of Texas. I attended Amarillo High School where I participated in the athletic trainer program, the girls wrestling team, and I was very active in the school choir. I was and still am very active in my church during high school. My freshman year, I was a founding member and treasurer of Junior Catholic Daughters of America. By my senior year, I was president of the organization. During my senior year in 2002, I had the opportunity to tour Italy with the youth choir from my church.

Presently, I am following my father and four older sibling's footsteps by attending Amarillo College. At Amarillo College, I am a Liberal Arts major and plan to graduate in May. While at Amarillo College, I have grown as a leader and received awards such as Outstanding Liberal Arts Major and Who's Who Among American Junior Colleges. I am currently an active member of the adult choir at my church and a member of the Amarillo Diocesan Choir which I had the opportunity to tour Italy with during the Christmas break.

After graduating from Amarillo College, I plan to attend West Texas A&M University. While there, I plan to receive my teaching certificate and be involved with student activities and campus life. After graduating from West Texas A&M, I plan to enter in the Department of Defense Education Activity Program (DoDEA) and teach children from military families in an overseas school.

Treasurer, Amanda Zachary of Tyler College

Amanda Zachary is a sophomore Business Major from Wylie, Texas. She is a member of the TJC Student Senate and serves in the capacity of Treasurer School Representative for the TJCSGA. Amanda is an avid shopper and enjoys sports, including Flag Football. Amanda was voted TJC Homecoming Queen and represented the TJC Student Senate on the Homecoming Court.

Upon graduation from TJC, Amanda would like to transfer to Texas State University majoring in Fashion Marketing. She would like to be an executive buyer for a major department store.

Parliamentarian, Joseph Buvid of Blinn College, Bryan

Growing up in Florida, moving to Texas in 7th grade was not too much of a shock. I then moved to Spring, Texas, where I graduated from Westfield High School. I then joined the fire department and then spent two avid years training and building my leadership skills and responsibilities. I began attending Blinn Bryan in the fall of 2003 majoring in finance; I was elected SGA President in the spring of 2004 and am presently serving in that capacity.

I plan on attending Texas A&M, and then going to law school. In June at the Republican State Convention, I was elected to be an Alternate Delegate to the Republican National Convention which attended in September as a Delegate. I hope to someday return to such an event as a Senator for the state of Texas.

Editor of the Bulletin, Amber Landry of Blinn College-Brenham.

Amber Landry is sophomore at Blinn College - Brenham. She is a Criminal Justice major, and plans to transfer to Sam Houston State University. After graduation from SHSU, Amber wants to begin working for the Texas Prison System and continue education in Psychology, and later become a counselor for inmates. Joining Student Government after a former boss talked her into it, she thinks it is one of the greatest decisions she has made. In her three semesters at Blinn, she has served many positions for Student Government; Freshman Delegate, Treasurer, Vice President and is currently the President. When not working for SGA, she enjoys golfing, baseball, football, and intramurals. She also enjoys going dancing and being with friends. She hopes this year will be an experience to never forget for everyone in TJCSGA!

Convention Host, Amanda Hale of Frank Phillips College

The current Host College Representative is Amanda Hale from Frank Phillips College.

State Advisor, Brandon Franke of Blinn College Bryan

I grew up attending TJCSGA conventions, as my father was an advisor for the Blinn College-Brenham SGA in the late 1980s and the 1990s. Prior to that he had served as advisor to two other clubs, and I was raised with college kids freely entering our home at all times. It was taken for granted that this was an accepted part of being employed in the college community. Needless to say, one of my life goals was accomplished when I became SGA advisor in 1999, and were far exceeded when I was elected Advisor-Elect on the floor of the State House of Representatives in 2003. Two years ago when I ran, I promised to help improve communication and the state website at www.tjcsga.org. I believe I have accomplished both of these goals, and if you have not been to the forums yet, check them out! They are premier way for you and your regions to stay in touch year round!

State Advisor-Elect, Kimberly Brown of North Central Texas College

Kim Brown received her Bachelor of Science in Emergency Administration and Planning and her Masters in Higher Education from the University of North Texas (UNT). Currently she is pursuing her doctoral degree in Higher Education with a minor in Communications.

In addition, Kim Brown currently volunteers with American Red Cross and teaches Religious Education to high school students at her church. Currently Kim Brown is a member of Southwest Association of College and University Housing Officers (SWACUHO) and serves as the Advisor-Elect for Texas Junior College Student Government Association (TJCSGA).

Confirmed speakers for the State Convention

Congressman Chris Bell

Chris Bell was sworn into Congress in 2003 and proved himself to be an incredibly effective freshman member. Called a "rising star" in Roll Call, Chris brought home millions of dollars for projects in his district, founded and chaired the Port Security Caucus, was one of only two freshmen to be named a Senior Whip and served on four standing committees: Financial Services, International Relations, Science and Government Reform. He lost his seat as a result of Texas redistricting. Before going to Congress, Chris served five years on the Houston City Council and earned a reputation as an independent thinker with a common-sense approach to governing. He has built an exceptional public-service career around defending the truth, championing the people's issues and maintaining the integrity of public office.

As a candidate for Houston City Council, Chris pledged to fight for more transparency and accountability in city government. After being elected in 1997, he authored and passed landmark ethics reforms, a number of customer service initiatives and helped lead the effort for the City's first property-tax-rate rollback. As Chairman of the City's Ethics Committee, Chris developed and passed an aggressive ethics agenda. At a time when ethics violations had plagued city politics, Chris crafted some of the most expansive campaign and ethics reform bills ever instituted in a municipality. These far-reaching reforms limited the use of soft money in municipal campaigns and required lobbyist registration; ultimately, the influence of business in city government was both limited and made more transparent.

Chris also drafted an ordinance, known as the "revolving door" policy, which prohibits city employees from "cashing in" on their public service by lobbying city officials immediately after leaving their city employment. His hard-line approach to cleaning up the city earned him the praise and respect of his colleagues and community leaders alike.

His fight for ethical reform has continued as a member of Congress. Not willing to stand idly by and watch Majority Leader Tom DeLay continue his pattern of unethical conduct, Bell broke the so-called seven-year "truce" on the filing of ethics complaints in the US House of Representatives. Allegations regarding bribery, money laundering and abuse of power were brought forth and in September 2004, the House Committee on Standards of Official Conduct publicly admonished DeLay in connection with two of the counts and left a third pending action by the Travis County District Attorney. Chris Bell has received accolades far and wide for his courageous stand and his willingness to take on the most powerful man in Congress and stand up for higher ethical standards.

The son of a decorated veteran, Bell was born on November 23, 1959, in Abilene, Texas. He grew up in Dallas and first expressed interest in public service while attending the University of Texas at Austin, where he received a Bachelor of Journalism degree in 1982. While there, he served as President of the Interfraternity Council, was a member of the Texas Cowboys and was named Omicron Delta Kappa Leader of the Year for his pivotal role in reviving the UT student government. Prior to receiving a law degree from South Texas College of Law in 1992, he pursued a successful career as an award-winning television and radio reporter. In 1990, while working at KTRH Radio in Houston, he was selected "best radio reporter in the state" by the Texas Associated Press.

Liz Carpenter-

Liz Carpenter headed to Washington in 1942 to cover the White House and Congress for the Austin American-Statesman. For 18 years, she reported on Presidents from Franklin D. Roosevelt to John F. Kennedy. Ms. Carpenter joined the staff of Lyndon B. Johnson in his campaign for Vice President in 1961, traveled on his foreign missions as press spokesman, and was in Dallas on November 22, 1963, at the time of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. Carpenter drafted the 58 words that LBJ used on his return to Washington. She was press secretary and staff director to First Lady, Lady Bird Johnson, and also contributed to the speeches of the President particularly in the field of humor by creating a White House Humor Group. She was vice president of Hill and Knowlton in Washington after leaving the White House. In 1971, she was one of the founders of the National Women's Political Caucus and co-chair of ERAmerica. She is the author of four books including Start With a Laugh.

The Honorable Scott Hochberg

Scott Hochberg is beginning his sixth term as State Representative to the Texas Legislature, District 137 in southwest Houston. The district includes Gulfton, Sharpstown, Briar Meadow, Shenandoah, Piney Point and nearby communities.

Mr. Hochberg has again been recognized as one of the Texas' best legislators by Texas Monthly magazine. And, his role on technology issues has earned him recognition on Texas Monthly Biz magazine's list of the Top 25 Most Influential Texans in high tech.

Mr. Hochberg serves on the House Committee on Public Education and the House Committee on Land and Resource Management. In past sessions, he has chaired the Education Subcommittee of the House Committee on Appropriations and served on the Select Committee on Public School Finance.

His work on the education committee has included passage of a parents' bill of rights, improved accountability for special education programs, additional school district performance audits, the state's first program to fund school building construction and renovation, and the creation of a medical safety board for student athletics. He has been honored as Legislator of the Year by the Texas Council of Administrators of Special Education and as Outstanding Texas Legislator by the Texas PTA. He has represented Texas on education panels of the National Conference of State Legislatures and the Southern Legislative Conference

Mr. Hochberg has been recognized by Mothers Against Drunk Driving for his work to lower the state's DWI alcohol level. He has also worked successfully to strengthen prosecution of skinhead groups and others who commit hate crimes. He has passed legislation to protect patients from late billing by hospitals, and to provide fair workers compensation payments for workers injured on part-time jobs.

Mr. Hochberg led a successful effort to hold industry responsible for so-called "upset" air pollution caused by poor maintenance. As an advocate of open government, he led in the effort to post all legislative actions and state agency rules on the Internet. Mr. Hochberg has been appointed by Chief Justice Tom Phillips to serve on the Judicial Committee on Information Technology, and was appointed by former House Speaker Pete Laney to chair the Workers' Compensation Research and Oversight Council and to serve on the University Interscholastic League Advisory Council.

Mr. Hochberg is a Houston native. After earning his Master in Electrical Engineering degree from Rice University, he co-founded an electronic manufacturing firm that he headed for 12 years before selling his interest. He currently operates a consulting practice specializing in software development and web site design. He serves on the Community Relations Committee of the Jewish Federation of Houston and also on the boards of the local chapters of the American Jewish Committee and Anti-Defamation League. He has served as president of the board of Houston Taping for the Blind and as trustee of the Citizens' Environmental Coalition. Mr. Hochberg is a graduate of Leadership Houston, and is an Associate Member of the Sharpstown Civic Association.

He has been honored by the American Cancer Society for his support of legislation to reduce smoking.

The Women's Political Caucus of Houston has honored him with their annual "Good Guy" award, and the Harris County Democrats have presented him with their Frankie Award for Education. Rice University has recognized Mr. Hochberg's volunteer efforts by naming its radio broadcasting tower in his honor.

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Rana Jackson, Americorps VISTA and Coordinator for Austin Community College Center for Civic Engagement and Service Learning

Rana Jackson is an AmeriCorps VISTA and Coordinator for the Austin Community College Center for Civic Engagement and Service Learning. Rana serves in a number of capacities under the umbrella of Governmental and Community Relations. Many of her efforts are directed toward ACC's membership in Texas Campus Compact, the state entity of National Campus Compact, the national Service Learning and Civic Engagement organization. One of Rana's largest projects for 2004-2005 has been establishing the new Center for Civic Engagement at Austin Community College. In addition to growing the current service learning program at ACC, a number of student programs have been maintained by the new center, including voter registration efforts, coordinating lobbying efforts of ACC students, alternative spring break service programs, and a number of other projects aimed at linking ACC students and the community in an experiential and academic manner.

Rana's interest in Service Learning and Civic Engagement began at Orange High School in North Carolina, where she worked with the United States Public Interest Group and The Sierra Club as part of the first Service Learning course offered by the school. Rana's commitment to service followed her to Boone, NC, where she was awarded her Bachelor's of Social Work from Appalachian State University. During her undergraduate career Rana was a founding officer of the Collegiate 4-H club and an officer in The Student Association for Social Workers. She has volunteered and coordinated volunteers for Wrap Around Care for Families, The Watauga County Project on Aging, and the Legal Aid Society of North Carolina, spanning from direct-service to fundraising. Rana also took part in volunteer opportunities while a student of African Studies at The University of Ghana in Accra, specifically working with young indigent mothers and their children.

Rana's most recent work experience prior to becoming a VISTA includes positions at Appalachian State University on a federal and state grant project and at Story Book Hill Farms, as Outreach and Community Relations Coordinator.

Joshua Nino, President of TJCSGA 2003-2004

Joshua Niño has served in numerous capacities in the Texas Junior College Student Government Association within the past three years on the local, regional and state levels. He served as the local president of the Odessa College Student Government Association in the 2002-2003 academic year. In April of 2003, he was elected to serve as the State President for the 2003-2004 academic year, representing Odessa College.

Throughout the duration of his presidential term, Joshua was responsible for leading an endeavor of solidifying the organizational structure of TJCSGA. This included the design and installment of the official seal and logo, leading to a more professional validity for the association to the public.

Joshua's primary accomplishment was the installation of the General Board. He was interested in bringing the association to a more decentralized position that would allow the future administrations- Executive Board-to accomplish more progressive actions on behalf of TJCSGA. In general, the constituency

of the General Board was to be made up of each local SGA president of the member community colleges in Texas, as well as the regional presidents of the association. In April of 2004, Joshua submitted his General Board amendment to the 34th TJCSGA General Assembly, and it unanimously was approved. Thus, the General Board was installed as the official governing body in assistance to the Executive Board, and he called the first General Board meeting at the 2004 State Convention.

In March of 2004, Joshua turned over his office to the current State President, Cal Pifer, and now serves in another capacity. In June of 2005, after a 3rd phone call from the Secretary of Education in Washington, Joshua accepted the position, was sworn in and installed as the 25th National President of the United States Leadership Association. In general, this association is the judicial, legislative, and executive governing body for all higher education institutions across the United States, and is a student-lead effort under the guidance of the U.S. Department of Education. It is setup to govern the over 3,500 higher education institutions located in the U.S. just as the judicial, legislative and executive branches are setup to govern the United States. In May of 2005, Joshua will be presiding over the 50th General Conference in Washington for total duration of six days.

Then, in May of 2006, he will be addressing a joint session of congress on the subject of the importance of higher education, and the future young adult generation of the United States , including Social Security, Workforce & Welfare, as well as Federal Aid and student leadership initiatives. His term as National President will be for two years, expiring in June of 2006 and his re-election is already anticipated by his colleagues because of his tremendous efforts, accomplishments and leadership experience.

Joshua is currently in the process of writing his first book, "The Human Leader", which is part of a project towards his degree, the Bachelor of Arts in Leadership. He currently attends the University of Texas, and is an academic tutor for the TAKS testing in the Ector County Independent School District. He is very involved in his community, Odessa, TX, serving in different volunteer capacities. Joshua is very grateful to the Texas Junior College Student Government Association because it has brought him many opportunities he is enjoying today and because of the leadership experience it has taught him.

Laurence J. Payne

Laurence J. Payne is president of Educational Excellence Resource Group LLC, a consulting group specializing in the areas of politics, human resources, leadership, diversity, strategic planning, organizational design, and inter-group education.

Mr. Payne served as district director to Congressman Chris Bell where he oversaw all operations of the twenty-fifth congressional district and managed offices in Houston, Pasadena and Baytown.

Mr. Payne served as executive advisor/consultant to Houston Mayor Lee P. Brown on issues of diversity, education and community initiatives.

Mr. Payne served as the general chairman for the 1991 and 2002 National NAACP Conventions held in Houston. The conventions had over 12,000 and 17,000 in attendance, respectively.

Mr. Payne's past experience includes extensive political service including tenure as Houston's deputy city controller under City Controller George Greanias, district director for Congressman Mickey Leland, and city council agenda director for Houston Mayor Kathy Whitmire. As deputy city controller in charge of external affairs, Mr. Payne was responsible for maintaining clear lines of communication between the controller's office, the mayor's office, council members, and the community. As district director for Congressman Mickey Leland, he managed the congressman's Texas-based programs, permanent staff and volunteers. As city council agenda director, Mr. Payne developed positive working relationships with

diverse elements of the community.

Prior to his work with the City of Houston, Mr. Payne served in several capacities within the Roman Catholic Church including executive director of the Office of Social Development for the Archdiocese of Minneapolis/St. Paul, vicar of urban affairs for the diocese of Belleville, Illinois, and director of community relations of the diocese of Galveston-Houston. Mr. Payne is the recipient of the Knights of St. Peter Claver Justice Award, a national award given to individuals who exemplify outstanding community service.

Mr. Paynes's background includes strong emphasis on educational issues. He is the former president of the Greater Houston Coalition for Educational Excellence. He is the adjunct director of community, institutional, and governmental relations for the Institute for Urban Public Education at the University of Houston. Additionally, he served as a consultant for William H. Sadlier Publishers, Inc. in New York where he advised on multicultural urban education issues.

Mr. Payne has over twenty-five years of successful experience in organizing, developing, marketing, delivering and facilitating training services in business and education. He has facilitated training throughout the United States (in forty-three states), Mexico, and Canada.

Mr. Payne is the host of "Dialogue Houston," a weekly-televised talk show dealing with issues of diversity and race relations in the greater Houston community. "Dialogue Houston" airs on Houston Community College/HCC-TV.

Mr. Payne has actively participated in several community organizations including: the American Leadership Forum; the American Productivity and Quality Center; the Greater Houston Women's Foundation; Houston Works; Initiatives for Children; the National Conference for Community and Justice; NAACP; Inter-faith Ministries; the Junior League; Leadership Houston; Rice University; the San Jacinto Girl Scout Council; Teach for America; the University of St. Thomas; the United Way of the Texas Gulf Coast; Education Foundation of Harris County; Greater Houston Convention and Visitor's Bureau; Fairfax County Government; and the United Way of America.

Deneen Phillips

ASACC President 2004-2005

American Student Association of Community Colleges (ASACC) is a student centered national network through which student leaders representing the largest constituency of American higher education learn and serve, speak and act.

The association represents the importance of lifelong learning as the foundation of the nation's social and economic progress.

You know that a good student government helps the college in positive ways, giving it a true consumer voice, enhanced community relations, stronger institutional advocacy, and a richer educational experience. **Pulling together as a national voice, we add further to our experiences.**

Carole Keeton Strayhorn- Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts-

Carole Keeton Strayhorn was the first woman in history elected Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts. She was re-elected Comptroller in 2002 with the highest vote total of any winning Republican in the

nation and more votes than any woman candidate nationwide of either party. She is a fiscal conservative, education watchdog, and “One Tough Grandma—watching out for Texas.”

In 2004, the Mental Health Association in Texas selected Strayhorn as the recipient of the Texas Champion Award. Last year, she was given the University of Texas at Austin Distinguished Alumnus Award and the Outstanding Conservative Award by the Conservative Alliance of Texas Tech and College Republicans of Texas Tech. She is the recipient of the Texas Classroom Teachers Association’s Friend of Education Award and the first annual Happy Trails Award for running a positive re-election campaign in 2002. She also was selected as the first Friend of Texas Taxpayers chosen by Citizens for a Sound Economy. A longtime friend of law enforcement, Strayhorn is a lifetime honorary member of the Austin Police Association.

Strayhorn began her career as a public school teacher. Her lifelong record of achievement and public service is rooted in her passion for education.

Often called a trailblazer, Strayhorn has a resume full of “firsts”—first woman president of the Austin School Board, and first woman president of the Austin Community College Board of Trustees; first woman mayor of Austin, and the only mayor elected for three successive terms; first woman in history elected Texas Railroad Commissioner—and re-elected in 1996 with the highest vote total in a statewide contested race.

Comptroller Strayhorn is the daughter of the late Page Keeton, the revered long-time Dean of the University of Texas Law School. He instilled in her at a very early age the importance of public service. She not only learned that lesson from her dad, she passed it on to her children. Her eldest son, Dr. Mark McClellan, is the Administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. He previously served as Commissioner of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. Her twin sons, Brad McClellan and Dudley McClellan, are both attorneys. Brad is an Assistant Attorney General for Texas-Chief of Workers’ Compensation Section, and Dudley is Assistant General Counsel for the State Bar of Texas. Her youngest son, Scott McClellan, is Press Secretary to the President of the United States.

She is a native Texan and a government honors graduate of the University of Texas at Austin. She is married to Ed Strayhorn, the founder and president of the oldest tennis court construction business in Texas. They are the proud parents of five grown sons, and proud grandparents of five young granddaughters.

Guidelines for the House Chamber

Please note: These are not TJCSGA rules, but those of the House itself

1. Food and/or drink are NOT allowed in the House Chamber or a committee room.
2. Rowdy or disorderly conduct, incivility, profanity, and other conduct that does not meet acceptable standards of decorous behavior are not permitted in the House Chamber or a committee room.
3. No sign, placard, banner, or other unauthorized articles may be brought into the House Chamber or a committee room.
4. No display may be set up in the House Chamber or a committee room without the express permission of an authorized representative of the Committee
5. The desk telephones in the House Chamber may not be used.
6. Objects on, or contents of, desks in the House Chamber may not be disturbed.
7. State property in the House Chamber or a committee room may not be moved or removed.
8. Members and guests of the Contractor shall comply with reasonable requests of authorized representatives of the Committee to refrain from conduct that may tend to damage the premises or its contents.
9. All youth groups are required to have adult sponsors in the Chamber at any time that the group will be in the Chamber.



Sunday, April 03, 2005

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The Power of One in Austin

The state convention will be held April 14-17, 2005 at the Radisson on Town Lake in Austin. Get the latest information here!

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A new Bulletin is out!

Click the link to see the coverage about Community College Day.

CONFIRMED! Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn will be a keynote speaker at the convention!

Click here to read about the history of this friend of Community Colleges

Read Representative Jerry Madden's letter in appreciation for Community College Day.

Have you paid your dues?

Check the Treasurer's page to see if your college has paid their annual dues.

Convention Minutes Online at the Convention

We will be posting them to the website the moment they are done. The Radisson now offers free wireless internet in the lobby and the meeting rooms, so you will be able to have a copy faster than ever!

Mission Accomplished! The First Community College Day is a Success!

Over 1,000 students flooded the Texas Legislature on February 17th to lobby for a \$359 million dollar increase

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