



2006 State Convention

Speakers and Entertainment

With the state convention date coming up, there are many details the executive board would like to tell you about. First of all, the registration packet is now available online at TJCSGA.org. Your dues will need to be sent to the addresses listed on the website.

The executive board is working hard to provide you with enjoyable entertainment as well as informative keynote speakers. We are very excited to announce that Rachel Moyal, former star of MTV's hit reality show "The Real World-Austin" will be a keynote speaker this year. She will bring a new perspective to this year's TJCSGA state convention. We have also asked Cheryl Sutterfield, the CEO for the Dallas area American Red Cross Association to be another guest speaker.

The entertainment will be provided by "Travelin' Max for the Luau." Roy Wood Jr. will perform as a stand-up comedian. He will give his act, as well as MC another event that will take place during the convention. Other additions to the entertainment segment of the convention include: The Inner City All-Stars Brass Band and Jay's Aqua Message.

If you would like to make a program proposal, you will need to send your information to TJCSGA vice president Brian Jones. His e-mail is briantjones@hotmail.com. We would love to get feedback on what your school would like to receive from this year's state convention!

Running for State Office Next Year?

If your school is interested in running for a state position in the upcoming school year, you will need to be informed of the requirements to do so. This information can be found in the official Uniformity Book, once again found at TJCSGA.org.

For the first time ever, you can advertise for a state position in the bulletin. The size of the advertisement can be no larger than a standard business card. This would be a great opportunity for your school if you are seriously considering running for a position.

Send your advertisement to sga@hillcollege.edu.

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Your Executive Board is excited about the upcoming state convention!



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Blinn-Brenham SGA attends New Politics Forum

On November 5, four officers in the Blinn College-Brenham Student Government Association traveled to the Texas Union on the campus of the University of Texas at Austin to participate in a program sponsored by the New Politics Forum, entitled "Campaign 2006: An Insider's Look." Along with College of the Mainland, Blinn College-Brenham was one of two community colleges participating in the forum with undergraduate and graduate students from several major universities across the state of Texas including Texas State University, Baylor University, the University of Texas at Austin, Sam Houston State University, and several others.

Sponsored by the New Politics Forum, this conference gave students the opportunity to listen and discuss a variety of topics pertaining to Texas politics and especially the 2006 Texas election season includ-

ing: "Understanding Texas Demographics," "Putting together a Winning Strategy," "Hot-Button Issues," and "Voter Communications." Listening to a panel of experts discussing these different topics and asking questions allowed the students to understand Texas politics in a deeper way, how Texas politics is continually changing, what it takes to successfully run for political office in Texas, what issues will impact the 2006 and future Texas elections, and what methods work best to communicate to voters in today's society.

After listening to the different panelist discussions during the day, all of the students had the opportunity to meet several 2006 Texas campaign leaders and to sign up to work on behalf of any of these campaigns if they chose to do so. Altogether, the conference was extremely beneficial to all of the students in their daily

work as leaders on their respective campuses, and it gave many students an up-close look at some of the vital necessities of the Texas political game and what it will take for them to run for office in Texas in the



Pictured from Left to Right are: Jessica Skelton, David Martinez, Andrew Smith, and Edgar Zapata. Also pictured with Blinn College-Brenham SGA officers is former TJCSGA President and New Politics Forum Intern Cal Pifer.

Get Your School Involved Politically

It is written in the TJCSGA Constitution that each member school is responsible for getting involved politically. What this means is, each school should strive to have a minimum of three political interactions throughout the 2005-2006 school year. As Student Government Representatives, we are naturally placed in leadership positions. This requirement provides a reason for your SGA to get involved in your community or surrounding area. Invite a politician or official leader to come speak at an event at your college. This is a great way to get involved as well as encourage students to be active in the politics affecting the State of Texas.

Fun Fact Trivia!



How many TJCSGA active member colleges are there across the state of Texas?



Your TJCSGA Parliamentarian

Hello, my name is Scott C Comar. I have attended El Paso Community College for the last two years, and I'm currently enrolled in my fifth full time semester. I have maintained a 4.0 GPA and am currently enrolled in the Honors Program here at EPCC. I plan on teaching and enjoy being a student. I became involved in the Student Government Association here at EPCC in the spring of 2005, and it has been a learning experience for me. Subsequently, the more I learned, the more I became involved.

I am also the EPCC SGA Parliamentarian and am still in the process of learning more about Parliamentary procedure. I am looking forward to working with all of you, as well as making a difference within our society. I have a three month old son and feel highly motivated to pursue a career in teaching his-

tory. I also feel that doing this job is a privilege and an honor in itself and I look to put my best foot forward in furthering our efforts.



TJCSGA Host School Representative

My name is Keva Garner, and I am 20 years old. I was born and raised in Levelland, Texas, so it just felt right to attend South Plains College. I am a business management major hopefully graduating in May 2006, I and will then transfer to Texas Tech. I have one sibling, an older brother who will soon be graduating from Texas Tech with an agricultural education degree.

While growing up, my brother and I showed livestock which took up a lot of our time. I was very fortunate however to be able to have shown the Grand Champion Lamb at the State Fair of Texas in 2002, I also was a member of the Texas Junior Club Lamb Association, placing in the Top Ten in point standings in 2000. Since being active in stock shows I was able to participate in many leadership opportunities and hold many offices for both 4-H and FFA. Even though I grew up in Levelland, I graduated from Whiteface High School in 2003. While in high school I was a member of the student

government, national honor society, and FCA and was a varsity cheerleader. My parents work at a crop insurance agency that my Dad owns, but also stay busy volunteering around the community and surrounding counties. I hope that their leadership experiences and the experiences that I had will enable me to serve the executive board to the best of my abilities, and I look forward to the upcoming year.



Supporters of Hunger Relief

Hill College

Across the Lone Star State, families with inadequate access to food have been struggling to provide meals for everyday life as well as preparing for the upcoming holiday feasts. Many of these families have turned to community food drives for help.

Due to the recent devastations of hurricanes Rita and Katrina, many food banks have been wiped clean of their supplies. Food banks have been striving to replenish their resources by encouraging communities to sponsor food drives.

The recent strain sparked an interest in the Hill College Student Government Association. With a heart-filled effort in mind, the Hill College SGA decided to pair with Hillsboro Interfaith Ministries/Food for Families to sponsor a campus-wide food drive.

By the end of the food drive, 8,160 pounds of food had been collected and distributed to less fortunate families. Many Hill College students, as well as the SGA, aided in the packing, moving and distribution of the food.



Blinn College-Bryan

The Blinn College-Bryan Student Government Association recently completed their 3rd annual food drive. In total, they raised over 1,000 pounds of non-perishable food in this project and donated it to the Brazos County Church Food Pantry.

When planning this event, the SGA Executive Board aimed to better their record from the previous year of 561 pounds. Needless to say, this goal was easily achieved.

The food donated was used to provide Thanksgiving dinners to those who would otherwise not have received a meal on this holiday.



Wharton College

This fall, WCJC-Wharton Registrar's Office. Cody Anderson, campus, put learning into action with the creation of our Appreciation Committee. At the Spring 2005 Region IV meeting, Blinn-Brenham presented a workshop showing how they acknowledged different departments on campus. We decided to follow their lead and identified two groups for the Fall semester. In October, we sent notes of thanks with What-a-burger coupons to the faculty. And in November, we presented homemade pumpkin bread loaves to the hardworking people in the

Registrar's Office. Cody Anderson, a 2nd year delegate and Vice-President of SGA, often bragged about how good his homemade pumpkin bread was, so we put him to the test! He made a double batch which we wrapped in saran wrap with fall ribbons and delivered them one afternoon. The loaves were great and the Registrar's Office was thrilled with their appreciation surprise. This is a great way to get your SGA more visible on campus, while fostering good will at the same time.





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