Texas Governor Rick Perry recently recognized College of the Mainland’s associate degree process technology program for its contribution to the state’s workforce efforts. Perry cited COM’s leadership in upholding the Texas Skill Standards Board’s (TSSB) recognized industry standards to prepare students to meet the demands for a highly-skilled workforce.

“With institutions like yours leading the way, the Lone Star State will continue to prosper in the future,” Perry concluded.

And with an outstanding PTEC faculty and staff moving the program forward, is it any wonder the governor took notice?

Texas City launched a new bus service recently with daily stops at COM among other places. One of our Welcome Center student workers, Starr Morris, found the new transportation option...welcome.

The buses run every 45 minutes from 6:15 a.m. to 6:10 p.m. Monday through Friday (except holidays). Fares are $1 one way and 50¢ for seniors, persons with disabilities and students. Children under six ride free.

Other stops include Mainland Medical Center, Texas City High School, City Hall, Mall of the Mainland, and WalMart among others.
DIVERSITY COUNCIL REP ATTENDS CONFERENCE

John Presnall, faculty in the Social and Behavioral Science Department, represented the COM Diversity Council at a conference, paid in part by PDA and the Office of Diversity and Equity.

Diversity, Learning and Inclusive Excellence: Accelerating and Assessing Progress Conference was held in Long Beach, Calif.

“In general, I came away from the conference with the sense that COM is somewhat ahead of the curve in its attempts to foster a diverse learning environment. While we have work to do in implementation, and while change is often incremental, COM nonetheless has many of the curricular and institutional models in place,” Presnall reported.

DATATEL LOGIN

The Datatel login request form is found on the network drive I:/Datatel/Datatel Security. There is a separate form for the ST suite and the CF suite. Choose the form that is right for your job requirement. If you have any questions about who is eligible for a Datatel Login or you need refresher training, please call Martha Willis at ext. 698 or e-mail mcrain@com.edu.

E-PORTFOLIO IS HERE!

Our faculty has been sent a link for a FREE E-Portfolio site to evaluate for inclusion into their classroom as well as a personal showcase for educational and career development. E-Portfolio will give College of the Mainland students the edge with an electronic portfolio to manage their education, career experiences and milestones, which are always ready on the web for the perusal of a prospective employer. E-Portfolio is a robust, feature-rich environment that supports use of interactive tools like audio, video and surveys and so much more. Please contact Glenda Brents at ext. 168 for more information.

SWAN SONG

A recent visitor to campus, this swan made friends with Caterrean (Cat) Wade, Gym employee, who didn’t mind sharing his lunch.

The swan was last seen heading for the Student Center presumably in search of one of Mr. C’s deli sandwiches.
NEW FACES AT COM

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PELAWS
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Gym
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COMING ATTRACTIONS

NOV. 11  COM Veterans Day Salute
12:30-1:30 p.m., Library
Special guest Anna Edwards,
Native American speaker

NOV. 11  COM Jazz Ensemble Concert
8 p.m., FA Recital Hall

NOV. 17  COM Concert Band
8 p.m., FA Recital Hall

NOV. 19  THE RUBY SUNRISE
8 p.m., Theater
Free employee preview

NOV. 27  Thanksgiving

DEC. 3  First day of spring registration

FUTURE NEWSLETTERS

• What activities are you involved with outside of COM? Other than wearing a caped body suit, driving a Batmobile or fighting crime in Gotham City, tell us about any unusual hobbies you have or what you do to unwind on weekends. We just might use it in our After Hours section. We will watch for the Bat signal.

• Please send suggestions for future employee newsletters to marketing @com.edu and put “Newsletter Suggestions” in the subject line.

FAST-TRACK MATH CELEBRATES

Rose Shirey and the Fast-Track Math 0310 class celebrate the completion of their course while many of their friends are only taking mid-terms in the 16-week classes. The Fast-Track Math classes were created so that hard-working motivated students could complete both Math 0310 and Math 0320 during the fall semester, allowing them to enroll in College Algebra or Technical Math in the spring semester. This past year, marketing budgeted for more advertising for this course, and it has been very successful. These students that passed Math 0310 will begin the Math 0320 course.

WEDDING BELLE IN ADMISSIONS

Congratulations go out to admissions records specialist Jimmi Brown who tied the proverbial knot recently to become Jimmi Selman. On hand to share in the celebration were coworkers and friends, left to right: Christina Poston, Ruthie Newman, Chris Rushing, Connie Bardwell, the new Mrs. Jimmi Selman, Laura Divine, Beverly Self, Martha Willis, Peggy Blizzard, Elma Aguilera, Martin Perez. Also in attendance were Wanda and Al Bass.

ANNIVERSARY VIDEO — College of the Mainland administrative services employees perform the “Duck dance” Thursday in a skit for a videotape to be shown at the employee recognition dinner May 1. All departments are participating in the lighthearted video, which coincides with the more serious celebration of the college’s 25th anniversary this year. The star of the show was department head David Rice, right, who was appropriately ducked out for the event.

(11/27/92 photo by Dwight C. Andrews)