

Teaching Learning Center

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The Teaching Learning Center (TLC) nurtures instructional design, critical thinking and technology skills for the faculty and staff of Cedar Valley College. The TLC provides assistance in a supportive environment and provides a forum for informal faculty discussion.

APRIL WORKSHOPS:

Second Life April 7
2pm

The Story of Beer April 17
2pm

Cedar Valley April 21
Green 12pm

Vanguard Online 2008

The TLC is proud to report there were close to 30 participants this spring in the Vanguard Online program. These participants spent a rigorous four days working through the curriculum, and learning design aspects for online teaching. This was not a passive process. Participants were required to be active on the site's discussion board. These discussions contributed to the overall outcome of the learn-

ing process. The course was beneficial in not only presenting content

on online instruction, but also in giving teachers the opportunity to experience what it is like to be an online student. We look forward to the next offering and expanding the program to include Vanguard².

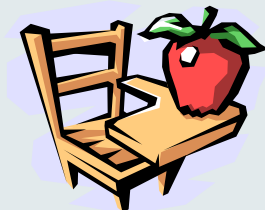


Raising Retention

Towards the end of March, Anna Mays sent out an email with an attached article from the Chronicle of Higher Education by Libby Sander. Ms. Sander examines the importance of the first impression to the student.

The findings of a new study, Survey of Entering Student Engagement, sheds light on why students choose to leave and what officials can do to encourage them to stay.

Ms. Sander reports the survey to show "that a large number of students are unaware of



their college's core services in the opening weeks of their first semester. And only one in five said they felt welcome at their institutions the first time they

came to campus."

The survey continues by stating community colleges, would benefit greatly if they were to take the initiative early on by being attentive to student needs in areas such as, orientation, academic advising, and financial aid. Making students feel more welcome and valued results in a happier, more productive student and hopefully higher retention rates.

<http://chronicle.com>

THOUGHTS OF FOOLISHNESS:

◆ The first of April is the day we remember what we are the other 364 days of the year. -- *Mark Twain*

◆ It's better to keep your mouth shut and be thought a fool than to open it and leave no doubt. -- *Mark Twain*

◆ However big the fool, there is always a bigger fool to admire him. -- *Nicolas Boileau-Despreaux*

◆ The ultimate result of shielding men from the effects of folly, is to fill the world with fools. -- *Herbert Spencer*

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This site contains impressive multimedia that is effective in teaching science concepts.

◆ www.lecturefox.com
See and hear lectures from some of the top universities in the world.

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April Fools!

Find the hidden words within the grid of letters.

J L O Y L S N S K A G K E O S
B O P H X Q R O K D S K T Z L
B N E T U T M H N T W L Y R J
D H A P R I L F O O L S P G H X
S E R M V L G K W E Q T K X C
T M O P W J N F L D Y R E Z H
A I T H J D F K F T I E J J H
T H G Y I X S B E D E M J K F
M P A K Y O T A L H S X Y A R
J A M Q O S F C F W U L S D A
W X E K G A B Y Y T S T V V N
G D D T Y S O J E Q H D E J G
D U O K D L V D B L P P W O E
O H K O Q Z Y I T K T Y B H S
S J Y F M K B C Q V V P T T S

Trick	Earth	Joke	Showers
April	Green	Sprout	Diamond
Spring	Taxes	Prank	Fools

Recycling for Earth Day

Most of the surrounding areas have some sort of recycling program currently in place. Here is a list of a few of the recycling locations in Dallas County.

Dallas
Recycling since: 1992
Details: Curbside with approved blue bags.
Materials: glass (clear, green and brown); mixed paper (magazines, junk mail, home or office paper, but no hardcover or telephone books); chipboard or paperboard (cereal boxes, but no corrugated cardboard); plastic bottles (#1-#3); aluminum, steel or tin and aerosol cans; newspapers with inserts (sleeved separately in brown paper bags). For a complete Igloo drop-off location list please visit: <http://www.dallasnews.com>
Household hazardous waste: Home Chemical Collection Center (HC3) accepts from residents of Dallas and the unincorporated areas of Dallas County. For hours, call

214-553-1765.
Information: Dallas residents can dial 311 (General city information line, follow prompts to "sanitation," then "recycling"). Web site: www.dallascityhall.com

DeSoto
Recycling since: 1990
Details: Curbside with bin.
Materials: plastics #1-#5 and #7; all glass colored bottles and containers (no plate glass, ceramic or mirrors); all metal cans - lids removed and rinsed; newspapers, catalogs and magazines, junk mail, corrugated cardboard, office paper.
Drop-off centers: Curbside only. Abitibi paper recycling containers at local schools.
Household hazardous waste: Part of the Dallas Area Household Hazardous Waste program. Save for collection event, or call the Home Chemical Collection Center at 214-553-1765.
Information: Action Center at 972-274-2489. Web site: www.ci.desoto.tx.us.

Duncanville
Recycling since: 1996
Details: Curbside with bin.
Materials: glass jars and bottles, aluminum, steel or tin food and beverage cans, plastics #1 or #2, newspapers, catalogs, office paper, corrugated cardboard, cereal boxes and magazines.
Information: Call the sanitation department at 972-780-5062. Web site: www.ci.duncanville.tx.us.

Lancaster
Details: Curbside with bin.
Materials: glass jars and bottles, aluminum, steel or tin food and beverage cans, plastics #1 or #2, newspapers, catalogs, office paper, corrugated cardboard, cereal boxes and magazines.
Information: For information, call Allied Waste at 972-225-4207.

Information gathered from www.dallasnews.com