



Provost Updates to Faculty Senate

Distinguished Alumna and Presidential Alumna!



Mary Jane Hamilton RN, Ph.D. has been named as the 2015 Georgia Regents University (GRU) College of Nursing Pheobe Kandel Rohrer Distinguished Alumna and Presidential Alumna!

Hamilton is the Founding Dean of the College of Nursing and Health Sciences and has served the university in this capacity for more than 10 years.

She is not only a leader in the college, but in the community as well. She has spent many years working with local and national organizations. Some of her most recent commitments include Trustee for Corpus Christi Medical Center, treasurer for Coastal Bend Wellness Board, board member for Health Information Network for the coastal bend (HINTX) and holding office of Treasurer for the Regional Health Awareness Board. In addition she is the Texas Organization for Baccalaureate and Graduate Nursing Education representative to the Texas Nursing Legislation Coalition.

Congratulations, Dean Mary Jane Hamilton, on this well-deserved recognition!

She will be honored in April during GRU's Alumni Weekend.

"The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character—that is the goal of true education."

-Martin Luther King, Jr.

B.S. in Electrical Engineering Approved!

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board approved TAMU-CC's proposal for the Bachelor of Science degree with a major in Electrical Engineering at its board meeting on January 22, 2015. Once we have final notification and verification from SACSCOC, classes could begin as soon as fall 2015.

Faculty Survey of Student Engagement (FSSE)

To be distributed on April 7, 2015

Many faculty are aware that we administer the FSSE (pronounced "fessie") each year during the spring semester. It is designed to measure faculty expectations for student engagement in educational practices that are known to be empirically linked with high levels of learning and development. Furthermore, the FSSE is a companion survey to the National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE). The combined results of these surveys at our institution can help illuminate the relationship between our faculty members purposeful educational activities and the outcomes reported by students.

In an effort to increase participation and attain meaningful data for the use of our university, I wanted to notify all faculty well in advance that they will be asked to complete the FSSE in early April.

Participation is voluntary and your responses will be confidential and kept anonymous to anyone at TAMU-CC. I hope you will complete the survey when it becomes available.



Enrollment Management Update

As of close of business on January 21, 2015 and comparing like days, the spring 2015 enrollment was 10,572. This represents an increase of almost 2% compared to final last year. The University has de-registered students for non-payment and those de-registrations are reflected in the headcount number.

Currently, for fall 2015, our total applications are at 9,139 which represents a 6.5% increase compared to last year same time. We have admitted 4,200 students for the fall 2015 semester which represents an increase of 23.8% compared to last year same time.

We have received 8,411 first-time in college (FTIC) applications which represents a 9% increase compared to last year same time. We have admitted 4,140 FTIC students which represents a 25.3% increase compared to last year same time.

Important Dates to Remember:

- January 28 ♦ Last day to late register or add a class
- February 5 ♦ 12th class day for Spring 2015
- February 7 ♦ Island Day
- February 13 ♦ THECB site visit for Doctor of Nursing Practice Degree
- February 17 ♦ 20th class day for Spring 2015

Island University Selected as Texas' RESTORE Center of Excellence

January 16, 2015

The Harte Research Institute (HRI) for Gulf of Mexico Studies at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi was named as a lead organization of the state's RESTORE Research Centers of Excellence.

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality announced Friday two consortia to establish Centers of Excellence in Texas.

The RESTORE Act (Resources and Ecosystems Sustainability, Tourist Opportunities and Revived Economies of the Gulf Coast States) resulted from the Deepwater Horizon oil spill in 2010, and directs penalties into a trust fund to support programs, projects, and activities that restore and protect the environment and economy of the Gulf Coast region. RESTORE directs 80% of all Deepwater Horizon fines and judgments to the Gulf. Some 2.5% goes to establish a Center of Excellence in each of the five states bordering the gulf. Depending on final judgments, that could total from \$10 million to \$40 million available to each center. Of that, \$4 million is expected to be available immediately. [Read more.](#)



RESOURCE TIP

Campus Associates at TAMU-CC are:

Dr. Tania M. Anders
Dr. Ryan Beard
Ms. Tiffany Hearne
Dr. Michael Kupferman

Feel free to contact them to obtain items of interest to you available through the [AAC&U website](#).

AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

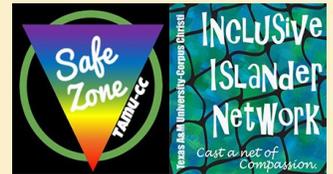
01/22 MLK March 12pm Dugan Wellness Center	01/24 MLK Day of Service With Habitat for Humanity Register on OrgSync	01/29 3rd Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Celebration 6pm Del Mar Richardson Performance Hall	
02/02 AAHM Kick-Off 11:30am - 1:30pm UC Anchor Ballroom	02/10 Open Mic Night 6pm - 7:30pm Faculty Center Atrium	02/12 Spoken Word Artist 5pm UC Anchor Ballroom	02/17 Community Panel Discussion 6pm Location TBD
02/18 MGC Divine 9 6:30pm Location TBD	02/19 Juke Joint 5pm UC Anchor Ballroom	Month of February Information & Display Mary and Jeff Bell Library tamucc.libguides.com	Month of February Facebook Trivia Mary and Jeff Bell Library https://www.facebook.com/TAMUCCLibrary

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Inclusive Islander Network

The Inclusive Islanders are a network of students, staff and faculty who strive to create a welcoming environment for all members of the Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi community through their different involvements on campus. Inclusive Islanders exemplify compassion, respect and equality toward others regardless of how they identify and the ways in which those identities intersect.



ODELT INSTRUCTOR SERVICES

Student orientations to Blackboard: The Office of Distance Education and Learning Technologies (ODELT) staff will *come to your class* and provide students with either a generic overview of Blackboard and its tools or a presentation of features tailored to your course. This will be a quick, 20-minute or less session to prepare your students for using the Blackboard Learn tools in your course. Please contact our office at ext. 2122 or odelt@tamucc.edu if you would like to schedule a session.

WebEx, Softchalk, and customized workshops upon request.

Blackboard & Online Course Design Training!

Upcoming in-class sessions include:

- ◆ ongoing weekly two-hour meetings throughout the Spring 2015 semester
- ◆ May 18-22, 2015

Registration and the most up-to-date information can be found at <https://iol.tamucc.edu/certificates.html>.

**Provost's next Open Office Hours will be on
Friday, January 30, 2015 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.**

Any faculty or staff member is welcome to stop by and discuss ideas, opportunities, issues of concern, or just introduce her/himself. Please remember that any request for resources, however, must follow the proper paths of responsibility. I look forward to meeting with you!