



# Texas A&M University-Commerce

President Dan R. Jones, Ph.D.

## SPRING ASSEMBLY

January 10, 2013



# In Memory of . . . .



## Dr. David “Doc” Crenshaw

- ❖ Passed away December 27<sup>th</sup>
- ❖ Came to Commerce in 1984 as a professor of animal science
- ❖ Until his retirement in 2010, he served in a variety of roles, including interim dean, department head, president of the Faculty Senate, and chair of the Presidential Search Committee
- ❖ Memorial contributions may be made via **Bridge Builders**. Contact Stephanie Fiorisi at 903.468.8181 for more information.



## In Memory of . . . .



### Dr. William C. “Carroll” Adams

- ❖ Passed away December 27<sup>th</sup>
- ❖ Became a faculty member of Texas A&M University-Commerce—then East Texas State College—in 1960
- ❖ Taught full-time for 35 years and was named Professor Emeritus of Economics in 1998
- ❖ Memorial contributions may be made via **Bridge Builders**. Contact Stephanie Fiorisi at 903.468.8181 for more information.



## In Memory of . . . .



### Dr. Miroslav J. “John” Hanak

- ❖ Passed away December 25<sup>th</sup>
- ❖ Became a faculty member of Texas A&M University-Commerce (then East Texas State University) in 1968
- ❖ Taught full-time for 26 years and was named Professor Emeritus of Literature and Languages in 1996
- ❖ Memorial contributions may be made via ***Bridge Builders***. Contact Stephanie Fiorisi at 903.468.8181 for more information.



# John Kaulfus – Assistant Vice President and Dean of Campus Life and Student Development



- Formerly served as UTSA associate dean of students
- Master's degree in higher education administration from UT and ABD, Doctorate of Education, Educational Leadership and Policy Studies from UTSA
- Begins February 1st



# Tim Murphy – Interim Chief Information Officer



- University contracted with Columbia Advisory Group for his services
- Master's degree in Quantitative Analysis from University of Missouri at Kansas City
- More than 25 years in Information Technology
- Began December 10th



# Ryan Ivey - Athletic Director



- Formerly served as Associate Athletic Director at McNeese State
- Bachelor's degree in Sports Management and a Master's degree in Sport and Leisure Commerce from the University of Memphis
- Begins January 15th



# Dr. Gail Johnson - Interim Dean, College of Education and Human Services



- Formerly Associate Dean, COEHS
- Doctorate in Educational and Counseling Psychology from University of Missouri, Columbia
- Began January 2nd



# Paula Hanson – Associate Vice President for Business & Administration



- Formerly served as the comptroller for Texas A&M University-Kingsville
- Certified Public Accountant and has a BBA in Accounting from Texas A&M University-Kingsville
- Begins January 14<sup>th</sup>



# Dr. Marila Palmer – Associate Provost, Institutional Effectiveness and Planning



- Formerly Assistant Provost, East Texas Baptist University
- Ph.D. in Leadership Studies
- Evaluator and Presenter at 20+ institutions for SACS-COC
- Begins February 1



# SACSCOC (SACS)

## What is SACSCOC?

- Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges
- The regional accrediting agency for the southern United States
- One of seven regional accrediting agencies recognized by the US Dept of Education
- All institutions of higher education must have accreditation reaffirmed every 10 years, with a mid-term review every 5 years
- 2013-14 will be the time of our decennial review



# What is Accreditation?

- Institutional or Specialized
- Designed to assure quality and integrity of higher education
  - Verify standards for an institution and its programs
  - Assist students in identifying acceptable institutions
  - Determine the acceptability of transfer credits
  - Determine eligibility for Title IV funds (Financial Aid)



# Compliance Certification Report

- Written response to 98 standards and subsections in the SACSCOC *The Principles of Accreditation*
- Due September 10, 2013
- Expect to have a full draft by May 2013



# Our Team

- Leadership Team

- Dan Jones, President, Mary Hendrix, VP SAS, Bob Brown, VP BA, Marila Palmer, Assoc. Provost IEP, Derald Harp, Assoc. Prof., Chair, Reaffirmation Steering Committee

- Administrative Support

- Mary Hendrix, VP SAS
- Marila Palmer, Ph.D., Assoc. Provost – IEP (February 1), SACS Liaison

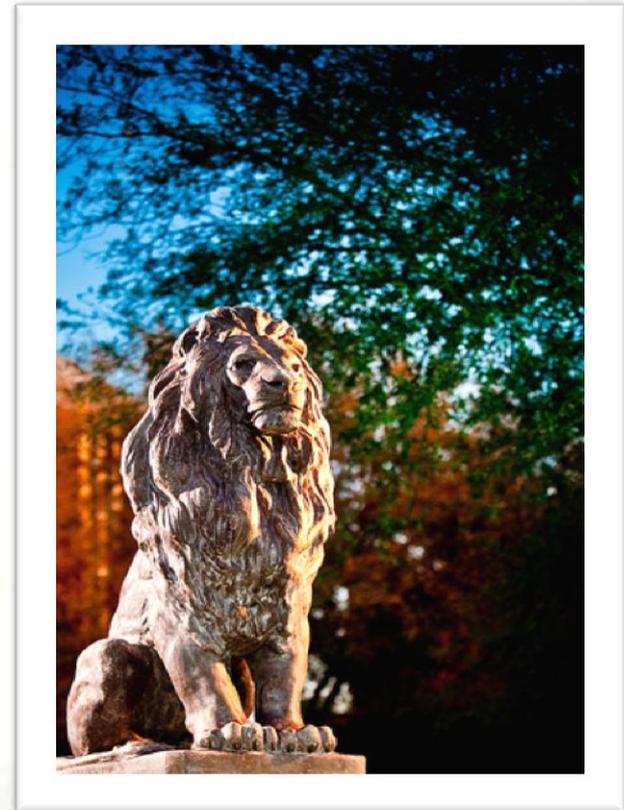
- Reaffirmation Steering Committee

- Derald Harp, Chair
- Bob Brown, Alicia Currin, Joe Daun, Ricky Dobbs, Brent Donham, Dan Edelman, Chip Fox, Mary Hendrix, Sharon Johnson, Courtney Kernek, Marila Palmer, Gary Peer



# The Real Authors

- The faculty and staff of A&M – Commerce
- Over 70 people on over 15 different committees have contributed to at least one standard
- Over 50 people have contributed to the QEP
- This is our opportunity to identify areas of improvement





# SACSCOC Timeline

- September 10, 2013 – Compliance Certification due
- November 2013 – Off-site review
- December 2013 – University response
- March 2014 – On-site review
- December 2014 – Notification of reaffirmation of accreditation decision by SACSCOC Board



## Current Status

- First draft nearly 90% complete
- Expect full completion by early summer
- Compliant with most standards
- Have areas of improvement
- We expect to demonstrate compliance in all areas by the March 2014 on-site visit
- Begin QEP in Spring 2014!



# SACSCOC

## *The Principles of Accreditation*

- 98 Standards
- Two standards are not addressed in the Compliance Certification
  - CR 2.12 Quality Enhancement Plan
  - CS 3.3.2 Quality Enhancement Plan
- The **QEP**





# QEP Team

- Leadership team
  - Haydn “Chip” Fox (Chair), Shonda Gibson, Rock Clinton, Derald Harp, Ricky Dobbs, Mary Hendrix
- QEP Committee
  - Haydn “Chip” Fox, Chair
  - Shonda Gibson, Associate Chair
  - Natalia Assis, Betty Block, Rebecca Bolin, Chelsea Bryant, Hasan Coskun, Caleb Culver, Denise Golden, Rebecca Hanstad, Maria Hinojosa, John Humphreys, John Mark Jones, Pratyush Kotturu, Imma Lyons, Lisa Martinez, Wendy Morgan, John Smith, Tammi Thompson, Leslie Toombs, William Wadley



## QEP to Date

- 2008-09 – Began initial exploration and discovery
- 2009 – Chose final topic
- 2010-11 – Completed initial surveys and began preliminary data collection
- 2012-13 – Refinement of definitions and proposals



# The Global Imperative

## *Preparing Students for an Interconnected World*

- Global courses
  - All students will take a global course as part of their University Studies curriculum
- Global Scholars Program
  - Special distinction given to students who complete a series of Global activities throughout their academic career, including an opportunity to participate in an International service trip
- Global Fellows
  - Special distinction given to faculty and staff with expertise and interest in global instruction, experience and activities
- Global Events



# 2013 QEP Timeline

## Spring and Summer

- Finalize QEP student learning outcomes
- Finalize student learning measurement instruments
- Develop faculty and staff QEP-related programs
- Begin QEP marketing and communication
- Complete rough draft of our QEP document for SACS

## Fall

- Determine Global Courses
- Determine additional non-core global courses
- Full QEP marketing plan
- Finalize the QEP document for SACS



# Your Part in QEP

- Get involved!
- Focus groups, faculty, staff, and students
- Faculty Development
  - April and May, 2013
- Visit the QEP Website - [Quality Enhancement Plan](#)
- Email: [Haydn "Chip" Fox](#) or [Shonda Gibson](#)



# Faculty Center for Excellence

- Full-time director and rotating faculty associates from each college
- First floor of library with entry facing the RSC
- Mission to promote excellence in teaching, learning and research
- Specific areas of support:
  - Student assessment of learning
  - Opportunities for enhancing teaching
  - Development of successful tenure portfolios
  - Professional opportunities for improvement in teaching
  - Assistance with obtaining and managing extramural funding
  - Faculty-to-faculty mentoring program



# Nursing Program

- Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN)
- Main campus in Commerce
- To begin January 2013
- Combination of face-to-face instruction and web-enhanced courses
- Clinical learning portion
  - State-of-the-art simulation laboratory
  - Traditional, hands-on instructor-supervised practice
- Initially, 30 students annually
- SACS approval received December 17th



# Sam Rayburn Student Center Expansion

350 additional seats

Additional meeting space

Completion date - December of 2013





# New Football Field Turf

Installation date – Summer 2013





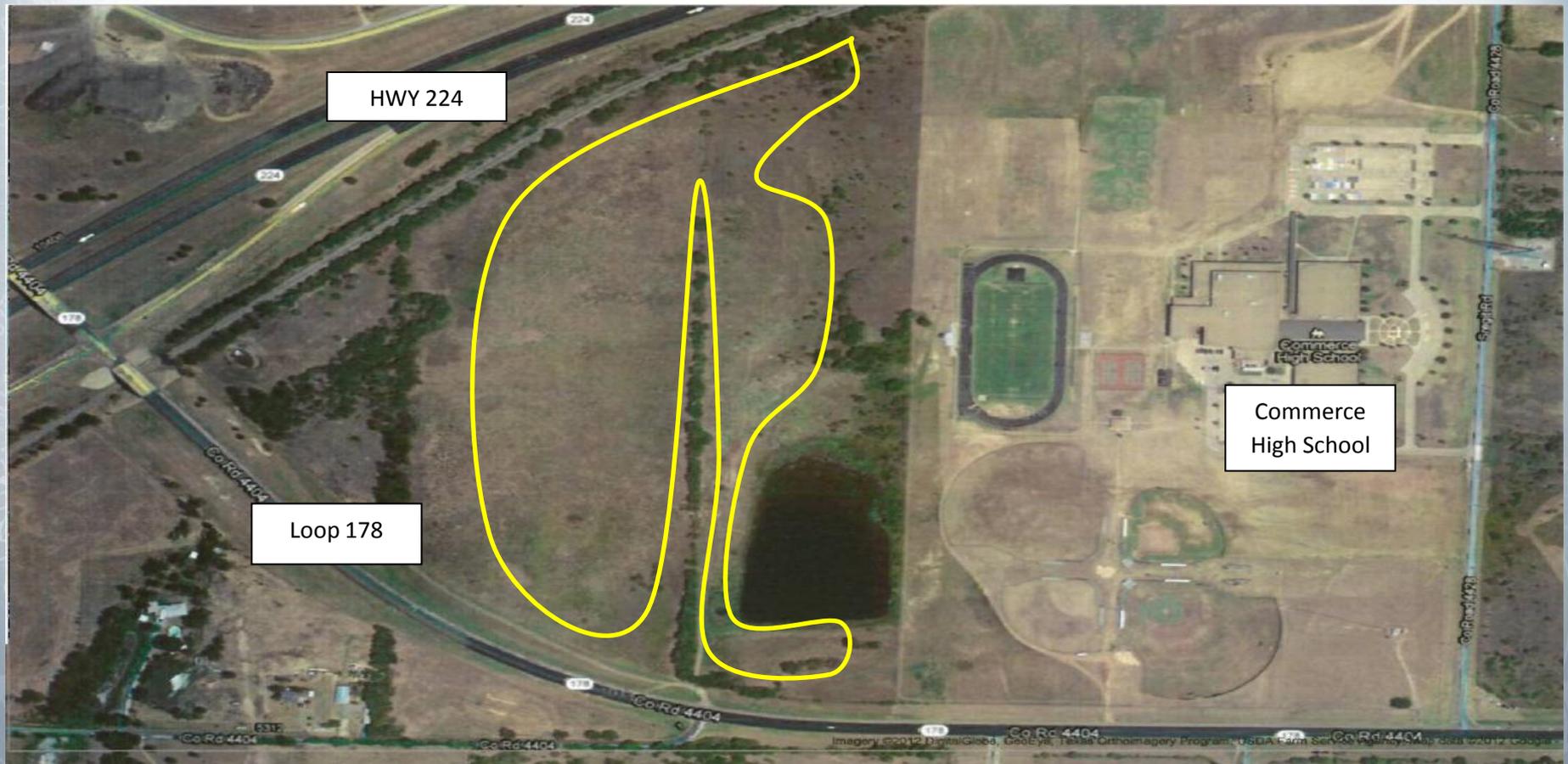
# Bike & Walking Trail

Tract 5A & 177.5 Acres





# Cross Country Trail





# New Rockwall Facility

Open House – March 21, 2013





# Food Services Improvements

In the Library

Sandella's Flatbread Café

Starbuck's





# Food Services Improvements

## In the Food Court

Mongolian Grill

Pizza Spot

Winging It

## In the Club

Starbuck's







# Phase II Residence Hall

542 Beds

Completion date - July of 2013





# New Master Plan

- To address building needs at Commerce campus for the next 15 years
- Steering Committee met with MP design team on November 29, 2012
  - Discussed information from initial meetings with campus groups and constituents
  - Initial plan was reviewed
- Next meeting - January 15, 2013
- Posted to web – January 31, 2013
- Completion date - April 2013



# Legislative Environment

Gov. Rick Perry released the following statement 1/7/2013 regarding Comptroller Susan Combs' biennial revenue estimate:

"Today's revenue estimate is more evidence that we made the right decisions two years ago by budgeting carefully to meet the challenges of the national recession. The Texas formula of low taxes, reasonable regulations, fair courts and a quality workforce is the best way to continue creating jobs and growing our economy. Even as we head into the 83rd Legislative Session with higher revenues, we still need to focus on separating our wants from our needs, and continue to follow the conservative fiscal principles that have led to Texas' ongoing success and will keep Texas strong."



# Calendar for the 83rd Session of the Texas Legislature

- **Tuesday, January 8, 2013 (1st day)** - 83rd Legislature convenes at noon
- **Friday, March 8, 2013 (60th day)** - Deadline for filing bills and joint resolutions other than local bills, emergency appropriations, and bills that have been declared an emergency by the governor
- **Monday, May 27, 2013 (140th day)** - Last day of 83rd Regular Session
- ***Session Ends (Sine Die)***
- **Sunday, June 16, 2013 (20th day following final adjournment)** - Last day governor can sign or veto bills passed during the regular legislative session
- **Monday, August 26, 2013 (91st day following final adjournment)** - Date that bills without specific effective dates (that could not be effective immediately) become law



# Two overarching themes are going to set the overall tone

- Make-up of the two chambers – significant turnover
- Budget
  - Good news is that revenues are up!
  - But . . . there are big holes to fill that will use most of that revenue.
- Other issues
  - Infrastructure (Water and Transportation)



# Higher Education Issues

- Governor and Legislature are talking about the same big picture issues: accountability, outcomes, and affordability.

## • Governor's Agenda

- \$10,000 degree
- 4-year tuition freeze
- Outcomes-based funding
- Increased fiscal transparency and accountability



# Higher Education Issues

- **Legislature**
  - Outcomes based funding
  - Increase completion rates/time to degree
  - HB3025 – Policy issues from last session
  - Affordability - TEXAS grants, B-On-Time, Tuition
- **Coordinating Board**
  - New Statewide Plan to replace Closing the Gaps
  - Outcomes based funding
- **Others**
  - Addressing the exponential growth in the Hazlewood exemption program



# A&M-Commerce Legislative Planning

- 9/6/2012 LAR Hearing with staff of Governor's Office of Budget, Planning & Policy and the LBB
- 11/13/2012 Representative Dan Flynn visited campus
- 12/3/2012 Representative Dan Branch visited campus
- 12/6/2012 Senator Bob Deuell visited campus



# Exceptional Item Requests and TRB - Biennium

- B.S.N. Nursing \$5,000,000
- \$10,000 Degree \$2,250,000
  
- New Library and Technology Center \$45,000,000
- New General Classroom Building \$20,250,000



# Budget Review & Development Council

- Assumptions
  - No increase in tuition and fees for FY2014
  - No new funding likely for higher education
  - Reasonable likelihood of no mid-biennium budget cuts
  - Modest merit pool funded by growth



# Budget Review & Development Council

- Charge
  - Assess effectiveness of forced reallocation model
  - Propose a metric-driven model for allocation of departmental operating budgets
  - Propose a metric-driven model for allocation of new faculty lines
  - Develop plan to reduce reliance on adjunct faculty
  - Assess effectiveness of summer business model



# Achievements

- **Carrie Klypchak** (MMCT, Theater) – University Educator of the Year
- **Barbara Frey** (Art) - 2013 NCECA Excellence in Teaching Award
- **Raghu Naath Singh** (Sociology and Criminal Justice) - AP Research Grant Award
- **Jodi Oelrich** has worked to increase the participation of students and peer educators in the Supplemental Instruction Program for the Academic Success Center resulting in better grades and retention success.



# Achievements (cont.)

- **LaVelle Hendricks** was a key organizer and presenter at an international conference (eight different countries) on drugs and addictions in December of last year.
- **Professor Carlos Bertulani** (Physics and Astronomy) was named a “Fellow” of the American Physical Society; an honor reserved for less than 0.5% of the APS members.
- **Maria Hinojosa** has been the PI or Co-PI on 3 grants awarded since August of 2012. The list follows:
  - *The PROFES! Grant (1.6 million)*
  - *HSI Bound Grant (\$16,000)*
  - *Diversity at Work Grant (\$5,000)*



# Achievements (cont.)

- **The Industrial Engineering program** received a 6-year reaccreditation from ABET (the accrediting body for engineering programs, both nationally and internationally).
- **Professor Bao-An Li** (Physics and Astronomy) was named TAMUS Regents Professor.
- **The department of Physics and Astronomy** was invited to join the Southeast Association for Research in Astronomy (SARA) which operates robotic telescopes from Kitt Peak, Arizona, and Cerro Tololo, Chile.



# Achievements (cont.)

- **Stephen Reysen** received the Outstanding Researcher of the Year Award and the Research & Creative Activity award from the Provost's office for Spring 2012
- **Dr. Greg Wilson** has emerged as a nationally known expert on Building Information Modeling Systems (BIMS) software.
- **Professor Sang Suh** has been elected President of the Society for Design and Process Science.
- **Dr. Larry Lemanski** - Distinguished Accomplishments in Science and Education Award, the Society for Design and Process Science (SDPS)



## Achievements (cont.)

- Extramural Funding from Federal Agencies has increased to 90% for FY 2012 from 68% in FY 2009.
- **Drs. Mutlu Mete, John Smith, Maria Fernandez-Lamarque, Maria Hinojosa, Varadraj Gurupur, Aaron Cooper, and Venu Cheriya** were awarded faculty research enhancement grants totaling \$75,093 for FY 2013.
- **Dr. Luis Sanchez** (Music), **Mr. Virgil Scott** (Art), and **Dr. Sonia Taneja** (Marketing & Management), were recipients of the Junior Faculty Research Award for 2012.
- **Head Basketball Coach Sam Walker** has surpassed Jim Gudger as the all-time winningest coach in A&M-Commerce program history.



# Achievements (cont.)

The following individuals are receiving extramural funding from grants for FY 2013:

**Dr. Kurtis Williams**, Physics

**Dr. Jose Lopez**, Agricultural Sciences

**Ms. Andrea Weddle**, Library

**Ms. Veronica Reed**, Trio Programs

**Dr. R.N. Singh**, Sociology & Criminal Justice

**Dr. Casey Brown**, Educational Leadership

**Dr. Maria Hinojosa**, Educational Leadership

**Dr. Salvatore Attardo**, College of Humanities, Social Sciences & Arts

**Dr. Matt Wood**, Physics



## Achievements (cont.)

- The 3rd annual **Lion's Pride BEST Robotics Competition** was held October 2012. The number of teams participating expanded from 13 in 2010 to 29 this past year. The one-day event draws more than 500 participants and spectators to the A&M-Commerce campus.
- **Total extramural funds** awarded to CoSEA faculty and research staff in FY12 totaled \$1,639,069.
- The first graduates from our new **Construction Engineering** program are expected in May 2013.
- **David McKenna** is participating in the Governor's Executive Development Program (GEDP), a three-week, intensive educational program for top executives in state agencies and universities.



## Achievements (cont.)

- **Dr. Srinivas Nippani** (Finance), published a paper that has been abstracted by the CFA Digest, the top financial practitioner periodical in the country and his research in the area of Treasury debt has also been cited in the Washington Post and the Huffington Post.
- The **Department of Economics and Finance** has leased a Bloomberg data terminal that will allow their faculty and students to monitor and analyze real time financial data which will significantly enhance faculty research productivity as well as student marketability. Hosting this “Bloomberg Environment” will allow A&M-Commerce business students to become Bloomberg certified (as they can in other respected universities nationally and in the DFW area).



## Achievements (cont.)

- The **CBE** is also expanding its SAP training and certification efforts. SAP AG, one of the leading enterprise resource planning applications, is a fully integrated business software system. Currently, we are using the SAP ERP system within the BBA in MIS program where students gain hands on experience in cross-functional impacts and supply chains through the production, sales, and financial statements. The CBE is now positioning itself to open the door of full certification for all our students; graduate and undergraduate by 2015. This initiative involves training the faculty, collaboration among departments and faculty, and revamping a number of courses to allow SAP integration. **Dr. Stanley Holmes**, who retired from ORACLE Corporation as the VP of Business Development, is taking a lead in this endeavor, exposing students to real life cases and ERP/SAP systems.



# Achievements (cont.)

- **Dr. David Brown** received the Teacher Educator of the Year Award from the Texas Association for the Education of Young Children; also, Dr. Brown has been named to the African Educators Hall of Fame
- **Dr. Barbara Hammack** received the DAEYC Pat Kennedy Teacher Educator Award for 2012
- **Dr. Kay Hong-Nam, Dr. Kenneth L. Clinton** and others are responsible for coordinating the Konkuk Global Frontier Program at Commerce with Konkuk University in Seoul, Korea - \$3.5M in revenue
- **Dr. Mary Beth Sampson** received the 2012 Albert J. Mazurkiewicz Association of Literacy Educators and Researchers Special Services Award
- **Dr. Josh Thompson** was named 2011 Advocate of the Year by the Dallas Association for the Education of Young Children.



# Achievements (cont.)

## GRANTS:

- **Green, Chris (2012), Eraso, Mario, and Hinojosa, Maria.** 2012-2017 ¡Profes!: Preparing Teachers and Administrators to Better Serve English Learners in Bilingual, ESL, and STEM Classrooms. Funded by the Office of English Language Acquisition, US Department of Education for \$1,595,549. Year 1, 2012-2013: \$226,286; Year 2, 2013-2014: \$284,606; Year 3, 2014-2015: \$337,526; Year 4, 2015-2016: \$351,966; and Year 5, 2016-2017: \$395,166.
- **Sinclair, Becky and Naizer, Gil (2012).** Coauthor. “Earth Science for Teachers” – Teacher Quality Grant -- \$114,400
- **Sinclair, B. (2012).** Coauthor. “Physical Science Professional Development for Teachers of Grades 4-8”. Texas Regional Collaborative for Excellence in Science Teaching Grant - \$190,000



# Coming this Spring.....

The Return of *“A&M-Commerce Today.”*

Highlighting special achievements by  
faculty and staff.



# Dedication of Keith D. McFarland Science Building

- Friday, March 22, 2013





# Spring Enrollment Update



- 8.95 % Headcount increase
- 7.42% SCH increase
- As of 1/9/2013

We All Lost The Debate  
By Joe Klein / The Man Who Got Lance / Poll Me By Joel  
Stein

# TIME

## REINVENTING COLLEGE

*A Special Report on Higher Education*

BY AMANDA RIPLEY

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# Newsweek

Getting Sweaty  
With the GOP  
BY MARTIN AMIS



## Is College a Lousy Investment?

By Megan McArdle

**JOHN ROBERTS HATES SURPRISES**  
BY DANIEL KLAIDMAN

**WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH NAOMI WOLF?**  
BY MICHELLE GOLDBERG

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