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DateBook



- August 17-19 **LATE REGISTRATION**
- August 20 **PAYMENT DEADLINE*** by 12noon Students registered between August 17-August 20
- August 22 100% Tuition Refund **prior** to the first day of school for Fall 16 Week and Flex I session
- August 22 Classes begin for Fall 16 Week and Flex I sessions
- August 22 Last day for installment plan
- August 22-23 Schedule Changes
- August 22-Sept 12 70% Tuition Refund for Fall Session
- August 22-31 70% Tuition Refund for Flex 1 Session
- August 23 Last day for class changes, adds, and drops for Fall 16 Week and Flex I 2005
- August 25 **PAYMENT DEADLINE*** by 5:00p.m. Students registered during Class Changes August 22-August 23
- August 27 Weekend classes begin
- August 29 Census day for Fall Flex I Session. Last day to drop without a recorded grade of "W"
- Sept. 3-5 **LABOR DAY HOLIDAY-CAMPUS CLOSED-Weekend Collge Closed**
- Sept. 7 Census day for Fall 16 Week Session. Last day to drop without a recorded grade of "W"

THE ROCK



Message from
Dr. Eric Reno, President
of the Northeast College

Welcome back students, and a special welcome to those students attending the Northeast Campus of the Alamo Community College District for the first time. You have come to an institution that is committed to helping you realize your educational objectives. You will be taught by highly qualified and skilled faculty who will both challenge and encourage you. You will be assisted by a dedicated staff who will help you make the right choices and provide you with a welcoming and supportive learning environment. Your only requirement is to bring a love for learning and a willingness to devote time and effort to your studies. All the elements of having a successful and rewarding educational experience at the Northeast Campus are in place - please take advantage of them. Have a great semester.



CONGRATULATIONS Emajejan Orta & Ryan Villarreal

Emajejan Orta and Ryan Villarreal won the "Most Spirited Spurs Fan Contest" June 16 by dressing in their most spirited Spurs gear.

HOW IS COLLEGE DIFFERENT FROM HIGH SCHOOL?

"A NEW TRANSITION"

High school is a TEACHING ENVIRONMENT in which you acquire facts and skills. College is a LEARNING ENVIRONMENT in which you take responsibility for thinking through and applying what you have learned. Understanding some of the important differences between high school and college may help you achieve a smoother transition.

It is on you to learn to be a college student. To do this successfully, you need to understand the surface **differences between high school and college** and know the expectations faculty have of you.

In a very real sense, you now are responsible for constructing your academic life for yourself. The instructors with whom you take your class work have expectations for you that may be different from those you've experienced before.

TIPS TO SUCCEED IN COLLEGE

Unlike in high school, your attendance may not be monitored. This "freedom" – should I stay or should I go? – can be seductive and dangerous. Studies show, and common sense suggests, that regular class attendance is a strong indicator of succeeding in the class.

You may not have taken extensive lecture notes in high school. Not doing so in college is an invitation to disaster. College professors do not "lecture out of the textbook"; in fact, they may seldom reference the text. The only way to be sure you capture what professors say in class – and realize they are saying it because it seems important to them, and they are the experts – is to take copious and extensive notes. This will keep you focused, and it will provide you with a road map to the minds of your instructors.

After a class-in your next block of free time-read over and complete (annotate) your notes. You'll remember the ideas and phrases you didn't have a chance to write down during class much more clearly the day of the lecture than you will days-or weeks-later.

Take the initiative and visit instructors during office hours. Don't just go to see them when you think you are in trouble in their courses; see them before there is trouble. Talk to them, outside of class, about the course, your interests, and their interests. From these office chats often come intellectual epiphanies. High school is about learning in the classroom; college is about learning from all you do.

<http://www.smu.edu/alec/transition.html>

For additional information or help regarding your new transition, contact Dr. Gloria Jones, SAC/NEC counselor at 590-5425.

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SOUTH TEXAS BLOOD AND TISSUE CENTER BLOOD DRIVE



South Texas Blood and Tissue Center wants to thank everyone that participated in the Blood Drive on July 18th. Blood donors are needed daily throughout South Texas in order to help hospital patients throughout the area. Your participation just helped a patient.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Anyone interested in being part of the Student Activities Committee, please contact Marie Valdez at 590-5424.

PURCHASE YOUR

PARKING PERMITS

Parking permits are required for Northeast Campus. They must be purchased at the Business Office and properly displayed by the first day of class to avoid parking fines.

**See NEC schedule for Business Office days and times.*