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Wayne McCullar Named Qatar ABP Director

Dr. Lowell Wayne McCullar has been named as the first Director of the Qatar Foundation's Academic Bridge Program. Dr. McCullar brings to this assignment more than 33 years of experience as an educator and administrator in the United States and abroad. His credentials include an earned Doctorate in Education, along with certification as a School Superintendent, Elementary/Secondary Principal, Comprehensive Secondary Services, and Guidance Counselor. His international experience includes directing and owning an international kindergarten and elementary school in Ecuador and serving as the Headmaster and Professor of Educational Leadership at a private, K-12 school in Saudi Arabia. In his latest assignment, Dr. McCullar was given a special assignment at an international school in Shanghai, China, where he successfully implemented revisions of U.S. and U.K. national curricula, developed a School Improvement Advisory Committee and School Volunteer Program, and began a student/U.S. university linkage program.



TIEC is nearing completion of the design phase of the Academic Bridge Program (ABP) for the Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development. The ABP will be a highly intensive, one-year integrated program that develops skills in English as a Foreign Language, mathematics, science, computing, and study techniques for students with high potential who wish to enroll as undergraduate students in world-class universities. Applications are currently being accepted for faculty and professional staff positions. For more information visit the TIEC website: www.tiec.org.

Feasibility Study

TIEC has been retained by the Qatar Foundation to prepare a feasibility study to provide the information necessary to design a facility that will house both the Academic Bridge Program and the arts and sciences core curriculum courses in engineering and business for a new private university in Doha, Qatar. TIEC-affiliated universities that are represented on the study team include Texas A&M University System, College Station, The University of Texas at Arlington, and The University of Texas San Antonio.

Recent Visitors to TIEC

In April, Dr. José Manuel Martínez Delgado, Dean of Chemical Science, and Dr. Erardo M. Elizondo V., Coordinator for International Accreditation, from the Universidad Autónoma de Nuevo León (UANL) in Monterrey, Mexico, visited TIEC headquarters in Austin. TIEC has had a relationship with UANL since 1993, when TIEC began working with UANL to restructure the curricula of several academic programs.

The purpose of the latest visit was to establish contact with professors at TIEC-affiliated universities in the fields of Mechanical Engineering, Chemical Engineering, and Academic Affairs regarding possible research programs for graduates at UANL.

Texas Intensive English Program

TIEP has just completed a successful Spring 2001 semester, with 195 students from 35 countries. In addition, 31 students from Nihon University-Mishima Senior High School in Japan attended a super-intensive two-week English language and culture program at TIEP.

TIEC-Affiliated Universities

Beginning with this issue of the Gazette, TIEC will highlight some of the unique features of its 32 affiliated universities that may be of special interest to the international educational community. This month's issue presents Angelo State University, located about 200 miles northwest of Austin.

Angelo State University

Home of the West Texas Disaster Recovery and Operations Center, an advanced computer technology center that provides data backup for a number of major Texas state agencies and supports a sophisticated information technology system on campus.

A distinctive Master's level program in Communications Systems Management that prepares students for information services positions in business and the public sector.

Animal Science and Wildlife Management Master's level programs supported by the University's well-equipped 4,600-acre management, instruction and research center.

A quality Master's level program in Nursing that uses information technology extensively in instructional delivery.

Graduate programs in Education that focus on the role of instructional technology in preparing educators to use computer technology in the field.

Highly qualified international students may apply for scholarship awards to help defray a portion of their graduate studies expenses.

Small graduate programs provide opportunities for collaborative study and research with the university's qualified faculty.

MBA program with an International Business option.

TIEP Accreditation

In December 2000, TIEP became one of only 16 intensive English programs in the U.S. to be fully accredited by the Commission on English Language Program Accreditation (CEA), and agrees to uphold the CEA Standards for English Language Programs and Institutions. For further information about this accreditation, visit www.cea-accredit.org.