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Angelique Kotronakis (l) will advise international students at TIEP. Laurie Henderson (r) will return to public school teaching.

Farewell, Laurie Henderson Hello, Angelique Kotronakis

This summer sees the departure of one of TIEC's long-term administrators and the arrival of a new student advisor.

In 16 years at TIEC, **Laurie Henderson** has been a point of contact for educators across Texas – and around the globe.

Now she moving to a position as a middle school Spanish and ESL teacher.

"I'm looking forward to returning to teaching," she says. "It was through TIEC that I developed my interest in teaching ESL." Ms. Henderson previously was a teacher of French and Spanish.

"Laurie has been a key part of TIEC project activities," said Dr. Nick Poulton, TIEC President. "She will be missed very much by all of us who have come to value her enthusiasm and 'can do' attitude."

Angelique Kotronakis brings a unique brand of international experience to TIEP.

She majored in Japanese Studies at Earlham College in Indiana, taught English in Japan, and studied Arabic in the U.S. Army.

She worked in the international office at Monterey Peninsula College in California.

Her duties will include responding to inquiries from prospective students, registering students for classes, and counseling them on academic programs.

TIEP is Among the Leaders Offering Quality, Accredited Programs in ESL

Accreditation is an important standard that students should use in selecting an English language program.

This message has always been an important one for the Texas Intensive English Program (TIEP).

"By studying at an accredited school," says Dr. Terry Simon, Director of TIEP, "students are ensured of a quality learning experience, since the program has met standards based on best practice for the field of English teaching."

Now with applications and processing of student visas to the United States rising after a decline of several years, selecting a high quality, accredited school is on many peoples' minds.

Dr. Simon recently attended the annual conference of NAFSA: Association of International Educators in Seattle, where officials of the [Department of State](#) described their efforts to direct students to accredited U.S. programs.

Soon after returning to Austin, Dr. Simon was told by a German student that he had selected TIEP because it was on a list of accredited schools.



Dr. Terry Simon, Director of TIEP, is currently serving a three year term as a member of the Commission on English Language Program Accreditation (CEA). Accreditation by CEA ensures students receive the highest standard in English language instruction in the U.S.

In 2000 TIEP was one of the first schools accredited by the Commission on English Language Program Accreditation (CEA), a not-for-profit corporation recognized by the U.S. Department of Education. CEA is the only specialized, national accrediting agency for English language programs and institutions in the United States.

TIEP now is preparing to submit a self-study as part of its application to renew the program's accreditation.

For more information on TIEP programs, visit <http://www.tiec.org/tiep/> or e-mail: tiep@tiec.org

TIEC Experts Review Proposals for Technology at PMU



TIEC teams met recently to review bids for the technology infrastructure at Prince Mohammad University in Saudi Arabia. Reviewing proposals for the management information system were (from left) Becky King of Baylor University, Ramesh Kannappan of Texas A&M University, and Dr. Sue Taylor, of West Texas A&M University.