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## TIEP Sends Large Delegation to Annual TESOL International Convention

Eight Texas Intensive English Program administrators and instructors participated in the 46<sup>th</sup> Annual TESOL International Convention and English Language EXPO in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, March 28-31, 2012.

Cheryl Nuwash, Jill Rolston Yates, Crystal Kusey, and Mimi Parris co-presented a well-received session that addressed the need to foster an understanding between Saudi and other cultures in the classroom. Amanda Sekour and Jill Rolston-Yates co-presented a session in which they explored the use of Montessori methods in the adult ESL classroom. John Schmidt co-presented two sessions, one dealing with experiences of American and

Cuban TESOLers, and the other focusing on ESL teachers' enhancing their own intercultural sensitivity, knowledge, skills, and experiences related to classroom instruction and administration.

In addition to participating as a session presenter, Dr. Schmidt served as Associate Program Chair of the Convention. He will also serve as Associate Program Chair for the 2013 International Convention in Dallas, Texas, and will then serve as Convention Chair for the 2014 International Convention in Portland, Oregon.



Mimi Parris and Crystal Kusey

TIEP Associate Director Woody Smith represented TIEP at the University and College Intensive English Programs (UCIEP) Associate Directors Meeting.

For more information about TIEP, please visit <http://www.tiec.org/tiep/>.

## Spring 2012 University Fair is Well Attended

Eleven Texas public universities participated in a university fair held at TIEC headquarters on April 13, 2012. The 14 campus representatives spoke to 70 upper-level TIEP students during a panel discussion and then answered questions and pro-

vided information about their campuses to individual students after the presentations.

Attending this spring's fair were:

- Majed Al-Bokhari and Michael Jiang, Lamar University
- Heather Catton, Stephen F. Austin State University
- Sahil Gulatti and Hank Jones, Tarleton State University
- Kenneth "Rock" Clinton, Texas A&M University-Commerce



- Kristen Barnes and Melissa Villanueva, Texas A&M University-San Antonio
- Dustin Meiron, Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi
- Lisa Damron, Texas State University
- Gina Higby, The University of Texas at San Antonio
- Magen Besancon, University of Houston-Victoria
- Robert Prather, University of North Texas
- Kristine Combs, West Texas A&M University

## TIEC Operating Council Convenes at UT Tyler

The TIEC Operating Council met at The University of Texas at Tyler on April 20, 2012, for a full day of information-sharing about ongoing international programs and new initiatives on the respective campuses.

Participants included:

- Victor Zaloom, Lamar University
- Heather Catton, Stephen F. Austin State University
- Jerry Alva, Texas A&M International University
- Kenneth L. Clinton, Texas A&M University-Commerce
- Robert M. Seese, Texas State University-San Marcos
- Robert T. Crosier, Texas Tech University
- Juanita Dueñez-Lazo, Texas Woman's University
- Rodolfo Hernández Guerrero, The University of Texas at Dallas
- Christopher Keller, The University of Texas-Pan American

- Jill E. Blondin, The University of Texas at Tyler
- Ashley Ward, The University of Texas at Tyler
- Fernando Fleurquin, University of North Texas
- Amber Howard, West Texas A&M University
- Ronald Aqua, TIEC President & CEO
- Jaime Ortiz, TIEC Vice President

UT Tyler President Rodney H. Mabry welcomed the group and highlighted the importance of current internationalization efforts on his campus, most notably the establishment in 2011 of the Center for Global Education (CGE) to provide quality international study abroad experiences, to encourage cultural diversity in Tyler and East Texas, and to assist the university's international faculty and students.

Other UT Tyler representatives at the meeting later described how CGE has brought a variety of internationally-



focused special events to the campus and the Tyler-East Texas community, including workshops, guest speakers, the Friends of UT Tyler Travel Program, and international travel and passport services. In addition, CGE operates the innovative Global Awareness Through Education (GATE) program, designed for incoming freshmen to offer internationally-infused core curriculum classes, cultural activities, service opportunities, and a five-week study abroad experience the summer after a student's sophomore year.

## Two Chinese Delegations Visit TIEC Headquarters



March 13, 2012 - Henan Education Association for International Exchange (HEAIE)

L. to r., Dongwei Zhang, Career Director, Zhongyuan University of Technology; Xianglu Li, Deputy-Dean, School of Economics and Management, Zhongyuan University of Technology; Haibo Wang, Texas A&M International University; Ronald Aqua, TIEC President & CEO; Terry Simon, Director, Texas Intensive English Program (TIEP); Jianhui Du, Vice-Chairman and Secretary-General, HEAIE & Vice-President, Zhongyuan University of Technology; Jaime Ortiz, TIEC Vice President; Wanqun Guo, Dean, College of Foreign Languages, Zhongyuan University of Technology; Lijun Zhang, Deputy-Dean, School of Materials & Chemistry, Zhongyuan University.



April 9, 2012 - U.S. Department of State International Visitor Leadership Program

This delegation came to Austin through the U.S. Department of State's International Visitor Leadership Program, which fosters citizen to citizen diplomacy for emerging leaders, in coordination with GlobalAustin. Seated l. to r., Cheryl Nuwash, TIEP Academic Coordinator; Gretchen Guidotti, TIEP Tutor; Gloria Scott, U.S. Department of State English Language Officer; Zhengguang Liu, Dean, College of Foreign Languages and International Studies, Hunan University; Xuemei Zhang, English Teacher, Guiyang University; Lin Zhu, English Teacher, Beijing Tibet High School; Jing Qiu, Section Chief, Foreign Affairs Office, Bijie University.