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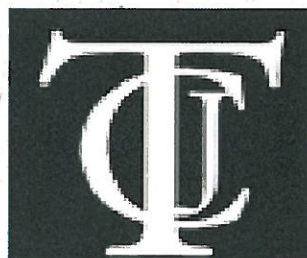
2016

Summer Distance Learning Conference



Connections, Collaboration & Cooperation

Hosted by



Robert M. Rogers Nursing and Health Sciences Center

June 15, 16 & 17, 2016

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Schedule at a Glance

Wednesday, June 15, 2016

8:00 a.m.	Registration
9:00 a.m.	Pre-conference Workshops
12:15 p.m.	Lunch
1:00 p.m.	Pre-conference Workshop (Northeast Texas Health Status...)
1:30 p.m.	Pre-conference Workshop (A Path Less Traveled)
6:30 p.m.	Jam Session La Quinta Inn & Suites Banquet Room

Thursday, June 16, 2016

8:00 a.m.	Registration Continental Breakfast
8:30 a.m.	Welcome Conference Overview Logistics
9:00 a.m.	Breakout Sessions
10:00 a.m.	Breakout Sessions
11:00 a.m.	<i>Randy McDonald, SFA Online</i>
11:05 a.m.	<i>Chris Harmon, i2i Technologies</i>
11:10 a.m.	<i>Chris Martinez, Fortinet</i> <i>Rob Scott, M & S Technologies</i>
11:15 a.m.	Lunch
12:00 p.m.	Keynote Address <i>Rhonda D. Blackburn, Ph.D.</i>
1:10 p.m.	Breakout Sessions
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4:20 p.m.	<i>Patrick Ochoa, ProctorU</i>
4:25 p.m.	<i>Victor Cuellar, SKC Communications</i>
4:30 p.m.	<i>Ryan Leer, Examity</i>
4:35 p.m.	<i>John Gilani, Blackboard</i>
4:40 p.m.	<i>Mickey Slimp, NETnet</i>
6:30 p.m.	Social Gathering and Awards Presentation 3rd Floor Patio Robert M. Rogers Nursing and Health Sciences

Schedule at a Glance *(cont'd)*

Friday, June 17, 2016

8:30 a.m.	Registration Continental Breakfast
9:10 a.m.	Breakout Sessions
10:10 a.m.	Breakout Sessions
11:10 a.m.	Vendor Exhibits
11:45 a.m.	ETxDLA Regional Group Meeting and Picture <i>Texas Reardon</i>
12:00 p.m.	<i>Mickey Slimp, NETnet</i> <i>AudiSee AV & iNet Engineers</i>
12:05 p.m.	<i>Tim Henningsen, Blackboard</i>
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12:40 p.m.	Keynote Address <i>Candace Hastings, Ph.D.</i>
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IMPORTANT THINGS TO KNOW

BYOD:

Bring Your Own Device

Conference website:

<http://netnetconference.wix.com/conference>

Social Gathering (Thursday, June 16):

3rd Floor Patio - Robert M. Rogers Nursing and Health Sciences Center

**In case of rain, we will relocate to Tyler Junior College Energy Center at 1530 SSW Loop 323, Tyler, TX 75701.*

Wednesday, June 15, 2016

Robert M. Rogers Nursing and Health Sciences Center

8:00 a.m. **REGISTRATION | SOUTHSIDE BANK**

9:00 a.m. **PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS**

-12:00 p.m.

Grant Writing as a Process (Healthy Collaborations) | 0.015

Pam Anderson, A Circle of Ten Inc. - Network for Collaboration

Grant Writing as a Process includes an overview of Community Organizing, Program Development and Grant Writing to give participants a general knowledge of the grant process. The format is interactive with participants providing input orally and via sticky notes/markers, which is our method of modeling how to collect input during Community Meetings. Many participants have gone on to write successful grants while others took advantage of our more in depth seminar to learn more. A Circle of Ten strongly believes this information is beneficial at all levels in the education system to obtain grants to increase programs/services. Topics include: (1) Recognizing Existing Skills, (2) How Community & Program Development Relate to Grant Writing, (3) Innovative Program Development, (4) Types of Grants, (5) Healthy Collaborations, (6) Ethics, and (7) Q & A - Panel Discussion.

Creating Infographics | 2.294

Cindy Smith, NETnet

HANDS-ON—Participants are encouraged to BYOD!

The human brain processes images 60,000 times faster than text, and 90 percent of information transmitted to the brain is visual. Infographics are graphical representations of information or data that can effectively give power to your data by presenting information quickly and clearly. This session will allow you to explore easy ways to transform your data into engaging Infographics using PowerPoint and other free resources.

Connect to Your Students Through Video | 0.016

Texas E. Reardon IV, Region 7 Education Service Center

Video is becoming more an asset in online courses, but many teachers/professors are afraid to incorporate it into their online course or not sure how to take the next step. In this session, tips and tricks for those that are just starting out to those that are already experienced in creating videos will be provided. Different programs that can be used to create videos in order to get the best quality out of your product will be discussed. If you would like to add videos to your online course and connect better with your students, attend this workshop to learn some simple and basic video editing programs and tricks to help enhance your online course.

12:15 p.m. **LUNCH | SOUTHSIDE BANK**

Wednesday, June 15, 2016

PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS

1:00

-5:00 p.m.

Northeast Texas Health Status, Tobacco, and How Colleges and Community Leaders – Can Influence Change | SOUTHSIDE BANK

Paul McGaha, UT Health Northeast

Cam Scott, Cancer Action Network

Kathryn Wortz, UT Health Northeast

Jeffery Matthews, UT Health Northeast

Floribeth Rivera, UT Health Northeast

David Lakey, (by video), UT System and UT Health Northeast

Ernest Hawk, M.D. Anderson Cancer Center

Did you know that the NETnet Service Region has the lowest rate of life expectancy of any region of Texas? Also, the highest rates of smoking and related cancers, mental health issues and suicides, infant mortality, accidental deaths, and more. And, did you know that as a NETnet educator and community leader, you're in the perfect position to influence the health of your students and community members? Representatives of UT Health Northeast, M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, The UT System, and more will provide a review of the current State of Health for Northeast Texas and how our colleges and community partners can encourage tobacco cessation.

1:30

-4:30 p.m.

A Path Less Traveled | 0.017

Ed Bowen, Instructional Design/Professional Development Specialist

Rather than exploring specific tools or best practices, this workshop will focus on the broader field of learning design. By investigating different and divergent views of practitioners, participants can build better mental constructs of their profession and the challenges it brings. At the same time, you'll learn to identify and develop professional development plans for increasing self-sense and effectiveness in any modality. At the end of this workshop, participants will have actively engaged in and gained: (1) a better sense of the why, how, and what makes a good learning design, (2) an understanding of the knowledge and skills needed to create good learning design, and (3) a plan for developing this skill. To paraphrase Aristotle, the aim of instructional design is not to design for appearance, but to design for inward significance. How comfortable are you with the significance of your work? Join us on a path less traveled.

6:30

-10:00 p.m.

JAM SESSION | LA QUINTA INN & SUITES

Banquet Room

2552 S. Southeast Loop 323

Tyler, TX 75701

Join us for fun, finger foods, drinks and great music!

Thursday, June 16, 2016

8:00 a.m. **REGISTRATION | CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST | SOUTHSIDE BANK**
(Sponsored by SFA Online)

8:30 a.m. **WELCOME | Conference Host**
CONFERENCE OVERVIEW | Mickey Slimp, NETnet
LOGISTICS | Ken Craver, Tyler Junior College

9:00 **BREAKOUT SESSIONS**

-9:50 a.m. **Cisco Video TelePresence Product Overview | 0.015**
Victor Cuellar, SKC Communications
VENDOR SESSION

Discussion of latest Cisco Video TelePresence endpoints and infrastructure devices to their product line of high quality, high definition, open-standards portfolio of TelePresence products.

The Volunteer Mentor Success Program | 0.016
Douglas Clark, Jon Arriola and Al Ippolito, Tyler Junior College

This presentation will review the steps taken to develop the Volunteer Mentor Success Program, demonstrate the distance learning tools available to the mentors and mentees and how strengthened relationships between mentor and student improve retention and completion.

Using Case Studies in Online and Blended Science Courses | 0.017
David Allard, Texas A&M University - Texarkana

This presentation will cover the use of the Case Study approach in online and blended learning science courses. Case studies have long been used in medical, business, and law curricula. There are now a number of educators using them in science courses. I will cover the basic steps in using case studies and give information about where to find good science case studies as well as creating them yourself.

Connecting With Students and Peers in and out of the Classroom | 2.294
Lisa Dillman and Cathy Scott, Navarro College
HANDS-ON—Participants are encouraged to BYOD!

Looking for some new ideas for the classroom? Come join us for a Hands-on, How-to session featuring Padlet, Remind, Docrer, Screen Chomp, Socrative and other useful tools. *Be sure to download these apps before the session.

Thursday, June 16, 2016

10:00

-10:50 a.m.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

The Environment: A Social Problem | 0.015

Dianne Dentice, Stephen F. Austin State University

Online students explored sociological perspectives about environmental problems - particularly the nuclear disaster that occurred in Fukushima, Japan in 2011. They compared Fukushima with the Chernobyl incident that occurred in 1986. A focal point of the semester was the identification of human costs associated with mega-disasters. This poster details the process I used to develop the class.

Ensuring Academic Integrity with Online Proctoring | 0.016

Patrick Ochoa, ProctorU

VENDOR SESSION

The presentation will demonstrate how educators may prevent cheating, ensure the academic integrity of distance learning programs, and advance policies designed to reduce incidents of dishonesty online using a number of strategies. The presenter will also share industry research and best practices.

Reduce Student Questions Through Assessment Feedback | 0.017

Scott Campbell and Jim Tarter, University of Texas at Tyler

The quality of an assessment is directly proportional to the quality of the feedback. Please come to this session and find out about some methods to minimize the number of questions when it comes to assessments.

Let Me Show You—Recordable Tools to Replace the Whiteboard | **SOUTHSIDE BANK**

Ken Craver, Tyler Junior College

Do you work a lot from the whiteboard in your class? Would you like a way to do that and record your work? Would you like a way to demonstrate difficult problems or concepts for your online students and record the demonstration? Come see several easy-to-use tools that make this possible.

Blackboard: The Road Ahead | 0.018

Tim Henningsen, Blackboard

VENDOR SESSION

Join Blackboard to see what's new and what's coming soon! Find out more about Learn, including 9.1 & the Ultra Experience, SaaS, Collaborate and our mobile apps – the foundational elements of the New Learning Experience!

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-11:10 a.m.

11:10 *Chris Martinez, Fortinet | Rob Scott, M&S Technologies*
-11:15 a.m.

11:15 **LUNCH | Paul Monagan....**
-11:55 a.m. *(Sponsored by i2i Technologies, Fortinet and M&S Technologies)*

12:00 **KEYNOTE ADDRESS | SOUTHSIDE BANK**
- 1:00 p.m.

Re-Imagining Collaboration

Rhonda D. Blackburn, Ph.D.

B&B Consulting

VP and Chief Academic Officer for LoudCloud Systems

Over the past decade, change has been inevitable. So, what does collaboration look like now? How are students, along with faculty, collaborating? Is it part of the make-up of the course or is it organically grown? Can the culture of the class impact the level of collaboration? Join Dr. Rhonda Blackburn in reimagining what this should look like in the curriculum and beyond. Let's take a look at how this is being done in today's academic environment and what you need to do to prepare and capitalize on these changes.

1:10

-2:00 p.m.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Test Integrity in Distance Learning – A Comprehensive Solution from Examity® | 0.015

Ryan Leer, Examity

VENDOR SESSION

Examity® is the leader in on-line test integrity solutions-offering the most flexible and highest quality proctoring and authentication services in the marketplace. Come learn more in our session led by Ryan Leer, Texas Director of Business Development, why Examity® is a preferred partner for TACC and other regional institutions that place a premium on integrity within distance education.

Navigating Digital Archives: Exploring Primary Source Materials through Research and Inquiry | 2.294

Anjum Najmi and Linda J. Reynolds, Stephen F. Austin State University

HANDS-ON—Participants are encouraged to BYOD!

Primary source materials are windows to the past offering insights into social cultural experiences. They help students explore possible research interests. This session introduces simple ways to explore primary sources from the unique, collections of the East Texas Research Center (documents, photographs & oral histories). Participants will utilize instructional strategies and digital tools to synthesize and present results.

Seven Questions about the Effective Teaching You Were too Embarrassed to Ask | 0.016

Manoucher R. Khosrowshahi, Tyler Junior College

The laptop is dead, the desktop is gone. Never underestimate the power of Millennials in technology. "Business as usual" is dead. "Most professors teach today exactly the same way they taught a hundred years ago. What are the Seven Questions about the Effective Teaching You Were too Embarrassed to Ask?

The Three Faces of Feedback | 0.017

Ed Bowen, Instructional Design/Professional Development Specialist

While we think feedback is feedback, there are really three distinct types of feedback, and each needs to be used appropriately to effectively help others. Do you know how to use them effectively?

2:10

- 3:10 p.m.

VENDOR EXHIBITS (DESSERT) | OPEN LOUNGE

3:20

- 4:10 p.m.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

The Case Scenario Comprehensive Exam—Connecting the Dots | 0.015

Larry Lowry, UT Health Northeast

We have replaced the oral comprehensive exam for non-thesis graduate students with a case scenario exam custom designed for each student. The scenario is given to the student in advance and serves as a focal point. Examples of case scenarios and testimonials from students and faculty will be discussed.

The Move to Open Educational Resources: Lumen E-Texts | 0.016

Ken Haley, Paris Junior College

Paris Junior College will begin the move to open educational resources in fall 2016 using Lumen materials. These will replace the traditional texts for most courses.

Security for a New World - The Fortinet Security Fabric | 0.017

Chris Martinez, Fortinet

VENDOR SESSION

From the start, the Fortinet vision has been to deliver broad, truly integrated, high performance security across the IT infrastructure. We provide top-rated network and content security, as well as secure access products that share intelligence and work together to form a cooperative fabric. Fortinet is the only company with security solutions for network, endpoint, application, data center, cloud, and access designed to work together as an integrated and collaborative security fabric. This also means we are the only company that can truly provide you with a powerful, integrated end-to-end security solution across the entire attack surface along any point along the kill chain.

Tech and Games | 0.018

William Stowe, Kilgore College

When was the last time cheering in your class was so loud that former students down the hall, in another class, sent you a text? In this session, participants will learn about effective classroom games that can be modified and put to use in almost any classroom and lab environment. Be ready to play.

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3:20

- 4:10 p.m.

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Lessons Learned for the BIG Changes in a College Program | SOUTHSIDE BANK

Bill Schultz, TC³

Getting buy-in, identifying leadership, and going past “this is the way we’ve always done it” – a number of lessons have been learned from the TC³ Project guiding a number of NETnet member colleges to a new financial and student information system. TC³, short for the Texas College Consortium, is an affiliated project for community colleges funded through NETnet and including Angelina, Kilgore, Northeast Texas Community, Paris, and Texarkana Colleges. Bill Schultz will share lessons from their learning and implementation process that may apply to lots of changes on a campus, whether technical, curricular, or personnel.

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-4:25 p.m.

Patrick Ochoa, ProctorU

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Victor Cuellar, SKC Communications

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John Gilani, Blackboard

4:40 p.m.

Mickey Slimp, NETnet

6:30

-10:30 p.m.

SOCIAL GATHERING AND AWARDS PRESENTATION

****Recognition of Outstanding Distance Learning Faculty****

Robert M. Rogers Nursing and Health Sciences Center | 3rd Floor Patio

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9:10 **BREAKOUT SESSIONS**
-10:00 a.m.

Providing Students with Options: UDL in Online Classes | 0.015
Ashley Hall, Stephen F. Austin State University

Universal Design for Learning (UDL) provides students with multiple means of accessing information, as well as flexibility in how students demonstrate skills. This presentation will share one instructor's experience of applying UDL principles to an online class, including strategies used and practical advice for those considering adding an element of flexibility to their course.

Customizing QM Online Course Reviews to Meet Your Needs | 0.016
Mark E. Workman and Tom McClung, Blinn College

Participants in this session will learn how to completely customize the QM rubric or use their very own custom rubric for quality course reviews. Additionally, participants will learn how Blinn College is leveraging the QM Course Review System to process over 175 courses per year without the addition of new staff positions.

DL at ACC and Testing 123! | 0.017
Clark Peterson, Austin Community College

Distance Learning at Austin Community College works hard to provide exceptional services for our DL students as well as referral to various ACC resources. This session will provide an overview of our DL-specific resources and our coordination with other ACC departments as well as an emphasis on our Distance Testing Program including the processes for our newly integrated use of ProctorU.

6 for 2016 | 2.294
Charleên Worsham, Kilgore College

Six top EdTech tools for 2016 will be demonstrated as participants brainstorm creative ways to apply them in different types of classrooms and different levels of students.

10:10
-11:00 a.m.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Current State of Remote Online Proctoring—What, Why, How | 0.015

Ken Craver, Tyler Junior College

Remote online proctoring can be an effective tool to provide online students the convenience of online assessments while maintaining exam integrity and security through proctoring. Several popular solutions will be evaluated and a case will be made that providing this service can have a positive effect on retention. New purchasing options through state contracts will also be discussed. Summary handouts will be provided.

Connect With Your Students Through Video in Your Online Course | 0.016

Texas E. Reardon IV, Region 7 Education Service Center

Want to add videos to your online course and connect better with your students? Come learn some simple and basic video editing programs and tricks to help enhance your online course.

Time Capsule Project: Covering the Core Curriculum In One Assignment | 0.017

Herbert Midgley, Stephen F. Austin State University

Coming up with an assignment to cover the core curriculum in one assignment is difficult for your online course. However with the Time Capsule Project, you will be able to cover many or all of the core curriculum objectives.

Best Practices for Classroom Gaming | 2.294

William Stowe, Kilgore College

This session is an overview of the past 2 semesters of classroom gaming. Come and learn about the good, the bad, and the ugly side of using games for student engagement.

11:10
-11:40 a.m.

VENDOR EXHIBITS | OPEN LOUNGE

11:45 a.m.
-12:00 p.m.

ETxDLA GROUP MEETING AND PICTURE (DESSERT) |

Texas Reardon

(Courtesy of TxDLA)

Friday, June 17, 2016

12:00 **Mickey Slimp, NETnet**
-12:05 p.m. (*AudiSee AV and iNet Engineers*)

12:05 **Tim Henningsen, Blackboard**
-12:10 p.m.

12:10 **LUNCH**
-12:40 p.m. (*Sponsored by AudiSee AV and Blackboard*)

12:40 **KEYNOTE ADDRESS | SOUTHSIDE BANK**
- 1:40 p.m.

[Ride IT Like You Stole IT](#)

Candace Hastings, Ph.D.

*Associate Director, University Writing Center
Texas A&M University*

Says Candace, who taught English at TJC as Candace Schaefer, "Twenty years ago, faculty who taught online were busy creating web pages in Notepad, talking students through complicated downloads of instructional software, and wondering why they were the only faculty in their offices late on beautiful Friday afternoons. Today, faculty who teach online are busy uploading course files and grades to big box LMS systems, talking to students about what day and time the 12:00 test deadline *really* is, and wondering why they are the only faculty in their offices late on beautiful Friday afternoons that could be dedicated to horseback riding. At times, it seems that faculty have even less time to focus on student learning in spite of having more access to sophisticated instructional technologies." So, how can you grab the reins and make like a bandit in today's teaching and learning environment? She will share both her tricks with riding and with writing to help you "ride IT like you stole IT" with your online students!

1:40 **CLOSING REMARKS**
-2:00 p.m. **Mickey Slimp, NETnet**

See you at the 2017 Summer Distance Learning Conference...Drive Safely!

Conference evaluation survey will be posted on the website!

Keynote Speaker

Rhonda Blackburn, Ph.D.

B&B Consulting

VP and Chief Academic Officer for LoudCloud Systems



Dr. Rhonda Blackburn has been working in academia for the past 20+ years as a teacher, administrator, trainer, and consultant. Now she takes that experience and applies that knowledge to make her clients successful in their eLearning goals and initiatives. As the VP and Chief Academic Officer, she helps clients create competency based programs that allow the students to track their learning and move through a curriculum at a pace that meets the students' needs and learning experiences and enhance on-ground and online courses through the use of technology and learning outcomes assessment. She is also focused on developing a strong learning community and making sure all clients are positioned to be successful in their implementation and use of LoudCloud technology.

Prior to LoudCloud, Dr. Blackburn was the Associate Provost of Educational Enhancement at the University of Texas at Dallas. Her office covered faculty development, instructional technology, distance education, media/video services, and classroom experience. Within this capacity, she supported faculty on helping them develop well designed courses, both traditional and online. She also guided her staff in understanding technology and how it can be used effectively in a classroom setting. She spearheaded the redesign and integration of technology into the classrooms throughout the campus. Through research on the classroom experience, she was able to show how faculty development, the right technology and classroom materials, could improve student retention and learning. She conducted workshops, departmental trainings, and one-on-one consultations with faculty and support staff across campus and developed a Teaching Academy Certification, which helped faculty and teaching assistance understand the art of teaching.

Dr. Blackburn currently teaches a graduate online course at UMUC and an undergraduate hybrid course at UT Dallas. In addition to these courses, she has taught additional graduate, undergraduate, community college, continuing education, and high school courses since 1989 in face-to-face, hybrid, and online modalities. In all of her courses she utilizes technology to enhance the learning experience for the students.

Dr. Blackburn received her Ph.D. in Educational Psychology from Texas A&M University. She is also actively involved with numerous associations focused on lifelong learning including TxDLA as past-president, USDLA as an advisory board member, and NUTN as a board member.

Keynote Speaker

Candace Hastings, Ph.D.

***Associate Director, University Writing Center
Texas A&M University***



Dr. Candace Hastings is Associate Director of the Texas A&M University Writing Center, an academic support unit that provides writing and speaking tutorial assistance to undergraduate and graduate students via F2F and web conferencing appointments as well as online submissions. Of the approximately 11,000 appointments conducted in 2015-2016 at the writing center, 4000 were conducted online or via web conferencing. Hastings is responsible for daily operations, hiring and training over 50 writing and speaking tutors, and supporting all elearning technologies and innovations at the University Writing Center.

Prior to working at the writing center, Candace was the assistant director of Instructional Technology Services at Texas A&M and maintained operations of Blackboard LMS. Before she began life as an Aggie, as Candace Schaefer she served as the dean of distance education at Blinn College. At Blinn, she developed the distance program from the ground up.

She is, by her own admission, a reluctant administrator, however. Her true passion is teaching. She taught undergraduate English composition and creative writing for twenty years at community colleges in both wired and unwired environments and is the co-author of the *Creative Writing Guide*, published by Longman. Candace is currently a visiting lecturer at Texas A&M University in the department of Educational Administration & Human Resource Development, where she teaches College Teaching and Literature Review in the graduate program. Her research interests include writing centers, academic integrity, elearning and faculty development.

In Our Memories...

Anson Godfrey and Dan Jones

The membership of the Northeast Texas Consortium lost two good friends over the past year, who we would like to remember – Anson Godfrey, who was our Chief Technologist, and Dan Jones, who was serving as the immediate Past Chair of our Board of Directors.



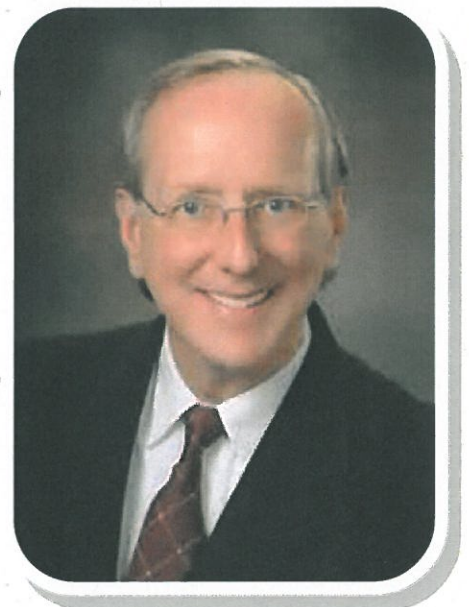
Anson joined the NETnet staff as its Chief Technologist a little over three years ago but served for many years on the NETnet Operations Advisory Group as the CIO of Texas A&M Texarkana. Anson played key roles at NETnet in the Telepsychiatry projects with Palestine Regional Medical Center, Good Shepherd Medical Center, and UT Health Northeast and in the planning for our long range fiber optic project with both our college and medical members.

Anson continued to teach online courses to the education majors at A&M Texarkana well into six month battle with cancer. He was also known by many for his off-duty activities with Rotary International. Anson served as the Northeast Texas 2014/15 District Governor and took a key role in their international projects to fight the continuing plague of polio in third world countries.

Dan Jones, as President of Texas A&M Commerce, served as Chair of the Consortium's Board of Directors from 2012 until 2014. In his NETnet role, Dr. Jones initiated the Consortium's long range fiber optic planning and championed the addition of new colleges into the group.

Matching the mission of NETnet, Dan Jones' broader career focused on increasing access to higher education and supporting the success of students. He championed initiatives, including open-educational resources, to lower textbook costs for students and was recognized by the Governor for the college's work in competency-based education. His tenure at Commerce saw the University exceed 12,000 students.

Originally a member of an English faculty, he continued to pursue interests in non-fiction writing and regularly spoke to both regional and national conferences. "Dr. Jones believed in the power of education to transform lives and shape futures, and dedicated his career to expanding opportunity for all students."



Our best wishes to the friends and families of these two champions for our students and our region. Both will be missed.

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Examity® is the global leader in online proctoring. The company's enterprise-wide test integrity solution is for universities and corporations that seek fairness and honesty with their online assessments. Our FairExam® security levels, seamless integration with any LMS, and around the clock support makes Examity® an ideal solution for all.

This February, the Texas Association of Community College (TACC) signed a master agreement with Examity, to offer proctoring of online exams as an option to the system's 50 colleges.

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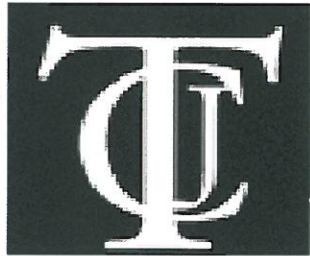
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