



TEXAS COLLEGE

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TEXAS COLLEGE RECEIVES GRANT TO DEVELOP WRITING ACTIVITIES IN THE D.R. GLASS LIBRARY

Tyler, Texas – Texas College is pleased to announce the receipt of a \$20,000 grant award from the East Texas Communities Foundation, Inc. (ETCF). The grant will fund the development of four library initiatives related to writing beyond, across and within the College's current curriculum. The grant was prepared by Texas College colleagues Mrs. Linda Simmons Henry, Director of Library Services; Dr. Emmanuel Ngwang, Professor of English and Director of the QEP; and, Dr. Ray McDonald, Division Chair of Business and Social Sciences. These individuals developed an initiative which partners the College's D.R. Glass Library, Writing Lab, and the Division of Business to develop new creative and digital writing programs, tools and resources for the D.R. Glass Library. A Writer-in-Residence and local creative writers will be used to provide creative workshops and seminars. The local Tyler and campus communities will participate through attending these workshops, writing contests, and by submitting works of literature for a journal which will be published. This grant will also support new initiatives for the development and production of a new library writing website that will showcase our student's writing and research skills.

The goals of this grant ties directly into the College's strategic direction as it relates to student learning outcomes. They include:

1. Having students gain a command of the use of communicative skills both written and verbal;
2. Teaching students to become critical thinkers in the use of content knowledge and beyond;
3. Having students involved in service projects and social responsibilities that assist in skill development; and
4. Providing students with the knowledge and experiential learning that will assist them in becoming productive citizens, i.e., individuals who can assist with the development of others where they live and work.

For over 27 years, The East Texas Community Foundation, Inc. has supported excellence in the humanities and education by funding research, preservation projects and public programs for area communities. This grant award continues ETCF's tradition of making valuable humanities, educational programs, exhibitions, documentaries, and educational resources available.

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About Texas College (TC)

Texas College is a historical black college founded in 1894, by a group of CME ministers. Our mission, who continues to embody the principles of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, is to *ensure that the student body experiences balanced intellectual, psychological, social and spiritual development, aimed at enabling them to become active productive members of society where they live and work.* The College pursues this mission through the core values of academic excellence; integrity; perseverance; social responsibility; tolerance; and community service. TC is led by its 23rd President Dr. Dwight Fennell. To learn more about Texas College log on to www.texascollege.edu.

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