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Dear Partners,

The new school year is quickly approaching and we know you are busy preparing for a great upcoming year! This issue has several important updates. We hope you find it informative and wish you the best. As always, we are here to help.

TSI Score Update

Ranger College recently received notification from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board that the college readiness benchmark score for the **TSI Writing** test has been updated. The newly approved college readiness benchmark for writing is as follows:

- a placement score of at least 340, and an essay score of at least 4; or
- a placement score of less than 340, and an ABE Diagnostic level of at least 4, and an essay score of at least 5.

RC has implemented the new rule effective immediately and has updated systems to reflect it. Students who have TSI writing scores on file with us already, that meet the new requirements, are eligible to enroll in corresponding courses for Fall 2017.

Math and reading scores remain unchanged.

New Web Page Offers Useful Tools

The dual credit web page on rangercollege.edu has recently been revamped and now offers lots of useful information and tools for students, parents, and school personnel. Please check it out at <http://www.rangercollege.edu/dualcredit.html>

Important Dates

All adjunct instructors are required to attend one of the following meetings.

August 22nd 5:30pm

Erath Adjunct Meeting
RC Stephenville Campus

August 24th 5:30pm

Brownwood Adjunct Meeting
RC Campus @ Heartland Mall

August 25th

Registration Closes
All materials and course request must be received by this date for enrollment.

Counselor Corner

Need to send updates to your roster? Please highlight changes on the original roster through August 25th. After registration is closed you are welcome to send individual e-mail requests for drops.

More Important News

Online Advising System

There is an exciting new option in Campus Connect which allows students to see, in real time, their progress towards graduation. Students will be able to select different degree and certificate options and see which classes they need to complete to achieve their goal. This is a powerful new tool for students, parents, and counselors which presents information in an intuitive, easy-to-understand way. Students can access Campus Connect by visiting <http://rangercollege.edu/campusconnect.html>.

Student Tips & Tricks

Beginning a dual credit course can be a little overwhelming for many high school students and their parents. Below are some tips to help make the process as painless as possible.

- Purchase textbooks either from the RC Bookstore or elsewhere early. The approved textbook list is located on the dual credit web page.
- Students need to log into their Ranger College e-mail account and check it periodically. Instructor responses to e-mail submitted through Blackboard will go to this address.
- The best way to make a payment for dual credit courses is online through Campus Connect. Payments are also accepted at the Erath and Brown County Centers as well as over the phone. Please be aware, call volumes in the Bursar's office are extremely high during the week preceding and following the first day of classes.
- Instructions on how to set up/access important accounts such as e-mail, Blackboard, Campus Connect, and etc. are located on the dual credit web page under "Important Accounts".

Enrollment Rush

We are entering a very busy time of year for the various departments which enroll and process financial aid for dual credit students. We thank you for your patience as we respond to the many e-mail and phone messages we receive. Please know that we will be in contact with you as soon as possible after receiving your request. We are here to help and appreciate all you do!



Success Story

We recently spoke to Mary Murphy, mom of Patrick Muphy a former Ranger College dual credit student at Early High School.

Mary related that Patrick graduated high school with 31 college credit hours from Ranger and went on to enroll at Baylor University. All 31 credit hours transferred seamlessly to Baylor and have saved Patrick **1 full year** of course work and **\$60,000**. Dual credit has impacted his life in a very positive way.

It is stories like this that fuel our passion at Ranger to continually improve and strive to provide the very best dual credit program possible. Dual credit is an affordable way to jump start futures, save time and money, and improve students' ability to transition into college life.

Do you have a success story you'd like to share? E-mail bmadore@rangercollege.edu.