



## Dual Credit Partners

Dear Partners,

What an incredible time it is for Ranger College! With our visionary leaders' support and countless hours of hard work, effort, and planning, we are thrilled to announce several groundbreaking developments that will greatly benefit your districts and students. We have listened to your feedback and feel immense gratitude that you have chosen us to be your partner in this great work of improving student's lives and preparing them to be a positive influence in their communities. Read on for all the excitement!

Best,

Brenda

### Tuition Rate Reduction

In an effort to increase accessibility of dual credit courses to all students, Ranger College recently announced a change in the tuition rate for academic dual credit courses beginning in the Fall semester of 2019. Academic courses will be \$50 per credit hour. CTE courses will continue at the \$80 per credit hour rate due to the higher cost of delivering those types of classes.

Ranger College is dedicated to finding creative solutions to the barriers students may face that restrict their ability to participate in dual credit courses. Dual credit provides powerful benefits to students' lives, and we want everyone who wishes to participate to be able to do so.



### IMPORTANT DATES

**February 11**

70% tuition refund deadline

**February 18**

25% tuition refund deadline

**March 7**

**Brown Co. Counselor/  
Principal Meeting**

**11:30 am**

**March 8**

**Erath Co. Counselor/  
Principal Meeting**

**11:30 am**

**March 8**

Spring graduation application deadline

**March 11 – 15**

**Spring Break**

**March 29**

Last day to drop a single class with a "W"

**April 19**

Ranger College closed

**April 26**

Dual Credit Career Day @  
Erath Co. Center

### Online Orientation

A new digital student orientation presentation is now available on the dual credit webpage.

This resource is specific to dual credit students and will be useful for new students as well as those who are already participating.

The presentation can be found at:

[Rangercollege.edu/dualcredit](http://Rangercollege.edu/dualcredit)

### Find us on Facebook

Students, parents, and school personnel can now find timely and important information about dual credit right in their Facebook feed.

Find us on Facebook by searching for:



@RangerCollegeDualCredit

### Pell Grant Experiment Extended

Ranger College was recently notified by the U.S. Department of Education that the experimental Pell grant program, which we have been participating in, has been extended to the 2019-2020 academic year.

We are thrilled at this unexpected development and applaud the DOE for the decision, which increases access to dual credit courses.

We encourage all students to complete the 2019-2020 FAFSA as soon as possible. The Ranger College Financial Aid and Dual Credit Departments stand ready to assist students,

their families, and our district partners in the process.

Ranger College continues to be the only institution in the state of Texas approved to participate in this DOE experiment.

We know you will join with us in celebrating this welcome development.



### MOU Update

Upon advice from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB), Ranger College has delayed the release of its updated MOU until further guidance is received.

HB1638 requires that on or after September 1, 2018, any

new, revised, or renewed dual credit MOU or articulation agreement must include certain information and be posted to the ISD's respective websites.

All current 2018/2019 MOU's with Ranger College are effective as of August 2018.

### Phi Theta Kappa Coming Soon

Lists will soon be emailed to all counselors with the names of students eligible for Phi Theta Kappa (PTK). Membership is by invitation only and requires a 3.5 college GPA and at least 12 completed credit hours of coursework.

PTK is the largest community college honor society in the country. It provides its members with valuable scholarship opportunities, a permanent notation on the student's transcript, and a prestigious credential. All state universities and many additional higher education institutions offer PTK transfer scholarships.

## Texas Tech Partnership

Another exciting development occurred just this last week as the Associate Provost of Texas Tech University visited the Ranger College Center in Brown County and met with college leadership as well as key community members to discuss a possible partnership.

The Texas Tech partnering model will provide a pathway for students to complete a Bachelor's degree from Texas Tech at a low cost while allowing them to stay in their communities.

Students will receive their Freshman and Sophomore courses from Ranger College and then take online or interactive courses from Tech to complete a four-year degree. Tech will provide a full time advisor located in Brown County to work with students, and an agreement will be reached that streamlines the credit transfer process between RC and Tech while eliminating unnecessary course work.

As the program grows, options to house a full University Center such as those located in Marble Falls and other areas will be developed.

Ranger College is honored to be associated with Texas Tech, and we look forward to a long and productive partnership that will benefit the students we serve.



## TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY AND RANGER COLLEGE

### **Welding & Cosmetology Scholarships – APPLY NOW!**

Welding and Cosmetology students have a valuable scholarship opportunity at Ranger College. Those students who complete the FAFSA will receive one of two types of aid: either Pell Grant funds, which cover tuition in full, or scholarship funds, which reduce tuition to \$80 per course.

The 2018-2019 FAFSA application is still open and we strongly encourage students to complete it as soon as possible. Our Financial Aid office stands ready to help students if needed. Please call 254-647-3234 or email [fin-aid@rangercollege.edu](mailto:fin-aid@rangercollege.edu) for assistance.

### **Ranger College Ranked #2 Community College in the State of Texas**

RC has been ranked by Schools.com as #2 in the top community colleges in the state of Texas. Ranger College is honored to be listed among many other wonderful institutions who are improving the lives of students.

## Career Day at the RC Erath County Center

On April 26, 2019, RC will hold its 2nd Annual Dual Credit Career Day at our Erath County Center in Stephenville.

Students will tour the various workforce programs, see demonstrations, and visit with local employers. We hope your district can join us!

## Research at RC

Certain partner districts will soon be invited to participate in a research project designed around the experimental Pell Grant program.

If you are contacted, we hope you will assist us in this important work focused on student access to dual credit courses.

The mission of Ranger College is to transform lives and give students the skills to be a positive influence in their communities.



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## Exciting New Workforce Program Developments

### Nursing Pathway

Three teams will spend the week of February 4 meeting with administration at many of our dual credit partner districts with an exciting new option coming this Fall for dual credit students. The Dual Credit Nursing Pathway is a program that will allow students to complete prerequisites, apply, and be accepted into the LVN program to take beginning courses their senior year of high school.

This program meets the TEA requirements for dual credit accountability and provides CTE funding to districts. It also assists students in navigating the sometimes complicated process of applying to nursing school, eases the transition from high school, saves them a significant amount of money, and allows them to bridge to the R.N. program and continue on as far as they would like to go. Please let us know if you would like more information.

### Mobile Machining Lab

Ranger College recently unveiled its new mobile machining lab. This is a state-of-the-art facility that will be used to deliver courses at high school campuses beginning in Fall 2019. Be on the lookout for more information, coming soon.



Interior of the Ranger College Mobile Machining Lab. The lab will be used to deliver state-of-the-art instruction to students in rural areas. Machining is a high-demand field that can provide graduates with challenging and well-paying work upon graduation.