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Texas Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers

TACRAO Fall 2014 Newsletter



Becki's Bulletin

By Becki Griffith, TACRAO President

I hope that as you read this, you are registered for the Waco conference and that you have your hotel reservations made! It's going to be a great event. In addition to the usual packing list (outfits, shoes, bathroom stuff, a notebook, more shoes, maybe your golf bag and/or walking or running gear!), don't forget to bring something very important: your questions.

One of the things my assistant registrar, ***Evonne Morris***, and I always do in the weeks before a TACRAO event is to save some pressing questions, quandaries and those "I wonder how OTHERS handle this!" moments to exchange with colleagues, and sometimes even presenters.

Like many of you, we can't bring everybody in our office to a big TACRAO conference.

We are fortunate to enjoy a strong regional association (SETACRAO), so we do have an annual event that is affordable for us to bring everybody (or pretty much everybody) to. Still, in the weeks before a TACRAO event, we ask our staff if they have questions they want us to take with us to the larger meetings.

While at the meeting, you collect great tips concerning things you do every day. You'll also hear things that might be useful for others (in different roles) to know about at your institution. Or, you'll hear about issues you'd like to discuss with others, once you are back at your institution. I always carry a notebook with margins when I attend TACRAO meetings. In the margin I often write in the initials of someone back at my place, so that when I'm home, I can find the things I wanted to mention or discuss with different folks – leaders in instruction, finance, financial aid. In this way, I prove the merit of TACRAO events. By now, everyone here knows that when I come back from TACRAO, I'll have valuable things to share.

As we publish more about the agenda for the conference, you'll notice that we take time on the third day to recognize the committees and other special members at the Recognition Luncheon. Come for the food, but be sure to watch the parade of people and announcements of the names. TACRAO is not run by a small collection of officers. The work of TACRAO is done by dedicated committees of your colleagues. If your name isn't called, be sure to fill out an "I'm Available" form for the coming year so that you get involved. You won't regret it. By taking the opportunity to lead and following through on that commitment, we give back and hone skills – another valuable take-back to our institutions.

We'll also recognize our exhibitors, whose support makes our big meetings possible, and we'll honor some former members for significant contributions to the association.

I can't wait to see everyone in Waco. One of the pleasures of sitting on the dais at the opening night is seeing the majority of TACRAO members before you. It's been my honor to serve you as president this year, and I can assure you, I know that TACRAO's future – like the Texas stars at night – is big and bright.



CHUCK'S CHANNEL

BY CHUCK KETTLEWELL, TACRAO PRESIDENT-ELECT

TACRAO 2014 is just a few short weeks away! We will soon be traveling to the Heart of Texas in welcoming Waco to embrace "Taking Charge of Change" – and that's no bull.

As you are planning your schedules for the Annual Meeting, if you are serving TACRAO on a Standing or Session Planning Committee, do not forget that we will provide a Committee Luncheon with the committee chairs and the TACRAO Executive Committee on Tuesday, October 28. The meeting location will be identified in your TACRAO program and will be included in the *TACRAO Guidebook* for the 2014 Annual Meeting. This gathering will be a working meeting with a light lunch to share each committee's charge and to begin formulating ideas in preparation for the 2015 Annual Meeting in Houston. The Committee Luncheon serves to pave the way for each committee's respective plan as we accept the important role we are entrusted by the TACRAO membership. Session Planning Committees will also receive instructions on using the TACRAO Conference Administration system, where we track all the session proposals. It is not too early to begin thinking about ideas that you would like to see come to fruition at the 2015 Annual Meeting.

Additionally, the TACRAO membership can rest assured that planning is well under way for the TACRAO 2015. Under the expert and creative guidance of co-chairs: ***Allison Dragon*** (Texas Tech University) and ***Latoya Whitaker*** (Baylor College of Medicine), the 2015 Annual Meeting in Houston promises to be an outstanding opportunity to learn, share, and enjoy for all! Save the dates – November 8-11, 2015.



Chuck escorts Mary Jane down the aisle at their June 21 wedding of their son, Bryan, to Dana Jellick in Winter Park, Colorado.



Oscar's Oratory

By Oscar Reyna, TACRAO Immediate Past President

Greeting from South Texas! The fall semester has arrived and this means that our TACRAO Annual Conference is only weeks away! Your Executive Committee has been busy planning this year's conference and working hard to ensure you have a wonderful experience in Waco.

This summer, the Site Selection Committee met and toured some wonderful options for our annual conference in 2016. Recommendations were submitted to TEC and contracts have now been signed for the site of the 2016 conference. TACRAO 2016 will be at ***Horseshoe Bay Resort just South of Austin October 13-16, 2016.*** Our Local Arrangements Committee Co-Chairs will be ***Brenda Shumann*** and ***Kim Taylor*** from the University of Texas. TACRAO 2016 promises to be an exciting conference in a beautiful setting. Thank you to the members of the Site Selection Committee, ***Melissa Gallien*** (Lamar University) and ***Bobby Lothringer*** (Texas Woman's University). This process would not have been possible without your input and participation. A special thanks also goes out to our friends at **Experient, *Lisa Zent*** and ***Debbie Borel-Ploeger***, for their guidance throughout this process.

In the next few weeks, our Newcomers Committee will be preparing to welcome our First-Time Attendees to Waco. Details will be sent out via the listserv in the next few weeks. Plan to attend the TACRAO 101 session on Monday and the Exhibitor Reception to follow. Please check the schedule on the conference website for details. As we begin to prepare to welcome our First-Time Attendees, we will also need mentors to help our new members navigate the conference and learn about our association. We hope you will consider being a part of this important program.



Trevor's Truths, Tales, Tidbits and Tantrums

By Trevor Thorn, TACRAO VP for Admissions

Greetings from the beautiful Piney Woods of East Texas. We are now less than one month away from the 2014 TACRAO Conference in Waco, Texas ***(birthplace of Dr. Pepper).*** If you haven't already signed up, do so now. If you have, get ready for a great time and lots of good sessions. The Session Planning Chairs have planned some really great sessions that are sure to make you smarter, or at least sound smarter.

Not only do we have some great sessions planned, but there will also be plenty of food, fun, and probably fatigue (that is if you have too much fun!) If you are planning on doing the Fun Run, it is a beautiful route, if you are not, it is not too late to sign up. **I also hear that the Big Event will be….BIG!!!** You didn't think I was going to give you any inside information did you?

As a newcomer to TEC this year, it has truly been an eye opening, learning experience that has been fun, but has been lots of hard work (and patience). If you are pleased with the conference (sessions, accommodations, venue, activities), be sure to thank someone. If you are not, ask for another drink ticket! I hope to see you all soon in the Heart of Texas!





Sofi Says

By Sofia Montes, TACRAO Vice President of Records and Registration

One of my favorite times of year is upon us: **Our Annual TACRAO Conference**! I look forward to this every year. I think it's so fitting that the joy surrounding the fall and winter months begins in a way with a meeting for our TACRAO family! I look forward to seeing my colleagues and friends, and to seeing you all enjoy the same. I only regret my two years as VP of Records and Registration is coming to an end. It has been a rewarding experience filled with tasks and surprises I thoroughly enjoyed. Seeing the conference program come together and evolve over time along with trends in higher ed have been such a privilege – and certainly an opportunity to appreciate how fortunate we are to have such a strong, successful organization. Working alongside the dedicated members of the Executive Committee has been a blessing and I'll miss my time with them, but I know we have *so many* great leaders in TACRAO that are ready to share their time and talents with you all. Great things still await us. Be proud, TACRAOans!

I'd like to thank all our **Records & Registration Session Planning Chairs** – *Catherine Littleton, Dr. Mary Jane McReynolds, Dr. Jeff Rhodes,* and *Michael Rendon* – for working so hard alongside their committee members. I am always blown away by my TACRAO colleagues' ideas and hard work! Thanks to the efforts of these wonderful members, we have some GREAT sessions slated for Waco. We'll get down to business with a presentation on FERPA challenges for our tech-reliant profession, as well as sessions on SACS accreditation, online learning, emotional intelligence, reverse transfer, and of course reporting and regs from our friends with The **THECB.** Y'all know that TACRAOans like to mix things up a bit, so we'll also be getting a little wacky in Waco with sessions like, *"Your Mother Called," "The Registrar's Vault: SCARY and Entertaining!"* and *"Diploma Mills: Updates on a Scary Reality."*

Between Records & Registration and the Admission sessions scheduled under the leadership of my fabulous counterpart, *Trevor Thorn*, we have about 115 professional sessions planned for you all. Add those endless learning possibilities to the networking, mentoring and camaraderie sure to take place, and you simply cannot justify missing this fantastic opportunity! **SEE YOU IN WACO, TACRAOans! Safe travels to you all!**

Sofia Montes, Becki Griffith and Chuck Kettlewell (l to r) at work during the TACRAO Summer Meetings.





Maria's Mayhem

By Maria Aguirre-Acuna, TACRAO Secretary

Reminder: There are still 11 colleges/ universities with outstanding dues for 2013-14. Please be sure take care of the dues as quickly as possible. A third and final reminder will be sent out before the institution will have their TACRAO membership revoked.

TACRAO invoices are available online for the 2014-15 membership renewals. Your institutional contact has access to the invoice and roster. As of today, we have 131 outstanding institutions for the 2014-15 year.

TACRAO now has a general mailing address.
The **TACRAO** address is:
555 Republic Drive, Suite 200, Plano, TX 75074-5469.
The W-9 has been updated and uploaded on the website. Please make an effort to update your purchasing offices and vendor database.

TCCNS invoices are going out this month.

We are continuing to work on making changes to the website and reporting functions of the directory.

I look forward to seeing each of you at the TACRAO Conference in Waco. The LAC has been hard at work finalizing all the details of the conference.



Joe's Jabber

By Joe Papari, TACRAO Treasurer

Hello, TACRAO Friends,
I hope that this semester has begun well for everyone, and your struggles with the 150% report are over.

TACRAO is financially strong, and the TEC is diligent in ensuring that we remain cost conscious. I'm finalizing the annual financial reports to turn over to the audit committee for their inspection. I am also revising the treasurer's procedures manual to be ready for our new Treasurer, ***Diane Brice.***

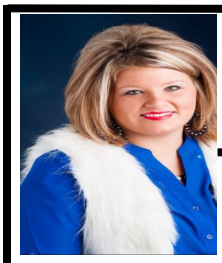
We have improved how TACRAO receives and processes payments. The mail-forwarding service delivers all mail to the treasurer. These include payment checks for the membership dues, the college day & night subscriptions, the annual conference registration and the summer meetings registration. The treasurer deposits the checks in the appropriate bank accounts. We also keep financial records electronically in Dropbox, which makes it much easier to share with the Audit Committee and TEC members.

On a personal note, it has been a pleasure serving you as treasurer for the past two years. I have worked with a great group of professionals who have become friends and I cherish these friendships.

Please do not hesitate to contact me concerning the finances of the organization or any questions that you may have.
I am looking forward to seeing everyone in a few short weeks in Waco.

Best Regards,

Joe Papari



North Texas News

By Dali Hatanville, Texas A&M University-Commerce

In August, the **Midwestern State University** Office of the Registrar welcomed two new members to the team at the title of Registrar Assistant I, where they provide front line customer service: ***Ginger Bartush*** and ***Ronnie Freeman.*** ***Dana Davis*** was promoted to Administrative Assistant and ***Shalanda Sims*** was promoted to Registrar Assistant III.

This Fall **SMU** opened its new Residential Commons complex, enabling all first-year and sophomore students to live on campus and launching the Residential Commons model campus-wide. The $146 million 9 acre Commons complex includes five residence halls, faculty apartments, a dinning commons, a band hall, classrooms and an 800-space parking center. It is the largest capital project in SMU's history, and part of a larger initiative to enhance students' living-learning experience.



UNT Health Science Center welcomes a new employee in the Registrar's Office. *Cynthia Hunter* became our newest Enrollment Services Assistant on July 31, 2014. We are so excited to have her!

Texas A&M University-Commerce would like to welcome *Mayra Serna* and *D'Lynn Gage* to the A&M-Commerce Admissions Team! They will be joining the Office of Undergraduate Admissions as Admissions Recruiters.

Texas A&M University-Commerce is also pleased to announce the expansion of their Downtown Dallas campus. A&M-Commerce has leased 42,203 at 1910 Pacific Place, next to the Majestic Theatre. "The University's expansion of our academic program to Pacific Place is the culmination of our 20-year commitment to serving the educational needs of those who live and work in downtown Dallas," A&M-Commerce President Dan R. Jones said in a statement. Texas A&M-Commerce has been offering degrees in Downtown Dallas for 20 years through the Universities Center at Dallas.



SouthEast Texas Sound Bytes
By Laura Divine, College of the Mainland

It is with a heavy heart to announce the passing of ***Dr. Robert A. Johnston.*** He passed away the morning of September 5, 2014. We all knew him by "Bob" around **College of the Mainland** and TACRAO. Dr. ***"Bob" Johnston was recognized with a 2001 Honorary TACRAO membership.*** He was the Director of Admissions/ Registrar at **College of the Mainland** until his retirement. He resided in Brenham with his wife Sandy where they kept busy, as you remember Bob and what a health nut he was. I have very fond memories, just like many of you, of Bob. He will be missed by all of us!



The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston says goodbye summer and hello fall! We are excited to introduce TACRAO to a couple of new faces in the Registrar's Office. ***Kimberly Holmes*** joined the staff in August as an Administrative Coordinator. She arrived just in time for the end of summer/beginning of fall madness. Kim was an internal transfer from the Student Affairs Office and the training she received there helped her hit the ground running. Glad you are here Kim!

In September, ***Tera Wright*** returned to Texas – after a tour of Georgia and Kentucky – and we are happy that she did. She is a Data Analyst and will be working with ***Brenda Powers***, Associate Registrar, with all aspects of reporting. As a way of introduction, we said here is your desk…here is your computer….here are the IPEDS REPORTS that are due in a couple of weeks! Welcome back to Texas.

As reported in the Summer newsletter, ***Jerry McGauhey***, a long time TACRAO cheerleader continues to insist that he will retire in January 2015. As one can see in the photograph included, his "I am outta here!" attitude is somewhat contagious. Those of us that have worked with Jerry over the last 20 years are proud of the way he has served TACRAO and the students, faculty and staff here at **UTHealth.** Many times I have thought that the university could have made a lot of money if we would have farmed Jerry out around the state as a technical consultant. When he arrived at the HSC, we did not have SPEEDE, we did not have a document management system, we did not have a Degree Audit Reporting System (DARS) and we thought PeopleSoft was a touchy feely counseling session. Be sure to congratulate Jerry when you see him in Waco. **He will be the one <u>NOT</u> attending any breakout sessions.**



The **Lee College** Admissions and Records team will soon be moving to the oldest building on our campus, Rundell Hall. Registered as a state historic site, Rundell Hall has been renovated and will house all student service offices for the college. Shown here (from left) are ***Becki Griffith, Alissa Rincon, Janel Mikulencak, Janell Laubach, Pertha Petersen, Terry LeBrock,*** and ***Evonne Morris.*** Not shown:



Laurie Cooper, Emily Eligon. Also…Janel Mikulencak plans to retire in late 2014 or early 2015 after about 10 years of service to **Lee College**. Earlier in her working life, Janel worked for admissions at **Houston Community College.** We will miss Janel and especially all of the wonderful goodies she has brought in for us to snack on in the Admissions Office!

Alvin Community College has a new President, ***Dr. Christal Albrecht***. She joined **ACC** May 19th and was the former president at **Florida State College** at Jacksonville campus.





West Texas Whistlings

By Andrea Rangel, South Plains College

Amarillo College: ***Dr. Russell Lowery-Hart*** became president of Amarillo College on Tuesday, August 26th. Lowery-Hart has served as **AC**'s vice president for the past four years. He joined the administration at AC following four years as associate provost for academic affairs at **West Texas A&M University.**



Dr. Russell Lowery-Hart

AC's previous president, ***Paul Matney***, retired this past summer after 43 years in higher education.

Midland College: ***Ruthie Barron*** "graduated" to retirement after 14 years at **Midland College.** Ruthie was the "graduation guru" at the college for most of those years. We wish her well in her retirement.

Courtney Fairchild is the new Graduation Specialist at Midland College. Welcome Courtney!

South Plains College: South Plains Admissions and Records Office has partnered with Credential Solutions to improve our transcript services offered to our students and alumni. "We are excited about the partnership and all the benefits it will bring to our students," said ***Andrew Ruiz***, Registrar.



SPC Plainview Center will conduct a Ribbon Cutting ceremony for the completion of its Technology Building at 10 a.m., September 26th. The new 10,000 square-foot-facility expands the college's capacity to provide training in classrooms and labs for industrial manufacturing, welding technology, HVAC, electrical, plumbing, construction and other trades.

Andrea Rangel was recognized for 40 years of service at **South Plains College**. (I was born and raised at SPC!)



Forty years of service awards were presented to ***Cynthia (Cindy) Brown,*** Program Coordinator & Professor of Business, and ***Andrea (Andy) Rangel***, Dean of Admissions and Records. Also pictured is ***Dr. Kelvin W. Sharp***,



President of **South Plains College.**

Texas Tech University:

Congratulations to ***Bobbie Brown***! Her grandson, ***Carter Dax Winebrinner,*** was born Monday, September 15th, at 7:30 p.m. He was 7 lbs. 5 oz. and 20 ¾ inches long. Mom and baby are doing well.





South Texas Sagas

By Brandy Garcia, University of The Incarnate

The Office of the Registrar team at *UT Health Science Center – San Antonio* would like to congratulate their colleague, **Bianca Elizondo**, on the upcoming birth of her baby girl, Jazlyn. Baby is expected to make her big debut on December 14 – what a perfect gift! Best wishes for excellent health, Bianca and Jazlyn!

The team would also like to send a heartfelt GOOD LUCK to their director, **Blanca Guerra**, as she heads into the last stretch of her dissertation this fall and prepares to pass full faculty! Hang in there, Blanca! You're almost there!

And last but not least, the team congratulates their colleague, **Lorraine Wright**, on completing 30 years of service this December! Thanks for all you do, Lorraine…we appreciate you!



We will see YOU at the Waco Convention Center for TACRAO 2014!



Central Texas Commentary

By Dustie Hamilton, McLennan Community College

Austin Community College:

Cecilia Padilla-Lopez, a 40 (!) year **Austin Community College** veteran, recently joined the Office of Articulation & Transfer Resources. She brings a wealth of higher education knowledge and experience, having previously worked in the Admissions, Tech Prep and Early College High School programs.

ACC opened Highland Campus on August 25th with over 4000 students enrolled at this state of the art learning center. The Highland Campus includes the ACCelerator, with 604 computer stations used in the delivery of the redesigned developmental math courses. The ACCelerator focuses on group and self-directed learning to enable students to reach college level courses as quickly as possible.

McLennan Community College

MCC is now offering an Associate's Degree in Kinesiology/ Athletic Training. This program is designed to prepare you to become a coach or athletic trainer and provides the foundation for a bachelor's degree. Beginning Spring of 2015, **McLennan Community College** will begin offering the Occupational Therapy Assistant Program.



TACRAO 93rd Annual Conference

October 27th - 30th Waco Convention Center

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION DEADLINE -

TODAY!!!! FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3RD!

In order to take advantage of the $250.00 rate you must register by Friday, October 3. Registration at the early rate requires that payment be received no later than Oct. 10, 2014.

Credit card payment is preferred. Credit payment is conducted by Pay Pal; please do not use a personal Pay Pal account unless the account is attached to the card you wish to pay your registration fee from. Create a new PayPal account if needed to use an institutional credit card. The charge on your statement will display as paid to TACRAO.

To pay by check, print invoice and mail with check (payable to TACRAO) to the following address. Note that your institution may need to update the address for our organization:

TACRAO
555 Republic Dr.
Suite 200
Plano, TX 75074-5469

Here are the steps to review your invoice:

1. Log-in to your conference registration account
2. On the right hand side you will see your email address, click on the drop down arrow beside your email address
3. Choose your Invoices
4. Choose the 2014 TACRAO Conference – Waco Invoice by click on the invoice number

See you in WACO!

ATTRACTIONS:

Dr Pepper Museum:

Dr Pepper was invented in Waco at the Old Corner Drug Store in 1885. The museum houses memorabilia chronicling Dr Peppers progression along with an animatron that tells the story of its invention.

Texas Ranger Hall of Fame & Museum

The Texas Rangers are the oldest state law enforcement agency. Their life and works are celebrated in this official museum dedicated to the legend and lore of the lawment.

Armstrong Browning Library

This BEAUTIFUL building houses the largest collection of memorabilia relating to the poets Robert & Elizabeth Barrett Browning. There are over 60 stained glass windows depicting scenes from the Browning's poetry. Even those that aren't interested in poetry, or the Brownings are amazed and awed by the stunning architecture. This is a must see!

Homestead Heritage

An agrarian community located just north of Waco. This community of talented people follow a "back to the simple life" approach. Visitors can watch tour the farm & ranch, enjoy a completely homemade lunch or snack, then venture to the crafts area where they can view artists creating woodwork, pottery, blacksmith materials, and wheat being ground in an old fashioned Grist Mill. Classes are also taught.

Mayborn Museum Complex

The Mayborn Museum is comprised of a Natural Science and Cultural History Museum, a Children's Discovery area containing 16-themed discovery rooms, and a 19th century historic village. Visitors can walk across a replica of Waco's famous mammoth site, see a Comanche tipi up close, walk through a giant heart, then visit the 13 wood frame buildings in the 13-acre Historic village.

Cameron Park Zoo

This is not your average zoo! It is housed in 50 acres of the beautiful 416-acre Cameron Park. Wildlife Conservation magazine has touted the CPZ as the "best zoo in the US". Children can interact with the otters as they slide down a glass tube that goes through the otter area. Windows under and above exhibits allow close-up experiences with the animals.

Waco Mammoth Site

The site features the largest collection of mammoths perishing from one event. Legislation to make the site a national park has passed through the House and headed to the Senate.

Cameron Park:

416-acre park located app. ½ mile from Downtown Waco. The park offers great hiking, an 18-hole Disc Golf Course and world-renowned cycling trails.

Historic Suspension Bridge:

This Suspension Bridge was the longest single-span suspension bridge west of the Mississippi when it was completed in 1870. The bridge was built with cable supplied by the John Roebling Co., who built the Brooklyn Bridge in New York City. The Brooklyn Bridge was reportedly modeled after Waco's bridge! When built, the bridge provided cowboys and cattle following the Chisholm Trail the only span across the Brazos River.

Additional Attractions: Texas Sports Hall of Fame, Five Historic Home Museums, Waco Wetlands, Waco Water Park, TCV Winery

Scottish Rite Museum, Red Men Museum, Art Center Waco

See you in WACO!

SHOPPING

Spice Village: 2nd St. at Franklin Ave., 254-757-0921

Voted one of the 45 Best Stores in Texas! The Shops is a conglomeration of individual shops housed in one building. It is barrier-free, so feels as if it's one store. There's a very eclectic mix of great merchandise. There is a wonderful furniture and home décor store inside. It features reclaimed treasures and fresh, new merchandise. The furniture is very unique!! (FYI - people drive in from D/FW and Austin just to purchase their furniture!

Honey's Home+Style: 1706 Austin Ave., 254-754-3311

Located downtown across from the Waco-McLennan County Library, Honey's features a large inventory of antiques, furniture, furnishings, accessories, art, lighting, picture frames, rugs, bedding, garden accessories, jewelry, candles, floral, unique gifts, one-of-a-kinds, and more.

Sironia: 1509 Austin Ave., 254-754-7467

Sironia is a 14,000 sq ft upscale boutique with a restaurant in the middle. It has a custom jeweler who makes custom pieces along with the latest women's fashion and accessories, a baby boutique with lines such as Bailey Boys, Baby Nay, Mustella and much more. They also carry custom furniture, stationery, custom invitations, gourmet foods and have a children's toy store.

RESTAURANTS: (A select listing of popular, local restaurants)

George's: 1925 Speight Ave., 254-753-1421

A very popular, casual restaurant featuring all kinds of food from basic sandwiches to huge Chicken Fried Steak. George's was where country singer Pat Green (Waco native who now lives in Ft. Worth) performed prior to his stardom. Many of his songs mention George's. It is a very popular hangout for Baylor Students. It is known for its "Big O" - beer served in a giant fish bowl-glass.

Diamond Back's: 217 Mary Ave. (in RiverSquare Center), 254-757-2871

A great steakhouse. Open evenings only. Upscale western atmosphere. The serve a "Chocolate Bag" Dessert that is a favorite of many. It is a chocolate shopping bag filled with a very rich choc. dessert. Many people can share!

Elite Circle Grille: 2132 S. Valley Mills Dr., 254-754-4941

Located on Waco's traffic circle. Elvis reportedly ate at the Elite while stationed at Ft. Hood in Killeen. They serve basic American food.

Uncle Dan's: 1001 Lake Air Dr.. 254-772-4744

Great Texas BBQ in a very casual atmosphere. A local favorite.

Buzzard Billy's Armadillo Bar & Grill-O: 100 N. Jack Kultgen Fwy. (I-35), 254-753-2778

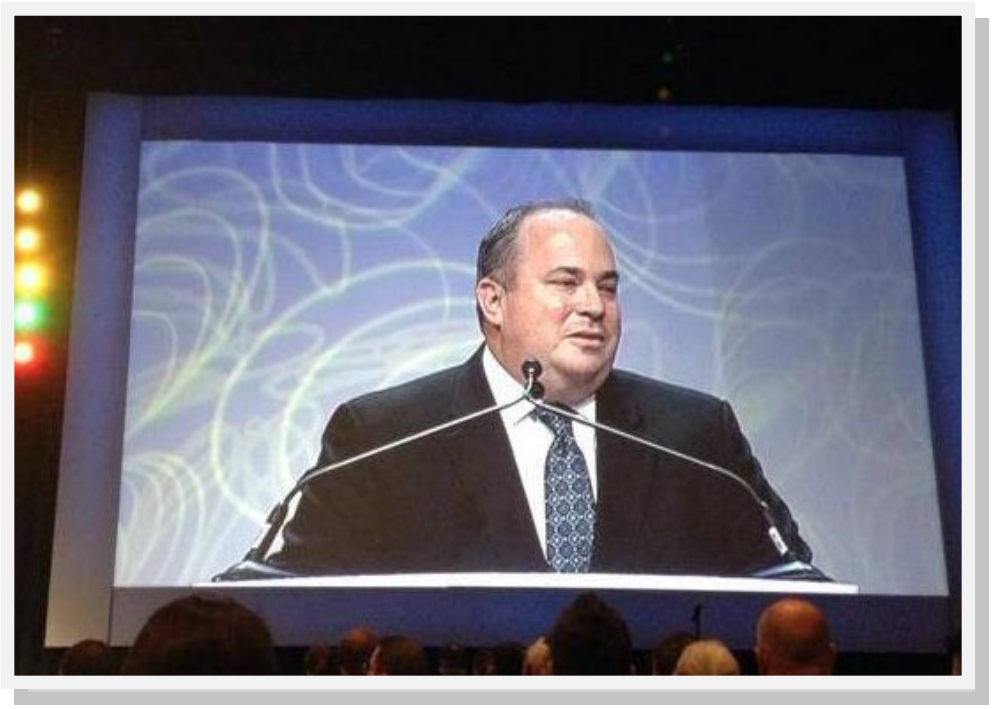
Buzzard Billy's specializes in incredible Cajun-Creole food, large beer selections and a funky atmosphere. Outside dining is available on a deck that overlooks the Brazos River.



Chuck and Mary Jane with daughters (Emily and Jenny), Bryan & Dana, and grandmother Marjorie (aka "Boppa") in Winter Park, Colorado with the Continental Divide in the background.

Chuck and Mary Jane sing backup at the wedding reception to Bryan's rendition of "Brown-Eyed Girl".





Jeff Fuller,
University of Houston, and NACAC President, leading the NACAC Conference in Indianapolis in September, during his first night as President of the national organization. We're so proud of you, Jeff!

TEC at the August planning meeting, on a site visit at the Dr. Pepper Museum in Waco.



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