



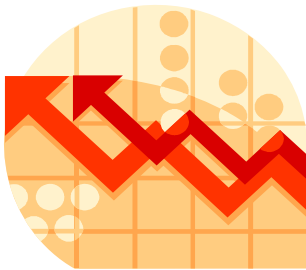
WTTC ADVISORY BOARD APPROVES NEW STRATEGIC PLAN

During the September 14 WTTC Advisory Board meeting, the board made a recommendation that the draft 2007-2009 Strategic Plan be implemented as written. The key goals contained in this plan are as follows:

- **GOAL I:** *Continue and expand training activities that support economic development.*
- **GOAL II:** *Increase usage of the facility by regional business, industry, and other community partners.*
- **GOAL III:** *Continue WTTC facility planning and construction.*
- **GOAL IV:** *Maintain a stable funding stream for WTTC operations*



USE OF THE WTTC FACILITY CONTINUES TO INCREASE



As we start the new semester and look back at the past fiscal year, it is obvious that use of the WTTC facility is continuing to grow. Howard College now conducts the majority of their classes in the training center, the SAISD Career and Technology classes have more students, and industry use was up 80% during FY 2006 compared to the previous year. Howard reported a 35% increase in enrollment for Fall 2006, with much of that growth being in WTTC-housed classes. Classes are now conducted in the center from 8:00 am-10:00 pm Monday through Friday and on Saturdays. A skilled workforce is one of the greatest assets that San Angelo offers to existing and new businesses, and further reinforces the importance of having continued and well planned growth at the West Texas Training Center.

HOWARD COLLEGE LIBRARY MOVES TO THE WTTC

Adult students taking classes in the WTTC facility now have easier access to library services. The Howard College library moved to the training center just prior to the start of this semester, and is now located in suite C-102 off of the rear hall of the building. The library provides instructional resources for both students and faculty to support the teaching and learning processes. These resources include books, DVD's and videos, and computers loaded with instructional support software. Contact Evelyn Coley, Howard College's librarian, at 481-8300 ext. 310 with any questions related to the library or services offered.



DUAL CREDIT CLASSES BENEFIT SAISD STUDENTS



Approximately 360 San Angelo ISD students are enrolled in dual credit vocational/ technical classes with Howard College this fall. These students are enrolled in some twenty SAISD Career and Technology classes that are eligible for dual credit with Howard College beginning this school year. Of those students, 195 are enrolled classes being conducted in the WTTC facility.

In the past, students were only eligible for dual credit in cosmetology with Howard. This year the available courses include several computer classes, PC Maintenance, Drafting, Culinary Arts and others. Because of the variety and number of classes being offered for dual credit, 37 students are receiving dual credit in multiple areas.

This enrollment figure represents over 1,330 hours of vocational/technical college credit for SAISD students. It represents a value of \$66,500 in Howard College tuition at no cost to our students. To qualify, a student must be in the 11th or 12th grade and must have passed either the Math or English/Language Arts TAKS test last Spring.

FACULTY AND STAFF SPOTLIGHT

This month's spotlight on people: Evelyn Coley, librarian, Howard College/ San Angelo

Did you know? Evelyn was raised in Peach Orchard Hollow, Kentucky, just down the road from Hell for Certain Hollow, which is a little ways up the road from Wilder Hollow. She started her library career as an undergraduate work-study student at Cumberland College.



Hobbies and interests: Cooking, reading, and quilting. Cooking is her “de-stressing” activity.

Thoughts on the WTTC: “With the relocation to the WTTC, the Howard College library is now accessible to more students and faculty. Our user population is now larger and more diverse. I enjoy walking through the training center and getting to know the faculty, staff, and students from the various programs housed in the facility”.

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS IN THE WTTC

- Sept 28: Sitel
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- Oct. 4: Business Professionals of America workshop
- Oct. 6: Templeton Construction safety training
- Oct. 9: Multi-Chem New Employee Trainings
- Oct 11: Tech Prep Teacher's Workshop
- Oct 13-14: Home Motors Tow Truck Training