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Searching for clues to your future? We've unburied the secret.

College Preview & Open House

If you're searching for clues to your future, Texas State Technical College has unburied the secret!

College Preview and Open House, set for 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 4-5 on the grounds of the TSTC Waco campus, can help you navigate your way to a wealth of opportunities. Mapping your excursion to this treasure chest of possibilities with TSTC as your guide is easy, as College Preview offers adventurous fun both days, including:

- A free financial aid fair
- Tours of TSTC's labs and programs
- Information about housing, meal plans, and more
- Opportunities to meet program representatives, advisors and faculty
- A free lunch
- A gaming competition on Saturday (see related article)
- and so much more.

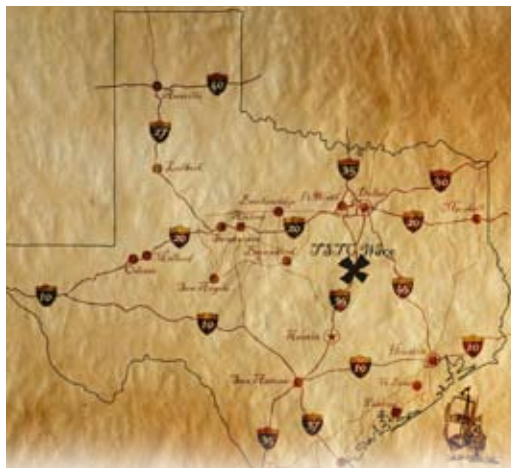
To find out more about College Preview, contact TSTC's **Chris Gropp** at (254) 867-4806, or e-mail chris.gropp@tstc.edu.

Summer Registration

It's not too early for your students to plan their summer school schedule. The 15-week Summer I term is set to start Monday, May 5, while Summer II, a 12-week term, begins Monday, June 2.

Registration will be ongoing weekdays starting Monday, April 7, through Thursday, May 1. Registration hours are 8 to 5 p.m., with extended hours to 7 p.m. on May 1.

The college also offers a variety of classes that are shorter in length. For a complete listing of all summer classes, go to www.waco.tstc.edu and click on "Class Schedule."



Get Connected To College With Tech-Connect

Students can get a jump on their future and earn college credits while still attending high school with the help of Tech-Connect.

With the TSTC's Tech-Connect dual credit program, students are connected to a vast number of technical courses or standard college academics, allowing them to earn credits toward a college degree. There is no tuition or fees while students are dually enrolled.

To view a list of dual credit courses scheduled for summer and fall, visit the Web at www.waco.tstc.edu/tech-connect.

Deadline to apply for the summer session is Friday, April 18, and for the fall semester, Friday, May 23.

To find out more, call at (254) 867-4860 or e-mail tech.connect@tstc.edu.

tech-connect™
Get the connection

Need more clues? Check us out on the Web at waco.tstc.edu



OP-TEC Summer Institute at TSTC Adds Extra Session

Due to popular demand, Texas State Technical College Waco will add an extra session to its annual OP-TEC Summer Institute in Optics and Photonics.

Two institute sessions will be available this summer, with Session I from June 23 through June 27, and Session II from July 21 through July 25.

Application deadline for Session I is May 1; for Session II, the deadline is May 15.

All housing and meals (breakfast, lunch and dinner) are provided by OP-TEC and TSTC. Up to 16 students can register for each session. Instructors, counselors and students are encouraged to apply.

OP-TEC (National Center for Optics and Photonics Education) is a national consortium of two-year colleges, high schools, universities, laboratories, industry partners and professional societies committed to creating a secondary-to-postsecondary "pipeline" of highly qualified and strongly motivated students.

The goal of the Summer Institute is to inform students, teachers and high schools of the skills needed for a successful career in photonics and to provide information on career choices and applications of the photonics industry. Students attending will receive both classroom lectures and hands-on training in basic laser alignment skills and properties of lasers and light.

To attend the Institute, students must fill out an application and complete an essay. Instructors need only to fill out an application.

For more information, visit <http://www.op-tec.org> or to register, call **John Pedrotti at (254) 867-3173**.

ReZ'd Revving Up

Pass the word to fellow family, friends and students that the 2008 TSTC ReZ'd Gaming Competition is offering dozens of great prizes, including hundreds of dollars in cash, free giveaways, prizes such as Bluetooth headsets, and much more for anyone ages 14 and up who wants to compete.

The event is set for 11:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Saturday, April 5, in the John B. Connally Technology Center on the Waco campus during the College Preview weekend.

Admission is just three cans of non-perishable food items for the TSTC Waco Food Pantry. Participants can choose from three contests: Quake III, Guitar Hero III and the Mod Contest, where contestants modify a game to compete for the grand prize.

During the competition, fabulous prizes will be given away, including, a \$2,000 TSTC scholarship, to be awarded to one lucky high school senior in a special drawing. (Seniors must be registered to win.)

To register or find out more, go to rezd.tstc.edu or call (254) 867-4812. But you'd better hurry. Registration is limited to the first 150 people who sign up.

Sign up today at [rezd.tstc.edu!](http://rezd.tstc.edu)

ReZ'd
TSTC GAMING COMPETITION

The graphic features a stylized, bold font for 'ReZ'd' in a dark color with a white outline, set against a background of red and orange flames. Below it, 'TSTC GAMING COMPETITION' is written in a smaller, white, sans-serif font. To the left, a white box contains the text 'Sign up today at rezd.tstc.edu!' in a black, sans-serif font.