

Breakout Session Descriptions

Today's Safety Plan, Do You Have One? Let's Create One! ~ Presenter: BJ Hegemeyer

All you have to do is turn on the news and you will hear about an incident at a learning location. Learn techniques of what to watch for and how to protect yourself and your students should a situation arise.

TESA 101 ~ Presented by Darcy Blackstock and Sue Hand

Come and learn all that TESA has for you. Learn about the leadership opportunities that TESA has in store for you. Would you like to be an officer? Come and learn how. Would you like to serve on a committee but not sure how to get involved? This session will demonstrate how your talent and passion can be used for your professional development.

10 Keys to Effective Communication ~ Presenter: Melissa Meek, Department of Communication Studies, Blinn College

Communication skills play a vital part in determining your work effectiveness and individual success. Good communication skills are important in strengthening relationships, decreasing misunderstandings, and creating effective teams. During this interactive session, participants will learn ten skills to becoming a better communicator.

Leading From Your Chair In The Room ~ Presenter: Joyce Langenegger, Executive Director of Academic Success at Blinn College

You don't need President or Chancellor after your name to be a leader. We all have moments in our lives (whether at home, at work, or out in the community) when we are called upon to lead. This interactive session will help you highlight who you are as a leader and the special qualities you have that make you so. Based on the work of James Kouzes and Barry Posner, authors of *The Leadership Challenge*, this session will allow you to discover your own exemplary leadership practices and identify them in others. Joyce Langenegger is the Executive Director of Academic Success at Blinn College. In that role, she facilitates Blinn's leadership development program, FutureWorks. She also teaches government and is a co-author of the college government textbook, *Practicing Texas Politics*, published by Cengage.

The Seven Principles to Student Success – But, What is My Role? ~ Keynote address by Dr. Karen Buck

Research has shown that there are seven (7) key principles to a college student's success in their chosen institution of higher education. And you may think – this may be true, but I am not a faculty member working with students in the classroom, or a dean or vice president who can make decisions that affect student success – so therefore, the positive or negative influence on their success is definitely out of my reach – and my daily actions and interactions have very little effect on student success. Yet, if this is your mindset, you would be wrong. This presentation will guide you to understanding that we all have a role in student success and provide examples of how others, in similar positions to yours, have made a difference!

Personalities at Work: It's a Jungle Out There! ~ Presenter: Rachel Gallardo, Ph.D., Department Head, Psychology & Anthropology, Blinn College

Have you ever looked in your work environment and thought "I work in a zoo!" Every person has a different personality. When all of these personalities come together, the work environment can feel like a zoo. In this presentation we will review four personality types and their associated animals. You'll also learn more about your own personality and how to navigate your own communication issues. Beavers, otters, and lions...oh my!

Pride & Prejudice in Reverse: A True Regency Era Cotswolds Love Story in Which the Woman Had the Fortune ~ Presenter: Diane Lovell, Ph.D., Professor of History at Blinn College

Come and hear the story of the discovery of over 120 heart-wrenching Jane Austen-era love letters in a cottage in rural England. The Vicar of Malmesbury penned them to Lady Catherine Howard, only daughter of the Earl of Suffolk, at the same time as Jane Austen is writing *Pride and Prejudice*! The letters begin in 1811 when Rev George Bisset asks for the third time for Lady Catherine to marry him or else he is leaving for Ceylon (modern day Sri Lanka). Their 17 year courtship struggles against pride and societal prejudice of who an earl's daughter should marry. Rev George Bisset writes her from Ceylon, St. Helena (while Napoleon was a prisoner), Blenheim Palace, Ireland, and continental Europe. From his eyewitness account to her of George IV's attempt to smuggle the body of Queen Catherine out of London, to assurance that his love will continue "till the last hour of my life", the letters are fascinating. Attend "Pride & Prejudice in Reverse" and find out why the letters survived, why they were in Gloucestershire, if the couple married and if they lived happily ever after.

TESA HAS STEM CLASSES TOO! We are proud to also offer a STEM class for TESA's Staff Training for Effective Management Certified Educational Office Professional certification.

**The Staff Training for Effective Management (STEM) is a professional development program designed for educational support personnel. The STEM program is sponsored by the Texas Educational Support Staff Association, Inc. (TESA). The program was developed in cooperation with the Texas Education Agency, Texas Association of School Administrators, Texas Elementary Principals and Supervisors Association, Texas Association of Secondary School Principals, Texas Public Community/Junior College Association, University of Texas and other professional educational associations.*

Assisting Difficult People ~ Presenter: Dianne Lemons

Participants develop techniques for problem solving and communication skills for managing conflict.

Local Hotels include:

Hotel	Address	Phone	Column1	Column2	Column3
Hilton Garden Inn	3081 University Dr. E, Bryan, TX 77802	(979) 703-7919	Breakfast \$5		\$107
2019 Summer Work Conference will be held at this hotel Ask for Emily when booking your room for the October 20 th Workshop					
Baymont Inn & Suites	1506 Nuches Ln Bryan, TX 77803	(979) 680-3000	Free breakfast	Free Parking	\$150
Days Inn College Station University Dr.	901 University Drive E College Station, Texas 77840	(979) 431-5654	Free breakfast	Free Parking	\$79.99
Hawthorn Suites CS	1010 University Dr E College Station, TX 77840	(979) 695-9500	Free breakfast	Free Parking	\$139
Staybridge Suites CS	1405 University Dr E College Station, TX 77840	(979) 485-2955	Free breakfast	Free Parking	\$169
Tru Hilton	1933 Austin's Colony Pkwy., Bryan, TX 77802	(979) 704-6015	Free breakfast	Free Parking	\$129

Blinn College - Bryan Campus Map

Building A
Prospective Students, Classrooms, Writing Center

Building B
Offices

Building C
Library, Learning Center, Classrooms

Building D
Disability Services, Counseling, Health Clinic
Science Labs, Computer Labs, Classrooms

Building F
Student Center, Food Service, Classrooms

Building G
Copy Center, Science Labs, Language
Labs, Classrooms

Building H
Classrooms, Open Computer Lab

Building J
Ceramics Lab

Building R
Classrooms, Distance Learning

Building S
Bookstore, Campus Police, Human
Resources, Admin. Offices

Building T
Classrooms



**Central Admin Services Bldg.
(Located in Tejas Center)**
Enrollment Services,
Financial Aid / Veteran Services,
Parking & ID, Testing Services,
Business Office, Academic Advising
3125 South Texas Ave., Suite 1900
Bryan, TX 77802