



Texas Southern University
THURGOOD MARSHALL SCHOOL OF LAW

DEAN'S WEEKLY UPDATE

April 21, 2005

Significant Activities, Requests, or Information

Highlights

On April 14, 2005, Law School alumni in Cameron County held a reunion in Brownsville, Texas. Cameron County Court Judge Abel Limas '84 served as convener and Master of Ceremonies. Attorney Noe Garza '86 and his family hosted over 50 alumni and friends at his ranch - La Gloria Ranch. He provided good food, music by his son and a mariachi band.

The impressive list of graduates included Hon. Chief Justice Rogelio Valdez '79 of the Thirteenth Court of Appeals; Hon. Nelda V. Rodriguez also of the Thirteenth Court; Hon. Judge Benjamin Euresti jr. of the 107th Judicial District Court; Hon. Judge Daniel T. Robles '89 of the County Court at Law; State Representative Jim Solis '89, and over 30 distinguished alumni members of the bar from Cameron County. Alumni contributed a total of \$5,800 and pledged another \$8,200. Interim Dean Carrington, Associate Dean Fernando Colon-Navarro, and Professor Lupe Salinas attended the event.

On April 20, 2005 Professor Emiel Owens, Visiting Associate Professor of the College of Education, made a presentation to the law faculty entitled Evaluating Test Data. A specialist in statistical measurements, Professor Owens lectured on objective tests composition and reading the associated data.

The Law School's students are celebrating Law Week with the following activities:

- Tuesday, April 19, 2005 - Roast of the law faculty
- Wednesday, April 20, 2005 - School Spirit Day & Lunch
- Thursday, April 21 Blood Drive, Video Presentation
- Friday, April 22 Law Day Banquet – Ga State Sen., Kasim Reed

Professor's Activities

On April 21, 2005 Professor Craig Jackson presented a report prepared by Professor Marcia Johnson to a joint faculty Meeting of Texas Southern University-Thurgood Marshall School of Law, South Texas College of Law and University of Houston College of Law.

Professor Lupe Salinas presented the movie, – “The Killing of Randy Webster” – April 20, 2005. Professor Salinas played the role of a federal prosecutor in the movie.

Communications

On April 19, 2005, Houston's Mayor Bill White, lectured to nearly 150 students, staff and faculty in the Hon. Calvin Botley Distinguished Lecture Series. Mayor White lectured on the City of Houston as well as his careers in law, government and business. His lecture was very informative.

Office of Academic Support

The Office of Academic Support presented the second weekly review for all first year law students. The review was hosted by Kevin Hall, a former graduate of TMSL. The Bar lectures continue through April 30, 2005. The bar examination essay writing workshop is scheduled for April 23, 2005.

Office of Information Technology (IT)

Software Training continues this Friday on April 22, 2005.

***NOTE:** The Weekly Report is presented to the Provost each week to highlight the School of Law activities, events and accomplishments.