

## Hurricane Ike Alters Fall 2008 Academic Calendar

*Just two days into TCC's fall 2008 academic calendar, Hurricane Ike forced the closing of the school for seven class days. In an effort to make up the lost class days, Dr. John Mrozek, Dean of Academic Affairs, presented the following alterations to the fall calendar at a TCC Town Hall meeting held on Monday, Sept. 23, 2008.*

- Oct. 1 — Last day for Add/Drop
- Sept. 24-25, 29 — Make-up exams for Incompletes.
- Oct. 13 — classes will be held (no Columbus day holiday)
- Dec. 11 — Last day of lecture classes
- Dec. 12-19 — Final examinations  
*(NOTE: There will be no break between the last lecture day and the start of final exams)*

For those students with overlapping finals, makeup opportunities will be held each day of final exam week from 2:30-4:30 p.m. Students will be expected to take their makeup exam on the same day as the final was originally scheduled.

Instructors must have all grades to the registrar's office by noon on Monday, Dec. 22, 2008.

The adjustments to the academic calendar will make up five of the seven days lost due to Hurricane Ike. Instructors who need additional time will have the opportunity to utilize early mornings, late afternoons, or Friday afternoons to schedule additional teaching hours.

### **Undergraduate Education**

- First session ends on Friday, October 31st.
- Second session starts on Monday, November 3rd and ends on Friday, December 19th.

### **NBCE**

The National Board exams that were canceled the weekend of Sept. 12-14 due to Hurricane Ike have been rescheduled



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Hurricane Ike as seen from the International Space Station on Sept. 9, 2008 (NASA).

for this coming weekend, Friday-Sunday, Sept. 26-28.

Doctor of Chiropractic classes are canceled on Friday, September 26. Undergraduate evening classes will be held as scheduled on Friday, September 26.

If you are planning to take the rescheduled board exams this coming weekend, please advise the registrar's office ASAP so that we can forward your intentions to the National Board.

## Faculty/Staff Reminders From HR & Business Office

All TCC faculty and staff members are reminded to fill out a contact information form which includes non-work related means of communication as well as emergency contact information. Please contact Sue (x6003) or Norma (x6050) for a blank form or with any questions.

Dr. Brassard and the Board of Regents have given approval for hourly employees to be paid despite the College being closed for seven days due to Hurricane Ike. Affected employees need to fill out their time cards.

Finally, all employees are strongly encouraged to enroll in direct deposit for receiving their payroll. This option allows for employees to be paid even in times of crises when the College and your bank branches could be closed.

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## TCC ANNOUNCES TERMINATION OF THE UNDERGRADUATE PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAM

Due to low enrollment, TCC will be discontinuing the Bachelor of Science degree program with a major in Public Health. The College will also be discontinuing the dual major in Public Health/Human Biology. TCC will continue to offer the Bachelor of Science degree with a major in Human Biology.

For those students who have applied for either the Public Health major or the dual Public Health/Human Biology majors and wish to complete the required public health courses to fulfill the degree requirements of the two discontinued majors, TCC will offer all public health courses for both the Fall 2008 and Spring 2009 trimesters. After the end of the Spring 2009 trimester there will be no further opportunities to take the required public health courses. Please note that registration for the Fall 2008 trimester will be accepted through the add/drop period. The last day of registration is Friday, September 19, 2008.

For those non-major courses that must be taken at another accredited institution in order to fulfill the degree requirements, TCC will extend the period to complete the degree until August 2010. All official transcripts, fees, and other degree requirements must be received in the registrar's office by August 10, 2010 in order to meet the deadline for completion of the degree.

Alternatively, you have the option of changing to the major in Human Biology. Please inform the registrar's office in writing of your intention to change majors.

The College regrets any inconvenience caused by the decision to discontinue the public health program.

## Unemployed As A Result Of Hurricane Ike?

*The following information is available to the general public and is NOT specific to individuals who have relationships with Texas Chiropractic College. TCC is providing this information as courtesy to the community.*

The Texas Workforce Commission wants you to know you may be eligible for disaster-related unemployment benefits. To apply, file online [www.texasworkforce.org](http://www.texasworkforce.org) or call a TWC UI Telecenter at:

- Houston local: (281) 983-1100
- Austin local: (512) 340-4300
- Dallas local: (972) 339-6200
- El Paso local: (915) 832-6400
- San Antonio: (210) 258-6600
- Fort Worth local: (817) 420-1600
- McAllen local: (956) 984-4700
- Others call toll free: (800) 939-6631
- Relay Texas: 1-800-735-2989 (TDD) or 1-800-735-2988 (Voice)

Individuals who are self-employed also may be eligible for disaster-related unemployment benefits.

Beware of scams where unscrupulous companies offer to file claims for individuals. Filing for disaster-related unemployment benefits is free.

Those who worked in Angelina, Austin, Brazoria, Chambers, Cherokee, Fort Bend, Galveston, Grimes, Hardin, Harris, Houston, Jasper, Jefferson, Liberty, Madison, Matagorda, Montgomery, Nacogdoches, Newton, Orange, Polk, Sabine, San Augustine, San Jacinto, Trinity, Tyler, Walker, Waller, and Washington Counties may be eligible for disaster-related unemployment assistance.

*Dr. Brassard's message this week is taken from his comments at TCC's Town Hall Meeting held on Monday, Sept. 22, 2008, to discuss the state of the campus following Hurricane Ike.*

I'm glad to see that everyone has safely returned to our campus. I realize that many of you still don't have power and there is much to do to get your homes back in order. Like the rest of our community, this campus did not escape Ike's wrath unscathed. I was proud to see our staff quickly responding to the damages we had.

I would like to recognize Perry (Latiolais) and his crew, Saul (Gloria) and Steve (Lopez). They were here everyday, even Saturday and Sunday. We wouldn't be where we are at today without their help and we are certainly grateful for it. They never asked for anything. They never complained if we said "you've got to be back Sunday," or "you've got to be back tonight," or "this contractor is coming in later." They were here. They were led by Dr. Steve Haslund. He was here as much if not more than everybody. Again, that was the main crew that really got a lot of this going.

We had Jeannie Jordan in IT. She had some pretty severe damage at her house, but she was still here to get the phones up, to get IT up, to get your computers up, to make it possible for the faculty and staff to have phones today and participate in the jobs they need to do for us.



# President's Message

**Richard G. Brassard,  
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Gabrielle (Greenwade), Carla (Pronio) and Dr. (Anna) Dixon came in on their own to clean out refrigerators. There's nothing fancy about cleaning out a refrigerator unless it's been five days without electricity. And then you really appreciate those folks. I thank each of them for coming in extra.

We even had a couple of students who came by and asked "what can we do to help?" They were out there picking up branches and limbs, sweeping and raking, all the things we needed to do. They were a big help and we're very grateful for them as well.

The other comment I would like to make is that we also appreciate those that didn't come, because there would have been so many people here, it would have been difficult to do the job as efficiently as we did. And those of you just looking at the situation, and deciding to help

with the things that needed help, or stayed back and let us accomplish what we were able to accomplish, made it possible for us all to be here and start school this morning; which four or five days ago, I wouldn't have bet on it.

Thank you all, each and every one of you. We know we had the prayers and thoughts of a lot of folks. And of course you were all in our minds and our prayers as well. We're grateful for each and every one of you.

Best Regards,



Richard G. Brassard, DC  
President  
Texas Chiropractic College

# Around Campus...

## ATTENTION STUDENTS:

### *National Board Exams: September 26-28, 2008*

For security reasons, the NBCE does NOT allow any of the following items into the testing area:

- Cellular phones or any electronic devices
- Remote keyless entry devices for vehicles
- Watches
- Food, drinks or water
- Writing instruments of any kind
- Reading or reference materials of any kind, i.e., notes, books, etc.
- Overcoats, jackets, hooded sweatshirts w/ pockets, hats or caps \*
- Backpacks, purses or other book bags of any kind

\* You may have a sweater available if the temperature is below your comfort level.

You will be asked to return any of these items to your vehicle. Lockers are not available during the exams. If you have any of the above items in your possession during an examination, you may be disqualified or permanently excluded from taking or continuing to take an examination, or from receiving scores.

You may also be subject to individual security screening procedures, including the use of metal detection devices. Refusal to submit to an individual security screening may result in denied entrance to or expulsion from the testing area.

## TCC After Ike...



*Damage inside and out at the LRC (left & below).*



*Broken windows at the Iwama Education Center (above) led to a lot of glass on the floor (below).*



*Fence damage behind the Harris Building (left).*



*Roof damage occurred at several campus buildings including Turley (left) and Smith (right).*

