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New Faculty

Branko Plavsic, M.D., has joined the faculty of the Department of Radiology as a professor.

CHIP Sign Up

A city-wide CHIP Enrollment Day is planned for August 1 at the Memorial Park Gazebo in central El Paso. Centro Salud Familiar La Fe, and the West Texas CHIP Collaborative will be assisting families apply for the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP).

Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at El Paso, a member of the collaborative, will be supporting this effort the same day with its own CHIP enrollment from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., at these locations:

- * **Texas Tech Medical Center**, 4801 Alberta Ave.
- * **Montwood Wellness Center**, 11950 Bob Mitchell
- * **Child Wellness Center**, 12583 Darrington Rd. in Horizon
- * **Northeast Family Practice Center**, 9849 Kenworthy

Interested families are asked to bring with them proof of income such as the two most recent check stubs, or a copy of their 2005 income tax form. Parents should also bring the following documents for each child applicant: birth certificate, social security number, proof of expenses, (daycare receipts, and if applicable, copies of checks for child support). A parent or guardian must sign the application.

At all the sign-up sites, persons trained by the Health and Human Services Commission (HHS) will be assisting families with the CHIP application. Texas Tech University HSC pediatric social workers will also assist at the Alberta, Montwood and Horizon locations. El Paso First staff will assist with applications at the Northeast Family Practice Center.

Staff from the Austin HHS will be at Memorial Park as well as the Texas Tech Medical Center to provide technical assistance.

At its enrollment peak, CHIP in El Paso had 26,000 children covered under its health insurance plan. Presently, 13,000 children are covered after subsequent changes in CHIP enrollment policies by the HHS Commission. The West Texas CHIP Collaborative, a group of community health organizations, have earmarked the enrollment day as the beginning of a series of activities for the rest of the year that will increase CHIP enrollments and improve the health of El Paso Children.

July Health.edu Continuing Education

There is still time to receive continuing education credits through the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center Health.edu website for July.

Courses available include: **Administration:** Preventing Workplace Violence; **Medical Technology:** Parasitology, Part II; **Nursing:** Leadership and Conflict Resolution and, Power and Politics; **Required Safety:** Heat Stress and Related

July 24 - 28

28 **Regional Dean Update Session**
Noon, A 3500,
Clinic Building

Summer Enrollment

Summer enrollment, for employees who want to update their benefit options, lasts until August 18.

Employees Retirement System of Texas website is www.ers.state.tx.us.

Also, to access the El Paso HR web-page for more useful employee information or to download important HR forms, go to <http://www.ttuhsc.edu/HR/el Paso/>

Regional Update Session

Faculty, residents and staff are encouraged to attend the next Regional Dean Update Session, Friday, July 28, Room A 3500, located on the third floor of the clinic building. The meeting will focus on the campus' implementation of the Electronic Medical Records (EMR) System. Lunch will be provided.

July Title Changes

Miguel Perez, MPIP, to lead programmer/analyst.

Michelle Muniz, MPIP, to medical billing associate.

Carlos Acosta, Family Medicine, to Specialist II.

SERVICEplus Training

Registration is currently underway for August sessions of Serviceplus training.

“Service Within,” a course for employees who have front-line contact with customers, is scheduled as follows:

Service Within - Session I

Thursday, August 17,
1:30 – 5 p.m.

Faculty Lounge

Service Within - Session II

Thursday, August 24,
1– 5 p.m.

Faculty Lounge

Employees must attend both sessions to receive credit.

Anyone who has not attended Serviceplus training, including new employees, should plan to attend. Supervisors should contact the Serviceplus office at 545-6840, with the names of staff that will attend. Employees must be registered in order to attend class.

Illnesses; **Social Work:** Dealing with Dementia, and Dealing with Difficult Families.

For more information, contact Roxanne Chacon, 545-7506, or go to www.ttuhsu.edu/health.edu.

Thumbs Up

“Thumbs up” to **Rosie Franceware** of the Department of Pediatrics. She received the “Student of the Year” Award from the Southwest Career Institute where she was the top student of her graduating class, July 19. Franceware graduated with a certificate of completion for Medical Records and Health Information Specialist and also passed her National Board Certification as a Coding Specialist in March.

Franceware has been with the Department since March of this year.

“Congratulations Rosie, and keep up the great work,” said Gloria Pinney, Pediatric Department administrator.

Josephine Chavez of the Department of Surgery would like to give a “thumbs up” to two employees who work the front desk of the busy Surgery Clinic--**Adriana Pinon** and **Suki Silva**.

“The clinic could not operate without these two employees. They worked so hard during a staff shortage in June and July. With their positive attitude, they completed their daily functions with a smile. I can still remember their words, ‘We can do it, we can handle it!’ ” said Chavez.

“It takes a positive team to accomplish things in life,” she added.

New Hires

Vanessa L. Aguilera

Paul Casella

Margarita Flores

Marco Forti

Brenda Gutierrez

Margarita Holguin

Sylvia Montes

Joann Santos

Andrew N. Streeter

Natalia Vega

Agustin Villa

Rebecca Zarazua

Pediatrics

Faculty Affairs

OB/GYN

HSC Police Dept.

Family Medicine

Neuropsychiatry

Internal Medicine

OB/GYN

AHEC/Border Health

Internal Medicine

Bldg. Maintenance

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