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TAIR (Texas Association for Institutional Research) Conference
February 22nd - 25th
Arlington, TX

The *CCSSE* session, ***Using CCSSE as a Measure of Student Engagement in Texas Colleges: Implications for Differences in Student Characteristics across Rural and Urban Populations***, is scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 24th, from 11-11:40.

CCSSE SESSIONS AT TAIR

Thirty-one Texas community colleges participated in the 2004 administration of the Community College Survey of Student Engagement (*CCSSE*). Examining student-level characteristics reveals that rural and urban community colleges vary significantly in their underlying populations. Because these student characteristics are related to the five *CCSSE* benchmarks of effective educational practice -active and collaborative learning, student/faculty interaction, student effort, academic challenge, and support for learners- they have implications for institutional planning.

The Consortium of Texas Small Colleges is also invited to a *CCSSE* Special Interest Group session, ***Using CCSSE Benchmarks for Change: Where do we begin?*** This session will be Friday, February 25th, from 10:45-11:45.

This mini-workshop will contrast normative and criterion benchmarking approaches with the intent of setting realistic goals and adapting to realize those goals. Improving all of your benchmark scores simultaneously across the entire institution can be a daunting task. The session will focus on techniques for identifying the best approach for your institution to use the *CCSSE* benchmarks for institutional change.

CCSSE FALL WORKSHOP IN GALVESTON

Representatives from Brazosport College, Clarendon College, College of the Mainland, Galveston College, Grayson County College, Lamar Institute of Technology, Lamar State College-Orange, Paris Junior College, Texas State Technical College-West Texas, and The Victoria College were in attendance. Participants brainstormed and shared many great engagement strategies throughout the course of the workshop.

Thanks again, to Galveston College, for being such a gracious host.

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