TSTC West Texas is committed to lifelong learning and educating students for the workforce. The focus of TSTC West Texas’s Quality Enhancement Plan is the integration of soft skills across the curriculum to improve student learning in areas of demand by employers. TSTC West Texas will execute this college-wide initiative, called Beyond Technology: The Complete Technician, by providing professional development opportunities for faculty and staff focused on implementing soft skills; by initiating an orientation course for all new students that will focus both on soft skills and on aiding students in transitioning to college-level work; and by including at the program level the teaching of selected and appropriate soft skills. The CCSSE data address specific elements—oral and written communication, critical thinking, work ethic, and teamwork—which are components of soft skills. TSTC West Texas has and will continue to use the CCSSE data, along with other assessment data, to develop benchmarks for future analysis of this exciting initiative.

Did you know?

- 49% of Texas Small Colleges Consortium 2005 respondents indicate that they have already taken or plan to take a developmental math course, yet only 24% indicate that they have already taken or plan to take a developmental reading or writing course.
- 94% of Texas Small Colleges Consortium 2005 respondents indicate that they would recommend their college to a friend or family member.

Save the Date

Mark your calendars for the 2006 CCSSE Workshop, Student Engagement through Collaborative Learning, scheduled for Sunday, May 28, 2006, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Hyatt Regency Austin.