



# BULLETIN

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## Texas Small Colleges

### Welcome Back 2004 Texas Small Colleges!

CCSSE is happy to welcome back all 23 members of the 2004 Texas Small Colleges Consortium for participation in the 2006 spring administration. We value our ongoing relationship with the Texas Small Colleges and look forward to our continued work together. As we approach the survey administration period, some key dates and timeframes to keep in mind are the following:

- General orientation conference calls to be scheduled for **December 1-9**
- Sampling and course master data file conference calls - **mid-January**
- College sends CCSSE course master data file **12 days after start of spring semester**

### Featured Texas Small Colleges Consortium Member: Galveston College

Many of you have shared with us ways in which you are incorporating your CCSSE results into strategic planning, accreditation, and improvement efforts on your campuses. In this *Bulletin*, we are delighted to share an improvement initiative from Galveston College.

**“CCSSE allows us to pinpoint specific information we wouldn’t have access to otherwise.”**

Deeanna Antosh-Director of Institutional Effectiveness and Research

Galveston College’s CCSSE results presented an opportunity for improvement based on the survey item about “Understanding Yourself.” As part of the institution’s Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP), “Keys to Student Success,” Galveston College instituted a 13-category Emotional Skills Assessment to be taken by students in all English 1301 classes. Students in this class will also work through an Emotional Skills workbook, which will serve as their writing journal throughout the semester. Some students will give class presentations on different sections of the workbook, thereby further enhancing the classroom learning experience. Students who score “develop” in multiple areas of the Emotional Skills Assessment will be assigned a mentor — a person on campus who is available and willing to offer assistance to the students. Comprised of volunteer faculty and staff, the mentoring program is open to all students. Mentors’ doors will have signs on them, and if the doors are open, students can walk right in. In addition to the face-to-face interaction, the mentors will be available to communicate with the student via telephone and email.

### Upcoming 2006 Conference Opportunities

- **CCSSE will hold a SIG (Special Interest Group) session for Texas Small Colleges Consortium members at the TAIR conference in Austin (January 31-February 3)**
- **CCSSE will conduct a session at the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board meeting in Austin (May)**
- **A breakout session especially for Texas Small Colleges Consortium members will be offered at CCSSE’s annual workshop in Austin (May)**