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Director Zachary Thompson delivered El Centro College 2017 Commencement

DCHHS Director Zachary Thompson, El Centro College graduate, was the speaker for El Centro College's 2017 commencement on Thursday, May 11, at Fair Park in Dallas.

El Centro College marks its 50th Anniversary in 2016-17. El Centro was the first college of the Dallas County Community College District to open its doors in 1966.

Director Thompson's address to the 2017 class was "It All Began Here at El Centro." Director Thompson told graduates about the help and encouragement he received from El Centro faculty



El Centro College President, Dr. Jose' Adames, DCCCD Board of Trustee, District 4 Monica Lira Bravo, DCHHS Director Zachary Thompson, 2017 Graduate Chelsea Garcia, and Student Government Association President Jireh Kaseu.

to continue his education.

He extolled students to not allow anyone or anything to hold

them back from continuing their education.

Director Thompson expressed that he was both

humbled and honored to be the commencement speaker at the 2017 graduation ceremony of El Centro, because it all began for him at El Centro College.

Other notable graduates of El Centro include Dallas County Commissioner Dr. Elba Garcia, Chad Houser, acclaimed Dallas Chef and Owner of Café Momentum, Duni Borgia, Co-owner and Executive Pastry Chef of La Duni Restaurants, Page BlueJacket, acclaimed ECC graduate and Senior Special Projects Manager for the District, and many others throughout Dallas County.

Leadership Mesquite: Dallas County Day

Leadership Mesquite is an educational program designed to develop a select group of business and civic leaders for future leadership in the City of Mesquite.

Each year, Dallas County

Commissioner Dr. Theresa Daniel and County Commissioner John Wiley Price invites county leadership to represent the diverse work groups within local government organizations.

In this years Dallas County

Day, DCHHS Director Zachary Thompson, Medical Director/Health Authority Dr. Christopher Perkins and Asst. Director Public Health Communicable Disease Tammara Scroggins attended the event and delivered a presentation to members of the Leadership Mesquite program.

The presentation focused on DCHHS programs in public health preparedness and efforts to protect the community.

Director Thompson focused on raising awareness to emerging Zika and West Nile concerns by discussing DCHHS initiatives regarding the current mosquito season and response efforts in public health preparedness.



DCHHS Medical Director/Health Authority Dr. Christopher Perkins, Commissioner John Wiley Price, Commissioner Dr. Theresa M. Daniel, DCHHS Asst. Director Public Health Communicable Disease Tammara Scroggins and DCHHS Director Zachary Thompson with Leadership Mesquite members.

Community and Employee Health and Wellness Fair



DCHHS Educator Golnaz Anbar discussing Tuberculosis prevention and symptoms with residents. Below: Dallas County Mobile Medical Clinic (MMC) and MDI Wellness vans.

On average, Americans working full-time spend more than one-third of their day, five days per week at the workplace.

The use of effective workplace programs and policies can reduce health risks and improve the quality of life for American workers. DCHHS held a community-wide health and wellness fair for employees and residents of Dallas County.

On May 17, county residents and employees joined together to participate in DCHHS' health and wellness fair.

The community-wide event featured over 58 vendors who provided services ranging from health and dental screenings, public health preparedness education, domestic violence awareness, massage ther-

apy, on-site Zumba exercise classes and a host of additional services.

"Holding this annual fair gives the community a sense of what health and wellness options are available to them in the area," said Zachary Thompson, DCHHS director.

"Our focus in this event is to provide an opportunity for individuals and families to build more knowledgeable homes. Physical, emotional, financial and educational factors of health care all contribute to overall wellness."

The one stop shop provided free services to over 300 community members and employees in this year's event. For more information on the health and wellness fair, visit dallascounty.org/department/hhs/DCHHSHealthandWellness-Fair2017



STD Clinic Supervisor Ruby McGilbra with Simple Sleep Vendor.



Dallas County Housing Case Manager Sheketia Burley having her blood drawn.



Public Health Educator Marisa Gonzales discussing Emergency Preparedness, Zika and West Nile virus.



MDI Wellness vendor with Tuberculosis Clerk Breonna Aldridge and DCHHS employees.



Public Health Educators Janecia Holley and LaShonda Worthey gearing up for the raffle give away.



DCHHS Tuberculosis Outreach Worker Devery Williams and DCHHS M Track Specialist Charles Williams.

Healthy Communities Healthy Schools Fair

DCHHS' Public Health Preparedness division actively participates in community awareness events to bring attention to Zika, West Nile and Emergency Preparedness.

At the forefront of public health education, DCHHS Public Health Educator Marisa Gonzales attended Dallas Mayor Mike Rawlings' and Neighborhood Up Parkdale/Urbandale Healthy

Communities Healthy Schools Fair.

The event, held at the Adelfa Callejo Elementary School featured informative programs regarding healthy households and family practices including emergency preparedness, mosquito prevention around homes and businesses, domestic violence prevention, poison control and outdoor activities for families.



DCHHS Public Health Educator Marisa Gonzales providing information to residents with Dallas Mayor Mike Rawlings.

National HIV Testing Day June 27 : We're Doing It

Free Confidential Testing for Chlamydia, Gonorrhea, Syphilis and HIV

June 27 marks National HIV Testing day and DCHHS is gearing up to raise awareness. This year, DCHHS' Mobile Medical Clinic (MMC) is partnering with Afiya Center at its Get Tested Grab a Bite event located at 3217 W. Camp Wisdom Road Dallas, TX 75237.

The event will take place across the street from the Southwest Center mall in the shopping center where Family Dollar is located between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. During this event DCHHS MMC

will be at the event testing for Chlamydia, Gonorrhea, Syphilis and HIV.

Following this event, DCHHS is also teaming up with the AIDS Interfaith Network / Manos Unidas June 28 by participating in a testing event to be held at the Consulate General of Mexico located at 1210 River Bend Dr. Dallas, TX 75207. For more information on this event contact Manos Unidas at 214-932-0636.

4TH ANNUAL "GET TESTED. GRAB A BITE."

Come Out and Join Us for FREE:

- HIV/STD TESTING
- EDUCATION
- GIVEAWAYS
- FREE FOOD (FOR THOSE WHO GET TESTED)

Hosted by THE AFIYA CENTER

Tuesday, June 27th 11:00-4:00 pm

3217 W. Camp Wisdom Road
Dallas, Texas 75237

For More Information Please Call James Gipson @ 972-629-9266

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YOUR #DOINGIT CHECKLIST:

- ✓ **Get tested for HIV.** CDC recommends that everyone get tested for HIV at least once as part of routine health care and that people with certain risk factors get tested more often. Visit cdc.gov/DoingIt to find a testing facility near you, learn facts about HIV, and how HIV is affecting our communities.
- ✓ **Encourage others to get tested.** Promote HIV testing by sharing the facts and the importance of knowing your status on social media. Remember to tag your posts with #DoingIt.
- ✓ **Join the #DoingIt movement.** Visit cdc.gov/DoingIt to download free materials and resources to share with your network and community.

Testing is free. Free and Confidential. cdc.gov/DoingIt

Case for Preventing Teen Pregnancy

Teen pregnancy has been directly linked to poverty and educational disparities between young parents and supporting relatives.

In an effort to continue to raise awareness, DCHHS Director Zachary Thompson and City of Milwaukee Commissioner of Health Bevan Baker, supported the North Texas Alliance to Reduce Unintended Pregnancy in

Teens' (NTARUPT) annual meeting.

The collaborative meeting is an initiative designed to bring together advocates to help address case prevention.

Through organizations such as NTARUPT, DCHHS is able to continue to support community wide initiatives that have a specific focus on health crisis nationally.



DCHHS Director Zachary Thompson and City of Milwaukee Commissioner of Health Bevan Baker.

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BEAT THE ODDS WITH HOUSING COUNSELING

Homeowner's net worth 36X greater than renter's.
— Federal Reserve (2013)

AM I READY TO BUY A HOUSE?

Housing Counseling may be the answer.

One-third of first-time homebuyers underestimate their total household debt.

HOUSING COUNSELING PROVIDES EXPERT ADVICE TO HELP YOU:

- Create Manageable Budgets
- Set Realistic Financial Goals
- Improve Your Credit Score
- Avoid Delinquency on Debt

DOES HOUSING COUNSELING WORK?
Borrowers who use HUD-Approved Housing Counseling:

30% lower odds of foreclosures

283% more likely to receive loan modifications

IN 2015, HUD HOUSING COUNSELING HELPED:

- Prevent **92,000+** Foreclosures
- Improve **178,000+** Finances
- Create **403,000+** Budgets
- Counsel **over 1.3 million** Households

WHERE DO I START?
Call 1-800-569-4287 or visit HUD.gov to find an agency in your community

Over 2,000 HUD Approved Agencies



HLCC Housing Assistant Officer Sherrie Hartford providing information.

Dallas County Home Loan Counseling Center (HLCC) is celebrating National Homeownership Month. DCHHS educators provided information to residents on the 1st floor of the DCHHS lobby Friday, June 2 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Residents joined for an opportunity to speak with a counselor to answer questions regarding purchasing a home, credit, financial literacy, mortgage approval as well as home loan services for current owners. For more information on Dallas County HLCC visit www.dallascounty.org/departments/hhs/homeloan



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