



# ECI Newsletter

## Oklahoma City and Dallas Campuses

### Fall 2013 Issue

#### ECI DALLAS MOVES TO A NEW LOCATION

ECI Dallas campus is moving to a new location. The new campus will be a great location for students. It has easy access to the LBJ and Hillcrest and offers a friendly and accommodating atmosphere. With almost 5000 square feet of space, the classrooms are more spacious and will provide a more comfortable environment for the students to learn and study. Also the smoking area is conveniently located next to the campus. We believe that this will be an excellent new learning center for the students of ECI.

#### RED RIVER RIVALRY

“Friday Night Lights”, “The Boys of Fall”, these are both references about the uniquely American sport—football. Did you know that the University of Texas and the University of Oklahoma have been meeting each other on the football field for 112 years. This year’s game will be the 113<sup>th</sup> game. Texans and Oklahomans are always competing and bragging about who is the best. One way to settle this argument is on the football field. Each fall at the Texas State Fair someone goes home victorious and someone goes home the loser. The winners get to proudly display the Golden Cowboy Hat Trophy at their school.



Except for three times, this game has always been played at the Cotton Bowl Stadium which is located in the middle of Texas Fair Park in Dallas. This is the agreed upon location because it is almost equally distant from The University of Oklahoma in Norman and The University of Texas in Austin. This makes the competition fairer since no team has the home field advantage. On October 10, 1900 (Oklahoma was still a territory. Oklahoma did not become a state until November 16, 1907) the Sooners and the Longhorns meet on the gridiron for the first time. On that day, The University of Texas was the winner with a score of 28 to 2. The Sooners first win did not come until 1905 when they bested the Longhorns 2 to 0.



This year the game is scheduled to be played on October 12<sup>th</sup>. Who will be victorious? Will it be the Longhorns or the Sooners proudly displaying the Golden Hat Trophy?

## NEW YEAR

**WE WANT TO WISH ALL THE STUDENTS A WONDERFUL NEW YEAR AFTER THE RAMADAN SEASON. WE GIVE OUR BEST TO EACH STUDENT.**

## STATE FAIR TIME

### YEEHAW!

The Great State Fair of Oklahoma is scheduled for September 12-22. This year's theme is "Dream Big". The fair is a yearly event that attracts citizens from all across the state. At the fair, attendees can enjoy many sights and sounds. There are free concerts and performances by musicians, entertainers, and school-aged children. Some of the concerts are ticketed events. This year's concerts include performances by The Eli Young Band and Clay Walker. If you are not a country music fan, there is a Disney on Ice performance and the midway is full of spinning, twisting, turning, roaring rides. If you like animals, there are barns full of

beautiful horses, llamas, sheep, goats, chickens, pigs, and other animals. What animals you get to see and maybe pet depends on the daily schedule.



The Texas State Fair is being held this year from September 27-October 20. If you attend, you will be greeted by a 52 foot tall cowboy with size 70 boots and a 75 gallon cowboy hat. If you want to say howdy to this gigantic man, you can call him by his name "Big Tex".



While you are there enjoying the rides and sights, make sure you don't miss a ride on the giant Ferris wheel called the "Texas Star". The views from the Texas Star are spectacular. Towering 20 stories above the ground, the Texas Star gives its riders views of the Ft. Worth skyline which sits forty miles to the west of Dallas. The Texas State Fair boasts more than 70 rides and 370,000 square feet of exhibits. If you like to shop for and look at unique products, the fair is the place for you. You can see everything at the fair, even things you never imagined. Many people attend the fair just to try the outrageous food items, for example, fried bubblegum, fried Coke, fried banana split, fried beer, deep fried butter, and even a fried latte. That is right! If it can be fried, then

someone has tried. Tried to fry it that is. So don't hesitate. Get together with your friends and go experience native Oklahoma or Texas culture at the State Fair. For information about the fairs go online. For the Texas State Fair, visit the official website at [bigtex.com](http://bigtex.com), and for the Oklahoma State Fair, visit the official website at [okstatefair.com](http://okstatefair.com).

## STUDENT EVENTS

Student activities are a time for students to get out of the classroom and experience the culture of their area. Possible future activities include the Sam Noble Natural History Museum in Norman, a trip to a local Harley Davidson dealership, enjoying an afternoon of disc golf (when the weather cools down), the State Fair, and other local festivals, cultural events, and sporting events.

## WELCOME TO ECI

We are always delighted to see new students on the ECI campuses. This session we have many new students. Thank you for choosing to learn English with us.

Hisham Othma-Palestine  
 Habacuc Mussunda- Angola  
 Abdulaziz Hakami-Saudi Arabia  
 Mubarak Alqatni-Saudi Arabia  
 Alena Mochaleva-Russia  
 Yuxin Jiang-China  
 Hong Yanchang-China  
 Wo Yu Qing-China  
 Zhouyi Ying-China  
 Yuemei You-China  
 Zhengtong Zhang-China  
 Lu Wei-China  
 Malik Salameh-Jordan  
 Tareq Salameh-Jordan

## WE HAVE THE BEST STUDENTS

## STUDENT AWARDS YOU'RE OUTSTANDING!

### Honor Roll

Each session, students can receive awards for being exceptional students. Students who receive an A in both the morning and afternoon classes will be awarded with High Honors.

### These Session 8 High Honors Students

Ahmed Asiri  
 Ahmed Alammred  
 Adbullah Alshabrami  
 Irina Basina  
 Talal Alanazi  
 Thao Le

Students who receive the grades of one B and one A will be awarded with Honors:

### These Session 8 Honors Students

Ali Alanzai  
 Thao Vu  
 Turaya Slama



**Attendance Awards**

Excellence in education is shown not only through grades but also through attendance. Showing up to class every day, working diligently, and trying to do your best is another quality of an outstanding student. So we also honor these hard working students.

Two awards are given for attendance. One award is given for Perfect Attendance. This means the student never missed class.

**The Session 8 Perfect Attendance Students**

Syadur Rahman  
Hasin Alrawili  
Ahmed Asiri  
Mubarak Alhabib  
Irina Bassina

The other attendance award is Outstanding Attendance This award is given to students who had 2 or fewer absences.

**The Session 8 Outstanding Attendance Students**

Linh Huynh  
Ghazi Alotaibi  
Mohammed Shehab  
Ahmed Afreed  
Ali Alanazi  
Lu Wei  
Turaya Slama  
Mamdouh Alotaibi  
Hassan Alfaraj  
Ahmed Al-ammred

**GIVE THESE HARDWORKING  
STUDENTS A HAND FOR THEIR  
EXCEPTIONALISM!**

**CONGRATULATIONS TO  
COMPLETED STUDENTS!**

Both the Oklahoma City and Dallas campuses would like to recognize the students who have recently completed their programs with ECI. From January till August, twenty-nine students attending the Dallas Campus have completed the program. Seventeen students have entered the university, ten students have gone back to their countries, and two students have continued their studies even after their completion of the program. At the Oklahoma City Campus, eight students completed the program. Six of the students went to the university and two students went back to their countries. We appreciate all of these students for always working hard and always giving their best. Let's give them a big hand and best of luck in their future endeavors.

**Students who completed the program and have begun their studies at a university:**

**LeTourneau University**  
Salim Alrashidi

**San Antonio Community College**  
Ahmed Alqurain

**Collin College**  
Ranjeet Khadka  
Nibesh Devkota

**California State University of Long Beach**  
Eman Alnuwaysir

**St. Philips College**  
Mohammed Alobayshi

**Houston Community College**  
Candice Garcia

**University of District of Colombia**  
Amani Jefri

**Texas Wesleyan University**

Mohammed Alsaaid  
Abdulrahman Almani

**Robert Morrison University**

Maater Alrashidi

**St. Edwards University**

Mohammed Alanazi

**Binghamton University**

Yousef Alsaadi

**University of North Texas**

Abdullah Almofeez

**Oklahoma City University**

Abdullah Aldawish

**University of Central Oklahoma**

Rami Alshammar  
Barrak Albarrak  
Sultan Alanazi

**Southwestern Oklahoma State University**

Sufuq Alshammari  
Abdulrahman Alhalwan  
Abdulrahman Alshareef  
Talal Alanazi

**CSULB**

Eman Alnuwaysir

**Monte Carlo France**

Mija Gjorgjievka

**Students who completed the program and went home:**

Abdullah Baata  
Waleed Alhaidary  
Nelson Aguilar  
Saud Alanazi  
Saleh Jefri  
Yun-Fang Lu  
Nam Doan  
Ana-Marija Jakimovfka  
Abdullah Alshabrami  
Linh Huynh  
Abdulaziz Alreshoudi

**Students who have completed the program but who are still attending:**

Turaya Slama  
Arturo Aguilar

**Again, congratulations to all of these students for their success and dedication!****Students and Host Families**

**24 hours a day, 7 days a week!**

**Remember, you can call anytime you need us. We are here to help!**

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