Dear UT Tyler Friends and Alumni:

The spring semester is in full swing and our classes are filled. Enrollment is up about 3% from last spring, making us believe area students continue to seek a quality education. Many elements help create an excellent institution. Among those elements are a university’s outreach programs. Below, we list just a few of these for UT Tyler.

- **UT Tyler Goes to Houston:** UT Tyler and the Houston Community College (HCC) System are partnering to help students complete four-year engineering and science degrees. The University will offer the second two years of the new Texas 2+2 mechanical and civil engineering degrees at the Alief Center of HCC’s Northwest campus. The HCC System has more than 60,000 students. This area of Houston includes the professional divisions of its oil and natural gas industries—all with a heavy demand for engineers. The Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET) will accredit these degrees, a result of efforts begun by UT Tyler’s Dean Jim Nelson. UT Tyler’s new Houston-based engineering and science center will offer significant advantages to HCC students, including preferred transfer status to UT Tyler’s home engineering school. [Read more...](#)

- **Discovery Science Place and UT Tyler—New Partners:** UT Tyler’s Ingenuity Center and Discovery Science Place (DSP) in downtown Tyler are working together to further develop this important science learning center. UT Tyler will offer faculty expertise, science equipment and grant-writing capabilities, among other resources. For example, UT Tyler can make equipment available—from microscopes to mobile wind tunnels—for use in DSP exhibits and programs, especially when idle during summers. Further, this new partnership will give UT Tyler a downtown presence for future programs, something sought by the University for several years. DSP will maintain creative control over exhibits, branding and fundraising activities. UT Tyler will add educational and science programming and handle certain other functions. [Read more...](#)

**UT Tyler October Italian Adventure:** If you are thinking about a “get-a-way” this fall, there’s no place like Italy. Join Italian art expert Dr. Jill Blondin, director of UT Tyler’s Center for Global Education (CGE), as she leads an eight-day inaugural trip October 1-9, 2012, discovering the art, architecture, food, and culture of Italy. Plan to visit the famous Sistine Chapel, the Vatican, the Colosseum, the Forum and many other archaeological sites and churches in Rome, as well as the marvels of Florence, Orvieto and Assisi. The cost of the Italian trip is $3595, which includes accommodations and airfare from DFW airport. The number of participants for this wonderful Italian Art and Architecture Adventure is limited. The mission of UT Tyler’s CGE is to provide quality international study abroad opportunities for students, faculty, alumni and friends of the University and to foster greater international awareness and cultural diversity in East Texas.

For more information, contact CGE at 903-565-5704 or [Read more...](#)