TEMPEL COLLEGE
TEMPLE, TEXAS

Take a Week Off-
Improve Your Campus with Zero Week

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OVERVIEW
• Q&A
• College Profile
• Why Zero Week?
• Strategies
• Zero-Week Implementation
• Evaluation & Results

ABOUT TEMPEL COLLEGE
• LOCATION - Temple, TX
  • Serve 17 ISDs
    • Main Campus est. 1926
    • Downtown Center
    • Texas Bioscience Institute
    • Cameron Education Center
    • East Williamson County Higher Education Center
      • Taylor Center – Legacy Early College High School
      • Hutto Center
• ENROLLMENT
  • 5,692 students Fall 2011
  • 755 FTIC (13%)
  • 1,193 First Time at TC (21%)
ABOUT TEMPLE COLLEGE

STUDENT PROFILE

- Gender
  - Males = 33%
  - Females = 67%
- Average Age = 26 years
- Race/Ethnicity
  - White = 62.6%
  - Hispanic = 32.4%
  - Black = 19.4%
  - Asian = 1.4%
  - Other = 3.9%

WHY ZERO WEEK?

- Lack of Student Preparation for College
- Need for Cohesive Student Orientations
- Last Minute Registration Issues
- Low Success Rate for Late Registering Students
- Unprepared Placement Testing
- Inadequate Time for Data Processing Tasks
- Extend Faculty Development

STRATEGIES

- Expand Time Between Registration and First Class
- Classroom Expectations Orientations
- Provide Math Placement Tutoring and Retesting
- Prepare for First Week of Classes
  - New Student Focus
  - Encourage Student Preparation
    - Syllabi, Textbooks, Schedules
      - Classes, Work, Study, Daycare, etc.
  - Help Make Connections
  - Enhance Academic Success
GETTING STARTED
 Gather Support
   Faculty, Student Services, Administration
 Coordinate Across College
   Calendar, Professional Development, Current Programs, Multi-campus
 Plan and Organize Event
   Zero-Week Committee
   Expenses: Printing, Incentives, Entertainment, Advertising

TOP 10 Checklist for Student Success
1. Check your TC email account
2. Review your course schedule with your family and work commitments
3. Buy your books early
4. Get familiar with your class locations and the campus
5. Print your class schedule and bring it with you the first day
6. Attend orientation sessions during Zero-Week
7. Attend class on the FIRST day with your books
8. Arrive early and know the parking regulations
9. Email your instructors with any questions
10. Know the rules - review your Student Handbook

Visit www.templec.edu for Campus Maps and Directions
## Save the Date

### Calendar

**Get Involved** schedule of activities:

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## Getting the Word Out
FACULTY WORKSHOP TOPICS
- All Campus Meeting/Kick off
- New Faculty Orientation
- Campus Tour
- Mentoring Q&A
- Adjunct Orientation
- Policy Revisions Overview
- FERPA*
- Sexual Harassment*
- Conflict in the classroom
- Syllabus & Vitae Updates
- NISOD and FUSION
- Where the Data R
- D2L Overview
- Dev Math Faculty Prof Dev
- Dev English Faculty Prof Dev
- Dev Reading Faculty Prof Dev
- Tenure Policy Q&A
- Ice Breakers
- TC Marketing 101
- Cheaters, how to catch them
- Web-Enhancing a Class
- Division/Dept Meetings
- Rubrics

STUDENT WORKSHOP TOPICS
- Math Boot Camp
- Transferring Basics
- Elearning Orientation
- Campus Tours
- Student Life Orientation
- Music Majors Orientation
- Criminal Justice Orientation
- Financial Aid – Satisfactory
- Academic Progress
- Probation Counseling
- Money Management 101
- Computer Literacy
- Veteran Affairs Orientation
- Reading Boot Camp
- Writing Boot Camp
- TRIO Orientation
- Leopard Survival
- Child Development Orientation
- Health Science Orientation
## ZERO WEEK EVALUATION

- **Measures:**
  - Student and Faculty Satisfaction Ratings
  - Academic Success
    - Fall to Spring Retention
    - Fall GPAs
  - Schedule and Organization
  - Campus Engagement

## ZERO WEEK IMPACT

- **Was Zero Week Helpful? (5 is best)**
  - Student Satisfaction (5 is best)

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- "As a first time student, I feel that the sessions that I attended this week will help. I know what to expect." Samantha S.
- "I was completely terrified about going to school. Zero Week was fun, informative, and I got to meet a lot of my fellow new students. I can't wait for the semester to start!" Oshandra O.
- "The Math Camp helped me bypass my Developmental Math. Now I'm ready for College Algebra!" Dora C.
**ZERO WEEK IMPACT ON GPAS**
- First Time at Temple College

**FALL TO SPRING RETENTION**

**ZERO WEEK RESULTS**
- High Student and Faculty Satisfaction
- Increased Retention and GPAs
- Modifications to Schedule – Coordinate/Broaden Orientation Topics
ZERO WEEK LESSONS LEARNED

- Revamp Online Registration for Zero Week Activities
- Requires Faculty Engagement
- Need for a Campus Master Schedule for Zero Week Activities
- Continue Focus on Increasing Attendance

UNEXPECTED BENEFITS

- More Learners Touring the Campus
- More Learners Locating Classrooms
- More Learners Purchasing Textbooks and Supplies Prior to First Day
- More Efficient Schedule Changes
  - Wait List
  - Prerequisite Report
  - Resolved Institutional Errors
  - Better Departmental Enrollment Management of Course Sections

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