

## Patrick Appointed to Air Force Academy

Congratulations to SEM senior Matthew Patrick who has received an appointment to the United States Air Force Academy. The academy is among the most selective colleges in the United States. Candidates for admission are judged on their academic achievement, demonstrated leadership, athletics and character. Matthew was nominated by Congressman Pete Sessions. He reports for Basic Cadet Training on June 25th. His scholarship is valued at approximately \$400,000. GO SEM! Matthew's parents extend their thanks to all of the teachers at SEM.

## Parent-Teacher Conferences

Spring parent-teacher conferences will be held on Monday, March 9 from 4:15 to 8:15 p.m.

## AP Test Registration

Thank you to all of the students who have registered for their AP exams. So far, SEM students have registered for more than 1,300 AP exams, which is up significantly from last year. If you are among the students who have not yet registered, please do so right away. Financial aid is available.

## DISD Drops SASC Accreditation

The Dallas Morning News [reported](#) on Thursday that Dallas public high schools will no longer be accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. Instead, DISD high schools will rely on a state assessment. Many college applications ask whether a student's high school is accredited. SASC accreditation is recognized across the country; it is not clear whether the state rating will be accepted by colleges outside of Texas. If you learn of colleges or universities that will not accept applications from unaccredited schools, please contact SEM Principal Jovan Wells so that she can communicate that to DISD administration.

## SAT and ACT Testing

Juniors – Colleges continue to move their application deadlines up. SEM strongly encourages juniors to take the SAT and/or ACT test this spring. The sooner you have your test scores, the sooner you will be able to narrow the list of schools you want to apply to. Spring SAT/ACT test dates are:

Test	Test Date	Registration Deadline
SAT	May 2	March 31
SAT	June 6	May 5
ACT	June 13	May 8

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## Show Your SEM Spirit

Tuesday, March 10th at 8:00 am in front of the SEM office. The SEM PTSA is again having a spirit wear sale and we have something a little new: T-shirts in maroon and white. The price is the same- \$10.00- and they are machine washable and colorfast, as always.. And don't fret, as always we can order more maroon t-shirts if we are out of your size! Plus we can order maroon polos with white embroidery as soon as we have at least 22 prepaid orders of those. The price of polos is the same too-\$15.00-as long as it is paid for this Tuesday. Again, the sale is this Tuesday, March 10th, beginning at 8:00am in front of the SEM Office and will continue to about 1pm. Please have cash and remember-this Tuesday is our tax free day for this sale. After Tuesday, any late sales will be at a higher price. We appreciate your business and the modest profit we make from this helps pay for "extras" at SEM! Thank you very, very much

## Share What You Know About Sports and PE Credit for SEM Students

Parents and students: The Tabloid is planning to run a story about playing sports and earning PE credit while attending SEM. If you or your SEM student has played sports at your home high school, let us know what you did and how you worked out the logistics. Also, if you have earned PE credit by playing a sport or taking as summer class, we would like to hear about that too. Let us know what class you took, how you liked it and any other information other students might want to know. Please send it to [jimkipp@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jimkipp@sbcglobal.net). Thanks!

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## TAKS Tutoring

SEM is proud of its Exemplary rating. To help students prepare for the upcoming TAKS tests, tutoring sessions are being offered on the Townview campus for students who need tutoring help. All tutoring sessions will be from 9:00 AM to Noon on the dates listed below. Your student must sign up with their English, science, math or social studies teacher in order to participate in these valuable sessions.

Math – March 7, 28, April 11, 18 and 25

Science – March 7, 28, April 11, 18 and 25

Social Studies – March 7, 28, April 11, 18 and 25

## AP Human Geography Test Prep

Test preparation sessions for the AP Human Geography exam will be held on every Monday and Wednesday, March 25 from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. **All students taking the AP Human Geography need to plan to attend.** It will be jointly conducted by Deanna Dove, Lorrie Newth and Bill Perry.

## AP Computer Science Test Prep

Test preparation for the AP Computer Science exam will be held on Saturday, March 28 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. **All students taking AP Computer Science need to attend.**

## Junior Class Trip

Dear Juniors and Junior Parents of SEM: We still have 20 seats open for the Junior Class Trip to San Antonio. Please quickly bring your \$50 Deposit to the SEM front office-make the check out to the SEM Activity Fund and note "Junior Class Trip" in the memo section of the check. You will be given a receipt.

Remember-the trip includes two college stops AND a trip to Sea World, the hotel and all transportation. Not bad for \$200!!!! Thank you. Marguerite Buccino



**TED Pick of the Week:** [Juan Enriquez: Beyond the crisis, mindboggling science and the arrival of Homo evolutis](#)

A broad thinker who **studies the intersection of science, business and society**, Juan Enriquez has a talent for bridging disciplines to build a coherent look ahead. Enriquez was the founding director of the [Harvard Business School Life Sciences Project](#), and has published widely on topics from the technical (global nucleotide data flow) to the sociological (gene research and national competitiveness), and was a member of Celera Genomics founder [Craig Venter's](#) marine-based team to collect genetic data from the world's oceans.

Very cool! *Hat Tip: Susan Paul*

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## Elegant Evening of Jazz: A Townview Celebration of the Fine Arts

This event will take place at the Meyerson on Wednesday, March 25, 7:30-9:30pm. In taking this annual jazz event to world class venue, it was decided to expand the program to feature all fine arts programs at Townview AND include an awards ceremony. Townview will be honored for the milestone achievement of ALL 6 co-located schools at Townview reaching EXEMPLARY status. In addition, there will be a student award for each school based upon community service. **SEM students please update your community service records so the awards can be appropriately designated.** See your counselor if you have any questions.

## Volunteers Needed!

The Hospitality Committee is looking for volunteers to bring bagels, pastries or other goodies and drinks to one of the upcoming morning staff meetings. There are 7 staff meetings between now and the end of the year. The meetings begin at 8:00 a.m. and we have about 20 staff to serve. If you would like to help, please contact Dianna Krueger at (972) 233-4189 or [rainbows\\_01@msn.com](mailto:rainbows_01@msn.com). Thanks!



## Dallas Blooms 2009

*March 7 – April 12*

“Dallas Blooms 2009 is ‘A Classic’ with the most dazzling display of color in the country. Over 450,000 spring bulbs, 3,000 azaleas and a birthday cake topiary make this not only the Southwest’s largest floral festival but is also has been named one of MSN’s Top Ten places to visit in the spring.”  
At the Dallas Arboretum.

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## Coppell Engineering Expo

SEM students are invited to attend the [Engineering Expo](#) to held at Coppell High School on Sunday, March 8th 2 - 5pm

MIT, Georgia Tech, UT Austin, Texas A&M, Ohio State University, Purdue, University of Michigan, Washington University in St Louis, United States Naval Academy, TCU, SMU, and many others will have representatives attending.

We'll also have practicing engineers available to meet with students and talk about careers, hiring, salaries, career paths. Local corporations include: IBM, Lockheed Martin, Southwest Airlines, Bombardier, Bell Helicopter, US Army Corp of Engineers, Teradata, and others.

We'll have two high-profile speakers: Dan Patterson, noted aviation photographer with over 30 books published, and Eric Branyan, VP Lockheed Martin F35 Strike Fighter program.

Raffle Prizes include: one-hour simulator ride in a 737 (compliments of Southwest Airlines), Two hot air balloon rides, two all day SegWay rentals, iPod nanos.

[www.coppellisd.com/engineering/expo](http://www.coppellisd.com/engineering/expo) Click on EXPO on the left for full details.

## Next Generation Scholarship

This scholarship is a joint effort by JETS and *Power Engineering Magazine* to increase student interest in the electric power industry by awarding \$5,000 scholarships for students to pursue a college engineering education. Application deadline extended to March 13. [Learn more.](#) *Hat Tip: Toni Lewis*

## Yvonne A. Ewell Townview Center's



Saturday, May 2, 2009

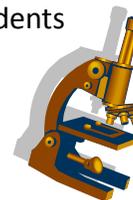
## Advanced Placement Prep Day

9:00 AM – 2:30 PM

Students taking AP Exams:

There will be a Townview Shout-Out Prep-Day for all students taking AP Exams.

Rotating Schedule: English, Math, Science, Social Studies



Concurrent Sessions

- 9:00 AM – 10:10AM: Math, Science, Social Studies, English
- 10:15 AM – 11:25 AM: Science, Social Studies, English, Math
- 11:30 PM – 12:00 PM: LUNCH
- 12:05 PM – 1:15 PM: Social Studies, English, Math, Science
- 1:20 PM – 2:30 PM: English, Social Studies, Math, Science



Free Pizza provided



## Healthy Snacks and Bottled Water Needed for AP Exams

To help students perform at their best on AP Exams, we ask parents to help the school out with donations of healthy snacks and bottled water. AP Exams will not be until May, but we wanted to give you a heads up now. If we receive enough donations, we would also be able to offer snacks and drinks for TAKS tests. Last year SEM students took nearly 1,000 AP exams and they really appreciate the pick-me-ups! You can bring them to the SEM office anytime.

For snacks, go for more **protein** and **carbs** and less sugar. For drinks, **8 oz** bottles of water are best.

Thank you!!!

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## Summer STEM Program

**Deadline extended to March 13, 2009**

9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Graders - STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) is an academic enrichment opportunity for students who have an interest in math and science. In academic courses taught by Naval Academy professors, students will participate in a variety of classes including aerospace, oceanographic, mechanical, and electrical engineering related programs. They will conduct group experiments in actual engineering classrooms and culminate the week with a robotics competition. The United States Naval Academy has expressed their desire to enter into a partnership with the Townview Magnet Center for our students to attend this program. Learn more.

## Scholarship Opportunities

Seniors: There are still a number of scholarships you can apply for to help pay for college next year. Dallas ISD has listed several on its website at [www.dallasisd.org/parents/scholarship](http://www.dallasisd.org/parents/scholarship). These include:

### Linda Blotchky Scholarship

Application deadline: March 17

Linda Blotchky was dedicated to and believed strongly in the importance of education, especially for economically disadvantaged students.

### American Association of University Women

Application deadline: March 24

The AAUW has several scholarships of \$1,000 for graduating senior girls with high scholastic achievement.

### Dallas Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Foundation

Application deadline: April 1

Stars on the Rise Scholarships. The scholarships will range up to \$10,000 in value.

To learn more about these and other opportunities, visit the [Dallas ISD Scholarship Information](#) page.

### 2009 Hispanic Heritage Youth Awards

Application deadline: March 14, 2009

The Hispanic Heritage Youth Awards offers educational grants of **\$3,000**, **\$2,000** and **\$1,000** in several categories to qualified Hispanic/Latino high school seniors. Students are also eligible to receive **free laptops** and a free trip to Washington, DC to attend the Hispanic Heritage Awards ceremony!

[www.HispanicHeritage.org](http://www.HispanicHeritage.org)

## Trinity River Audubon Center Summer Internship Program

The Trinity River Audubon Center is offering a paid summer internship for 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> graders.

Internship Dates: June 8 - July 3, 2009 (25 hrs. per week for four weeks). **Application deadline: April 1**

*Spend the summer conducting conservation research at our "living classroom."*

- Weekly stipend
- Must be entering your junior or senior year in high school by Aug. 2009
- Students of minority ethnicities encouraged to apply
- Preference will be given to candidates with some natural history background and a demonstrated interest in environmental research and or education.
- Student must have their own transportation to and from the Center

See Mr. Flores for an application.

## Innovation Opportunity Camp @ UTD

Know any budding entrepreneurs at SEM who are convinced that they've got an idea for the "next big thing"? UTD is offering them some training at an on-campus camp this coming summer.

UTD is asking \$845 for tuition, but there is an "Early Bird discount" that will knock the tuition down to \$745, and scholarships are available.

The Institute for Innovation and Entrepreneurship at UT Dallas has an exciting new opportunity for your students to expand their horizons and explore the world of innovation and entrepreneurship. The two-week Innovation Opportunity Camp will teach students how to turn their ideas into new businesses and solutions for the world. Through team-based learning, business simulation games, and interaction with successful entrepreneurs and UTD faculty, students will learn about entrepreneurship as a career option -- how to build a successful new venture and turn it into a career.

[Learn more.](#) *Hat Tip: Alan Gilkes, SBDM Chairman*

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## Upcoming Events

Date		Event	Time
Su	March 8	Coppell Engineering Expo	2:00 – 5:00 p.m.
M	March 9	Report Cards Issued	
M	March 9	Parent-Teacher Conferences	4:15 – 8:15p
	March 16-20	Spring Break	
Sa	March 21	SMU SpringFest	8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
M	March 23	AP Human Geography Exam Prep Session	4:00 – 5:00 p.m.
W	March 25	AP Human Geography Exam Prep Session	4:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Sa	March 28	AP Computer Science Test Prep Session	9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
M	April 20	PTSA Staff Appreciation Luncheon in Room 211	Noon
Tu	April 21	PTSA General Meeting: Election of Officers <i>Program: College Application Process</i>	6:30 – 8:00p
	April 27 – May 1	TAKS Testing (Donations of snacks and drinks needed)	
	May 4 – 8 and May 11 – 15	Advanced Placement Exams (Donations of snacks and drinks needed)	
Sa	May 2	Townview Center Advanced Placement Prep Day	9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Tu	May 19	SEM Awards Ceremony	6:30p

**New and changed events are in bold.**

Events are subject to change. Check the SEM [calendar](#) for updates. [www.semagnetschool.org](http://www.semagnetschool.org)

**SpringFest** is a casual, one-day event on Saturday, March 21, 2009, from 9 a.m. (registration at 8:30) until 3:30 p.m., to introduce you and your parents to university life at SMU. We can answer your questions about choosing the right college, making the most of your college application and financing your education. The cost for you to attend is just \$20, and your parents can come for free.

Register by Monday, March 16, **online** or by calling 214-768-2058 or 1-800-323-0672. For more information, visit us on the **Web** or send us an **e-mail**.

*It's the thing for spring*

SMU SpringFest

March 21

SMU SpringFest details at:  
[http://smu.edu/admission/visit\\_0\\_springfest.asp](http://smu.edu/admission/visit_0_springfest.asp)