Garland Youth Council On Board

Students representing all 7 high schools in Garland, Texas held a press conference on March 7th to announce their launch of Teens in the Driver Seat. The Garland launch, which is being led by the Garland Youth Council, is the biggest start for the program anywhere in the state of Texas. Chris Poe and Kathy Montemayor (TTI Dallas -RIO) were at the recent meeting and press conference.

The Teens in the Driver Seat Program continues to expand. Recent activities include Russell Henk speaking at the District 5 Student Council Convention in Lubbock, a trip to Atlanta, Georgia to meet with Marsha Anderson-Bomar and GDOT/State Officials (that has yielded a new contract for TDS w/GDOT). Russell and Bernie Fette made a trip to D.C., to meet with members of Congress, NHTSA, AAA, CDC and WHO officials

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T-Shirts Go On Sale

The Texas A&M student chapter of ITE has created new t-shirts to promote the organization. The shirts have been a big hit in College Station. The chapter would like to promote them to professionals all across Texas. Whether you’re an Old Ag’ or not, these T-shirts will compliment any wardrobe! Jeremy Clark, public relations director for the student chapter of ITE at A&M will be glad to take your order or talk to you about the organization. He can be reached in the CE/TTI Tower Room 410E, phone number is 979-862-8492 or at lark@ttimail.tamu.edu.

Below are two styles that come in a varied of colors. Check with Jerremy for size, color and costs.

TOG Family News

KUDOS

Kwaku Obeng-Boampong (San Antonio), Jonathon Tydlacka (Houston), Jeff Miles (Operations & Design Program), Mike Pratt (Signal Operations Program) were all promoted to a Associate Transportation Researcher. Keqing Li (Houston) was promoted to Assistant Transportation Researcher. Rafael Aldrete-Sanchez (El Paso) was promoted to Research Engineer.

CONGRATULATIONS

Ganesh Karkee (TTI San Antonio RIO) and his wife, Sangrila, are pleased to welcome a baby boy into their family. Ashish came into the world on February 21st weighing 7 lbs. 5 ounces and was 21.5 inches long. Sister Shweta is reported to be generally happy with the situation but is reserving her opinion for a while depending on how much attention the young fellow gets.

Lisa Patke, (TTI Houston RIO), met Country Music Recording Star, Toby Keith at this year’s Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. It was a quick hello, pose for the shot and goodbye. Lisa has been working at the HLSR for a number of years and said this was a “neat experience”!
Recent Travels

**Bob Brydia** and **Gary Thomas** were in Houston on Feb 13th to teach “Basics of Wireline Communications” for the TxDOT Houston District. Gary taught the course in Amarillo on Feb 27th and Corpus Christi on March 7th. Bob taught the course in Ft Worth on March 20th and Dallas on March 21st. This training is an Implementation Project of project 0-4969 from FY06. Ten courses are being offered throughout the site.

**LuAnn Theiss** traveled to College Station during February to meet with Dean Alberson to work on a proposal to the Airport Cooperative Research Program.

**Tony Voigt** traveled to El Paso on February 15-16 to participate in pavement marking implementation.

**Darrell Borchardt** traveled to College Station on February 27 to meet with 0-5619 project staff.

Interest in the results of the TCRP/NCHRP project on pedestrian treatment has provided **Kay Fitzpatrick** the opportunity to make presentations on the project to TexITE (Feb 2) and at the fiftieth Annual Transportation Conference for Alabama (Feb 21).

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regarding additional funding support and opportunities for collaboration. TxDOT Commissioner Andrade was scheduled for the trip, but was sidelined due to illness. **Jeff Shelton** spoke at several assemblies in El Paso, and major press events for the Program in Austin and Dallas (just to name a few).

March 7 News Conference - Garland High School students use lyrics and music to get the message across.

T-Shirts and wrist bands are used to demonstrate student involvement throughout the seven Garland High Schools.
# TOG Is Hiring

New positions and positions filled are listed below. Continue to share this information with your contacts. You can also forward potential names to the hiring supervisors so they can make personal contact. Applicants interested in applying for a position should go to [https://tamujobs.tamu.edu/](https://tamujobs.tamu.edu/) choose "create an application" on the left side, and follow the instructions on the site to apply for the position.

## New Positions

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## Birthdays

Mar 02 Jose Salcedo, Jr.
Mar 04 Russell Henk
Mar 21 Jeremy Clark
Mar 28 Helen Olivarez
Mar 29 Kay Fitzpatrick
Mar 30 Andrew Ballard
Apr 07 Colleen Dau
Apr 08 Beverly Kuhn
Apr 08 Christopher Tyson
Apr 10 Hassan Charara
Apr 14 Keith Knapp
Apr 16 Ryan Longmire
Apr 16 Praput Songchitruksa
Apr 17 Robert Dale
Apr 21 Kristopher Kneese
Apr 25 Darrell Borchardt
Apr 26 Kevin Balke
Apr 26 Lorena DeLeon
Apr 28 Sarah Roby

## TOG Mission Statement

To facilitate innovations in transportation system operations through leadership in research, education and technology transfer.