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TYLER JUNIOR COLLEGE

TYLER, TEXAS

June 3, 1975

H. E. JENKINS
President

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Dr. Donald M. Anthony
Tarrant County Junior College
Northeast Campus
828 Harwood Road
Hurst, Texas 76053

Dear Dr. Anthony:

Thank you for your cordial letter of May 29th indicating your interest in establishing and continuing good working relationships between Texas Eastern University and Tyler Junior College. You may be sure that Tyler Junior College will continue to go "all out" in such a mutually helpful program — and we feel that mutual cooperation is definitely in the interests of both institutions.

I am sure that your service as the President of a junior college in Tarrant County makes you aware that the first interest of Tyler Junior College must necessarily be in its own welfare, and that any program or course which would hamper this institution could not, of course, receive our support. However, I — and all other Tyler Junior College personnel — am now and always have been deeply interested in furthering the development of the new two-year senior college — now Texas Eastern University — here in Tyler.

In fact, when I was President of the Tyler Chamber of Commerce, I went "all out" to bring such a State-supported institution to Tyler — realizing that it would be the completion of the four-year college program of which we in Tyler Junior College are the lower level.

When Tyler State College was first established, it was our privilege to allow the students of that institution to use our Tyler Junior College Library on exactly the same basis as our own students, except that we made no charge to Tyler State College students. Our laboratories were made available for the Tyler State College students in the sciences and in numerous other ways it has been our privilege to further the welfare of Tyler State College. It is still our policy to "orient" our students toward that institution as far as possible — and, to this end, we have discouraged other senior colleges coming into Tyler Junior College, including Austin College, Stephen F. Austin State University, East Texas State University, etc.

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I have been informed that more than half of the first graduating class of Tyler State College completed lower-level work in Tyler Junior College, and it is our definite purpose to continue such cooperation and to "feed" Tyler State University insofar as possible. We do, however, feel that all students who have completed less than 54 semester hours of academic work should enroll in Tyler Junior College -- since that is the level for which we are established,

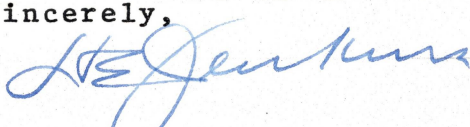
We appreciate the statement in your letter that it is your desire to work with us with regard to "the needs of students who plan to pursue a Baccalaureate Degree." This concept will enable us to continue as a community college to offer the community courses (continuing education courses) that we have offered for 25 years or more. I am sure your experience as a junior college administrator leads you to understand this concept and to approve it.

With this understanding, I pledge to you the utmost cooperation and effort on the part of Tyler Junior College to foster the enrollment of Tyler State University in every way possible, and I assure you that the entire staff of Tyler Junior College will cooperate one hundred per cent. I am sure you know that President Stewart also has this full understanding, and I think he gives his full approval to such a policy.

I hope you will come to see me when it is convenient for you to do so, and it will be our privilege to assist in the continuation of a close working relationship with our Academic Vice-President and others on our staff who can assist.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,


H. E. Jenkins
President

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cc: Dr, James Stewart



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May 29, 1975

Dr. Harry E. Jenkins, President
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Tyler, Texas 75701

Dear Dr. Jenkins:

As you may know, I have recently accepted a position as Vice President for Academic Affairs at Texas Eastern University in Tyler, effective July 1, 1975. My interest in the position was enhanced by the possibility of a continuing association with community colleges. Since the college anticipates drawing the bulk of its undergraduate enrollment from the community colleges in the East Texas area, we hope to strengthen the existing good working relationship between Texas Eastern University and the community colleges. I hope that my background in community college work will be of help in this regard.

In consultation with President James Stewart, one of my first goals after beginning my work at Tyler is to visit your campus. I hope to be able to meet with you and any appropriate staff members to discuss ways by which we can work together to meet the needs of your students who plan to pursue a baccalaureate degree. I am particularly interested in establishing a close working relationship with your academic vice-president or dean to enhance communication between our two institutions. I look forward to working with you in serving the East Texas area.

Sincerely yours,

Donald M. Anthony

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cc: Dr. James Stewart