



**Fall 2013 Convocation**

**September 6, 2013**

**Peter S. Marecek Physical Fitness Center**

8:00 - 9:00	Welcome Address	Dr. Beatriz Espinoza, <i>President</i>
	Introduction of New Employees	Denice Hadwin, <i>Director of Human Resources</i>
	Department Restructuring	Pete Trevino, <i>Dean of Student Services</i>
9:00 - 10:15	Introduction of Guest Speaker	Dr. Twila Johnson, <i>Dean of Academic Services</i>
	Keynote Address*	Dr. Vincent Tinto <i>Distinguished University Professor Emeritus Syracuse University (Biography attached.)</i>
10:15 - 10:30	Foundation Capital Campaign Internal Giving	Patricia Patel, <i>Executive Director of Coastal Bend College Foundation</i>

*Please be sure to allow sufficient time to get to your sessions, as we will begin as scheduled.*

10:30 - 10:45	<p><b>Track I: Faculty/Administration</b> All sessions: Gertrude R. Jones Auditorium unless otherwise noted.</p> <p>Who should attend:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Celebrando Educación Advisors</li> <li>✓ Faculty</li> <li>✓ Project Oasis/Stem Advisors</li> <li>✓ Student Development Advisors</li> <li>✓ TRiO Advisors</li> </ul>	<p><b>Track II: Staff/Administration</b> All sessions: Peter S. Marecek Physical Fitness Center unless otherwise noted.</p> <p>Who should attend:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Physical Plant employees</li> <li>✓ Clerical Staff</li> <li>✓ Professional Employees (not Advisors)</li> </ul>
10:45 - 12:00	<p><b>“Student Engagement”*</b></p> <p>Dr. Vincent Tinto</p>	<p><b>“Self-Care and Preventing Professional Burnout”*</b></p> <p>Dr. Jodie Elder - <i>Licensed Professional Counselor and Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist (Biography attached.)</i></p>
12:00 - 1:00	<p>Lunch</p> <p><i>Peter S. Marecek Physical Fitness Center</i></p>	<p>Lunch</p> <p><i>Peter S. Marecek Physical Fitness Center</i></p>
1:15 - 2:15	<p><b>“Student Retention”*</b></p> <p>Dr. Vincent Tinto</p>	<p><b>“Everything’s changing! How to survive when your world’s turned upside down.”*</b></p> <p>Dr. Jodie Elder - <i>Licensed Professional Counselor and Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist (Biography attached.)</i></p>

2:15 - 2:30 Break

2:30 - 3:45 Department Meetings (*locations as announced by departments*)  
QEP Committee Meets with Dr. Tinto (*R.W. Dirks Student Services Building, Room 119*)

4:00 - 5:00 Faculty Senate Meeting (*Gertrude R. Jones Auditorium*)  
Staff Association Meeting (*R.W. Dirks Student Services Building, Room 119*)

***\* Please be sure to sign-in for these sessions as they qualify towards the required 12 hours of professional development.***

## Guest Speaker Biographies



**Dr. Vincent Tinto** is a Distinguished University Professor Emeritus at Syracuse University and the former Chair of the Higher Education Program. He has carried out research and has written extensively on higher education, particularly on student success and the impact of learning communities on student growth and attainment. His book, *Leaving College*, published by the University of Chicago Press, lays out a theory and policy perspective on student success that is considered the benchmark by which work on these issues are judged. His most recent book, *Completing College*, also published by The University of Chicago Press, lays out a framework for institutional action for student success, describes the range of programs that have been effective in enhancing student success, and the types of policies institutions should follow to successfully implement programs in ways that endure and scale-up over time.

He has received numerous recognitions and awards. He was awarded the Council of Educational Opportunity Walter O. Mason 2012 Award for his work on the retention of low-income students, the Council of Independent Colleges 2008 Academic Leadership Award, the National Institute for Staff Development International 2008 Leadership Award and was named Distinguished Fellow in the Council of Learning Assistance and Developmental Education Associations. He has some 50 notable publications, including books, research reports, and journal articles, to his credit and has lectured across the United States, South America, Europe, the Middle East, New Zealand, Australia and South Africa. From 1990 to 1996 he was associate director of the National Center for Teaching, Learning, and Assessment.

Dr. Tinto received his B.S. from Fordham in Physics and Philosophy, his M.S. from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Physics and Mathematics, and his Ph.D. from the University of Chicago in Education and Sociology.



**Dr. Jodie Elder** earned a Doctoral Degree in Counselor Education and Supervision from Texas A&M University-Commerce. She is a Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) and Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist (LMFT). She is also a Board Approved LPC Supervisor. Jodie resides in Beeville, Texas where she maintains a part-time private practice and works as a Mental Health Consultant to Coastal Bend College. She has worked in the mental health field for over 15 years and counsels with children, adolescents, adults, couples, and families.