



Center for Bilingual Studies Newsletter

CBS DIRECTOR, DR. JOY ESQUIERDO, WELCOMES PARTICIPANTS TO CBS/TABE 1-DAY INSTITUTE AT UTRGV.

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“If you talk to a man in a language he understands, that goes to his head. If you talk to him in his own language, that goes to his heart.”

— Nelson Mandela

ONE DAY INSTITUTE

The Center for Bilingual Studies (CBS) in partnership with the Texas Association for Bilingual Education (TABE) organized their inaugural One-Day Institute at The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley for RGV teachers and educators across the state. The collaboration took place on August 1, 2016 in the Edinburg campus of the College of Education & P16 Integration. Dean Patricia McHatton and CBS director Dr. Joy Esquierdo welcomed teachers and school leaders and spoke to the purpose and vision of the Institute. Dr. Francisco Guajardo, Director of the B3 Institute at UTRGV, introduced keynote speaker, UTRGV Provost Dr. Havidán Rodríguez. The Provost highlighted the importance of developing biliteracy in the K-12 pipeline, spoke to the importance of the collaboration between UTRGV and local K-12 schools, and affirmed the centrality of building bilingualism, biliteracy, and biculturalism as core priorities at UTRGV.

TEXTBOOK DESIGN

CBS and the Center for Mexican American Studies at UTRGV will collaborate on designing a Spanish Social Studies curriculum for elementary schools. The purpose is to pilot a culturally appropriate textbook in 2nd grade classrooms.

CBS received news of the approval of the proposal entitled *Engaging PK-20 Bilingual Students in Authentic Writing Opportunities: Bringing Academic Standards, and Culturally Relevant Teaching, and Learning Together*, to be presented by CBS faculty at **¡Una ola de éxitos!**, the TABE 3 day conference in Galveston, Texas, this October 19-22, 2016. For more information please visit: <http://www.tabe.org/tab2016.cfm?subpage=1495499>

CBS will unveil its UTRGV website where visitors can find news of upcoming events, activities and programs, resources for teachers, and much more.

CBS continues to be a resource and space for students, faculty, and community. We are happy to host numerous students in the CBS/CMAS office suite and hope many more come by. We are located on the 2nd floor of the Education Complex room 2.216.



The 1-day institute was divided into three sessions, each session made out of seven panels providing professional development to bilingual educators centered on:

- Spanish literacy development
- Spanish content tied to TEKS
- Spanish content vocabulary development
- BTLPT (in-service and pre-service teachers)
- Biliteracy development (transfer of literacy skills)
- Advocacy



UTRGV BESO members participate in the 1-day institute.