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■ DIVISION OF GOVERNMENTAL & COMMUNITY RELATIONS NEWSLETTER ■



# HESTEC WEEK TO FEATURE EXCITING SPEAKERS

## Dr. Kate Biberdorf

Students attending Latina Day during HESTEC Week can expect an exciting, engaging presentation with some explosive sparks.

Dr. Kate Biberdorf is known as “Kate the Chemist”. Her theatrical and hands-on approach to teaching breaks down the image of the stereotypical scientist, while reaching out to students that might otherwise be intimidated by science.

The 440 students and teachers expected to attend will no doubt leave Latina Day with a positive, memorable impression of science all while diminishing the stigma around women in science.

Dr. Kate Biberdorf is Professor of Instructions and the Director of Demonstrations and Outreach at the University of Texas at Austin. Recently, she made an appearance on The Late Show with Stephen Colbert. She wowed the crowd and turned the popular host into a fire-breathing late night host.

Watch her performance at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nELtaMKMP8o>

Latina Day brings together female students to learn about opportunities for young women in STEM. The speakers invited will share their personal stories and how science, engineering and math have empowered them to achieve their goals.



Please visit <https://www.utrgv.edu/hestec/schedule/latina-day/index.htm> for more information on Latina Day.



## Dr. Derek Greenfield

Educator Day and Student Leadership Day will feature Dr. Derek Greenfield, a powerful speaker on issues such as diversity and

inclusion, motivation, team building, student development, innovative pedagogy, and hip-hop culture.

Educator Day is sponsored by Shell. Invited guests include teachers, administrators, and superintendents for professional development workshops and presentations geared toward providing them with resources and best practices that will enhance their methodologies for teaching STEM in the classroom.

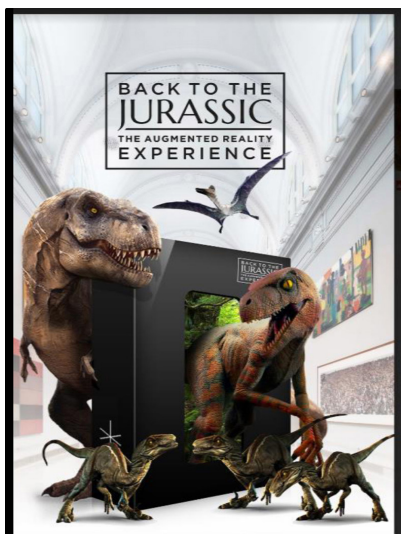
Greenfield has become a highly requested presenter at conferences, companies, and colleges across the globe. His extensive client list includes McDonald's Corporation, NCAA, International Conference on Cultural Diversity,

Dow Chemical, Hilton Hotels, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Princeton University, and the NBA's Milwaukee Bucks.

Prior to his full-time speaking career, Greenfield spent over 20 years as a dedicated and talented college professor and administrator. He most recently served in the chief diversity officer role at Alcorn State University in Lorman, Mississippi.

Please visit <https://www.utrgv.edu/hestec/schedule/educator/index.htm> for more information on Educator Day.

## The *Augmented Reality Experience* comes to the RGV!



The *Augmented Reality Experience* is a unique and fascinating digital 3-D experience never before seen in the Rio Grande Valley. Visitors will explore and touch the untouchable, while immersed in cinema quality 3D environments, interacting with photo-realistic characters in real time. Hosted by the UTRGV Office of Public Art and HESTEC, The *Augmented Reality Experience* features everything from dinosaurs to killer whales!

The public will have the opportunity to experience this exhibit on Sat. Oct. 6 at HESTEC Community Day from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the UTRGV Visitors Center at the Edinburg Campus, 1201 W. University Drive. It will remain on display through Oct. 31 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday at the UTRGV Visitors Center. Admission is free. Schools are invited to bring students to the exhibit.

Please contact the Office of Public Art at (956) 655-2353 for reservations at the Visitors Center or register online at [utrgv.edu/augmented-reality](http://utrgv.edu/augmented-reality)





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# HESTEC

Hispanic Engineering, Science and Technology Week

## COMMUNITY DAY 2018

Vendors • Exhibits • Food • Music • Fun

**FREE EVENT at UTRGV Edinburg Campus • Saturday, October 6 • 4-10 p.m.**

For more information, contact us at [HESTEC@UTRGV.edu](mailto:HESTEC@UTRGV.edu) or visit our website at [UTRGV.edu/HESTEC](http://UTRGV.edu/HESTEC).



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## COMMUNITY DAY



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UTRGV HESTEC COMMUNITY DAY  
AND EDINBURG DANCE THEATRE  
PRESENT

## PETER AND THE WOLF



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2018 AT 4 PM  
UTRGV PERFORMING ARTS COMPLEX

IMAGE WORKS



# UTRGV Office of Community Relations EVENT CALENDAR 2018-2019



**HESTEC**

Monday-Saturday  
October 1-6, 2018



**RGV SCIENCE & ENGINEERING FAIR**

Friday-Saturday  
February 1-2, 2019



**MATHCOUNTS**

Saturday  
February 9, 2019



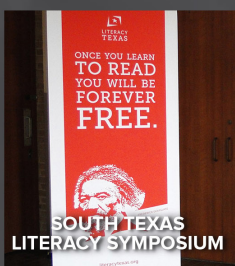
**REGIONAL SCIENCE BOWL**

Saturday  
February 16, 2019



**CHARREADA**

Thursday  
February 28, 2019



**SOUTH TEXAS LITERACY SYMPOSIUM**

Friday  
March 1, 2019



**FESTIBA**

Monday-Saturday  
Feb. 25-Mar. 2, 2019



**DÍA DE LOS NIÑOS**

Saturday  
April 27, 2019



**GREENPOWERUSA SOUTH TEXAS ELECTRIC CAR COMPETITION**

Friday-Saturday  
April 5-6, 2019



**STEM EARTH DAY**

April 2019

[UTRGV.edu/gcr](http://UTRGV.edu/gcr)

For more information or special accommodations, contact the Division of Governmental and Community Relations at (956) 665-3361 or (956) 882-5845 or email [vpgcr@utrgv.edu](mailto:vpgcr@utrgv.edu)



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