

7th Annual West Texas Legislative Summit

August 12, 2010
San Angelo, TX



State Legislators and Community Leaders mingle at the 7th Annual West Texas Legislative Pre-Summit Reception on Wednesday, August 11th.



The Cactus Band entertained the crowd.



Thank you AEP Texas for sponsoring the Pre-Summit Reception.



The attendees then enjoyed dinner in the Cactus Ballroom.



Texas State Senator Robert Duncan addressed the crowd.



State Representative Drew Darby also addressed the audience.



Thank you Suddenlink Communications for sponsoring the Pre-Summit Dinner.



The 7th Annual West Texas Legislative Summit on Thursday, August 12th, hosted a record attendance for the event.



The morning panel discussion on Universities was comprised of Dr. Tedd Mitchell, President of the Texas Tech University Health Science Center, Dr. Joseph Rallo, President of Angelo State University, and Dr. Mike McKinney, Chancellor of Texas A&M University System.



The panel discussions gave the public and legislators the chance to ask questions and learn from the experts. Senator Robert Duncan asks the panel of University experts a question about higher education.



Tom Pauken, Chair of the Texas Workforce Commission addressed the audience regarding workforce trends and challenges.



Just before lunch, Blaine Brunson, Chief of Staff for Lt. Governor David Dewhurst addressed the crowd with stories of his days at Angelo State and educational insight from the state level.



While the audience enjoyed their lunch, U.S. Congressman Mike Conaway addressed the crowd about topics that were currently being discussed at the federal level and how important education and workforce issues would be to the future of our country.



Congressman Conaway answered questions from the audience after his speech.



Thank you Verizon & Texas Midwest Community Network for sponsoring the Summit Luncheon.



The afternoon Panel Discussion on Community Colleges & Technical Training Schools featured Dr. Cheryl Sparks, President of Howard College, Mike Reeser, President of TSTC West Texas, and Dr. Mike Dreith, President of Western Texas College.



Dr. Raymund Paredes, Texas Commissioner of Higher Education addressed a packed room during his afternoon lecture.



Governor Rick Perry arrives.



Governor Perry addressed the crowd.



During the final Panel Discussion of the day, all state representatives and senators present took the stage. Representative Drew Darby introduced the legislators and started the discussion.



State Representative Warren Chisum, District #88, entertained the audience and his colleagues.



State Representative Tryon Lewis, District #81.



State Representative Ralph Sheffield, District #55.



State Representative Harvey Hilderbran, District #53.



State Representative Joe Heflin, District #85.



State Representative Susan King, District #71.



State Representative Eric Johnson, District #100.



State Senator Robert Duncan concluded the panel with his closing remarks.



Dr. Brian May of Angelo State University was the emcee of the event.



The attending legislators were able to visit with attendees during the Summit. Pictured: U.S. Congressman Mike Conaway.



Pictured: Texas State Senator Robert Duncan.



Pictured: State Representative Drew Darby.

A special THANK YOU to Representative Darby (Left), Senator Duncan (Right) and their staffs for helping to coordinate the event.

