



FALL 2026 CONVOCATION WEEK

Monday, August 17, 2026

7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.	Breakfast	Jacob Brown Auditorium
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Convocation	Jacob Brown Auditorium
<i>Welcome</i> <i>Dr. Jesus Roberto Rodriguez, President</i> <i>Message from the Board of Trustees</i> <i>Mrs. Delia Saenz, Chairwoman</i> <i>College Updates</i> <i>Dr. Jesus Roberto Rodriguez, President</i> <i>Human Resources Presentation</i> <i>Mr. Ruben Vega</i>		
12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Lunch on your own	
1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Divisional Meetings	A&S – Tandy 113
<i>Meetings led by divisional deans</i>		HP - ITECC E106
		BEAT - ITECC E104
All full-time faculty and instructional staff are required to participate in this meeting led by their divisional dean.		
5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Welcome and Orientation for Adjunct Faculty	
Registration Link: https://texassouthmostcollege.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_wSTWRoESSjCG6edhwF-4Sg		Zoom
All adjunct faculty, as well as deans, department chairs, and program coordinators are required to participate.		



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8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

Continental Breakfast for Instruction

Oliveira 2nd Floor,
Open Space

8:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Instructional Day – Welcome

Oliveira 2nd Floor,
Open Space

Dr. Jesus Roberto Rodriguez, President

AY 25-26 Instructional Highlights and Future Work

**All full-time faculty, instructional support staff, and administrators are
required to participate.**

12 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Lunch on your own

1:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Department Meetings

BSS – North 217

Meetings led by department chairs

C&L – Oliveira, 2nd
Floor, Conf. Room 2

Math and Science-
Tandy 113

AMH – Oliveira, 2nd
Floor, Conf. Room 1

**All full-time faculty are required to participate in this meeting led by their
department chair.**

CMTT – ITECC C404

ABDT – ITECC E104

HP Programs- ITECC

5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Dual Credit Faculty Convocation Orientation

Registration Link:

https://texassouthmostcollege.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_AEefgNciSEWAjn_g95yFMzg

Zoom

*All Dual Enrollment faculty, as well as deans, department chairs, and program
coordinators are required to participate.*



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Wednesday, August 19, 2026

Faculty Prep Day

9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Department Chairs and Program
Coordinators Meeting

Oliveira, 2nd Floor, Rooms 2 & 2A

Thursday, August 20, 2026

Professional Development Training (See schedule below)

Friday, August 21, 2026

Professional Development Training (See schedule below)

Thursday, August 20, 2026

Time	Tandy 113
9:00-10:15 AM	Honorlock Faculty Training
10:30-11:20 AM	New Quizzes/Mastering the Gradebook/Solving Duplicate Links

Friday, August 21, 2026

Time	Tandy 210	Tandy 211	Tandy 212	Tandy 213	Tandy 214
8:30-9:20 AM	Simple Syllabus	Solving Duplicate Links	AI House Bill 149	Roster Verification/ Understanding FERPA	Starfish
9:30-10:20 AM	Title II ADA	AI House Bill 149	Coursera	Roster Verification/ Understanding FERPA	Starfish
10:30-11:20 AM	Mastering the Gradebook	Simple Syllabus	New Quizzes	Roster Verification/ Understanding FERPA	Starfish



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- **Honorlock Faculty Training:** A professional development session that teaches instructors how to set up, customize, and review automated proctoring for online exams directly within their Learning Management System (LMS).
- **Mastering the Gradebook:** A practical training session designed to help instructors set up, manage, and optimize grade calculations, rubrics, and feedback workflows within Canvas.
- **Solving Duplicate Links:** A practical training session designed to help instructors troubleshoot, repair, and efficiently manage broken or complex hyperlinks within their online course content.
- **New Quizzes:** Classic Quizzes will no longer be used. Learn how Canvas New Quizzes replaces Classic Quizzes with a more flexible, modern assessment experience.
- **Coursera:** Coursera for Education faculty training is a practical workshop that shows instructors how to curate, assign, and integrate high-quality external online courses and industry certifications directly into their existing curriculum to enhance student learning.
- **Simple Syllabus:** Learn new faculty editing with flexibility using specific, prepopulated data points, such as course descriptions, objectives, times, and locations.
- **Title II ADA:** ADA Title II for instruction; it is the federal requirement that public schools and universities ensure all digital instructional materials, like online course content, slides, and websites, are fully accessible to students with disabilities.
- **AI House Bill 149:** AI training for faculty is a professional development program designed to guide instructors on the ethical, compliant, and transparent use of artificial intelligence tools in the classroom and academic workflows.
- **Roster Verification:** This training provides an overview of Roster Verification, including what it is, why it is needed, and how to complete the verification process. Participants will learn about the importance of reviewing and confirming roster information, understand their role and responsibilities in the process, and gain a clear understanding of the steps involved in completing Roster Verification accurately and on time.
- **Understanding FERPA:** This training will provide an overview of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act and its role in protecting student education records. Participants will learn what FERPA is, how its requirements apply in their day-to-day work, and when a FERPA waiver or consent may be necessary. The session will also provide practical guidance to help participants understand their responsibilities when accessing, using, and sharing student information.
- **Starfish:** The student success platform helps with student success efforts so more students can achieve their academic goals. Learn the tools to help students succeed.