

# MCALLEN AFT NEWS

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## AFT PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

### **The Maritime Institute of Technology and Graduate Studies in Baltimore, Maryland**

Sylvia Tanguma (Navarro Elementary), Veronica Guerrero (Seguin Elementary and Clarissa Riojas (Cathey Middle School) attended a nine days training at the Maritime Institute.

Our Professional development program offers you solid, research-based content that has been created and delivered to you by classroom teachers and other school personnel. We pride ourselves in always having a nonthreatening, nonjudgmental learning environment where you can learn and feel comfortable. We also incorporate opportunities for self-reflection, application and implementation of instructional strategies.

This year we had the opportunity to be trained at The Maritime Institute of Technology and Graduate Studies in Baltimore, MD. My training consisted of 9 days of research-based training. I trained in Foundations of Effective Teaching I: Organizing the Classroom Environment for Teaching and Learning.

In this training we delved into the fundamental aspects of teaching and learning and the relevance for teachers and classroom paraprofessionals in all grade levels and all subject areas. We trained in proven practices that establish and help the teacher maintain classroom management, maximize use of learning time, questioning and feedback skills, homework, interactive guided instruction

strategies, and scaffolding techniques. This module covers core topics critical to successful classroom practice. Foundations of Effective Teaching I is recommended as the primary offering for all local sites. It is frequently used as the basis for induction, mentor, and peer assistance programs and is an essential part of any affiliate professional development program.

You can learn more online: <http://www.aft.org/education/well-prepared/professional-development/offerings#sthash.LOPxOagd.dpuf>

We are also going to be offering FREE Student Debt clinics! Let AFT help you save money!

Sign up by going to: <http://tinyurl.com/StudentDebtTexasAFT>

Clinics will be offered: August 30, 2016, Sept 1, 2016, Sept. 7, 2016 and Sept. 8, 2016 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at our Edinburg AFT office.





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## **Beyond Classroom Management - PD Academy Houston**

Alice Martinez (Brown Middle School) and Ann Martinez (Travis Middle School) attended the PD Academy in Houston from June 27 thru June 28, 2016. The training consisted of learning how to deliver effective and productive staff development for our local. They learned strategies to be able to help new or struggling teacher on how to manage different types of students in their classrooms. Provide fun and motivating ideas within the classroom setting. The training has given them new ideas to show at our local meetings and new ideas to present within our local or neighboring locals.

