

# **Carl Albert State College**

## **News Release**

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## **CASC Offers Tuition Waivers, Relief for Katrina Victims**

**POTEAU – Students from Louisiana and Mississippi who have been displaced by the devastation of Hurricane Katrina may come to Carl Albert State College tuition-free.**

**CASC is joining with other Oklahoma colleges and universities to extend an invitation to students whose institutions are disabled by flooding and other aspects of the Katrina disaster to come to Oklahoma and continue their educations without further disruption.**

**Dr. Paul Risser, chancellor of higher education in Oklahoma, said in a videoconference today that colleges and universities must be lenient with incoming students from Louisiana and Mississippi because their records and identification may have been destroyed.**

**CASC urges students from the disaster area to not hesitate to come to Oklahoma despite records and financial aid issues caused by the disaster.**

**A limited amount of housing may be available as well. CASC officials said Katrina refugees should contact CASC or the local American Red Cross chapter to find emergency shelter, if needed.**

**CASC employees have begun a funds drive for disaster relief and will pass the collected funds to the local American Red Cross chapter.**

**CASC students have initiated a goods drive. Dry goods may be brought to CASC and they will be trucked to the New Orleans area.**

**The drive will begin on Tuesday and goods may be brought to the CASC Office for Student Affairs. Acceptable goods include:**

- **Paper goods including plates, cups, diapers and tissue**
- **Cleaning supplies including bleach and other products**
- **Single serving snacks including toaster pastries and cereal bars**
- **“Heat and eat” foods including chili, stew, and other canned food**

**On Monday and Tuesday, the American Red Cross held the most successful blood drive ever conducted at CASC. Students, faculty, and community members donated 110 units of blood in response to the disaster.**

**To inquire about admission to CASC or to contribute to CASC's disaster relief efforts, please contact the college at (918) 647-1371 or 1372.**