

Georgetown grad gets radiology job

Dr. Aaron Moon, a 1993 graduate of Georgetown High School, has joined Corpus Christi-based Radiology Associates as a board-certified diagnostic radiologist.

Dr. Moon will specialize in body imaging and musculoskeletal imaging, according to a company administrator.

At Georgetown High, a picture of a young Aaron Moon giving a Spanish presentation made it into the yearbook, as did his membership on the swim team.

These high school hobbies became life-long activities, as he is bi-lingual and still swims laps regularly as part of his fitness routine.

The future doctor was also a member of the National Honor Society and a Rotary Scholar in his glory days as an Eagle.

Dr. Moon attended the University of Texas in Austin after leaving Georgetown, earning a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering before attending the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio.

After earning his medical degree, he worked as a resident physician and clinical



Dr. Aaron Moon
Radiologist

instructor at the school.

Dr. Moon lives in Corpus Christi with his wife and three children.

Radiology Associates has five locations in the Gulf Coast region, including offices in Alice, Calallen and Portland, and two in Corpus Christi. Dr. Moon also has staff privileges at four nearby hospitals.

The nearly 70-year-old company has about 200 employees and 17 board-certified radiologists on its staff.

- Jim Bryan



Courtesy photo

Above, Gateway College Preparatory School unveiled its new student union building Thursday. The building includes a cafeteria for student performances and activities. The \$9 million addition is part of a capital improvement campaign that seeks to build out the large campus in rural southeast Georgetown, below.

Gateway Prep upgrades campus

After working out of portable units for the last five years, Gateway College Preparatory School students will finally have their own brick-and-mortar campus this school year.

Gateway unveiled the second part of its four-phase capital improvement campaign Thursday afternoon at 3360 Westinghouse Road. The \$9 million addition paid for a student union building, a learning center, a cafeteria, and a track and field for athletics.

"[The students] will be in permanent buildings," said Richard Rickey, CEO of Orenda Education, which runs Gateway Prep and another charter school in Georgetown. "All the high school kids for sure will be in permanent learning centers."

The school opened in 2009 in rural southeast Georgetown. At that time, there were 45 stu-

dents enrolled and the campus consisted of portable trailers and four large water towers.

The enrollment is now more than 1,100 students in kindergarten through 12th grade and Gateway officials plan to keep building.

"When these other buildings come in, it's going to be a beautiful campus," Mr. Rickey said.

The next phase of construction will add two more permanent buildings. The school also plans to add a larger gymnasium.

"One [building] will be for elementary and one will be for middle school," Mr. Rickey said. "And then we'll finish the courtyard."

Gateway's construction projects have no set date for completion because the school does not receive taxpayer money to pay for facilities. As an open-enrollment public



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charter school, Gateway receives state money to pay for instruction but must rely on donations for capital projects like new buildings.

"We have to raise money to make up for that funding deficit between what we get and what the traditional school gets — which is about \$2,000 dollars less per student," Mr. Rickey said. "So we go to our

families and say, 'If you want this experience, we're going to ask you to be generous.'"

Gateway will have an open house event in the student union building August 21 from 6 to 8 p.m. and invites prospective high school students who are interested in enrolling at the school or just learning more about Gateway.

- Jonathan Adams

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Florence ISD will hold a public meeting at 7:00 PM 08/28/2014 in Florence High School Library, 401 FM 970, Florence, Texas. **The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.**

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$1.170000 /\$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax Approved by Local Voters	\$0.160000 /\$100 (Proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and operations	3.397000% (increase) or	% (decrease)
Debt service	% (increase) or	-0.390000% (decrease)
Total expenditures	3.119000% (increase) or	% (decrease)

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value

(as calculated under section 26.04, Tax Code)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$307,936,882	\$322,879,559
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$11,881,561	\$6,965,501
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$280,218,556	\$258,058,568
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$415,447	\$3,563,159

* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.
** "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.
*** "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness: \$8,716,598
* Outstanding principal

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$1.170000	\$0.130000*	\$1.300000	\$3,938	\$6,078
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$1.221380	\$0.230560*	\$1.451940	\$4,567	\$6,063
Proposed Rate	\$1.170000	\$0.160000*	\$1.330000	\$4,183	\$6,063

* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both.
The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$160,569	\$181,546
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$114,762	\$124,673
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$1.300000	\$1.330000
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$1,491.90	\$1,658.15
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes	\$0.00	\$166.25

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.330000. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.330000.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$4,059,732
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$0