Ray Hawkins has served as president for LSC-Tomball since Jan. 2001. Prior to serving as president for LSC-Tomball, Hawkins was president of Tyler Junior College for 14 years.

During his career in education Hawkins has been an active member in professional and community organizations including the executive committee of the American Association of Community Colleges; board of directors of the Southern Association of Community, Junior and Technical Colleges; president of the Texas Association of Community Colleges; president of the Association of Texas Colleges and Universities; chair of the Texas Commission for National and Community Service; chair of the East Texas Economic Development Commission; president of the Tyler Area Chamber of Commerce; president of the Texas Foundation on Volunteerism and Community Service; board of directors of the Community College National Center for Community Engagement; and past chair of the board of directors of the United Way of Texas.

“Dr. Hawkins and his wife Pat are treasured members of the Lone Star College System family and we will miss them tremendously,” said LSCS Chancellor, Dr. Richard Carpenter.

“Please join me in congratulating Ray on his well deserved retirement. We will begin a national search for LSC-Tomball’s fourth president in December,” said Carpenter.

Camila McCallum is the new president of the alumni association. She has been a student at LSC-Tomball from 2000 – 2006. She has an AAS Degree in Accounting and continues to take classes in preparation to attend a university to complete a four year degree in accounting.

Camila moved to Houston in 1997 from Clinton, Mississippi. She relocated to the Houston area with her husband of 11 years. They moved into the northwest Houston area in 2000. In 2006 she started working part-time in the LSC-Tomball Assessment Center. She has two sons, one 5 years and the other 22 years old.

Between her children and her job Camila has time for movies and a few trips. She loves to travel and has so far been to Jamaica and Florida with occasional trips to Mississippi to visit her family.

Camila’s goals for the LSC-Tomball Alumni Association are to increase membership recognition in the community and to involve more of the students and graduates in alumni affairs.
LSC Foundation Supports Achieving the Dream Initiative by Awarding Student Scholarships

Twenty-five Lone Star College System students will enjoy tuition relief during the spring 2009 semester thanks to $25,000 in Student Success Scholarships awarded by the LSC Foundation. The scholarships support LSCS’s commitment to assist low-income college students through the Achieving the Dream initiative. The initiative provides support top students who traditionally experience significant barriers toward meeting their educational goals.

The Greater Texas Foundation recently awarded the LSC Foundation a $100,000 grant allowing an additional 25 scholarships during the 2008-2009 academic year to be funded and the remaining $75,000 to create five new endowments which will provide an additional five scholarships at $1,000 in the following years.

The Student Success Scholarship is a scholarship available to students who are enrolled in either the Math 0306 or Math 0308, for the first time, in the fall 2008 semester. More than 60 LSCS students applied for the scholarship and 25 were recently selected.

Infinitely Definite
by Teri Clay
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How many things in life are certain? Mark Twain was known to say only two things, death and taxes. Are there more?

A completed college degree is something that stays with you all your life and can never be taken away...infinitely definite. This is what I discovered when I walked across the stage to receive my diploma from Lone Star College-Tomball several years ago. There are many things that can be on our Infinitely Definite lists like service in the military, titles of success in business, marriage and our wonderful little ones that grow up with us as we traipse through life...truly anything that we value.

When does it start though? How do we engage the spark that connects us to who we will become? When does it happen? A rare person is born knowing what they want to do with their lives. For the rest of us, it takes time to discover what we are meant to do. Community colleges give us that opportunity. Here, we have a chance to try on many colors to see which ones fit.

A friend of mine thought he wanted to be president of a multinational computer chip company and accomplished it, only to discover that what really mattered to him was helping people recover from mental health issues. He is now studying for his masters to become a rehabilitation counselor. His first step was to gain counselor certification at LSC.

Especially when we are first stepping out into the world with little awareness of what the future holds, taking the course that inspires our passion, or meeting just the right person that empowers our belief in something...possibly even ourselves...can truly change our lives and set us on the path that makes sense.

Joining and becoming active in the Lone Star College – Tomball Alumni Association is a way to go full circle and give back. I am truly grateful for the professors, counselors, librarians, and staff who helped me to find my way.
Open Doors Preview Party
Each of the LSCS campuses and satellite centers will open their doors to the community for campus tours, assistance with completing a college application, help with financial aid and information regarding college programs and courses. Free food, t-shirts, giveaways and more will be available while supplies last.
Tuesday, Feb. 17, 5 p.m.-8 p.m.
LSC-Kingwood, and LSC-Tomball

African American Film Fest
Tuesday, February 10 and 17 at 6:30 pm
A discussion will follow the film.
Meet in L212.
Building/Location: L212

"Radium Girls" a drama by D. W. Gregory
In 1926, radium was a miracle cure, Madame Curie an international celebrity, and luminous watches the latest rage - until the girls who painted them began to fall ill with a mysterious disease. Inspired by a true story, Radium Girls traces the efforts of Grace Flyer, a dial painter, as she fights for her day in court. Radium Girls offers a wry, unflinching look at the peculiarly American obsessions with health, wealth, and the commercialization of science.
Black Box Theatre
February 12th thru the 14th.

Mystery Book Discussion
Dead March (A Civil War Mystery) by Ann McMillan will be discussed.
February 26 from 1-3 pm
Building/Location: L212

Valentine's Day Activities
Starts: 02/12/09 12:00 PM
Ends: 02/12/09 2:00 PM
Building/Location: N-103

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February 2-April 15
Monday 12-4 pm
Wednesday 10 am-2 pm
Saturday 11 am-3 pm
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MARCH 9-15
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LSC-Tomball Alumni Association Scholarship Established in October of 2003

The committee reviewed the criteria for the scholarships available at Lone Star College–Tomball and those given seniors at Tomball High School. After a group discussion these are the criteria we decided on for the TCAA Scholarship:

The recipient will have completed at least 12 credit hours, but no more than 30 credit hours.
A GPA of 2.5 or better
Working toward an Associate Degree (Science or Art) at Lone Star College System.
Involved with a community service project or student organization.
The award will be at least $200
The funds are for tuition, fees, and books.

The Scholarship Committee at Lone Star College–Tomball will select the recipient. If all the funds are not used the money will be held in donor account to be carried over to the next term or year.

Reach Out!
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