Bakshish is from Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. He came to the United States in December of 2007 when he was 17 years old and settled in northwest Houston because he had family living in the area. It didn’t take him long to apply and register at LSC-Tomball. He started school in January of 2008. Bakshish’s major is Business and Finance/Marketing. He hopes to transfer to either the University of Texas or Texas A&M to complete his bachelor's degree. His long-term plans include finding a job in the USA and settling down. He has family in Washington D.C., New York, Virginia, and Michigan.

Bakshish feels fortunate in acquiring many mentors and advisors at LSC-Tomball. He counts Doug Boyd, Beth Brown, Raphael Turner, and Donald Resseguie, as some of the people who have helped and inspire him.

Bakshish also works part-time for Student Activities and says he has a great boss in Shannon Marino who keeps him going! He also plays soccer for the LSC-Tomball team, belongs to the Student Government Association, and has time to serve as one of the Student Ambassadors!

The newest edition of Who’s Who among Students in American Junior Colleges will include 38 students from LSC-Tomball who were selected as national outstanding campus leaders. One of these elite students is Bakshish Singh. The students were nominated and selected on the basis of academic achievement, service to community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success. This prestigious award is one of the greatest honors annually conferred by the American academic community.

The LSC-Tomball Alumni Association is proud to have such an accomplished student and gentleman as Bakshish as our scholarship recipient!
From An Alumnus

In February of this year the LSC-Tomball Alumni Association sent out a survey to the alumni that receive our newsletter. We received some impressive responses and would like to share some of them with you.

This from David W. Miller:
When did you first attend LSC-Tomball?
“1993 – 1994”

How did your experience at LSC-Tomball change your life?

“When I arrived at LSC-Tomball, I already had a deep appreciation of and a strong affinity for the overall community college experience. Sixty-three of my undergraduate hours were attained at El Paso Community College. When I took classes at Tomball College, I was a senior at UHD and needed my physical science hours. I liked the atmosphere at Tomball just as much as I liked the atmosphere at EPCC. I was proud to add the eight hours of Geology instruction I received at Tomball to my overall community college experience.

We would like to find alumni to spotlight in the newsletters and brochure. What are some of your most rewarding accomplishments?

‘In 1998, Sylvia Robb offered me an adjunct faculty position teaching Developmental Writing at Tomball College. I have been teaching at LSC-Tomball ever since. In 2004, I attained an MA in American Literature from UH Clear Lake, and since that time I have been fortunate enough to teach both Developmental Writing and a full range of freshman and sophomore level English courses at both Tomball and at Willowchase Center. I have also taught composition courses at Houston Community College and I spent a year as the dual-credit English instructor at Waller High School in conjunction with LSC-Tomball. Currently, I am the editor for ISS TechComm at Hewlett-Packard Company, editing technical communications regarding industry-standard servers. But I am still teaching at LSC-Tomball. You can find me at least one evening a week every semester at Willowchase Center, and you will probably be able to find me there for some time to come.

LSCS ACQUIRES THE HEWLETT PACKARD-NORTH CAMPUS

This campus was originally the home of Compac Computers

The purchase gives LSCS 1.17 million square feet of additional space in eight major buildings, as well as parking garages and other support infrastructure, making this one of the largest such acquisitions in higher education history.

In terms of physical size, the space purchased is more than double the size of LSCS’s newest and largest college, LSC-CyFair, with an enrollment of more than 12,000 students.

The Purchase price was $42.15 million.

“This is an exciting chapter in the history of both this storied facility and the Lone Star College System,” said Chancellor Richard Carpenter.

Tentative Plans:

A New University Center
Establishment of a new University center for northwest Harris County, bringing upper-level degree programs to residents from several of the state’s most prestigious universities.

LSC-Willow Chase Center Relocation
Lone Star College-Willowchase Center now enrolls more than 3,500 students in credit courses. The center contains more than 50,000 square feet of instructional space at 9449 Grant Rd. With the purchase of the new campus, LSCS can relocate the center and greatly increase enrollment capacities.

Lone Star Corporate College
Lone Star College System has reorganized its corporate training operations into a central office, now located at LSC-Greenspoint Center. With the opening of a new campus in the Cypress Creek area, Lone Star Corporate College will take advantage of these new facilities designed for serving corporate partners.

Colleges Offices
Administrative offices at the Central Services and Training Center on Research Forest Drive are crowded. Each department will be analyzed to identify which areas would be most appropriate to the new facility, opening up much needed space.

Future Programs
These new facilities located on the beautiful campus provide limitless opportunities for new and expanded programs. Programs will be developed as part of a regular curriculum development process, usually in conjunction with community or university partners.

This purchase will help us fulfill our promise to the community,” Dr. Carpenter said. “We enjoy a solid reputation for delivering what we promise.”

Initial plans call for the system to begin offering instructional classes at the new site by spring 2010.
Commencement - May, 2009

Commencement ceremonies for LSC-Tomball were held Saturday, May 9, at The Woodlands Waterway Marriott Hotel and Convention Center in the Woodlands. The commencement speaker was LSC-Tomball president, Dr. Raymond Hawkins. LSC-Tomball conferred degrees and certificates to 456 graduates this year.

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REACH OUT!

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