Tomball College Commencement Ceremony

For the first time the five colleges in the North Harris Montgomery Community College District will hold their own commencement ceremonies.

The M.O. Campbell Education Center in Aldine where all previous commencement ceremonies for the District were held in one evening is being renovated and is unavailable for May. Our college district has grown so large that it has become logistically impossible to hold all the commencements in one evening.

Tomball College will celebrate the May 2007 Commencement at the Woodlands Waterway Marriott on May 12, 2007 at 10 in the morning. There will be a reception for the graduates after the ceremony also at the Marriott.

The Commencement Orientation, hosted by the Tomball College Alumni Association and TC Admissions, will be on May 1, 2007 from 5:30 to 6:30 PM in the Elmer Beckendorf Conference Center. It will be followed by cake and coffee/punch.

Do You Need Help With Your Income Tax?

Our TCAA Secretary, Deborah Houston, is a member of VITA. This is the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program.

The VITA Program offers free tax help to low- to moderate-income ($37,000 and below) people who cannot prepare their own tax returns.

Volunteers sponsored by various organizations receive training to help prepare basic tax returns in communities across the country.

Our VITA site is located in the Tomball College and Community Library.

TCAA News

February is Black History Month at Tomball College.

This week the students are voting on a mascot for Tomball College.

Tomball College Theatre Program presents the “Dining Room” February 22-24, 2007 at 7:30pm in the Black Box Theater.

The recipient of the TCAA Scholarship is Marissa Hirsch!
From now on, our TCAA Newsletter will spotlight a member of our community that is an alumnus of Tomball College who lives and works in the area.

Our first featured alumnus is Gail Smith.

Gail and her husband moved to Tomball from Fort Worth in 1992. Gail was 31 years old at the time and was home with a newborn and two older children.

She decided to go back to college and started at Tomball College in 1993. She went to classes part-time and also worked in the Financial Aid Office. In 1997 Gail graduated from Tomball College with an AA Degree and applied to the Physical Therapist Assistant program at Montgomery College in the Woodlands. She was accepted and graduated from that program in 1999.

Before graduation Gail was offered a job with the company Access Rehab in Conroe where she had done her last affiliation for hours for the PTA program. Access Rehab now has facilities in the Woodlands and Montgomery. Gail worked for them for four years.

Three years ago this April, Gail was hired by the Texas Sports Medicine Center.

She loves her job and is working on her certification for Aquatic Therapy. This summer she went to Palm Springs, California for three days of intensive classes, from 8 o’clock in the morning until 7 p.m. in the evening. This certification also includes 32 hours of practical experience in the water. The Texas Sports Medicine Center is hosting a class in Aquatic Therapy in October that will be part of her training. She hopes to be finished and certified by the end of the year.

Gail said that what prompted her to apply for the PTA program was her youngest daughter’s condition at birth. She was diagnosed with Tuberous Sclerosis. Gail’s oldest daughter, Brittany, who was 5 years old in 1992, has also taken some classes at Tomball College.

Gail is a perfect example of our Tomball College graduates who have finished their education and returned as valuable members of the larger community. We are so proud to be able to point to Gail as one of our alumni and as a neighbor!

REACH OUT!
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