On January 16, 2008, in a series of simultaneous events spanning six separate campuses, the Lone Star College System (formerly North Harris Montgomery Community College District) unveiled a new logo to support its new name. Large banners with the system's new look were dramatically revealed as scores of students, faculty, staff, elected officials and community members converged at ceremonies held at the System Office and the five major colleges.

At each event, college presidents read a message from Texas Governor Rick Perry proclaiming January 6, 2008 “Lone Star College Day” as part of the dramatic unveiling of giant banners bearing the new logo.

Originally founded as North Harris County College in 1972 with 613 students, Lone Star College has grown to more than 49,000 in its 35-year history.

With more than 49,000, Lone Star College is now the largest college in the Houston area, the 3rd largest in the state of Texas and in the top 20 in the country.

The new logo is called the Star of Tomorrow because it symbolizes the many facets that make Lone Star College a truly unique source of opportunity for our community.

The star, rather than being one solid stroke, is a collection of incomplete lines. Its structure echoes our forming students who are, themselves, works in progress.

The open design of the star also represents our welcoming spirit to improve their lives while hinting at Lone Star College’s potential to grow with the Community.

The arc dramatically bisecting the star illustrates our dynamic role in connecting students to the future by bridging the gap between education and employment as well as our ability to link students to our campuses through distance learning.

The Star of Tomorrow reflects who we are, what we will become and our commitment to helping each student achieve a brighter tomorrow.
Bragging Rights

Scotty Moore

Scotty Moore was born in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma in 1977. Growing up Scotty was interested in science and he developed a love of the outdoors, including hiking, camping and exploring.

After graduating from high school in 1995, Scotty attended Tomball College until 1997. While at TC, Scotty was profoundly influenced by Hulon Madelay. Madelay ignited Scotty’s interest in geology and archaeology, both of which allowed Scotty to pursue his love of science and the out doors. Scotty participated in his first archaeological excavation in 1996, when he helped discover the body of a young deformed child buried with an amazing array of wealth. This discovery convinced Scotty that archaeology, and the ability to tell the stories of people long since gone, was his true calling. Scotty graduated magna cum laude from Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas in 1999, having received numerous awards, including the Ivan and Peggy Fry Award for Outstanding Achievement in Anthropology.

Scotty left Texas to pursue a graduate education at the University of Washington in Seattle and in 2001 he received his master’s in anthropology. In 2004, Scotty completed all of the coursework and examinations for his PhD in archaeology, while instructing courses in archaeology at the University of Washington and consulting with Native American tribes at the Burke Museum in Seattle. During his time at UW, Scotty also helped organize and win a $1 million grant to conduct archaeological research in Russia and Japan.

In 2004, Scotty moved to Arizona with his wife, Kimberly, and began working at a private archaeological consulting firm. He was quickly promoted to director of analysis, a job that he continues to this day. Scotty also serves as an adjunct professor of archaeology at Mesa Community College in Arizona. In his spare time, he continues to work on his dissertation, which involves changing the way archaeologists determine where prehistoric populations obtained stone for their tools. In the past 10 years, Scotty has worked on archaeological projects in seven states and four countries, ranging from Lewis and Clark’s encampment at Fort Clatsop, Ore., to prehistoric hunter-gatherer sites in Siberia. In Arizona and New Mexico, Scotty has organized, developed, and supervised close to 100 projects of different sizes.

New Mascot

Tomball College has a mascot! All students were asked for ideas, then voted on a favorite animal. Then drawings were submitted and Trevor Timberwolf was born!

New law limits number of classes that can be “dropped”

In the Spring of 2007 the State of Texas enacted section 51.907 of the Texas Education Code, “an institution of higher education may not permit a student to drop with a grade of ‘W’ more than six courses, including any course a transfer student has dropped at another Texas Public institution of higher education.” Students enrolled prior to 07/FA are not subject to the law.

It’s Tax Time Again

As in years past the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program will come to the Tomball College and Community Library.

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.

Call VITA, 1-800-829-1040 for further information.
TC Surgical Technician Program Can Help You Scrub in Every Time!

Hit television medical series like Grey's Anatomy show surgical interns fighting tooth and nail to scrub in on any surgery. Had they chosen the career path of surgical technician, they'd scrub in every time.

The new Surgical Technologist Certificate program offered at Tomball College can help you get into your scrubs and in the operating room in just a year, said Director of Surgical Technology Diane Montagna, R.N.

The three-semester, 42 credit-hour program began in January and will normally run over a fall, spring, and summer semester. There is one academic credit course (BIOL 2404) and 11 workforce courses. Once the program receives the sought accreditation, graduates will be eligible to take the National Board of Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting (NBSTSA) certification examination to become Certified Surgical Technologists (CST), said Montagna.

Surgical technicians typically assist in operations, under the supervision of surgeons, registered nurses, or other surgical personnel, said Montagna.

“They may also help set up the operating room, prepare and transport patients for surgery, adjust lights and equipment, pass instruments and other supplies to surgeons and surgeon’s assistants, and help count sponges, needles, supplies, and instruments.”

“They are a vital member of the surgical team,” said Montagna. “And with the ever increasing growth of the medical industry, this job grows right along with it - bringing surgical technicians many great paying jobs to choose from.”

According to America's Career InfoNet, the median salary in 2005 in Texas for a surgical technician was $34,200 and the high salary was $45,800. Nationally, there is expected to be a 30 percent increase in positions in this field by the year 2014.

An Open Letter to Tomball College Alumni

Dear Alumni:

The Alumni Association would like to ask you to consider lending a helping hand to graduates of the future.

There were 529 graduates in the combined classes of December 2006 and May 2007. Out of that number only 162 walked across the stage at the commencement ceremony at the Woodlands Waterway Marriott. Some of those who chose not to participate did so because they could not afford regalia.

If you would like to donate all or part of your regalia, you can make it possible for future graduates in need to experience the satisfaction and joy of participating in commencement. You can bring your regalia to Tomball College, Room S-105, or you can mail to:

The Tomball College Alumni Association
C/o Tomball College
30555 Tomball Parkway
Tomball, Texas 77375

An Open Letter to Tomball College Alumni

TCAlumni@lonestar.edu

Tomball College students selected to state choir

Eight Tomball College students auditioned and were selected for the Texas Two-Year College All-State Choir.

They are Jared Barnes, bass; Jessica Dudley, soprano; James English, tenor; Hillary Harris, alto; Tyler Hodgson, bass; Karla Molina, alto; Angela Schmidt, soprano; and Scott Travis, tenor.

In February these students will travel to San Antonio to perform with the honor choir at the Texas Music Educators Association Conference.

Tomball College theater production earns state honors

Tomball College theater students received the highest honors and recognition at the Texas Community College Speech and Theatre Association Play Festival held recently at Kingwood College in Kingwood, TX.

The theater program production of “To Gillian on Her 37th Birthday” received a superior rating, the highest rating awarded. This is the fourth consecutive year that Tomball College has earned top honors at this competition. The entire cast also earned a superior rating for acting ensemble.