Marissa Hirsch is our TCAA Scholarship recipient for the Spring 2007 Semester.

Marissa graduated from Klein Collins High School and started taking classes at Tomball College. This spring semester is her fourth at Tomball College. She has already been accepted at Sam Houston State University for the fall of 2007! Marissa will major in Elementary Education with an emphasis in Mathematics and hopes eventually to get a doctorate in Education. She also hopes to take some classes in Musical Theatre.

Her short-term goals are to be an honor student at Sam Houston and maintain at least a 3.5 grade point average.

She said Tomball was her first choice for the basics because of smaller classes and proximity to her home. She lives in the Spring area.

In high school she loved to sing. Most of the time she sings soprano. She has taken choir for seven years in junior high school and high school. She has been on several choir trips while in high school. Two of the choir trips were to San Antonio, one to Dallas, and in her Junior year, the choir went to New York and sang in Saint Patrick’s Cathedral! Marissa said it was the thrill of a lifetime!

Her advice to students: remain focused and research your degree plan at the specific college you want to attend. Make sure the degree is what you want, and keep up with the classes you have taken and the classes you must take in the future to finish your degree.

Marissa considers her family as important as her education. Marissa lives with her parents and two younger brothers, ages 16 and 12. Her Mom is her best friend. She and her Mom hang out, shop, and talk a lot. She credits her Dad as her inspiration. She said he has never considered slowing down and strives for success. He owns his own production company, which produces commercials for various businesses in the Houston area.

Marissa is a dedicated student and has a great future! We are proud to have her as our scholarship recipient this Spring of 2007.

Graduation Orientation and Reception, May 1, 2007

The Graduation Orientation was held in the Elmer Beckendorf Conference Center on May 1, 2007. The presentation was conducted by the Assistant Dean of Enrollment Services, Raphael Turner who was assisted by Beth Brown, Advisor. The Power Point presentations were created by Jennifer Bernhardt.

The orientation was followed by a reception hosted by the Tomball College Alumni Association, also in the Elmer Beckendorf Conference Center.
Tammy Goshorn is the School Nurse at Magnolia High School on FM1488. Tammy was born and raised in Spring Branch. She has lived in Magnolia since 1995. Tammy started her prerequisite classes at Tomball College in 2001. She graduated as an RN from the Nursing Program in 2005.

While she was taking classes at Tomball College her two favorite instructors were Bill Simcik and Melanie Younger. Tammy said she learned more from Melanie Younger than anyone. She didn’t have to study much in Melanie’s class because they reviewed the course information every day. When tests or finals were scheduled the class knew the material. Tammy also remembers Willa Decker from the Nursing Program as one of her favorites.

While Tammy was taking her prerequisites at Tomball College, she worked in the Tomball College Library. She also worked for Standard Pacific at Thousand Oaks Home Builders as a hostess on Sundays. She used her quiet time at work to do her homework and study. She worked as an overnight baby sitter so she could sleep while she worked and also did some tutoring after school while she was in the Nursing Program.

After Tammy graduated from the nursing program at TC, she worked at Tomball Regional Hospital. Since she had three small children at the time, the late hours made it difficult for her to be a Mom and a hospital nurse at the same time. The job of School Nurse at Magnolia High School is perfect for Tammy and her family!

Tammy, one other RN, and a Certified Nurses Aide take care of 2500 students and a staff of 200+ instructors. She considers herself a resource for students whose families have no insurance.

She lets them know about free clinics, counseling, and heart monitors among other information.

Her job includes emergencies, triage, and dispensing medicine. She keeps up with immunization records. She assesses the students for vision, hearing, and scoliosis in a timely manner, and she assesses the students with diabetes every day.

Her daughter and son, who are in junior high school and elementary school, are bussed to the high school every afternoon and stay until Tammy is finished with her job...an ideal situation for a working mother.

Tammy is another great example of a Tomball College graduate who has remained in the community and made life better for all of us. It is with great pride that we recognize Tammy Goshorn as a valued member of the Tomball College Alumni!

Dr. Richard Carpenter has been chosen by the NHMCCD board of trustees as the sole finalist to succeed Dr. John Pickleman as chancellor of the district. Dr. Carpenter’s position will be confirmed at the regular June board meeting.

Dr. Carpenter is currently serving as president of the Community College of Southern Nevada and is the state director for community colleges in Nevada.

This February the Tomball College Veterinary Technology program began using a CR Idexx Digital Radiography System which enables students to take digital radiographs - or X-rays - of injured animals to diagnose medical ailments. The machine produces results in seconds bypassing the time, expense and dangers associated with conventional X-ray methods.

Registration is under way for Tomball College’s popular summer youth programs, Kids on Campus and Teen Zone. For more information, please call Continuing Education, Tomball College, 281-357-3676.
The Tomball College Commencement was held at the Woodlands Waterway Marriott Hotel and Convention Center on Saturday, May 12, 2007 at 10 a.m.

One Hundred and fifty graduates graced the stage. There was standing room only as the families and friends of those graduating crowded into the large convention room. The administration, faculty, and graduates were splendid in their regalia!

The commencement address was given by Dr. Hawkins. Ms. Priscilla Kelly, the Assistant Secretary of the Board of Trustees certified the candidates, and Dr. Judy Murray, Vice president of Academic and Student Development introduced the graduates. Dr. Hawkins presented them with their diplomas.

The smaller facility, as compared with the huge Aldine M.O. Campbell Education Center, offered an opportunity for an intimate family atmosphere. The commencement ceremony is the fulfillment of hours of hard work not only for the graduates, but also for the administration, faculty, and staff of Tomball College! There were smiles on every face.

After the commencement there was a reception for the graduates and their families.

If you would like to get in touch with your Tomball College Alumni Association please feel free to email us at this web address:

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