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## *A Note from the President*

Dear Community Members:

When Lone Star College-Kingwood opened its doors to students almost 28 years ago we had about 1,000 students. We now serve 11,000 credit students a semester, having added over 3,000 in just

the last three years! While the unprecedented growth combined with a significant decline in State funds present real challenges, we are staying true to our mission.

As part of the Lone Star College System, our core mission is teaching and learning. As such, we value hiring stellar faculty and staff who are experts in their subjects and dedicated to student success. We want every student who attends the college to meet their individual educational goal, whether that goal is to take core courses that will transfer to a university, complete a degree or certificate,

or just take a course for fun. We know that when students are actively engaged in their learning, they are more likely to succeed. Besides hiring faculty who instruct and inspire, we also have a wide variety of student support services and offer many opportunities for students to participate in student clubs, organizations, events and intramural sports.

As your community college, we actively participate in many partnerships that further education to continually improve the communities we serve. We have numerous partnerships with all five service area Independent School Districts (Humble, New Caney, Splendora, Cleveland and Tarkington), many area universities, non-profits and businesses. Over 2,000 high school students are taking dual credit courses (receiving both high school and college course credit), and we have Early College High School (ECHS) programs with two of our school districts. A focused ECHS student can complete a two-year college degree before graduating from (Continued on page 2)

## College prepares for new buildings

Lone Star College-Kingwood's increased enrollment indicated a need to break ground on two new buildings on its campus and a satellite center in Atascocita.

With the construction projects nearly completed, the college is looking forward to opening its new facilities: the Student-Conference Center and the Music Instructional Building (both on campus) and the LSC-Atascocita Center.

"LSC-Kingwood has experienced exponential growth. These two new buildings plus the satellite center will allow

more classrooms and specifically offices and areas to better serve current and future students," said Dr. Katherine Persson, college president.

The LSC-Atascocita Center invites the community to its ribbon cutting ceremony on Tuesday, June 14 at 10 a.m. The address is 15903 West Lake Houston Parkway Houston, 77044.

The center will offer core college classes as well as be the new location for Humble Independent School District's Quest Early College High School. On the college level, students will be able to take day, evening and hybrid classes. Courses available during the day are arts, introduction to computers, economics, English, government, history, humanities, math, psychology and sociology. Evening classes offered are biology, introduction to computers, EMT, English, government, history, math, psychology and speech. The only hybrid class that will be available is introduction to computers.

"Most of the classes will be academic transfer classes. We will also have the capacity to offer all classes within our computer technology programs as well as gaming. In addition we will offer prerequisites (Continued on page 2)

## The public is invited to Dedication Ceremonies

- **LSC-Atascocita Center:  
Tue, June 14 at 10 am**
- **Student-Conference Center and  
Music Instructional Buildings:  
Thu, Sep 29, 3-5 pm**

**For more information call 281-312-1448.**

## President *(Continued from page 1)*

high school! Also, with two of our core values being sustainability and civic engagement, many projects and initiatives invite community partnerships.

Besides offering the first two years of college coursework, we offer certificates and degrees in at least 64 workforce programs. While the largest enrollment programs are in health care, we are the only college in the LSCS to offer degrees in Dental Hygiene, Game Design and Simulation, Interior Design, and Respiratory Care. We also started

a Fire Science program in January. We, along with our sister colleges, are one of the biggest economic engines in the area training most of the skilled workforce.

On behalf of our faculty, staff and students, thank you for your continued support of Lone Star College-Kingwood and the Lone Star College System. We promise to keep true to our core educational mission and to continually improve our services to you.

Sincerely,  
Katherine Persson, Ph.D., President



LSC-Atascocita Center invites the community to its ribbon cutting ceremony on June 14. Classes will be held in the building starting fall 2011.

## New buildings

*(Continued from page 1)* for our health science classes," said Dr. Bill Coppola, executive director of Academic Partnerships and Initiatives.

LSC-Atascocita Center will provide a convenient way for students of all ages to attend an educational program for a variety of goals: initiating a higher education degree, training for a skill that is required by an employer, upgrading an employee ranking level, continuing education and leisure learning. High school students can earn college credits for courses completed at the center.

"This facility will mainly serve as an academic building for students who are seeking to transfer to four-year colleges and universities to improve their technology workforce skills," said Dr. Rebecca Riley, vice president of Instruction. "The assistance and tutoring received at this center will strengthen students' learning skills so they can successfully compete at the next level."

In addition to classes, the center will have a wide variety of services for the community such as a library, tutoring center, bookstore, and registration center for college courses. In the future, there will be a community room for public use and the college's Continuing Education department will offer classes for the community.

On LSC-Kingwood's campus, the Student-Conference Center will provide students with a one-stop-shop for all student services. Here they will register, meet with an advisor, get financial aid, and pay for classes at the business office. Other services located in the SCC will be the student activities office, women's center, student clubs and recreation, resource and intercultural center, career services, disability services, police, cafeteria, campus bookstore, testing center, future federal grant programs and a conference room.

"The new conference room will meet both the college's and the community's demand for space to accommodate small and large groups. The conference room, which will be available for rent, will have the capacity to seat approximately 320 people for banquets and be flexible enough to be divided into four smaller rooms to meet other meeting space needs," Persson said.

The Music Instructional Building will serve as a recruiting tool for the college's fast growing music program. Faculty, staff and current and prospective music students will have more space to teach, rehearse, perform and properly store instruments.

"We have an expanding music program. This new building will have enough room for our on-campus and community groups such as the Jazz Ensemble, Chamber Singers, Symphonic Band, Big Band, Kingwood Pops and the Kingwood Chorale," Riley said.

The Student-Conference Center and the Music Instructional Building will be completed this summer in time for fall 2011. A ribbon cutting ceremony for those buildings will be on Sept. 29 from 3-5 p.m.

For more information on LSC-Atascocita Center's ribbon cutting ceremony, contact Connie Hicks at 281-312-1448. Visit <http://www.lonestar.edu/expansion-project.htm> for more details on the construction projects. ♦

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## Mayor Parker visits LSC-Kingwood

City of Houston Mayor Annise Parker spoke to LSC-Kingwood's Administrative Council on March 4. The mayor addressed budget issues that the city is facing, education, taxes and her first 16 months on the job. Parker was elected mayor in 2009 and was sworn into office Jan. 2, 2010. Prior to her current position as mayor, Parker served on the Houston City Council from 1997-2001 as well as city comptroller from 2003-2007. ♦



## Summer camp provides a fun, educational environment

With the spring semester coming to an end and the summer break around the corner, some parents are looking for summer camps for their children.

Lone Star College-Kingwood's 2011 Discovery College will have a multitude of fun and educational activities to keep children ages 8-17 entertained this summer. The program begins Monday June 6 through Thursday, Aug. 4. Courses will be held on a weekly basis on Mondays through Thursdays with morning and afternoon sessions starting at \$89.

Camps at this year's Discovery College are Planet Earth; Sign Language; Relating with Money: Financial Literacy for Youth; Sports and Skills Camp; Fabulous 3-D Fun; Bridge: The Mental Sport; Money, College and Me; Young Hitters Competitive Tennis; Super Tennis Training Program; Mola Mosaics; Robotics; Got Game?: It's Time to Create Your Own Computer Game; Super Cosmic Exploration; PSAT/SAT Prep Overview; Geology Expedition; Nothing But Bull Youth Program; Printmaking Around the World; Babysitter Training and Business Workshop; PSAT/SAT Math Intensive Prep; Mixed Media Drawing; Cupcake Creations; Jump off the Page; Perspective Drawing; Genea-Kid: Who Do You Think You Are?; Paper Sculpture; Multimedia Madness; PSAT/SAT Reading/Writing Intensive Prep; The Writer in You; Fun Math; and Wire Sculpture.

For more information on Discovery College or on programs to be offered this year, call 281-312-1660 or 281-312-1661 or visit <http://lonestar.edu/youth-classes-kingwood.htm>. ♦



LSC-Kingwood will hold its annual Discovery College this summer full of enriching activities for children ages 8 to 17.

## Active adults participate in ALL program

Lone Star College-Kingwood offers adult enrichment courses through its Academy for Lifelong Learning (ALL) to serve its diverse adult student population.

The academy is designed for adults, age 50 and older. The yearly fee is \$20 (effective with the 2011-2012 year) from Sept. 1 through Aug. 31. Courses are either free or, if consumable supplies are used (i.e., pottery, cooking, craft classes, etc.) a small fee is charged to each participant.

The ALL program offers a variety of courses under arts, crafts and games; beauty secrets; books and movies; computer world; discussion; documentaries; genealogy; health, fitness and medical; history; legal topics; miscellaneous; nature and the environment; photography; science; travel and more. Some courses help to improve workplace skills through non-certificate programs and

economic development by using the latest technology in an atmosphere that fosters continuous improvement and lifelong learning.

The ALL program began at LSC-Kingwood in 2004 with just 71 members. In seven years, the program has more than 1,000 members. ALL is a volunteer program and courses are taught by members, community residents, and LSC-Kingwood employees. In addition to the courses, members also take occasional day trips to destinations in downtown Houston.

For more information on the college's ALL program, to become a member or to register for a class, call 281-312-1750 or 281-312-1756. Information can be received via email at [kwall@lonestar.edu](mailto:kwall@lonestar.edu) or on the website at [www.lonestar.edu/ALL-Kingwood](http://www.lonestar.edu/ALL-Kingwood). ♦

# College's Education program earns prestigious awards



LSC-Kingwood, LSC-CyFair and UH-Downtown earned the State of Texas Star Award for its joint education program. Proudly displaying their awards are Anne Albarelli, dean of Instruction at LSC-CyFair; Durga D. Agrawal, board member of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board; Dr. Raymund Paredes, commissioner of Higher Education; Dr. Katherine Persson, LSC-Kingwood president; Dr. Noel Bezette, lead faculty of education/psychology at LSC-Kingwood; Dr. Elizabeth Chapman, dean of Business, Technology and Social Sciences at LSC-Kingwood; and Dr. Bill Coppola, executive director of Academic Partnerships and Initiatives at LSC-Kingwood.

Instructing students on how to become effective educators in today's society is one of the main goals for Lone Star College-Kingwood's Education Program.

LSC-Kingwood's and the University of Houston-Downtown's Joint Admissions program earned the prestigious Texas Higher Education Star Award. The institutions earned the award for exceptional contribution toward the goals in "Closing the Gaps" in the Higher Education Plan for Texas.

On the student level, LSC-Kingwood's Be A Teacher program recently earned several awards at the Texas State Teachers Association Student Program (TSTA-SP) National Education Association (NEA) affiliate state convention in Austin. They won first place for outstanding underclassman, outstanding local sponsor, CLASS Project, T-shirt design, local scrapbook, local excellence award and outstanding local leader. The club earned second place for outstanding newsletter and outstanding local website. They were also recognized for their 15 percent membership increase.

"These awards were made possible by the hard work and dedication that our faculty and staff put into the program. Their commitment to quality and relationship building with the students is an essential part of the program," said Dr. Noel Bezette lead faculty of Education at LSC-Kingwood. "Through my students' hard work, they are receiving an invaluable experience by developing new skill sets and acting as ambassadors from the college to the community."

The Joint Admissions Program began at LSC-Kingwood in fall 2007. Without having to leave the community college campus, students can earn both their Associate of Arts in Teaching and Bachelor's Degree in Teaching. The cost to students to complete their bachelor's degree is approximately \$23,000 less than the cost of a course at any four-year public university.

For more information on Lone Star College-Kingwood/UHD Joint Admissions Program or on the Be A Teacher Club, contact Dr. Noel Bezette at 281-312-1733 or at Noel.C.Bezette@LoneStar.edu. ♦



The Texas State Teachers Association Student Program Be A Teacher Club at LSC-Kingwood recently won several awards at the TSTA-SP National Education Association (NEA) affiliate state level convention in Austin.

*To view upcoming events*

on Lone Star College-Kingwood's campus, visit <http://lonestar.edu/kingwood.htm>

## Did you know?...

At least 60 percent of students at Lone Star College-Kingwood receive some sort of financial aid assistance. Community members who would like to donate toward scholarships can visit Lone Star College Foundation's website at <http://www.lonestar.edu/lsc-foundation.htm>.

# U.S. Fish and Wildlife gives grant to LSC-Kingwood



The Lowlands at Lone Star College-Kingwood received a matching grant from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to restore and maintain 200 acres from Sorters Road to the San Jacinto River.

The Lowlands at Lone Star College-Kingwood will be restored and maintained as part of a grant agreement with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Participating in the U.S. FWS' Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program, the college received a matching grant for \$25,000 in June 2010. The program allows the agency to partner with private land owners by offering technical and financial services for conservation and management of sensitive species of wildlife and habitat.

"The bottomland hardwood forest habitat and migratory birds flyway at the Lowlands at LSC-Kingwood makes the college's land between the campus and the San Jacinto River a valuable natural resource," said David Burre, College Sustainability program manager. "Several professional biologists have described these lowlands as a gem; a real treasure that is so close to a major populated area."

An unimproved Evans Gully Trail currently crosses the college's lowlands from Sorters Road to the San Jacinto River and connects with River Ridge Subdivision. The

matching grant will allow students, faculty and staff to upgrade a portion of the trail with decomposed granite to make it wheelchair accessible and to bring it into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

In addition to making the lowlands ADA compliant, three 200-foot boardwalks with observation decks are currently under construction from the trail through palmettos, cattails, and standing water into a cypress grove. Interpretive signs are being prepared by the college's Honor Student Organization (HSO) and those will incorporate QR codes that will provide more information once it is scanned by a smart cell phone. Some codes will link to various websites such as the Arbor Day Foundation for tree photos and descriptions; others will take visitors to the college's sustainability website, and a few will contain brief, stand-alone information.

Along with restoring, protecting and maintaining the Lowlands at LSC-Kingwood, the grant will also go toward helping to improve the wildlife habitat for animals that have been observed such as wild hogs, deer, snakes, birds and a beaver. According to Burre, the eradication of Chinese Tallow trees and other invasive vegetation, such as the Japanese Honeysuckle and Chinese Privet, will help the wildlife habitat recover slowly. Other habitat improvements will include provisions to manage the water level in the lowlands.

Most of the Lowlands at LSC-Kingwood restoration work, except for replanting trees and shrubs, will be completed by September 2011. Under the partnership terms with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services, the college will maintain the area wildlife habitat and educational venues for the next 10 years. For more information on the lowlands or other LSC-Kingwood sustainability projects, contact David Burre at 281-312-1778 or email him at [David.L.Burre@LoneStar.edu](mailto:David.L.Burre@LoneStar.edu). ♦

# News Briefs

## Phi Theta Kappa earns international recognition

Since the charter began in 1986, Alpha Lambda Xi has earned numerous awards and recognitions. At the international level, the chapter was named a Five Star Chapter, an Honors in Action Aware Participant, and received the Pinnacle Award for increasing membership by 25 percent over the previous year. Tracie Ring received the Paragon Award for New Advisors, and Darya "Dasha" Ruzaykina received the Distinguished Chapter Officer Award. Additionally, Dr. Rebecca Riley, vice president of Instruction and Curriculum, received the Administrator Award

of Distinction.

At the regional level, the chapter was named a Texas Top Chapter. Ruzaykina and Tracy Stoddard were inducted into the Hall of Honor for Members, LSC-TV received the Tejas Award as an Outstanding Friend of Texas Phi Theta Kappa, Debbra Esparza was named Most Outstanding Advisor, Ring received the Horizon Award for new advisors, and the chapter received third place in the Honors in Action/College Project Poster Project. ♦

## College student earns prestigious scholarship

Lone Star College-Kingwood student Amos Zimmermann recently earned the Jack Kent Cooke Scholarship. Only 50 of these scholarships are given each year, and the value of this scholarship is \$60,000! This award will allow him to achieve his goal to study Human Biology at the University of Texas at Austin.

Zimmermann will earn his Associate of Science degree from LSC-Kingwood this summer. After he graduates from UT at Austin, he plans to enter medical school and study either family practice or internal medicine. His goal is to work for underserved populations. ♦

## Center for Civic Engagement stresses involvement

Encouraging people to become active citizens in their communities is the main mission of Lone Star College-Kingwood's new Center For Civic Engagement. Established by concerned faculty and staff, the goal is to produce citizens who take an active role through dialogue with politicians in addressing complex problems that are facing the community and the country.

The Center For Civic Engagement began during the 2010-2011 academic year. Currently, it is working with campus programs to bring community service projects together and develop resources. It is a resource for students who want to be more engaged in their communities. ♦

## Students participate in Model United Nations conference

Lone Star College-Kingwood students, Amos Zimmermann, Brandon Swaringim, Keelie Barrow and Angela Shively, exercised their civic responsibility at the annual National Model United Nations (NMUN) premier conference in New York City.

LSC-Kingwood has participated in NMUN for eight years.

Since it entered into a delegation with LSC-Tomball and LSC-Montgomery, the three campuses have been named Outstanding Delegation for the past three out of four years in competition with mostly four year colleges and universities. ♦

## Coyotes defeat Australian team, 79-71

Stepping on the court against its first international team, the Lone Star College-Kingwood's Sport Club Basketball Team faced the moment they had been training for. Adding to their long list of wins, the Coyotes defeated the Australian Institute of Sports, 79-71.

Along with winning their first international game, LSC-

Kingwood's Sport Club Basketball Team has had an exciting 2010-2011 season. They won their fall league championship game and are currently competing in spring league championship. The team also played in its first JUCO Jamboree. ♦

## Speech and Debate Team wins national competition

LSC-Kingwood's Speech and Debate Team students won national recognition at the American Forensics Association National Individual Events Tournament. This year, they won sixth place in the overall community college division.

Team members, Stephen Moodie and Nichole Weitzel, qualified to participate in the national tournament. In

addition to that, students Shelby Jeffcoat, Ryan Wonser and Benji Weitzel all qualified for and participated in the Phi Rho Pi Community College National championship. Moodie won the Bronze medal in Impromptu Speaking and Weitzel won the Bronze medal in Communication Analysis and Program Oral Interpretation. ♦

# College implements new Fire Science program

Future firefighters and EMS personnel now have the opportunity to learn the skills needed to become state certified at Lone Star College-Kingwood. New students will start off with an EMT Basic course that will prepare them for the program and in particular, the Basic Structural Fire Academy.

"The purpose of the program is to attain a Basic Structural Firefighter certification and or an AAS degree in Fire Science. At minimum, all professional firefighters in Texas must be certified as a basic structural firefighter," said Tim Gibson, EMT adjunct faculty member at LSC-Kingwood. "This combined with an EMS certificate from the Texas Department of State Health Services will allow them to become a paid firefighter."

In the EMT basic class, students will complete lecture and skills training that will prepare them for clinical rotations. They will attend classes on campus then participate in clinicals at sites such as hospital emergency rooms and 9-1-1 EMS ambulance services. During the program, they will have an opportunity to work with nurses, EMTs and paramedics to hone the skills they have learned.

The academy began in January 2011 with Basic Structural Fire Academy. In the summer, the program will finish with Firefighter Certification V-VII and Firefighter Fitness and Agility II. After students complete the year-long program, they will have earned 32 semester hours towards their AAS in Fire Science, which will help them in their professional career.

LSC-Kingwood, in conjunction with Porter Fire Department, implemented the program to serve the



significant student based needs in this part of the district. The program also entered into a partnership with the Harris County Fire Marshal's Training Facility in Atascocita.

Potential students interested in enrolling in the program to begin their EMT basic class must meet admissions requirements to the college in addition to a vaccination prerequisite. For more information on the program, admission requirements, mandatory inoculations, cost and more call 281-312-1567 or visit <http://www.lonestar.edu/fire-science-dept.htm>. ♦

Lone Star College-Kingwood's new Fire Sciences Program is designed to meet the growing need for trained fire professionals.

# EarthQuest works with LSC-Kingwood design students



The Game Design and Simulation Project Development students at Lone Star College-Kingwood spent fall 2010 working with Dr. Matt Gardner, MIT scientist at EarthQuest, on applications to promote EarthQuest Institute's involvement in the development of a theme park that will be located in New Caney. Gardner met with the students on a monthly basis to give feedback on their progress. Based on EarthQuest's message of sustainability, students created games that will teach concepts of alternative energy sources and recycling in fun and engaging ways.

Pictured are Andrew Jeffers, Hac Dieu, Jesse Bolin, Brian McNulty, adjunct faculty Sean Bellinger, associate professor Caroline Chamness, Dominic Prestia, Dr. Matt Gardner, EarthQuest Institute, Steven Paradzys, and Jason Bush with his son, Nathan Bush. For more information on the EarthQuest Institute, visit <http://www.earthquestadventures.com/development/insitite/>. ♦



“ Lone Star College System provides comprehensive educational opportunities and programs to enrich the lives of its students. We believe that LSCS is the catalyst for promoting a seamless educational journey and for nurturing the intellectual and cultural life of the community. ”

- Dr. Richard Carpenter, LSCS Chancellor



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