A Note from the President

Dear Community Members:

We hope you enjoy this sixth newsletter, published semiannually. Content covered in this issue reflects many of the quality programs and services offered at Lone Star College-Kingwood and our Atascocita Center.

The college had anything but a ho-hum fall semester start. We served almost 12,000 students, established two new academic divisions, introduced a new core curriculum, implemented the first phase of the new mathways project, started our third Early College High School (ECHS) program, conducted three lockdown drills, hosted a ribbon cutting ceremony for the lowlands trail and boardwalks, dedicated the Student-Conference Center in honor of Lone Star College System’s former chancellor, Dr. John E. Pickelman, and much more.

ECHS programs are not new to LSC-Kingwood. Our first program began in 2009 with 59 Splendora ISD ninth graders. Out of 46 who persevered through the twelfth grade, 30 earned their associate’s degree several days before graduating from high school! The second ECHS program began a year later with Humble’s Quest ECHS. Seventy-eight ninth grade students started in 2010; many are on track to graduate this May with an associate’s degree as are the second cohort of Splendora ECHS students.

This fall the New Caney ISD Infinity ECHS program started with about 60 ninth graders. As with all of our ECHS programs, they are selective and require abiding by the Texas Education Association guidelines for recruiting as well as interviewing both the student and his/her parent(s). These programs are very rigorous and require dedication on the part of the student, their families, the ISD and college partners. By law, the cost of the college coursework cannot be charged to the student so the ISD and college share resources in order to deliver these very effective programs. (The August 2014 newsletter will have another update on all of our ECHS programs.)

Another priority at LSC-Kingwood is safety. The college conducted three lockdown drills—two

ALL to host open houses, programs in 2014

Lone Star College-Kingwood’s Academy for Lifelong Learning (ALL) is inviting community members to its spring 2014 Open House events on Jan. 28 at the East Montgomery County Improvement District (EMCID) in New Caney and on Jan. 30 at the LSC-Atascocita Center. ALL is celebrating 10 years of programs.

The open houses are an opportunity for individuals age 50 and older to meet ALL members, get to know the instructors, and to register for classes. Both events are from 1–3 p.m.

“The open houses give potential members an opportunity to get acquainted with the programs and services,” said Pat Chandler, ALL program coordinator. “We offer non-credit courses, lectures, and social activities for continued intellectual and personal growth.”

In addition to the open houses, ALL will offer the AARP Tax-Aide Service from 9 a.m.–1 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays from Feb. 4–April 15 at EMCID and on Fridays, Feb. 7–April 11 from 10 a.m.–2 p.m. at the LSC-Atascocita Center. This service helps people prepare their federal income tax returns for free. The tax-aide service is not available March 11 and 13 due to spring break.

The ALL program began in February 2004 at EMCID and in just 10 years, the program has grown to more than 900 active members. ALL is a volunteer program and courses are taught by members, LSC-Kingwood employees, and area residents. Additional volunteers are needed to work in the office answering phones, greet and assist members and help set up for classes.

For more information, call 281-312-1750. ☎
President (Continued from page 1) at LSC-Kingwood and one at LSC-Atascocita Center this fall. Our goal was to ensure that faculty, staff, and students know what to do in the event that a crisis situation happens on campus. The drills allowed us to test communication systems and equipment as well as have everyone on campus and at the Atascocita Center practice as if this were a real event. Lone Star College-Kingwood is the host site for the pre-kindergarten to college (P-16 council) called the Five Star Regional Education Alliance [named after the five ISDs we serve in an area that stretches from Humble to Tarkington]. The work of this group is modeled on Strive Tarkington). The work of this group is modeled on Strive ISDs we serve in an area that stretches from Humble to Tarkington]. The executive council consists of about 20 leaders from area businesses, non-profits and educational institutions. This group and several subcommittees have met during the past year to review our regional student success data and to reach consensus on two goals or outcomes we want to focus work on for the next few years. The two priority outcomes chosen by this group are 1) early grades proficiency in reading and writing and 2) completion of high school with enrollment in post-secondary technical and academic programs. In closing, I want to note that we are doing many good things for our students in and out of the classroom plus working with numerous community partners to affect real and lasting change. This does not happen by accident. We have hired excellent people, we have the good fortune to work with top-notch businesses and community leaders and we are focused on a vision that all coming here will attain their educational goal that will help our community prosper. ♦

Lone Star College System named building after past chancellor

Lone Star College-Kingwood held a special dedication ceremony in December to honor the accomplishments of Dr. John E. Pickelman, chancellor emeritus. The student center at LSC-Kingwood was renamed the Dr. John E. Pickelman Student Conference Center. Dr. Pickelman became the second chancellor of North Harris County College in 1991 and served until his retirement in 2007. Under Dr. Pickelman’s leadership, the name of the college system was changed to the North Harris Montgomery Community College District to reflect the names of the two Texas counties in the service area. “Dr. Pickelman has dedicated his life to helping students advance their education,” said Dr. Richard Carpenter, LSCS chancellor. “His tireless efforts have helped to make LSCS the great institution it is today and we are very pleased to be able to show our appreciation in a meaningful way.” The college system became the Lone Star College System in 2008 not long after Dr. Pickelman’s retirement. ♦

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Explore academic options at LSC-Kingwood

Register for spring 2014 classes at local community colleges.

With the fall semester nearly completed, students can continue planning their educational career at Lone Star College-Kingwood or LSC-Atascocita Center.

Current and future students can register now for the spring 2014 semester. Registration for the 16-week spring semester will end on Jan. 11 and classes start on Jan 13.

Spring credit courses offered at LSC-Kingwood include accounting, animation, anatomy and physiology, anthropology, arts, astronomy, biology, business, business ethics, business management, chemistry, commercial photography, computer information technology, cosmetology and facial, criminal justice, dance, dental hygiene, digital video, drama, economics, education, English, engineering, environmental science, EMT, ESOL, foreign languages, game design and simulation, geography, geology, government, health information technology, history, humanities, interior design, introduction to computers, kinesiology, logic design, management, mass communication, math, music, nursing, nutrition, occupational therapy, philosophy, professional office technology, psychology, respiratory care, sign language, sociology, speech, teaching, vocational nursing, web design, and more.

Continuing Education classes available include accounting, ALL courses, alternative teacher certification program, art, autocad, certified nurse aid, Cisco exploration, citizenship preparation, computer technology, CPR, dance, dental assisting, design communications, digital imaging, digital publishing, electrocardiography, ESOL, Excel, foreign languages, integrating technology, kinesiology, music, phlebotomy, Photoshop, reading and writing series, SAT preparation, scuba diving, substitute teaching training, TExES exam prep courses, web graphics, and Word.

To assure the best selection, students are encouraged to register as early as possible. Students must enroll before the first class meets.

For more information visit www.lonestar.edu/registration.

Enrollment increases at LSC-Atascocita Center

Population growth and career opportunities are among the reasons why Lone Star College-Atascocita Center experienced a 52 percent increase in its fall enrollment.

Opening the fall semester with 818 students, the college center provides a full array of student and academic support services close to home for residents in Atascocita, Summerwood and the Fall Creek areas. At least 75 percent of students attend classes during the day and 25 percent take night classes.

“I think our increase is due to multiple factors including a growing population base in this area of Houston, quality instruction, easy access to services, and a diverse course schedule,” said David Baty, LSC-Atascocita dean. “Perhaps one of the best reasons is that students can tell we care and that resonates across all areas of the center.”

Classes and programs popular at LSC-Atascocita Center are the core degree requirements. Students can complete all of their core requirements and even electives at the center in preparation to transfer to a four-year college or university.

“My wife and I choose to go to LSC-Atascocita Center because of the excellent location, professional and helpful staff,” said Richard and Phyllis Critchfield. “We love the idea that we can obtain a bachelor’s degree in business through UHD at this location. The overall feeling of this campus is a sense of community involvement and support.”

The center also offers courses to prepare students to transition into the University of Houston-Downtown’s Bachelor’s in Business Administration program, which is offered in the evenings in special eight week sessions. Students will learn an overview of the principles of modern business including accounting, management and basic communication skills. Once students complete their core courses at LSC-Atascocita Center, they will take required classes for the BBA program offered through UHD at the center.

Registration for spring 2014 is ongoing. New courses that will be offered at LSC-Atascocita Center in the spring are Introduction to Criminal Justice, Introduction to Engineering, Macroeconomics, World Literature, Trigonometry, Applied Calculus, and Child Development.

LSC-Atascocita Center opened in 2011 as a satellite campus of LSC-Kingwood. The center provides the community with local access to services, college courses and programs, workforce training and leisure learning. It also serves as the home to Humble ISD’s Quest Early College High School and UHD’s Bachelor’s in Business Administration completion degree. LSC-Atascocita Center is located at 15903 West Lake Houston Parkway. For more information on the center, visit http://www.lonestar.edu/ataascocita-center.htm.
Nature enthusiasts attended Lowlands celebration

Although a quality education is its main goal, Lone Star College-Kingwood also strives to teach sustainability through various green measures.

One of those programs is the development of the college’s Lowlands Nature Trails and Boardwalks. The area encompasses 200 acres of bottomland hardwood forest and lowlands between the campus and the San Jacinto River on Sorters Road. It is home to seven distinct nature habitats; has been classified as a birding hotspot by Cornell University’s website, e-Bird; and has 11 geocaching sites.

“The Lowlands are open to the public and are popular for biking, jogging, walking, nature photography, and monthly bird walks. It has been called, ‘a gem of a resource so close to a major city’,” said David Burre, sustainability program manager.

To celebrate this access to nature, the campus and community held a ribbon cutting ceremony on Nov. 16 at The Lowlands. The event featured exhibits from area parks and greenbelts, birders, and master naturalists.

“The Lowlands Nature Trails and Boardwalks contain important habitats in nature. It has both dry land and aquatic species and its nutrients,” Burre said. “It provides flood storage in the flood plain, allows for uninhibited flow in the floodway, and improves water quality by filtration.”

The work completed through the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service consisted of making one-third mile of the existing Evans Gully Trail ADA compliant and improving the remaining three-quarter miles; constructing three 200-foot ADA compliant boardwalks with decks at the end, and a trail side observation deck; eradicating invasive Chinese Tallow trees and Japanese Honeysuckle vines; and replanting new trees and shrubs for habitat and erosion control. In addition, interpretive signs with QR Codes and 0.1 mile distance markers were erected and benches were built. Once all work was completed, the boardwalk and deck designs were reviewed by a Montgomery County engineer and a flood plan development permit was issued.

“Except for framing the boardwalks and decks, and the invasive eradication, all of the work was done by college students, campus clubs, faculty, staff, community groups, and Boy Scout troops,” Burre said.

Most of LSC-Kingwood’s Lowlands Nature Trails and Boardwalks are in the flood plain and half in the floodway. It is transected by Evans Gully, which receives urban drainage and the effluent from an adjacent sewage treatment plant. Since the college’s existence, there have been two maintained trails that lead to the San Jacinto River. A third trail has recently been cut along the south bank of Evans Gully and connects to the Old Bus Trail.

For more information on the Lowlands Nature Trails and Boardwalks contact David Burre at David.L.Burre@LoneStar.edu.

Math pathways geared toward student success

Lone Star College-Kingwood is looking into innovative ways to tailor core subjects based on a student’s degree plan.

In collaboration with the Charles A. Dana Center at the University of Texas at Austin, LSC-Kingwood was selected as one of nine co-development partners to bring the national New Mathways Project (NMP) to Texas. The project develops math pathways based on a student’s degree plan and career choice instead of funneling all students through a college algebra pathway.

“This project is important because it will help students focus on their individual careers and allow them to complete their math requirements more quickly, thus saving time and money,” said Dr. Stephanie Doyen, math professor and department chair at LSC-Kingwood.

NMP accelerates a student’s progress through developmental and credit mathematics coursework and links a student success course with the math foundations curriculum. The project initially provides a Statistical Reasoning (statistics) pathway for students to be followed by a Quantitative Reasoning (liberal arts) pathway. Currently, students are on the STEM (science, technology, engineering, mathematics) path but through NMP, students can take a math most applicable to their career or degree.

Recruitment for the Statistical Reasoning pathway, starting in fall 2013, is underway. The Quantitative Reasoning pathway will be implemented in 2014–2015.

Interested students are encouraged to speak with an advisor to see if the statistics pathway is right for them. For more information, email Doyen at Stephanie.R.Doyen@LoneStar.edu.
LSC-Kingwood to offer new healthcare program

Sleep deprivation may lead to health problems such as depression, obesity, increased risk of diabetes, aching muscles and much more.

To help patients diagnose their sleep disorders in a skillful manner, Lone Star College-Kingwood will start its fifth health care program, Polysomnography, in fall 2014. The new program will prepare competent entry-level polysomnographic technologists in the knowledge, skills, and behavior of learning domains. They are instrumental in the diagnosis, therapeutics, and monitoring of the polysomnographic patient.

“Our aging population requires more attention to sleep disorders,” said Dr. Rebecca Riley, vice president of curriculum and instruction. “Physicians also use sleep studies to address pediatric and adult health problems, including asthma.”

The AAS degree in Polysomnography enables the graduate to become an effective member of the health care team. The degree plan requires 60 credit hours of program and general academic course work. Students may choose to exit the associate degree program at 53 hours to receive a level two certificate. People who have a minimum of an associate degree in a health care field can take 39 credit hours and earn a post graduate certificate.

“LSC-Kingwood is committed to providing programs to students who will serve our community and provide the staff needed for the growing health care services in the Kingwood community,” said Dr. Linda Luehrs Wolfe, dean of Sciences and Health Occupations.

Graduates will need to pass the RPSGT examination through the BRPT to be employed in the field. There is a national demand for the establishment of sleep disorders centers and technologists to test for and treat a variety of sleep disorders. Employment opportunities are excellent as the field is growing due to the identification of sleep apneas in the geriatric, adult, teenage, and neonatal patient arenas. The Polysomnography Program provides instruction through lecture, on-campus laboratory experience, physician lectures, and clinical experience at local accredited sleep centers.

Clinical affiliations for the new program will include Memorial Hermann hospitals, Kingwood Regional Medical Center, Conroe Regional Medical Center, Tomball Regional Medical Center, LBJ and Ben Taub hospitals. LSC-Kingwood is pursuing articulation agreements for bachelor’s degrees in clinical management and health administration through various universities in Texas.

For more information on the Polysomnography Program at LSC-Kingwood, visit http://www.lonestar.edu/Polysomnography-AAS.htm.

Learn cosmetology, facial skills at LSC-Kingwood

Lone Star College-Kingwood offers a variety of hands-on programs that allow students to learn about their chosen field in a classroom as well as in a real-world scenario.

In the LSC-Kingwood Cosmetology and Facial Department, students learn and refine their skills by providing services such as facials, manicures, and hair-styling for college employees and community members. Program graduates can pursue a career as a hair stylist, salon owner, product educational representative, platform artist, esthetician or make-up artist.

“The Cosmetology and Facial programs fully prepare students to meet the requirements to take licensing exams for the state of Texas,” said Bliss Mayberry, cosmetology professor.

The programs are looking for students who would like to explore a career in the cosmetology or facial field.

Information sessions for spring are on Feb. 3, March 3, April 7, May 5, and June 2 at 3:30 p.m. in CLA 102.

Students in the Cosmetology program learn how to care for hair, nails and skin. Once they acquire the skills and complete 1500 clock hours, they are eligible to take the Texas Department of Licenses and Regulations written and practical operator exams. It takes three consecutive semesters to complete this program.

The Facial program is for students who are interested in working exclusively in skin care. Prior to taking the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation written and practical Facial Specialist Exams, students must complete 750 clock hours of training.

Students can complete the program in two consecutive semesters.

In addition to training students, community members can benefit from both programs for a low cost. The Cosmetology program offers a variety of services and is open Tuesday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Customers interested in chemical services should be checked-in prior to 11 a.m. The Facial program offers facials by appointment only on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at either 9:30 a.m. or 12:30 p.m.

For more information on the Cosmetology or Facial programs along with customer pricing, call 281-312-1574 or visit http://www.lonestar.edu/cosmetology-dept-kingwood.htm.
The Voces Latinos Club held its first Enséname A Bailar (Teach Me To Dance) event. Participants learned different Latin dances.

A field of American Flags waved proudly as “Taps” was played during LSC-Kingwood’s Veterans’ Day ceremony.

Students, faculty, and staff celebrated Hispanic Heritage Month with a variety of activities and events. Hispanic Heritage Month was celebrated at LSC-Kingwood Sept. 15–Oct. 15.

Ella Johnson showcased her hopscotch skills at Lone Star College-Atascocita Center’s second Harvest Fest. The event gives community members a chance to learn about the services and programs that the center offers. (Photo by Jennifer Summer/The Observer Newspapers)

Occupational Therapy Assistant student John Pollard explains to nursing students the correct way to lift patients.

Despite the inclement weather, community members participated in the annual Greater Lake Houston Heartwalk held at LSC-Kingwood. (photo by Jennifer Summer/The Observer Newspapers)

LSC-Kingwood has an active and entertaining music program. The college’s Jazz Ensemble and Symphonic Band’s next performance is on March 4 at 7:30 p.m. on the Performing Arts Center Main Stage.

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ESOL professors, Dr. Masoud Shafiei (blue button down shirt) at LSC-Kingwood and Alice Savage (pink scarf) at LSC-North Harris, held free English workshops for teachers in Iran.

In celebration of International Education Week, students participated in the Kingwood Stars Talent Show. Winners were Joe Mendez, first place for a ballet folklórico; Limitless Band, second; and Lydia Kowis, third for a piano performance.

LSC-Kingwood held a holiday donation drive for the Humble Area Assistance Ministries (HAAM) and The Mission Northeast.

Music faculty members performed various selections at the annual Stellar Evening. Proceeds raised from the event went toward the Fine Arts Scholarship program.

Lone Star College-Kingwood’s Career Services department provides free resources to students and the business community. For more information, call 281-312-1435.

Students pledged their academic success at the annual Smart Start Stampede event. The next event is on Feb. 6.
Explore health care programs at LSC-Kingwood

The health care industry is constantly looking for qualified, skilled, and compassionate employees to care for patients. To help meet the growing need, Lone Star College-Kingwood offers four health care programs that will train students to either get a job after graduation or prepare them to continue their studies at a four-year university. Programs offered are Dental Hygiene, Nursing, Occupational Therapy Assistant and Respiratory Care. Prior to registering for a health care program, students must first complete certain core courses.

**Dental Hygiene:** Students in the Dental Hygiene program are trained to become a dental hygienist through the classroom and clinical work at the campus’ state-of-the-art Dental Clinic.

Students receive instruction in infection and hazard control, hand and ultrasonic instrumentation, fluorides, non-surgical periodontal therapy, oral hygiene instructional education, digital radiography, current uses of dental materials, and dental software technology within the dental setting.

Once courses are completed, students are prepared to take the National Board Dental Hygiene Exam and a Regional Clinical Board live patient clinical exam. Graduating from the program and completing these exams with a passing grade are required in order to be eligible for licensure and become a Registered Dental Hygienist. Since the program began in 2004, every graduate has passed all required board exams.

For additional details on the Dental Hygiene program, visit http://lonestar.edu/dental-hygiene-dept-kingwood.htm.

**Nursing:** The Nursing Department offers a one-year intensive training program to become a licensed vocational nurse (LVN) and two rigorous options to become a registered nurse (RN). The Associate of Degree Nursing (ADN) is a two-year program and the Vocational Nurse/Paramedic is a one-year program. Graduates of the programs will be prepared to begin entry-level nursing.

LVNs provide a wide-variety of essential patient care under the supervision of a registered nurse or physician. They can pursue careers at long-term facilities, clinics and other health care facilities. Registered nurses provide and coordinate care for patients in a variety of health care settings.

Graduates of the ADN program can earn their Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree through articulation agreements with various universities like Prairie View A&M University, University of Phoenix, The University of Texas Health Science Center (UTHSC), and Lamar University.

For more information on the Nursing program, visit http://www.lonestar.edu/nursing-dept-kingwood.htm.

**Occupational Therapy Assistant (OTA):** The OTA program is a full-time, day program with classes beginning each January. The curriculum is developed under the guidelines of the American Occupational Therapy Association and includes academic and technical courses. Students also complete fieldwork requirements through internships at local health care facilities.

In the program, students will learn the skills and competence required as an entry-level certified occupational therapy assistant with the responsibilities of assisting their clients achieve independence in performing basic daily activities that have been compromised due to illness, injury, disease, and developmental/mental disorders. Students who complete the program receive an Associate of Applied Science degree and once they pass the board certification exam, they will earn their state license.

For more information on the OTA Program, visit http://www.lonestar.edu/occupational-therapy-dept-kingwood.htm.

**Respiratory Care:** The Respiratory Care program trains students to become skilled professionals who can carry out specific therapeutic measures that will assist respiratory-distressed patients. Students will learn the prevention, diagnostic and therapeutic treatment of cardio-pulmonary diseases.

Intensive studies will be done in the mechanical ventilation realm and the resuscitation realm of treatment.

Respiratory care is a two-year program leading to an Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree. It is six semesters long and to earn the AAS degree, students must complete 67 credit hours. The program has a competitive enrollment process. Students are eligible to apply at any time, but only 20 students are enrolled per class. During the application process, applicants must take the Health Sciences Reasoning Test (HSRT). Selection of students is Nov. 15 for the spring semester and April 15 for evening classes that begin in June each year.

For more information on the Respiratory Care program, visit http://www.lonestar.edu/respiratory-care-dept-kingwood.htm.
In the ever-changing world of computers and design, employees are constantly looking for ways to learn and retool to keep up.

At Lone Star College-Kingwood, people interested in becoming game designers or developers, web designers, or graphic artists can enroll in the Game Design and Simulation or Visual Communication programs. In both programs, students can earn either an Associate Degree of Applied Science or certificates.

**Game Design and Simulation:** Students in game design and simulation will explore their passion in game art and design or game development. Game artists and designers will learn what it takes to create the vision behind their stories, characters, and gameplay needed for game design.

Students pursuing the game developer track will learn what it takes to make the game world and gameplay work properly. They will be responsible for helping to bring the technical side of gaming up to speed with the designer’s vision from programming what characters and actions do to how the artificial intelligence runs in the game.

Upon completion, students will have learned all aspects of game design from concept to completion including documentation and play testing. They will have studied the function of games and developed interactive projects that address the technical challenges of producing a game including how games are pitched, funded, designed, developed, marketed, and sold. Students will gain valuable experience walking an original game idea through every phase of production with a completed and playable game at the end of their program.

**Visual Communication:** The visual communication program offers a two-year comprehensive study concentrating in the following areas: graphic design, multimedia, video and post production, 3-D animation, or Web design. Certificates are also available for students looking to acquire technical skills within a few semesters, expand their experience in the field, or add an additional specialization to their degree.

Students will learn various skills such as creative problem solving, content development using industry-standard digital media, communication skills including conveying design ideas with clients and team members, working independently or with a team, latest techniques and software, meeting deadlines, and work flow and organization.

Program graduates can seek gainful employment in a variety of fields such as advertising, consumer products, education, entertainment, government, legal, manufacturing, medical, petroleum, publishing, transportation, and video production.

For more information on the Game Design and Simulation or on the Visual Communication programs, visit [http://www.lonestar.edu/game-design.htm](http://www.lonestar.edu/game-design.htm) or [http://www.lonestar.edu/visual-communications-dept-kingwood.htm](http://www.lonestar.edu/visual-communications-dept-kingwood.htm).

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**LSC-Kingwood hires new director for Men’s Center**

With 24 years of experience in student services, admissions, and recruitment, Alfred Dorsey has the skills and characteristics needed to be the new director of Lone Star College-Kingwood’s Men’s Center.

Dorsey has held several administrative positions ranging from director of admissions and recruitment to the associate dean of campus life. He has also been involved in recruitment activities, student organizations, student ambassadors programs and student programming. Dorsey began his new position on Dec. 2.

“As the new director, I want to make sure that every male student is aware of the resources that the Men’s Center offers. We want to help them grow from Boys to Men… Men to Leaders…Leaders to Catalyst for positive change,” Dorsey said.

The Men’s Center’s programs, services and activities are designed on a social, educational and recreational basis. Under his leadership, Dorsey wants to continue offering Chat and Chew sessions, interactive programs, lectures, seminars, mentorship opportunities for college male students and males in the local school districts.

Prior to LSC-Kingwood, Dorsey worked at Nicholls State University, Southeastern University, Delgado Community College, Dillard University, Clark Atlanta University, Arkansas Baptist College. His most recent job was at Philander Smith College in Little Rock.

Dorsey earned his bachelor’s degree in General Studies with a concentration in Health and Physical Education from Nicholls State University in Thibodaux, La. He will start a master’s program this spring in Higher Education Leadership. In addition, he is a member of Kappa Alpha Psi, a former All-American college athlete and a former professional player for the Arizona Cardinals.

LSC-Kingwood’s Men’s Center is located in the Student-Conference Center room 234. Its hours of operation are Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. For more information, email Alfred.Dorsey@LoneStar.edu or call 281-318-4351.
Continuing education classes at LSC-Kingwood

Lone Star College-Kingwood’s Continuing Education (CE) Department offers courses in a variety of levels, from novice to expert. These courses can prepare students for further study, for immediate employment in computer careers, or for personal enrichment.

“In today’s knowledge-based economy, continuous learning is not an option, but a necessity,” said Robin Garrett, dean of Continuing Education at LSC-Kingwood. “CE responds to community needs by opening its doors to all who are motivated to learn and enrich their lives.”

LSC-Kingwood’s technology courses satisfy both the curious and the professional. The non-credit training classes vary from introductory concepts to highly technical, industry recognized certifications. Examples of the technology professional development courses include the AutoCAD Series, which has proven very popular among drafting professionals. The courses are highly sought after and reasonably priced. A+ Certification training prepares individuals for a career in the information technology industry. Its online classes offer a wide-range of non-credit computer classes.

“LSC-Kingwood provides opportunities to change lives, improve skills, and develop talents leading to better jobs and a stronger community. All classes are offered in a variety of formats,” Garrett said.

Lone Star College System (LSCS) has a variety of options for lifelong learners. Students who want to test drive credit classes are considered non-degree or continuing education students. Application or transcripts are not required to take individual courses through continuing education and no grade or credit is received. They only need to meet the pre-requisites of the course. Upon completion, a satisfactory or unsatisfactory grade is given and credits will only count toward a degree program if they are admitted to one in the future. However, to ensure these credits fulfill a prospective program’s requirements, consult with that program ahead of time.

One of the benefits to students is that a program/course can be attempted without penalty. Try a course through CE like interior design or criminal justice. If students don’t like it, it won’t affect their GPA or number of credit hours. If at a later date, students decide that it will fit into their degree plan – they are able to obtain the credit (no grade) by completing a form and submitting it to the college’s advising department.

CE offers hundreds of technology courses and is committed to serving the needs of today’s learner, bringing college and community together to provide quality, practical educational services, to help fulfill career and personal aspirations. LSC-Kingwood delivers an array of innovative classes in a variety of formats, from online—learn at your own pace—to semester-long credit linked courses.

For students seeking personal growth, consider courses in Google Sketchup, digital photography, Microsoft Office and Adobe Photoshop to name a few. Join continuing education for fun, or to learn a valuable new skill. To find the individual computer classes offered at LSC-Kingwood, visit website at http://www.lonestar.edu/continuing-ed.htm or call 281-312-1660 or 281-312-1661.

LSC-Kingwood hosted mayoral forums

Lone Star College-Kingwood’s Center for Civic Engagement hosted political forums for candidates during its “Engage the Election” series.

“We hosted these forums because we see our role as a resource for students and the community as educating not only workers but citizens,” said Dr. John Theis, political science professor and Center for Civic Engagement director. “We recognized the fundamental role education has in building informed citizens and creating public spaces where dialogue and deliberation can occur with our elected leaders.”

The political forums provided a local setting for students, employees, and the community to meet with current and potential leaders.

“These events served as an opportunity for constituents to meet candidates, find out about their positions and ask questions,” Theis said. “Our goal was for voters to learn more about the candidates running for public office.”

LSC-Kingwood’s Center for Civic Engagement encourages students, faculty, and staff to become active citizens involved in their communities by providing opportunities and resources to engage in service oriented community activities.

For more information on the Center for Civic Engagement, visit http://www.lonestar.edu/LSC-Kingwood-Civic-Engagement.htm.
Calendar of Events for spring 2014
For a complete list of events at LSC-Kingwood, visit http://www.lonestar.edu/kingwood.htm

January 17, 2014
Family Game Night at LSC-Atascocita Center; Cafeteria at 6 pm • 832-775-0801

January 20, 2014
Campus closed for MLK Holiday

February 14, 2014
Family Game Night at LSC-Atascocita Center; Cafeteria at 6 pm • 832-775-0801

February 20–23, 2014
“Black Comedy” will take place Feb. 20–22 at 7:30 pm and Feb. 22–23 at 2 pm on the PAC Main Stage. Tickets are $12 general admission, $10 for senior citizens 55+, and $5 for students. • 281-312-1532

February 26–March 26, 2014
“FotoFest” Fine Arts Gallery (PAC 114D). • 281-312-1534

February 27, 2014
Black History Event: Greek Step Show 7pm in SCC • 281-312-1791

March 10–16, 2014
Mid Semester Break. Campus closed.

April 9, 2014
Registration for fall 2014 begins • 281-312-1600

April 9–13, 2014
8th Annual Evening of Shorts performances will be held in the PAC Black Box April 9–12 at 7:30 p.m. and April 12–13 at 2 p.m. Tickets are $12 for general admission, $10 for seniors 55 and older, and $5 for students. • 281-312-1532

April 11, 2014
11th Annual Design-A-Thon is from 8 a.m.-8 p.m. in ADM 202 • 281-312-1742

April 14–30, 2014
Interior Design Trade Show and Visual Communication Student Show in the Fine Arts Gallery (PAC 114D) • 281-312-1534

April 18–20, 2014
Spring Holiday, campus closed.

April 22, 2014
Symphonic Band and Jazz Ensemble concert 7:30 pm on the PAC Main Stage. $5 • 281-312-1709

April 26, 2014
Humble ISD/LSC-Kingwood Fine Arts Festival in the PAC, MUS and SCC buildings from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. • 281-312-1709

April 30, 2014
Spring Faculty Dance Concert 7:30 pm on the PAC Main Stage. Tickets $8. • 281-312-1709

May 2, 2014
Family Game Night at LSC-Atascocita Center; Cafeteria at 6 pm • 832-775-0801

May 10, 2014
Commencement • 281-312-1551

May 12, 2014
May Mini-term begins

May 14–Jun 12, 2014
Press:On 2014, PAC Art Gallery (PAC 114D) • 281-312-1534

May 20, 2014
LSC-Atascocita Center Open House, 5 p.m. • 832-775-0801

May 24–26, 2014
Memorial Day Holiday, campus closed.

May 29–31, 2014
Kingwood Kabaret performances are at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $20 per person. • 281-312-1532

INFORMATION SESSIONS

Alternative Teacher Certification Program (ATCP)
Mondays: Jan 13, Feb 10, Mar 3, Apr 14, May 12 5–7 pm, PAC 125 • 281-312-1716 or Jennifer.L.Leadbetter@LoneStar.edu

Nursing
Wed, Jan 8 at 1 pm; Feb 5 at 5pm; Mar 5 at 1 pm; Apr 2 at 5 pm; May 7 at 1 pm; all in HSB • 281-312-1683 or Kingwood.Nursing@LoneStar.edu

Dental Hygiene
Tuesdays: Jan 21, Feb 18, May 20 5 pm, HSB 107 • 281-312-1708

Occupational Therapy Assistant
Jan 30 at 12:30 pm; Feb 20 at 5 pm; Mar 19 at 12:30 pm; Apr 9 at 5 pm; May 8 at 12:30 pm; all in HSB 104 • 281-312-1464 or Alma.R.Watson@LoneStar.edu

Respiratory Care Tuesdays: Feb 4, Apr 8 5 pm, HSB 107 • 281-312-1608

Be A Teacher Tuesdays: Feb 18, Mar 25, Apr 22 5 pm, CLA 114 • 281-312-1733

Cosmetology and Facial
Mar 3, Apr 7, May 5 at 3:30 pm in CLA 102 • 281-312-1574 or Sharon.Kenemore@LoneStar.edu
Dr. Linda Stegall, far left in a blue suit, and Dr. Katherine Persson, far right in a white suit, presented students with the Dr. Linda Stegall Excellence in Education Scholarship for their high academic achievements. Dr. Stegall is the former president of LSC-Kingwood and Dr. Persson is the current college president.