InvesTex makes donation to support LSC's Employee Emergency Fund

The fund was established in 2003, with an initial donation of $2,000 from InvesTex Credit Union, previously known as the Aldine Teacher’s Credit Union. The initial donation was matched by the LSC Foundation board of directors. Since its inception, private donations have been made to the fund and requests for support have been met.

“As a result of Hurricane Ike, a number of our colleagues experienced losses,” said Darcy Mingoia, LSC Foundation executive director.

“Each LSCS president has an equal portion of the funds to help their employees, but the needs are much greater than what is currently available,” said Mingoia.

In an effort to encourage support and donations for the LSCS EEF in the wake of Hurricane Ike, InvesTex Credit Union President Keith Kearney once again donated $2,000 to the fund.

“LSCS has the benefit of a number of wonderful community partners that work with us to ensure that our students, employees and programs are supported. InvesTex Credit Union is one such partner and we sincerely appreciate their continued leadership in supporting our Employee Emergency Fund,” said Mingoia.

LSC Foundation has additionally received more than $4,000 for the EEF through individual donors including a number of system and campus employees.

“In times of need, it is admirable that not only our community partners, but also our staff stepped up and assisted those impacted so dramatically by this natural disaster,” Mingoia explained.

“Donations were made benefiting each campus and the depth of generosity was commendable,” she added.

2008 New Endowments

AAUW, NHC Branch Endowment
In Honor of Dr. Gracelia G. Blanco Endowment
In Honor of Nancy J. Caldwell Endowment
Susan J. Caldwell Endowment for the Arts
Carlos BBQ Endowment
Dane and Jacque Feldman Endowment
Second Endowment
Andrew Wada Heron Memorial Endowment
Mathematics Department at LSC-Tomball Endowment
Montgomery and Associates Endowment
Dr. Linda Stegall Excellence in Education Endowment
Texas Process Equipment Endowment (Third Endowment)
Dr. Diane Troyer Endowment
The Kalaya Vogel “Shining Star” Memorial Scholarship
Dr. Bob Williams Endowment

LSC Foundation Scholarship Student Gets ‘New Direction’ For Her Education

Traisia Hallmark, LSC-Foundation scholarship recipient

Following a failed marriage after 20 years and a 22-year hiatus from being enrolled in school, Traisia Hallmark drove to Lone Star College-Kingwood to see if she could regain her confidence and get her life back.

Hallmark had an associate’s degree in court reporting but felt as though she really could accomplish my dream after all,” she said.

Hallmark went on to meet an advisor with the nursing department that helped her navigate her way through registration.

“LSC-Kingwood gave me a direction and confidence I was lacking and so desperately needed,” she said.

Hallmark transferred to Sam Houston State University in the summer to finish her degree and will graduate in December. She then plans to attend the University of Texas School of Nursing and South Texas Law School simultaneously.

“Although I’ve always had the intelligence, I would never have had the confidence to grab hold of my dreams again, if it had not been for my experience at LSC-Kingwood and the scholarship I received through the LSC Foundation.”

Million Dollar Endowment Established in Stegall’s Honor

Dr. Richard Carpenter, LSC chancellor, left, and Dr. Linda Stegall, right.

The $1 million dollar endowment Stegall served as president of Lone Star College-Kingwood and retired in August after serving the system since 1994. “I have to say that the last nine years as president of LSC-Kingwood have been the most rewarding,” said Stegall.

“This is such a wonderful college with the finest faculty, staff, and students. I have been working full-time in education for over 42 years with 36 of those years in community colleges,” Stegall said.

The established endowment will provide 20 Lone Star College-Kingwood student scholarships of $3,000 annually to students who have demonstrated academic excellence in their first year of college. To receive the scholarship, students must be enrolled full-time at LSC-Kingwood and have an exemplary academic record.

Stegall came to North Harris Montgomery Community College District in 1994 to serve as vice chancellor of education and student services, a position she held for five years before assuming the LSC-Kingwood presidency in 1999.

We hope you enjoy this introductory issue of Beyond, a newsletter from the Lone Star College Foundation, to help donors, community partners, and Lone Star College System employees keep informed of our activities.

The financial and volunteer support you provide helps our students and programs reach beyond their current situations and achieve their dreams.

Lives are changed as a result of an education received within our system. Thank you for making these changes possible.

We are looking forward to keeping you informed and, even more importantly, involved.

Please do not hesitate to contact me, or any of our board or staff members, if you have any questions, comments or suggestions.

Darcy Mingoia
Executive Director
Kenneth Edwards, a former student and ambassador, became a LSC Foundation donor this year. To honor him, said the impact LSC-North Harris had on his education and professional career.

Edwards was somewhat familiar with LSC-North Harris having lived in the Greenspoint area and graduating from Aldine High School in 1993. “I didn’t know anything specific about the campus at the time, but after I decided I wanted to attend college, I blindly set my sights on enrolling there,” said Edwards.

“During the summer after I graduated from high school, I saved up approximately $500 from my part-time job earnings to pay for my tuition and books,” he said.

While at LSC-North Harris Edwards studied basic course work and ultimately earned an associate’s of art degree. He also became the college’s first student to earn the honors program graduate designation.

During his time on campus Edwards participated as a student ambassador and was a member of Phi Theta Kappa. “Notably, through Phi Theta Kappa, I was selected to the USA Today All-U.S.A. Junior College Academic Team, which is a recognition given to top junior college students around the country. Later, I was also selected to the Texas All-State Academic Team,” said Edwards.

As a student ambassador Edwards received financial assistance through the foundation for his service.

“Of course, at that time, any scholarship assistance was welcomed, as it helped me pay for my tuition and remain enrolled in college,” he said.

Edwards was able to continue his education and currently works as an attorney in Houston for a private practice.

“IT IS IMPORTANT TO SUPPORT THE LSC FOUNDATION BECAUSE IT IS TRULY MAKING A DIFFERENCE. WITHOUT QUESTION, THE FOUNDATION IS FULLY FULFILLING ITS MISSION OF PROVIDING EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE COMMUNITY,” he said.

What began as a project 10 years ago to create a lab manual for algebra courses at Lone Star College-Tomball, eventually evolved into a hefty endowment benefitting student scholarships.

In 1998, after reviewing available resources, the team of Dr. Mary Pearce, Patricia Stone, and Dr. Peg Crider collaborated to write and custom-publish a lab manual for each of the introductory and intermediate algebra courses. The goal was to strengthen developmental mathematics curriculum by incorporating the graphing calculator as a tool to stimulate students to think mathematically and to broaden the conceptual basis of the developmental mathematics curriculum.

In later revisions, Patricia Funderburk, Dr. Bill Powell, Roger Jay, and Dr. Eric Wildman wrote new math books for the manuals and Melinda Coleman edited the manuals.

“Eventually, almost every faculty member of the LSC-Tomball mathematics department participated in the writing of the task force,” said Crider, professor of mathematics.

“LSC-Tomball mathematics department began receiving royalties in 1998 from the publication and sale of the Introductory Algebra Calculator Laboratory Manual and the Intermediate Algebra Calculator Laboratory Manual. All of the proceeds were to be disbursed to students for exceptional achievement in developmental and college-level mathematics at LSC-Tomball, ” said Crider.

Beginning fall semester 2000, 10 scholarships of $350 were awarded to mathematics students. The number of scholarships was increased to 12 at $500 each beginning fall semester 2002.

“The philosophy of embracing creative approaches to teaching mathematics is the tradition and hallmark of the math department at LSC-Tomball,” said Pat Stone, mathematics professor. “This department has a passion for helping students learn mathematics,” said Stone.

In 2006, the department established and fully funded ($15,000) the LSC-Tomball Mathematics Excellence Endowed Scholarship to recognize a qualified student who intended to major in mathematics or a mathematics related field of study.

In 2008, the department established and fully funded ($15,000) the LSC-Tomball Mathematics Commemorative Endowed Scholarship to honor retired mathematics faculty. Scholarship winners were chosen who intended to teach mathematics at any level.

Beginning fall 2009, the annual scholarships will be discontinued, and the LSC-Tomball Outstanding Developmental Mathematics Student endowed scholarship will be established and fully funded ($15,000).

“We are always amazed at the number of students who say that had it not been for the scholarships that they might have had to withdraw from college,” said Crider.

“For those students who earn the scholarship while in developmental mathematics, the award affirms their belief that they have the potential to study anything. In one instance, a student who twice earned the local scholarship - the first time as a developmental mathematics student, has been the president of the mathematics club, and is now studying Calculus III. It is very gratifying to see the accomplishments of the winners,” said Crider.

From 2000 to 2009, the LSC-Tomball mathematics department will have awarded a total of $48,000 to 104 students in local scholarships and will have fully funded endowed scholarships totaling $45,000 that will generate three $1,000 scholarships each year, in perpetuity.

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15TH ANNUAL LSC-TOMBALL GOLF TOURNAMENT A SWINGING SUCCESS

The golf tournament offers our supporters a unique opportunity to help students while participating in a fun event,” said Darcy Mingosa, LSC Foundation executive director explained.

“We had a great time, the golf course was excellent and the foundation staff did a great job hosting all the players,” said Fred Caldwell, Caldwell Companies and first place tournament winner.

“We are grateful for the opportunity to support the foundation’s mission of providing scholarships to help change lives,” said Caldwell.

The LSC Foundation recently hosted its 15th Annual Tournament at The Woodlands Country Club Palmer Course. More than 190 golfers teed it up for the Florida Scramble-style tournament, which generated over $75,000 in support of student scholarships and system programs. Participants enjoyed hole-in-one prize opportunities, hole contests and door prizes.

An awards ceremony and prime rib dinner, sponsored by Oceanairing International, Inc., followed the conclusion of the tournament.

Masters level sponsors included Administaff Inc., Advanced Systems Group (ASG) and SHW Group LP. Classic level sponsors were Caldwell Companies, Ganter, MATCO Manufacturing, Methodist Willowbrook Hospital, Wells Fargo and The Woodlands Waterway Marriott.

SHW Group, a long-time supporter of LSC Foundation, sponsored the tournament and is building a permanent endowment for scholarships.

“SHW has the opportunity to work with many foundations and I can say with confidence that LSC Foundation is one of the best in the country,” said principal, Don Hensley.

LONE STAR COLLEGE FOUNDATION OFFERS SUMMER BRIDGE PROGRAM TO AID STUDENTS

One Star College System will offer summer bridge programs for first-time college students during the summer of 2009.

These intensive programs are targeted for students who need extra academic work to place into credit courses and become college ready for the fall semester.

“The Lone Star College Foundation hopes to raise $50,000 to provide fifty, $1,000 scholarships to students interested in taking the courses,” said Darcy Mingosa, LSC Foundation executive director.

Many of these students are low-income, first-generation students who need financial assistance in order to advance into college-level work,” said Dr. Larry Rideaux, LSCS associate vice chancellor for student success.

“Nothing is more important than helping these students accomplish their goals on time coupled with this type of innovative program and financial assistance,” said Rideaux.

To donate to the summer bridge scholarship program please contact the LSC Foundation office at 832.813.6637 or use the enclosed envelope.

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- Other. Please describe.

Email suggestions to foundation@LoneStar.edu or fax to 832.813.6639

2007 Student Essay Contest winners who each received a $1,000 scholarship from the LSC Foundation attended the Chancellor’s Breakfast on Jan. 28, 2009, and meet the 2008 winners and learn how their experiences at a Lone Star College influenced their lives.