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Important Dates

You're invited to join us

StarGala 2011

Saturday, April 16, 2011

Party planning is underway. To join our team contact Judy Lux at judy.lux@lonestar.edu.

- **Gala Committee Meeting** is Thursday, March 10 at 4:00 p.m. at Mamacitas Mexican Restaurant 15335 North Freeway, Houston, TX 77090. Please be sure to RSVP to judy.lux@lonestar.edu

Fulfilling a Need

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Student Highlight

LSC-CyFair student essay winner



Pictured are LSC-CyFair President Audre Levy, LSCS Chancellor Richard Carpenter, Student Winner Dena Horne and LSCF Board Director Fred Koetting

Dena Horne, our LSC-CyFair essay contest winner, failed at her first try at a college education and gave up and entered the workforce. In a few years, she lost her job and realized that she could only succeed if she returned to college. Within three short semesters, she raised her initial GPA from 1.14 to 3.735 which she credits to her hard work and her network of very supportive Lone Star College System teachers.

"How My Community College Experience Has Changed My Life"

My journey towards a degree began immediately after high school graduation in 1999. After only one semester attending full time though, I became convinced that college was not for me and dropped out. I was a lost eighteen year old who was uneducated, frustrated and scared for my future. With this in mind, I used what little resources I had and joined the workforce. [Click here to read the complete essay.](#)

StarGala 2011 Update

Raising funds and accomplishing goals

Experience "Midnight in Morocco" when The Woodlands Waterway Marriott is transformed into an exotic Moroccan setting on Saturday, April 16, for the annual Lone Star College Foundation *StarGala 2011*, which will raise funds to support scholarships and programs for Lone Star College students.



As you know, the LSC Foundation, with the help of our generous donors, funds a wide variety of scholarships and program equipment and support at our five colleges; but did you know that we can also customize a specific giving program for interested donors?

In the case of an anonymous donor early in January, student engagement was his primary interest and a mini grant application by LSC-Carver Center Registration/Admissions Coordinator Michelle Levi was the perfect project to be considered by our donor. Ms. Levi's goal was to create a supply of games and other interactive activities and materials to be used by the students on the campus to fill the downtime between classes. A karaoke machine, bingo, and other board games are now available to the students and as you can see from the pictures below – the students are enjoying their spare time on the campus. The campus, in turn, has succeeded in creating another opportunity for positive student engagement.

If you have an idea to help fund a project to benefit the Lone Star College System, please contact Darcy Mingoia at 832.813.6636 or darcy.mingoia@lonestar.edu.



In addition to dinner and dancing, the *StarGala 2011* event features the always-popular silent and live auctions, bid boards and raffle. Among this year's auction items are a diamond necklace and international roundtrip tickets on Continental Airlines to popular destinations like Hawaii and Europe or Asia.



Top sponsors to date for *StarGala 2011* are the Cypress Fairbanks Medical Center, the Feldman Family, Houston Northwest Medical Center and Valence Operating Co. Sponsorships are still available.

The *StarGala 2011* co-chairs are Saul and Lisa Valentin, well-known for their community involvement and their record of professional service and support of LSCS.

"We are honored to co-chair the *StarGala 2011* and to be part of a team of individuals helping the Lone Star College Foundation achieve the goal of changing lives and providing quality educational programs," said Saul Valentin executive vice president of Perspectiva, a local multi-discipline firm in construction and project management.

"Join us on April 16, and help us achieve this goal," said Valentin.

For additional information or to become a sponsor, contact Judy Lux at 832.813.6640 or judy.lux@lonestar.edu, or visit lonestarcollegefoundation.org.

Honoring a Community Leader

Presentation of Elmer Beckendorf Statue

The LSC Foundation was one of four community organizations that contributed to a statue honoring Elmer Beckendorf for the City of Tomball's Depot Plaza. The statue was created to honor Mr. Beckendorf and the agricultural beginnings of the City of Tomball. It also paid tribute to "The Greatest Generation" – those men and women who served in the war and then returned to their communities to not only create and run their businesses but to also unselfishly donate time and services to their communities and their churches. The plaza contains two other sculptures, a train conductor and a depiction of the founder of Tomball, Mr. Tom Ball.

Dr. Susan Karr, LSC-Tomball President, represented the system, the college and the foundation at the February ceremony in which the City of Tomball accepted the sculpture of Mr. Beckendorf and the garden surrounding the sculpture in recognition of Mrs. Dorothy Beckendorf from the Lone Star College Foundation and the other three entities who contributed to the statue: Tomball ISD, Tomball Regional Hospital, and Tomball Rotary Club.

Dr. Karr's remarks centered around the amazing amount of service and the quality of that service contributed by Mr. Beckendorf to the Lone Star College System. She also talked about his commitment to his community and to those who live and work in Tomball. Each of the entities had an opportunity to address the group and the remarkable similarity in their words of praise for Mr. Beckendorf's vision, service, and mentoring echoed throughout the ceremony. The organizations' remarks were followed by family comments by the son Charles Beckendorf and brief remarks by both Dorothy and Elmer.



The Lone Star College Foundation's mission is to change lives through student scholarships and quality educational programs achieved by excellence in relationship building, fundraising, and investment management.



Pictured are Elmer and Dorothy Beckendorf

Thank you to our donors supporting this project:

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