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Important Dates

2013 StarGala
Saturday, April 27, 2013
The Woodlands Waterway Marriott
Contact Judy Lux at 832.813.6640 for more information.

The "Rest of the Story" for a 2008 Graduate

Monique’s goal is to give back to her students just as her professors helped her. She explained, “My students’ success is paramount, so I make myself available to my students so they may have every opportunity to succeed. This requires me to tutor before and after school, attend professional development, and work long hours. But, my most useful tool in reaching my students is my life story, my college story. I am able to inspire my students with the many instances during college when I had to give extra effort to achieve my goal.”

Monique’s Story

Legacy

Whether it is giving to an individual or to a charitable organization, the making of an appropriate, significant, charitable contribution is an art. Your gift, like art, evolves through a creative process that can and should change according to your wishes.

Gifts made as the result of a bequest can accomplish the same type of artful impact but can

Chancellor’s Breakfast Inspires Attendees

The 240+ attendees at the 20th Annual Chancellor’s Breakfast were inspired by the stories shared by a returning 2008 LSC-North Harris graduate and the 2013 essay winners.

Thao Tran, LSC-CyFair winner, described her anxiety at being the first in her family to go to college, compounded by moving from Vietnam only four months earlier.

Ashley Turnbow, LSC-Kingwood winner, explained that her education has changed her life because she will “never have the pain of not seeing my children because I work several shifts a day”.

Sharon Johnson, LSC-Montgomery winner, because of her difficult family environment never dreamed she had the intelligence to go to college but decided to find a career when her youngest entered high school.

Princess Villalta, LSC-North Harris winner, who is the first in her family to graduate from high school and the first to attend college, dreams of a life better than her parents that will also give her children, “a better chance at life”.

Alexandra Smith, LSC-Tomball winner, after working tirelessly to obtain a student visa from Russia said that “there is something special about that billboard I pass every day, the one where Lone Star College is an open door”.

Felix Ruiz, LSC-University Park winner, described how he accompanied his Mom to register her for classes but soon realized that taking transfer classes at Lone Star College would be less expensive than his planned tuition and fees at Sam Houston State University.

Returning 2008 graduate, Monique James, described how her associate degree was only the first step towards her goal of teaching. After graduation she designed a plan, requiring many hours of hard work and juggling time with her infant son that allowed her to graduate with a bachelor’s degree in Urban Education from University of Houston Downtown. With that degree in hand, she moved from an aide position to becoming a teacher in Cypress Fairbanks ISD. Monique explained that “I climbed mountains during college, currently as a teacher, and all throughout my life, I feel truly blessed, because I understand, that it’s really not about the difficulty of the climb, but about the feeling when you reach the top”.

Chancellor Richard Carpenter thanked all the donors at the event and applauded each for their commitment to helping others receive the education needed to pursue their careers. Of the Foundation’s 276 endowments, more than 25% fund multiple scholarships and all are making a difference in the lives of our students, he explained. He also pointed out that since September 1, 2008, the beginning of the recent economic downturn; endowments have grown in value by 56%.

In addition, Dr. Carpenter highlighted the largest endowment benefitting each college. Those endowments are:

LSC-CyFair Cypress Fairbanks Medical Center, $174,403
LSC-Kingwood Anonymous in honor of Dr. Linda Stegall, $1.9 million
LSC-Montgomery Thomas R. and Kathryn C. Polk, $225,000
LSC-North Harris
also maximize your income, minimize the taxes you pay on capital gains and provide significant tax savings to your estate.

Our latest Legacy Circle member, who prefers to remain anonymous, upon the advice of her estate planner, named the Lone Star College Foundation as the beneficiary of her IRA. With those proceeds students will receive scholarship in perpetuity and her legacy will be one of helping others reach their educational goals.

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LSC-Tomball
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StarGala 2013

Foundation Chair Dr. Nockie Zizelmann announced that this year’s gala honorees are Tomball Regional Hospital and Massey Villarreal. Tomball Regional Medical Center is being honored for their outstanding support of the Lone Star College System health care programs including numerous student scholarships funded by the auxiliary and the donation of the land where our new education facility for Lone Star College-Tomball is housed. Bud Wethington is the CEO of the hospital and will accept the award at the gala. Massey Villarreal is being honored for his outstanding support of the Lone Star College System and its mission and vision to provide education for our community’s residents. Mr. Villarreal is chairman of the Chancellor’s Hispanic Advisory Committee and has been instrumental in helping reach new supporters throughout the state.

The gala is scheduled for Saturday, April 27, beginning at 6:30 pm, at The Woodlands Waterway Marriott. We expect 750+ attendees and hope to raise $500,000 to benefit student scholarships. This year’s gala, The Way We Were, reflects back on the pop culture and sports champions of 1973. Our first students began attending classes in the fall of that year. Pop art, disco fever and even attendees dressed in their vintage clothing will all be a part of the evening’s festivities.

The annual event includes a lovely dinner, dancing to the Fifth Avenue Band (last year’s performers received a call back because of their toe-tapping songs), and an opportunity to learn more about the Lone Star College System and, more importantly, the students we serve.

Co-Chairs Ian and Linn Powell anticipate a large crowd and record-setting revenue. Because of the generosity of Ian’s employer, PBK, Inc., StarGala 2013, will include for the first time ever a $50,000 table.

Sponsors to date are: The Sting Sponsor ($50,000) is PBK. The Godfather Sponsor ($25,000) is The Woodlands Waterway Marriott Hotel & Convention Center. Mash Sponsors ($16,000) are Caldwell Companies, Cypress Fairbanks Medical Center, The Feldman Family, Bob and Darcy Mingola, Noble Energy and Precision Task Group. The Waltons Sponsors ($10,000) are Canteen, Entergy, Gilbane, Joiner Partnership, Inc. and Valence Operating Company. The Crocodile Rock Sponsors ($5,000) are Brookstone Corporation, Deanco, Inc., DUROTECH, Ellisor Constructors, Inc., Henry T. Brooks Investments, Infrastructure Associates, Jacobs Engineering Group, Marshall Construction, Morris Architects, TechKnowledge Consulting Corporation, The Woodlands Development Company and Upchurch Kimbrough, Ltd. The Champions Sponsors ($3,000) are Allegiance Bank Texas, DataVox/Cisco, Follett Higher Education Group, Jones Lang LaSalle and MATTCO. We also have more than 20 sponsors at the Tie A Yellow Ribbon ($2,500) level.

StarGala VIP Reception

Almost 100 StarGala partners attended this year’s VIP Party at III Forks in Downtown Houston. PBK Architects hosted the evening’s celebration along with Ian and Linn Powell, Gala Co-Chairs. Dr. Rand Key, Lone Star College System (LSCS) Senior Vice Chancellor and Chief Operating Officer and Randy Bates, Chairman of the LSCF Board of Trustees were featured speakers at the event. The real stars of the evening, however, were the 11 LSCS students who had an opportunity to mingle with guests and share their successes in pursuing careers including EMT, Police Academy, Nursing, Respiratory Therapy and Dental Hygiene. Pictured above are the students with Ian and Linn Powell thanking the attendees for the sponsorships and table purchases to date.

Corrections

The Lone Star College System Scholarship Foundation and the East Aldine District $255,000
Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, $96,982
The Foreman Family, $90,000
Humble Police Association, $375,000
Pictured with Clyde Drexler, left to right, are Greg Pradt, Sandy Tate Stokes, Clyde Drexler, David Tate and Dave Buse. David Tate was mistakenly left out of the caption in the January/February newsletter.

We apologize for the oversight.

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