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Important Dates

We'd love for you to join us!

2011 Chancellor's Breakfast
Wednesday, January 26, 2011

StarGala 2011
Saturday, April 16, 2011
Our committee work is starting up. Join our team by contacting Judy Lux at judy.lux@lonestar.edu.

Student Highlight
Dr. Linda Stegall Excellence in Education Scholarship Endowment Banquet

Last month the second annual Excellence in Education banquet was held at the Houston Airport Marriott. This banquet rewards the top twenty returning LSC-Kingwood students based on their GPA. It recognizes their outstanding academic achievement and their commitment to pursue a second year at the college and complete their Associate Degrees.

Pictured are the students with LSC-Kingwood President Dr. Katherine Persson and former LSC-Kingwood President Dr. Linda Stegall. The $1,000,000 endowment that funds these student scholarships was gifted to the foundation by an anonymous donor and is named for Dr. Stegall in recognition of her leadership while serving as President of LSC-Kingwood.

You read the story of one of those winners last month, this month please learn about a second scholarship recipient, Maria Godoy. Born and raised in Japan, of British and Guatemalan dual-citizenship, Maria has a great interest in caring for under-served populations and is pursuing a career in nursing. She hopes to specialize in obstetrics, women’s wellness, and emergency room care. Read complete "thank you letter".

Golf Sponsors "Score Big" for Students

17th Annual LSC Foundation Golf Tournament

A record crowd participated in the 17th Annual Foundation Golf Tournament on Monday, October 25 on the Palmer Course at The Woodlands Country Club.

The full field contributed revenues of more than $116,000 to support student scholarships.
During the evening’s program, Chancellor Dr. Richard Carpenter illustrated the quality of instruction at Lone Star College System, offering a wide variety of statistics on our students’ successful completion of certification and exams, including the 100% pass rate of LSC-CyFair students in both the Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVN) and Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN) programs and the 100% pass rate of LSC-Kingwood on the National Board Dental Hygiene and the Western Region Clinical Board exams.

Dr. Carpenter also told the story of a LSC-Kingwood student who had entered the business honors program at University of Houston this fall after two years at LSC-Kingwood. That student in a letter to the Foundation, stated that he felt “just as prepared academically” as his fellow classmates who attended University of Houston for their freshman and sophomore years. However, unlike his fellow students, he received that education at “one-fifth of the cost” and subsequently is not in debt.

In addition, Dr. Carpenter introduced Scott Brady, a golfer on the Joiner Partnership, Inc. team, who began his education at LSC-North Harris and continued at University of Houston where he completed a Bachelor's Degree in Architecture. Today, Scott and his firm are designing a new building at LSC-North Harris. Dr. Carpenter commented our students receive their education and directly impact our community.

Major sponsors for this year’s tournament were Administaff at the “Masters” Level and Oceaneering as the Dinner Sponsor.

Bank of America/Merrill Lynch; Caldwell Companies; Houston Northwest Medical Center; Johnson Controls; Joiner Partnership, Inc.; PCJ Consultants, Inc., SHW Group; Tomball Regional Medical Center; and Turner Construction Company were the “Classic” Level sponsors.

Among the winning golfers are The Staff Solve Companies and Bank of America/Merrill Lynch, both of which are pictured above.

**StarGala 2011**

**Plans unveiled for "Midnight in Morocco"**

As you learned in October, past Gala Chairs joined in celebrating the launch of the 2011 StarGala, to be held on April 16 at The Woodlands Waterway Marriott, at a dinner hosted by the Chancellor Dr. Richard Carpenter and the Foundation.

In addition to thanking former chairs for their outstanding service to the Lone Star College Foundation and Lone Star College System, the 2011 Chairs Saul and Lisa Valentin were introduced to the attendees. Saul is the Managing Partner of Perspectiva’s Houston Office and Lisa owns Pizzazz Décor specializing in residential and commercial interior design. Both Valentins have a long record of volunteer service to the Houston and Lone Star College System areas.

As Saul explained at the dinner, committee meetings will be underway beginning on Thursday, December 9, at 4:00 pm, at Mamacita’s Mexican Restaurant at 15335 North Freeway. Volunteers are needed to solicit sponsorships and auction items, and host parties with a purpose. Volunteers are also needed to
design the decor for the theme “Midnight in Morocco”. The Valentins hope to create an atmosphere which will reflect an exotic fusion of color and energy.

Pictured are Saul Valentin, Darcy Mingoia and Lisa Valentin

If you would like to learn more about StarGala or would like participate as a committee member, please contact Judy Lux at 832.813.6640 or judy.lux@lonestar.edu.

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