

# E-BEYOND

CHANGING EXPECTATIONS WITH HIGHER EDUCATION

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## Student Highlight

### *LSC-Tomball student essay winner*

The final in our series of the winning essays from the 2010 Chancellor's Breakfast, is written by LSC-Tomball student Gabriel Culver.

Gabriel was home schooled and ready to start college at the rather young age of 16. LSC-Tomball provided the perfect solution for him and his family. Close to home, small classes, individualized attention, and the opportunity to learn all the lessons necessary for college success were provided on the Tomball campus. Good study habits, outstanding attendance, and developing relationships with his instructors, all contributed to increasing Gabriel's confidence and his enthusiasm about venturing off to a University this Fall. Please read Gabriel's complete essay to learn more about his successful experience at LSC-Tomball.

### "How My Community College Experience Has Changed My Life"

By the time I reached my senior year of high school, I had taken all of the classes necessary for a high school diploma, but neither my parents nor I were ready for me to attend a university. The solution was Lone Star College, which has enriched my education by enabling me to learn from outstanding professionals, preparing me for a university setting, and helping me create lasting relationships with other students and staff. [Click here to read the complete essay.](#)

## 17th Annual Golf Tournament

### *Playing golf "fore" scholarships*

A 17-year tradition returns to the golf links on Monday, Oct. 25 at The Woodlands Country Club Palmer Course when the annual [Lone Star College Foundation Golf Tournament](#) tees off.

The Florida Scramble begins at 11 a.m. with registration, practice and lunch, courtesy of Abby's Catering, followed by a shotgun start at noon. Hole-in-one prizes, contests on the holes and door prizes will be featured throughout the day and the tournament will end with an awards ceremony and dinner at 5 p.m.

"Our tournament kicks off the school year and our efforts to support those students who need financial assistance," said Darcy Mingoia, executive director of the Lone Star College Foundation.

## Important Dates

### *We'd love for you to join us!*

#### **17th Annual Golf Tournament**

Monday, October 25, 2010

If you would like to volunteer at our golf tournament contact Judy Lux at [judy.lux@lonestar.edu](mailto:judy.lux@lonestar.edu).

#### **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](mailto:judy.lux@lonestar.edu).



“And with more than 66,000 enrolled in credit courses this semester, the financial needs are greater than ever,” she added.

Support for the LSC Foundation is an investment that changes the lives of students. Participation in the golf tournament generates scholarship funds, which allows students to attend college and gain the skills necessary to transition to the workforce, she explained.

Top sponsors for the tournament are Administrators at the “Masters” Level and Bank of America/Merrill Lynch, Houston Northwest Medical Center, Joiner Partnership, Inc., and SHW Group at the “Classic” Level.

Rounding out the playing field at press time are Andrews Kurth LLP, Automated Logic/United Environmental Services, DNC Travel Hospitality Services, Gensler, InvesTex Credit Union, Kingwood Medical Center/an HCA Affiliated Hospital, Memorial Hermann The Woodlands, PBK Architects, Perspectiva Group, Inc., The MLN Company, and VLK Architects, Inc. at the Invitational Level.

Sponsorships and individual playing spots are available. Mingoia pointed out that tournament sponsorships start at \$1,500 and include a foursome, a scholarship awarded in the sponsor’s name, premium golf shirts for each player, a sponsor tee sign, and recognition on all course signage.

For information about sponsorship opportunities or individual playing spots, contact Judy Lux at 832.813.6640 or [judy.lux@LoneStar.edu](mailto:judy.lux@LoneStar.edu) or visit our [website](#).

## **Turning Tragedy into Triumph**

### ***Parents endow scholarship in memory of their daughter***

When Rick Vogel and Linda Vogel lost their daughter, Kelsey, in a tragic accident in late 2007, they were determined that her memory would live on. It didn’t take them long to figure out how to make that happen, through the generous and loving gifts from family and friends.

“Kelsey was such a vibrant, fun, outgoing person who cared about other people,” said Linda Vogel, a resident of Conroe who is also a faculty member in the nursing department at Lone Star College-Montgomery. “She loved to entertain people and make them smile. She was truly a shining star.”

Kelsey, who attended school in Willis and was a founding member of the “Creighton Kidz” theatre group, had also performed on the LSC-Montgomery stage several times during her childhood. The Vogels felt that a scholarship fund dedicated to an LSC-Montgomery theatre student would be the perfect way to keep Kelsey’s spirit alive.

Less than a year after raising the amount required to fund a permanent (endowed) scholarship through the Lone Star College Foundation, the Vogels were able to connect with the first recipient of the Kelsey Vogel “Shining Star” Memorial Endowment. That recipient, LSC-Montgomery theatre student, Laurel Johnston, was overwhelmed by the Vogel’s generosity.

“It is such an honor to receive this scholarship,” said Johnston, who plans to continue studying theatre, possibly at Sam Houston State University, once she completes her education at LSC-Montgomery. “Meeting the Vogels, hearing their story and learning more about Kelsey, it was definitely a special, unforgettable moment.”

Likewise for the Vogels, who feel that Johnston was a “perfect fit” to be the first recipient of the scholarship.

Rick, Linda and Laurel are pictured below.

“Just like Kelsey, Laurel is an amazing young talent. She is a shining star,” said Linda Vogel. “I’m glad that Kelsey’s legacy is helping someone like Laurel attend college and achieve her dreams. That’s what this is all about.”

According to Darcy Mingoia, executive director of the Lone Star College Foundation, establishing an endowed scholarship in memory of a loved one, is a great way to help others while, at the same time, creating a legacy that lasts forever.

“All it takes is \$15,000 to fund a scholarship in perpetuity,” said Mingoia. “Essentially, the interest earned from the base fund is applied to a semesterly scholarship, which comes very close to covering the tuition for a full load of classes.”

“Over the past several years, we’ve seen a large increase in the number of endowed scholarships,” added Mingoia. “Some of them are memorials, but there are also many businesses and community organizations that have recognized the value of funding scholarships that promote education and improve lives.”

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