MISSION STATEMENT

The EEM Division’s Mission is to promote and inspire learning in a collaborative, mutually‐respectful environment.

We do this by designing rigorous and relevant learning experiences, by providing guidance for students, by practicing and promoting teaching excellence, and by supporting each other with continuous professional development.

NEW YEAR, NEW THEME!

The academic year 2007-2008 kicked-off with our Division meeting. As is our Division tradition, Dean Pat Stone revealed our annual theme and logo at this memorable time. This year, with the main focus on Achieving the Dream Initiative, our theme is the Dream Catcher with the supporting philosophy – “We are the webbing – all of us working together, supporting each other, learning from each other!”

Each of our faculty members and staff was given a Dream Catcher key chain as our Division symbol. We do not have the sign hung on the office’s door as last year, but Pat is working on EEM Thank You cards to acknowledge our faculty members and staff that go the extra mile to help our students.

The Dream Catcher symbol will be used on any printed materials that are promoted and advertised for our Division. As much as we would like to keep the good dreams and beautiful thoughts and cleanse out any fears, anxieties, and bad dreams everyday at the dawn’s first light, our Division symbol will be seen here and there when you walk around our campus.

“What are your Dreams as a college professor? How do your dreams align with the dreams of your students?” Pat Stone
Van Piercy, and Patty Zachary are this year’s recipients of Faculty Excellence Award. Both of them were recognized at the 2008 Employee Award Luncheon on February 15, 2008 at The Woodlands Waterway Marriott Hotel and Convention Center, and they will also attend the NISOD International Conference from May 25, 2008 to May 28, 2008 in Austin, to be recognized among their peers across the nation.

Twenty years of services: Doug Boyd, and Roger Jay.

Ten years of services: Catherine Olson, and V.C. Patel.

Five years of services: Patti Falbo, Irina Nizova, Rachel Whitten, and Donna Willingham.

Thomas Felkai, our Math adjunct, was selected to receive the 2008 Adjunct Faculty Excellence Award. Janet Healy, our Math adjunct was also nominated for this prestigious award.

Congratulations to all and thank you for the extra efforts that you have given to our students! We can proudly say “We can not spell success without U!”

Patti Falbo and Irina Nizova served on the Adjunct Faculty Excellence Award Committee.

Do you know our Math Professor, Roger Jay, with his partner, won the gold medal in badminton doubles at the State Senior Olympics? Hat off to Roger!

Donna Willingham, professor of Developmental Studies, Reading, received the Outstanding Reading Doctoral Student award at SHSU’s College of Education’s awards ceremony May 2.

Scott Travis, Math Professor and Tenor, was chosen for the Texas Two-Year College All-State Choir. Congratulations Scott!

Our new Division Coordinator, Patty Krugh, was the recipient of 2007-2008 Mini Grant Award. She worked with Deena Donaho and Professor Clark Friesen for project at the Volunteer Center at Lone Star College-Tomball. She gave countless hours of volunteer: Learning Fair, Winter Wonderland, Donor Luncheon, International Conference, etc.

Our Education Department was presented the “Volunteer of the Soul Award” for sending the students to tutor at Boys and Girls Country on April 4, 2008. Mary Ann Jackson attended the luncheon for the Education Department and student volunteers.
The picture below conveys the significant contribution of our Math faculty members to students’ life and the College’s success.

With the income that we received from the royalties earned on each Math Lab manual written by our own Math teachers, we were able to set up another endowment. The $15,000 were put in the Lone Star College-Foundation to invest and will generate $1,000 a year starting 01/01/2009 for our students at Lone Star College- Tomball.

The new endowment was set up to honor the service given by career mathematics faculty members at Lone Star College-Tomball who have retired from their teaching positions. With that purpose in mind, the new endowment will bear the name “Tomball College Commemorative Mathematics Scholarship”

The Donor Luncheon was held on Tuesday, April 15, 2008. This is the nice tradition of Lone Star College – Tomball to honor the donors and make connection between the donors and the scholarship recipients. Currently our Math Department, gave 6 scholarships of $500 each semester, and one $1,000 endowed scholarship each fiscal year. We will have additional $1,000 endowed scholarship next fiscal year.
Laura Boercker, Betty Burdett, Mark Hammerbacher, and Kathleen Randall were the newest members who joined our EEM family in Fall 2007.

Laura Boercker, hails from Purdue University – home of the Purdue OWL – “Online Writing Lab.” She already gave the presentation titled “Visual Rhetoric for Writing courses” at the Texas Collaboration for Teaching Excellence held in Corpus Christi last Summer. She impressed all the Committee Hiring members by her innovative teaching demonstration.

Betty Burdett began her relationship with Lone Star College-Tomball as an Adjunct Instructor August 2002. After working as Temporary Full Time as well as our adjunct for many terms, Betty accepted a permanent position as DS English/English faculty in our EEM family.

Mark Hammerbacher originally taught Math dual credit courses at Tomball High School, then became our Math adjunct before he decided to be a full-time Math EEM faculty member.

Kathleen Randall was our newest star. She took the position Division Assistant and worked closely with Marion Sommers and Duy Nguyen. She captured our attention and our hearts the first moment we met.

We also have Ranne Freese as a Temporary English Full Time faculty member Fall 2007. Ranne has been our English adjunct since 1993 and served as a Temporary English Full Time faculty member for several terms.

Talking about the new members who join our EEM family, we cannot forget to mention Marion Sommers. She started as the Division Assistant for our Division in March 2008. Her commitment and professionalism earned her a promotion to Division Coordinator just a few months later. Her good sense of humor and her patience are fully appreciated by our EEM members.

Our hearts broke with the news that both Kathleen Randall and Marion Sommers had to move to Norway and Florida, respectively, in January. In such a short time, Kathleen and Marion had contributed many efforts to the success of our College and our students.
We ended one era and open a new one with Patty Krugh, our Division Coordinator, and Marva Pixton, our Division Assistant. Patty Krugh came to us after serving as the Division Assistant for BSHSS Division since August 2006, and Marva Pixton came from LDS Family Services. Together, they are doing wonderful work for our EEM Division. Patty received numerous compliments about the textbook adoption process that she developed. Marva has helped our Faculty members, the Director, the Dean, and the Chairs with her marvelous talent creating flyers and brochures.

On the faculty side, we welcomed Mary Ann Jackson as our Interim Director of Education Programs and Martha Donnelly as our Temporary Full Time Math Instructor in Spring 2008. Both of them are not strangers to our Division. Martha, besides teaching our Math courses, she also works on CLIC grant with Pam Womack and Mary Ann Jackson, is our regular Education Adjunct and she also works for the Teacher Certification Program in the Continuing Education Department.

We would like to also mention the hiring of the new Counselor in the Student Success Department (formerly the Student Life Department), Lisa Davis. She replaced Lisa Hibner, and will work with our Division very closely about the Developmental Studies programs. She also teaches HUMD courses for us.

GLOBAL AWARENESS ACTIVITY...

Linda Bryan is continuing to be the Director of International Studies for Lone Star College-Tomball in Fall 2007. She kept us informed about the planned activities in the International Center, including the 5th Annual International Education Conference (first time at LSC-Tomball), International Education Week, and the exciting overseas trips in Spring and Summer 2008. She is also very active member in Houston World Affairs Council, and shared information about the upcoming workshops, seminars to all faculty members and staffs at the College.
She coordinated the International Week in November 2007 with variety of group activities featuring different countries around the world.

“I’d like to thank everyone involved in making IE Week a success: Jackie Stirling, Denise Bryant, Barbara Lujan, and Fonda Johnson. Special thanks to Jennifer Newton and Sharon Alewine for coordinating many of the activities.” Linda Bryan, November 19, 2007

Linda was instrumental in moving the Annual International Education Conference from Lone Star College-Cy-Fair to Lone Star College-Tomball in April 2008. Barbara Lujan, and Duy Nguyen co-presented the session “Body Talk: A World of Gestures” at the Conference, which focused on how people overcome differences in culture and effectively communicate with the community.

Increasing the Global Awareness among our students is one of the top priorities of Pat Stone and our Division. After attending the Conference “League for Innovation” in Denver, Pat Stone finds any opened opportunity to share the information of “America’s Perfect Storm” presentation, as the “Wake-Up” call for many challenges lie ahead.

BEYOND TEACHING...

The Achieving the Dream Initiative is in spotlight now; this initiative requires continuous attention from our faculty members across the System, and in our Division, particularly. In TCIAT meeting on August 1, 2007, Dr. Murray solicited our faculty members to serve on several task forces.

How wonderful that we chose the Dream Catcher as our Division symbol, with all the faculty members out there to catch our students’ dreams and help to make them become reality.

- Lisa Davis, new Tomball counselor (teaching HUMD course), and Cecelia Cameron (teaching our DS English course) served on Task Force 1.
- Patty Zachary and Dr. Peg Crider served as the College Representatives with Dr. Murray in Task Force 2.
- Pam Womack served as Co-Chair and Roger Jay served as the College representative in Task Force 3.
- Patty Falbo was recommended to serve as Co-Chair in Task Force 4.
- Dr. Van Piercy served as the College Representative in Task Force 6.
- Doug Boyd and Kim Carter served as the College Representatives with Kathy Sanchez served as Chair in Task Force 7.
- Mark Hammerbacher served as the College representative in Task Force 8.
- Dr. Robert Jones served as the College Representative in Task Force 9.
- Patty Zachary and Roger Jay served as SOS coordinators for Math 0308.

Scott Travis is the new Distance Learning Committee Representative.

Dr. Greg Oaks serves on the Lone Star College System Writing Awards Committee 2007-2008.

Kathy Sanchez, and Claudia Davis were appointed as the Department Chairs by Dr. Hawkins for 2007-2008.

“Please join me in congratulating them and, when you have an opportunity, thank them for dedicating themselves to this task as we begin a new academic year.” Dr Ray Hawkins, August 17, 2007.
Sandra Angel (our former Staff Assistant), Denise Bryant (teaching HUMD course), Kim Carter, Connie Garrick (teaching HUMD course), Kitty Jay, Jeff Norem are among the faculty members who participated in New Student Orientation 2007-2008 Event as the Committee Members.

“We have had a great committee working on this program this year and they all deserve a big pat on the back!” Shannon Marino, Program Manager of Student Activities.

Kim Carter participated in the interdisciplinary service-learning project of making the Tomball Centennial Video, which was opened to staff and faculty to view on December 6th, 2007. The making this Video marked a great relationship between our College and its Community.

Brown Bag Seminars is a project of the Student Success Department, which aims to help the students with the tricks, tips, and strategies to succeed in studying. Our EEM faculty members who devoted their time to help with the project are: Pam Womack, Doug Boyd, Peg Crider, Sylvia Martinez, Claudia Davis, Bo Rollins, Mindy Coleman, Brian Reeves, and Lisa Davis.
Dr. Crider took the Spring 2008 as a bank leave semester. She deserved a much needed rest after working extremely hard Fall 2007 delivering the products for the AL grant and the Rx for ER grant.

Van Piercy continues to be the PSC Faculty Fellow. He facilitates 10 sessions on Fridays in Spring 2008 about “Academic Ethics and Faculty Responsibilities.” His devotion helps to create the in-house professional development opportunity for all faculty members in our campus.

Needless to say, our EEM faculty members continue to offer service to help our students as well as to contribute to the College success. The tasks are huge, the efforts are invaluable, and the words are unable to describe.

Linda Bryan continues to lead the International Program and Services for Lone Star College-Tomball

Bo Rollins continues to sponsor the PTK organization. The Fall 2007 induction ceremony was held on November 6, 2007 in the Beckendorf Conference Center with 74 new inductees. The Spring 2008 induction ceremony was held on March 25, 2008 with 53 new inductees.

Patti Falbo continues to involve in PLC-MAP project and the Future Teacher Club.

Van Piercy sponsors the Chess Club, and Van also played the role of interpreter for the Live Chess game during the Learning Fair event. He led the students who joined the Chess Club to compete at the Southwest Collegiate Chess Tournament at the Hilton of the Americas hotel in downtown Houston on March 8, 2007, competed with the National Chess Experts. Van also organized the trip for the Chess Club member to compete against Lone Star College – Cy-Fair on March 28, 2008.

Barbara Lujan continues to sponsor the SALSA Club.


Our Staff and our Faculty members enjoyed a nice day outside at the Fall Fest 2007. Many faculty members who sponsored Student Clubs attended the event with enthusiasm. The Math Department
helped with the dunking booth - student had to solve 3 Math problems to get 1 throw. Rachel Whitten, Eric Wildman, Claudia Davis, Patti Falbo, and Melinda Coleman were the faculty members who were soaking wet that day.

Other faculty members manned the booth with the Student Club in Fall Fest 2007 were: Van Piercy, Bo Rollins, Kathy Russell, and Barbara Lujan.

The biggest Community event of our College is the Winter Wonderland. The Community appreciated it and our staff and faculty enjoyed it. This event just got bigger every year. Almost everyone in our Division volunteered their time to help with that memorable night on November 29, 2007. Here and there, people saw Pat help with the popcorn machine, Duy take care the Dining area, Patti and Rachel help with games, rides, Roger and Peg on stage singing, and many more.

“FIRST THING FIRST – My humble thanks to all who participated in the 2007 Winter Wonderland event” Suzann Staats, Chair of Committee.

“This is the best event we have all year and an impressively successful contribution....” Dusty Capistran, President of Faculty Senate.
Our College had a great reputation about caring for our students and our community. In Fall we have Fall Fest, in Winter we have Winter Wonderland, and in Spring, we have Spring Fling. The Spring Fling event was scheduled on March 5th. It was a beautiful day outside, and our faculty and staff enjoyed the lunch time with games, music, and food. Most of our sponsored clubs had a table at the event: Chess Club with Van Piercy, PTK with Bo Rollins, Math Club with Sudoku Challenge manned by Patti Falbo, Future teacher club – World of Tattoo manned by Mary Ann Jackson, and Salsa club manned by Barbara Lujan. Our Division also had a table with the impressive Wheel of Fortune made by our own staff, Marva Pixton.

March 24, 2008 may be a regular day for most of our employees at Lone Star College-Tomball but not for our Division. Pat called a meeting between our faculty and the High School teachers to discuss about the new standards set by the State for “College Readiness.” Eleven high school teachers and about 18 faculty members of our College attended. Among them are: Pat Stone, Claudia Davis, Martha Donnelly, Mark Hammerbacher, Kim Carter, Kathy Sanchez, Roger Jay, and Van Piercy. Marva Pixton, and Patty Krugh worked extra hours together with Duy Nguyen and Mark Hammerbacher to make sure all details were well taken care of.

“My thanks to all who were involved. These discussions are invaluable. I appreciate all the time and effort you commit to it for our students and those in our area schools” from Dr. Murray.

In Fall 2007, Mary Ann Jackson was asked to be on the Aldine Academy Peer Review Team as their community representative. Aldine Academy is a professional development lab school for Lone Star College-Tomball. The Peer Review team received eight hours of training on “Quality & Excellence”. In Spring 2008, Mary Ann Jackson participated on two Peer Reviews in Aldine ISD.

Our EEM family competed for the System Cup in the Conference Day system-wide on February 21, 2008 at Lone Star College-Kingwood. The winners were: Roger Jay (1st place in Washers), Patty Zachary (Basketball).

FROM THE DEAN....

A Dream Team was selected by Pat as the key players for our Division. They are: the Dean, the Chairs, the DS Lead Faculty, the Division Office Staff, and the Willow Chase Coordinators. The Team met once a month to discuss plans for upcoming events or share news. Pat sent numerous emails to communicate first with the Team to give her a solid base or any insight before making many decisions. This model seems to be working well in our Division.

Let’s hear from Pat...
“EEM Faculty and Staff – I just found out that TC will be participating in a pilot of this new survey from CCSSE...” July 26, 2007, referred to the Survey of Entering Student Engagement (SENSE).

“EEM Full Time Faculty and Staff - .....but I am starting to receive documents created in Office 2007...” July 27, 2007, referred to information about Office 2007 installing and Turnitin Training.

“Everyone – Kathy Randall is the new Staff Assistant in the EEM Division...” August 1, 2007, introduced Kathy Randall to the College.

“ EEM Faculty – Do you or will you have any outreach initiatives this next semester?...” August 8, 2007, referred to assignment of Kathy Randall to be our Division contact for outreach projects.

“Everyone - ... Do you know of anyone who is qualified to teach either of these courses...” August 14, 2007, referred to the desperate call to hire the English and DS English adjuncts.

“EEM Faculty – for many reasons legitimate students in your classes may not be...” September 5, 2007, referred to the importance of Official Day Roll.

“ District information on Adjunct Certification ideas...” September 6, 2007, referred to the Adjunct Certification initiative.

“Everyone – passing on these reports as of census day. We are up in enrollments, average class size, “ September 12, 2008, pointed some interesting facts of Fall 2007 course enrollment.

“ EEM Faculty – The Texas Higher Education Board is asking us to report any and all “P-16” connections.” September 13, 2007, asked the faculty for any connections made to ISDs or College.

“EEM Faculty and Staff – Here is an excerpt from the last CSED Meeting that pertains to the 6-Drop rule” September 21, 2007, about the launch of 6-Drop rule.

“EEM Dream Team – October 26th is our deadline for getting the Summer 08 schedule to Marion.” October 4, 2007, referred to the suggestion to build late start Summer courses.

“ EEM Dream Team – The Academy is a quality leadership experience provided by our college district...” October 15, 2007, introduced the 2008 Academy Professional Development experience.

“EEM Faculty – Jennifer Jauma has set up a way to your students to bypass the MyRecords gate so that...” October 15, 2007, referred to the Student Evaluation Fall 2007.


“Everyone – I have been asked by Ryan Carsten to supply the number of faculty in our Division...” October 31, 2007, referred to the Tegrity pilot project.

“Everyone – this is what I was talking about http://www.thecb.state.tx.us/college readiness at our meeting…” November 12, 2007, referred to the new Texas College Readiness Standard.

“EEM Staff and Faculty – Beginning Spring 08, there will be $2.00/credit hour tuition increase for general use…” November 12, 2007, refereed to the tuition increase in Spring 08.

“EEM Staff and Faculty – I just found out about the calendar for Spring 09 and Fall 09…” November 14, 2007, talked about the Spring 2009 calendar just approved.

“EEM Staff and Faculty – this article summarizes 5 years of CCSSE results. Pretty interesting…” November 15, 2007, talked about the CCSSE report.

“EEM Faculty – Below are the Benchmarking Institutions that our Chancellor…” November 26, 2007, referred to the EC meeting on 11/12/2007.

“EEM Staff and Faculty – Fall 07 has been a very busy and challenging semester and I know that you are…” December 12, 2007, sent a good Happy Holidays wish!

“EEM Faculty – I found out this webinar is free and wanted to pass the opportunity…” January 3, 2008, referred to the free Webinar about teaching online.

“EEM Faculty – I have been asked to get this message to you so that you can help verify…” January 9, 2008, stressed the importance of Official Day Roll paperwork.

“English 1301, Math 1314 and Math 0308 Faculty – We need your help for an important Lone Star College-Tomball Achieving the Dream…” February 4, 2008, called for participation the survey about almost-drop students in gate keeper courses. The result was sent out on April 08, 2008.

“Everyone – I wasn’t at this meeting. There are a couple of interesting items. Deans recommend –“ February 28, 2008, referred to the change in sub pay for full time faculty.

“Everyone – This seems like a good idea to me – what do you think?” February 28, 2008, referred to the order of listing the hybrid courses in the printed schedule.

“Everyone – Below is some information about the status of e-Vista issues and reporting issues with e-Vista” March 5, 2008, referred to the problems about e-Vista.

“EEM Faculty – It is time to announce to your students the opportunity to evaluate their courses – “ March 11, 2008, reminded our faculty about the Student Evaluation in Spring 2008.

“Everyone – We need to make sure that our computerized course materials are compatible…” March 11, 2008, referred to the Windows XP Professional upgrade for courses online.
“Everyone – thought you might like to read this article...” March 12, 2008, referred to the article posted in Education Week – Arts and Smarts.

“Everyone – I have been asked to share this information with you. LSC-Tomball will not have a Study Abroad trip to England...” March 12, 2008, referred the Study Abroad opportunity at LCS-Montgomery.

“Everyone – The power point at the bottom of this link was delivered by Irwin Kirsch at the League of Innovations Conference...” March 12, 2008, referred to the “America’s Perfect Storm” presentation.

“Everyone – these are the focus group results for students that dropped either a DS Math, DS Engl, Math 1314, or Engl 1301 course...” April 4, 2008, referred to the Early Alert initiative result.

“EEM Faculty – Tomorrow the Achieving the Dream Taskforce Chairs will present to the Executive Council proposals for Achieving the Dream initiatives from the various taskforces...” April 8, 2008, referred to the Student Engagement Professional Development.

“EEM Faculty – We will soon be embarking on another round of strategic planning for our System...” April 9, 2008, referred to our Division Mission Statement.

“EEM Faculty – Attached are the new Workload Guidelines – this has been a long time coming and will considerably help us...” April 12, 2008, about the new Faculty Workload Guideline recently adopted.

“Everyone – this would be a worthwhile endeavor for Math, DS English, and English faculty.” April 16, 2008, invited our faculty to attend Dr. Tafari’s presentation at North Harris.

“Dream Team – I have a feeling we are going to be asked to support these goals with our Division...” April 17, 2008, referred to the IE report for last year’s achievement.

“EEM Faculty and Staff – I just found out today that a Strategic Planning Document is due from us Monday, May 5th” April 28, 2008, referred to the Strategic Planning document.
Students who received the Fall 2007 Tomball College Developmental Math Scholarship are:

- Suazanna Qualls
- Angel McAdoo
- Paola Morales
- Salma Jetha
- Ashley Phompakdy
- Trisha Brittain

Students who received the 2007-2008 Tomball College Math Excellence endowment Scholarship is:

- Nathalie Hidalgo

Students who received the Spring 2008 Tomball College Developmental Math Scholarship are:

- Trisha Brittain
- Salma Jetha
- Suzanna Qualls
- Ana Hernandez
- Devina Moore
- Hardev Singh

Congratulations to all deserved students!

On Friday, October 26, 2007, the Math department organized a meeting with Debra Rockefeller, Christine Salmon, Chris Duffy, and Hilton LaSalle to discuss the problems that the Math faculty encountered when they built the Math courses online with Vista, new platform for Distance Learning course.

VC Patel and Claudia are on the Lone Star College-Tomball student Government Association Advisory Council.

Our Math faculty members were very active in helping students. Besides teaching, they serve as Math Tutors and also lead the Math study groups. To name a few: Suzanne Mattair, Lizabeth Flint, Kitty Jay, Patti Falbo, Dave Sundquist, Mindy Coleman, VC Patel, Patty Zachary, Roger Jay, Rachel Whitten, and Mark Hammerbacher. The Math adjuncts who completed the Adjunct Faculty Certification Program are: Martha Donnelly, Nateli Fudge, Denise Hammond, and Beverly Timmer. Suzanne Mattair, our last year Adjunct Faculty excellence award recipient, served as the facilitator of the program.
Our Math Department had to say goodbye to two senior Colleagues: Dr. Bill Powell and Dr. Dorothy Stowers. The College-wide reception was held on November 27, 2007 to celebrate the new chapter of their lives. It was a very emotional meeting and the new endowment was created to honor the Math Professors who retired from their career. Janet Moore created a PowerPoint presentation to make this gathering a memorable event for them.

The M.A.T.H. Club students took the Student Math League Competition on October 24, 2007. They were striving for the best! We have Adam Liu (1st place -15.5 points), Maemar Correa (2nd place – 11 points) and Laura Tolley (3rd place-7.5 points). In March 2008, the Club hosted the second Student Math League Exam. Dr. Eric Wildman accepted to be the guest speaker to talk with the Club in April.

The Math Department and the Math Club joined the effort to bring Dr. Jeff Groah to the College to present the “Black Hole & Cosmology”. The topic was very interesting and lots of people request them to invite him again. Thanks, M.A.T.H. Club!
Taking a bank leave this Spring does not stop Peg Crider from working. She moderated and participated in a Panel Discussion on Evaluation and Online Teaching for the ICTCM (International Conference on the Teaching of Collegiate Mathematics) this Spring in San Antonio. Peg served on the Program Committee for this prestigious international conference.

Roger Jay, with a voice that rivals Frank Sinatra, joined the Texas Master Chorale. He invited all Tomball staffs and Faculty members to come to Centrum on 6823 Cypresswood and enjoyed the performance of Texas Maser Choral, Klein Oak High School Choir, and an orchestra from Houston, to present the selections from Messiah and more.

Lone Star College - Tomball music student and math instructor, Scott Travis, recently competed in the Greater Houston National Association of Teachers of Singing student auditions, where he placed 2nd in the beginning adult division. Mr. Travis has only been studying voice for a little over a year through the college’s private voice course with instructor, Nicole Kenley.

“…lots of interesting research about the connection between the arts and learning.” Pat Stone.
Full Time Math faculty also volunteer to proctor Outcomes Assessments at Computer Labs both at Lone Star College-Tomball and Lone Star College-Willow Chase at the end of each semester to help students who got behind on required Outcome Assessments in Developmental Math courses. Janet Moore, Marva Pixton, Patricia Krugh, and Duy Nguyen also volunteered to proctor the test.

Our Math Bowl event was held on April 5, 2008 this Spring with student from 4 different high schools competed against each other. Our Math Department dedicated to this event since this is a great high school outreach activity. Plans are underway for a bigger and better Math Bowl next year. This event was pulled off due to a collaborative effort of the following math faculty under Rachel Whitten’s leadership: Roger Jay, Scott Travis, Patti Falbo, Mindy Coleman, Claudia Davis, Rui-Xiu Dai, Patty Zachary, Rick Smalley, and Mark Hammerbacher. Great job everyone!

Patti Falbo, once again, will be instrumental in organizing the TI-Nspire — Algebra Short Course in June 2008. This workshop is well-known among our area and provides the excellent opportunity for the Math teachers to learn how to use the technology TI-Nspire to enhance teaching and student learning of algebra concepts.

ENGLISH and DS ENGLISH CORNER...

Kathy Sanchez, our beloved English Department Chair, has been accepted into the Doctoral Program for Higher Education Leadership at Texas A &M University this Spring. Way to go, Kathy!

At the November Board Meeting, Pat proudly presented to the Board about our DS English Team ran the Accelerated Learning Conference in October.
Donna Willingham was invited to serve on the board of the North Harris County Council of Teachers of English, a local chapter of NCTE (National Council of Teachers of English), as a representative from the Lone Star College System. Donna is in demand as a speaker at conferences on her doctoral research on student vocabulary expansion in developmental education courses as well as her expertise in Accelerated Learning/Brain-based Learning teaching techniques throughout the country.

Kathy Sanchez presented a session at both Tomball College and Community Library and the Cy-Fair College and Community Library on the book, “Bless me, Ultima”, by Rudolfo Anaya, as a part of the Big Read Program.

“My faculty are celebrities!! First Pam, now you...” from Pat Stone.

Our English Department was involved in the event “Celebration of the Arts” with the faculty members in BSHSS Division. Kathy Sanchez, Melissa Studdard, Judy Harris, Irina Nizova, Jay Roger, Jeff Norem are among our EEM faculty members who participated in organizing as well as in performing. The event was scheduled in the Black Box Theatre on November 15, 2007 in Fall 2007. In Spring 2008, on May 1, the “Celebration of the Arts” committee members will gather again to honor Durell Forte, one of our students who began as a student in DS English and is now a published poet.

Betty Burdett was accepted to the Kellogg Institute this Summer. She will spend 6 weeks in Boone, North Carolina, and after she completes her Summer residency, she will implement the skills and knowledge acquired from the Institute to develop a program development project that will benefit greatly to our students.

“Glad to have another person going to Kellogg to learn and share with all of us. Congratulations Betty!” from Pat Stone.

Greg Oaks, Katherine Reynolds, and Melissa Studdard participated in a Lone Star College-Montgomery Writers in Performance event this Spring. Each of them read the excerpt from their works.
Pam Womack’s son followed the trail blazed by his mother. On March 7, 2008, he presented the “Military History Lecture Series” at Lone Star College – Montgomery. Let’s hear Pam talked about her son: “Yes! He got his brains and charming personality from my side of the family”. Congratulations Pam!

Van Piercy proudly presented a book reading session featuring Professor Danel Olson on November 15, 2007 in N-103. He is also our in-law faculty member. Danel is teaching for Lone Star College– North Harris and he came over here to share his view with us about his new spooky anthology book “Exotic Gothic,” just published by Ash-Tree Press.

Inkling will unveil the 2007-2008’s edition on Tuesday, April 29 to Tomball communities, faculty members, staffs, and students. This is the showcase of our students’ talents. Our Division is very proud of it and appreciated all the hard works from Dr. Rebecca Tate and Dr. Greg Oaks of collecting the submissions, selecting, and putting together in a very nice book. The panel of judge for the Creative Writing contest are: Becky Tate, Greg Oaks, Melissa Studdard, Kim Carter, Van Piercy, Katie Olson, and Doug Boyd.
Dr. Hawkins suggested the Lone Star College-Tomball hosted the first ever the Pre-K[now] Conference on October 17, 2007 and our Division coordinated the event. This conference was conducted via satellite. Invitations were sent to local daycare directors, elementary schools administrators. The conference focused on the strategies to expand the pre-k programs and improve the quality. Participants also brainstormed and planned activities to apply to the pre-k environment in local area.

There were 49 people attended including Dr. Hawkins and Dr. Murray. Kudos to Kathy Randall who had worked diligently to contact, set up, and compile the statistics for the conference!

“Thanks for doing this – It came off well and I know you and your staff had put lots of time and effort into making it successful. It is appreciated.” Dr. Murray

“Good work, Pat. Thanks.” Dr. Hawkins.

On November 1, 2007, Dr. Hawkins invited Pat to be his guest to report about this conference at the Board of Trustees meeting and to briefly convey how wonderful and how active our Division demonstrated throughout the year.

Mary Ann Jackson worked on the Stephen F. Austin State University FIPSE grant from April 2007 to December 2007. She researched, collected and presented the information about how the paraprofessionals can earn an on-line Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies degree at SFA so they can teach EC-4th grade. She presented to Tomball ISD and Aldine ISD faculty in Fall 2007.

By presenting this opportunity to local ISDs, paraprofessionals are given more choices on how they may complete degrees from home. Financial assistance is available to the students who qualify with the FIPSE Grant. Another of Mary Ann’s presentations for Magnolia ISD faculty is scheduled for April 23, 2008.

Mary Ann Jackson and Patti Falbo sponsored the Future Teacher Club. The Club enrollment has increased 120% from Fall 07 to Spring 08, from 20 students to 44 students. In Spring 2008, the Club hosted UH-Downtown, Texas Southern University, and Stephen F. Austin on our campus.
On March 4th, Mary Ann Jackson invited all Tomball faculty and staff to join the presentation by a national speaker, Frank Winstead, on the topic “Wayside Teaching in a Place called School”. This was one of many events, field trips, seminars, conferences that Mary Ann and the Future Teacher Club offered to our students in Spring semester.

On March 28, 2008, Mary Ann Jackson and Barbara Miller, brought 23 students from Future Teacher Club to attend the Texas Professional Educators Association Annual Conference in Austin. This was the largest number of students sent by a local chapter to attend the Conference in 30 years, according to Jessica McKay, the ATPE field representative from Austin. The student President, Jeffrey Gregory, was awarded an ATPE flag for our local chapter, and the group was awarded $50 gift certificate at the ATPE store. The Club was recognized as the Outstanding Chapter in Texas and was encouraged to apply for local university/college Chapter of the Year Award. Let’s hear Mary Ann talk about the group.

“I was really proud of our students and their dedication to their budding teaching career. ..The students were very professional, well-behaved and seemed excited to be at the ATPE Annual State Conference in Austin”.

“Wayside Teaching in a Place Called School” Presentation Flyer

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Not only we offered the courses for our students to be the teachers, our Teacher Education programs hosted the 4th Annual Education Job Fair at M.O. Campbell Center on March 27, 2008 to provide the job opportunities for our students with more than 20 area ISDs attended. The wonderful new was one of our TECA student and VP of the Future Teacher Club was hired as a paraprofessional on the spot.

Barbara Lujan continued to be the sponsor for H.O.P.E. project. She called for participation for an audio conference on February 6th about to recruit and retain the Hispanic students. The Hispanic population around our campus is increasing, so the H.O.P.E. project gained more and more popular.

One of our Human Development Adjunct, Joyce Finch, has successfully defended her dissertation and has earned the title of “Dr.” Hat off to Joyce!

“Fantastic...Congratulations Joyce!” from Ed Albracht.

**STAFF CORNER**

Fall semester started with the fun Learning Fair event at Tomball campus on September 14, 2007 and Willow Chase Center on September 13, 2007. Marion Sommers participated in the role of organizing the “People Chess Game” along with Kitty Jay. This was the first ever fun activity in the Learning Fair. She turned in countless hours making the floor game, making costumes and buying accessories. She received numerous compliments for the job well done. Some EEM faculty members who helped with the Learning Fair event in September were: VC Patel, Claudia Davis, Rick Smalley, Judy Harris, Kim Carter, Donna Willingham, Rachel Whitten, Van Piercy, Mindy Coleman, and Patti Falbo. Kathy Sanchez and Mindy Coleman served on the committee to set the Learning Fair up.
Duy Nguyen graduated from the inaugural class of The Academy, Lone Star College’s leadership development year-long professional development initiative. Duy has been asked to deliver her final presentation on the Communication Challenges in our System several times since last Spring to various audiences in our System.

College Night was always a fun night. With the steady flow of parents, grand-parents, and prospective students who came to our table to get a “flashlight” and the Halloween candy, we were able to advertise our programs and courses to nearly thousands of people. This year, Claudia Davis volunteered to work with Duy Nguyen. We had fun!

Keeping our annual tradition, our Division answered the call to “Share the Blessings!” from the BSHSS Division. At the same time, we heard the unfortunate thing happened to one of our own Lone Star College-Tomball employee, Amy Rios. She was pregnant at the time that her house was completely destroyed by fire. EEM family members donated money, clothes, household items, child care items. Pat Stone and Duy Nguyen presented the money collected for the cause the day before the Thanksgiving Holiday to Amy.

On November 29, Ivan Michael Rios was born. He weighed 9 lbs and measured 20.5 inches. Amy Rios sent the sincere thank to our EEM division for the kindness.

Janet Moore organized the Holiday Potluck for our Division on November 27th. This event provided an opportunity for our busy “worker bees” to pause, sit back, relax and enjoy visiting with colleagues. It was special this year, because we had to say goodbye to a lot of our friends: Dr. Kathy Russell, Sylvia Martinez, Marion Sommers, Kathy Randall, Dr. Bill Powell, and Dr. Dorothy Stowers. With the broken heart, we used this chance to wish them luck in their new life adventure: Dr. Russell moved out of town, Sylvia Martinez moved to Canada, Marion Sommers moved to Florida, Kathy Randall moved to Norway, Dr. Bill Powell retired, and Dr. Dorothy Stowers retired.
Duy Nguyen was selected to be on the “Career Exploration Video” created by the Human Resource Department at the Lone Star College System. There were a certain set of questions about the career path that she took within the Lone Star College System. The video then audited, refined by the LSC-Kingwood Media Team and presented in the Academy Leadership graduation.

Realized that Janet’s talents could be far more beneficial for the whole College, we agreed to “loan” her to work for Professional Support Center in Spring semester. She has been offering workshops, training, creating Faculty page, and helping the faculty members to create the course on Vista.

Patty Krugh and Duy Nguyen will serve in the Tester Team of Colleague version R-18. The Testing Team will meet at The University Center once a week, starting May 7, 2008. We would like to have the first hands-on experience of the new version of Colleague!

Duy Nguyen and her daughter crossed the finish line one more time at the “Race for the Cure” last October.

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**Fall 2007** headcount increased by 5.5% (437 students) to 8,453 and the enrollment increased by 4.9 % to 19,315 compared with Fall 2006. For our Division:

- Courses Offered: 383
- Courses Cancelled: 34
- Course Made: 349
- Enrollment: 7495
- College Enrollment: 19312
- Percentage: **39%**

**Spring 2008** headcount increased by 1.4% (113 students) to 8,018 and the course enrollment increased by 2% to 17,695 compared with Spring 2007. For our Division:

- Courses Offered: 360
- Courses Cancelled: 43
- Courses Made: 317
- Enrollment: 6,680
- College Enrollment: 17,695
- Percentage: **38%**
Below is the list of the Professional Development activities that our EEM family members attended or planned to attend since last report. Many of these were supported by our Division funds as well as grant funds and Lone Star College-Tomball and Lone Star College System Achieving the Dream funds:

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In Youth we learn, in Age we understand!

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Mark Hammerbacher (01/31)
Claudia Davis (02/04)
Brian Reeves (02/27)
Peg Crider (03/03)
Donna Willingham (03/21)
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Scott Travis (04/28)
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Linda Bryan (05/24)
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Irina Nizova (09/14)

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Martha Donnelly (11/07)
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Greg Oaks (11/15)
Patti Falbo (11/16)
Marva Pixton (12/08)
Betty Burdett (12/23)

Patty Zachary (10/13)
Rui-Xiu Dai (10/15)
Congratulations to Dr. Kathy Russell! Her new grandson, named Joshua Brandon McWilliams, was born on 10/17/2007, in Colorado Springs. He had a lot of dark hairs, weighed 7lbs 10oz and measured 21” long.

Congratulations to Dr. Peg Crider! Her new granddaughter, named Lauren Ainsley Starpp, was born on November 5, 2007. She had dark hair, was amazingly alert, weighed 9lbs 10 oz, and measured 21” long.

Congratulations to Van & Penny Piercy on the birth of their new son! Mark Alan Piercy was born on November 10, 2007. He weighed 8lbs 6oz. and measured 21.5” long. Mark was born three weeks premature, and he had to stay in the hospital for a length of time. His Mom and Dad were the proud parents of all.


Pam Womack ‘s nephew arrived home safely on Friday, April 18, 2008 after 15-month tour of duty in Baghdad.

Kim Carter went through the nerve-racking and long process to adopt a child. In March she finally flew to China and met CiCi Cheng Ann Carter, a gorgeous two years old girl, for the first time and brought her back home to the US. Both the parent and child are doing pretty well, and Kim has learned some Mandarin to communicate with Cece. Dr. Riu-Xiu Dai helped Kim to translate some “key” words.
On August 28, Pat invited other Division members and some of the EEM key players to take the survey “StrengthsQuest.”. We hope later, we will have enough funds to provide to each member our EEM family to take the survey. Pat believes that any organization which is built to maximize and utilize each member’s strengths is definitely a winner.

Some of the results reported back to us are:

EEM Division – Top Five Talent Themes

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Each of the strengths identified above was described fully in the book. With the limit of our report, we can just briefly explain some significant strengths that most of our Division have possessed:

**Learner (8):** Love to learn. Will always be drawn to the process of learning.

**Intellection (6):** Like to think, to perform the mental activities and appreciate intellectual discussions.

**Analytical (6):** Like data and find the patterns and connections. Challenge others’ ideas proven to be true.

**Achiever (6):** Constant need for achievement. Must achieve something at the end of the day.

**Responsibility (6):** Take ownership for anything thing you commit to, and bound to follow it through.

**Input (5):** You are inquisitive. Like to collect things, and information because of your interest.

**Maximizer (5):** Excellence, not average, is your measure. Seek to transform something strong into something superb.

**Harmony (4):** Always looking for areas of agreement, and reduce the conflict to a minimum.

**Consistency (4):** Balance is important to you. Treat everyone the same.

**Developer (3):** Will be drawn to develop the full potential in persons who you interact.

**Ideation (3):** Fascinated by ideas. Able to find connections between seemingly disparate phenomena.

**Empathy (3):** Able to sense the emotions and share the perspective of those around you.

**Relator (3):** Like to be around, and work hard with the close friends and comfortable with intimacy.

**Focus (2):** Set goals for every situation, every day, and keep everyone on point.

**Restorative (2):** Enjoy the challenge of solving problems.
Adaptability (2): Very flexible person who can stay productive when the demands pulling in many directions at once.

Self-Assurance (2): Know that you are able to take risks, able to meet new challenges, and able to deliver. Very confident person.

Strategic (2): Able to sort through the clutter and find the best route.

Positivity (1): Lighthearted, generous with praise, and always on the look–out for the positive.

Context (1): Look back the earlier time to understand the present.

Belief (1): You have certain core values that are enduring.

Connectedness (1): Believe in things happen for a reason. You are considerate, caring and accepting.

Deliberative (1): You are careful, vigilant, and a private person.

Discipline (1): You set up routines, plan, organize, timelines and deadlines. You want to feel in control.

Includer (1): “Stretch the circle wider” is your philosophy. Want to include more people in groups.

Arranger (1): Enjoy to manage all the variables, aligning them to get things done in a most efficient way.

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