

April 2010



Hello, LSC-Tomball!

The month of April marks the first anniversary of my interview at LSC-Tomball. When I visited this campus last year, I knew that LSC-Tomball was unique and a perfect fit with what I was looking for in a college presidency. Eight months on the job has only strengthened this feeling. I am living my dream as president of LSC-Tomball!

Student Success and Engagement

Model United Nations Student Delegation Honored

Congratulations to the LSC-Tomball Model United Nations delegates. They were recognized as members of a Distinguished Delegation for their representation of Ukraine in the 2010 National Model United Nations Conference at the UN Headquarters in New York.



Out of 300 plus colleges and universities, only 30 were recognized with an award. Pictured at right with Government professor David Birch, the team members are: Durell Forte, Anna Bakharyeva, Ruth Jones, and Dillon Norton.

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Scholarship Luncheon

Each year, LSC-Tomball hosts a luncheon to honor individuals, organizations and businesses whose contributions provide scholarships for students. This event provides an opportunity for donors to meet the students whose lives they have touched through their scholarships. This year's luncheon was held on March 23.



Above: Students enjoying the March 23 Scholarship Luncheon



At left: Dr. Karr with donors Elmer and Dorothy Beckendorf at the Scholarship Luncheon.

Student Mathematics League Competition

LSC-Tomball math students placed 7th out of the 17 colleges competing in the Southwest Region Mathematics League Competition on March 3.



LSC-Tomball's top five scorers, were (from left to right) Paul Engelke, Tim Killalea, Duy Nguyen, Hayley Redweik, and Daniel Soetanto (not pictured).

Vet Tech Graduates Attain 100% Pass Rate

Once again LSC-Tomball's Veterinary Technology program graduates have a 100% pass rate for their certification exams. Each graduate passed all phases of the State and National Veterinary Technology Board examinations, administered in Austin in January 2010. The annual pass rate for the 160 AVMA schools in the US and Canada averages 65%.

Students Recognized at Art League Competition

Students in professor Earl Staley's painting class recently won awards at the Woodlands Art League Competition. Students receiving awards at this event were: Debra Trittico (pictured at right with her work), Muriel Wilson, Cris Almond, Mandy Hamilton, and Suzan Norman.



Spring Celebration of the Arts

Our spring Celebration of the Arts on March 25 opened with a vocal performance by professor Roger Jay and a poetry reading by professor Katherine Reynolds.

Student poetry readings were given by Robert Howard, Durell Forte, Therese Crews, and Delores Evans.

Student musical performances featured Walkyria Orellana, Maritza Ortega, Merari Garcia, Valence Ducre, and Scot Wheeler.



Students Merari Garcia (singing) and Maritza Ortega (guitar) performing at Celebration of the Arts

Phi Theta Kappa Spring Induction

On April 6, the LSC-Tomball Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa inducted 35 new members.

Tracy Stoddard, vice-president elect for District IV of the Texas Phi Theta Kappa Region, delivered the keynote address.



PTK inductee Jimmy Johnson (left) with Dr. Susan Karr and Dr. Bo Rollins, Phi Theta Kappa faculty advisor

Accolades

Adjunct Faculty Excellence Reception

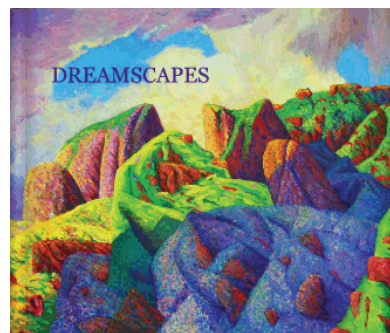


This year's adjunct faculty award winners were honored at the Adjunct Faculty Excellence Award Reception on April 6.

Recipients of the award were Biology professor Lewis Boyle, Math professor Suzanne Mattair, and Music professor So Yoon Lee (not pictured).

Art Professor Earl Staley Publishes *Dreamscapes*

Congratulations to Art professor Earl Staley on the publication of his new book, *Dreamscapes*. Professor Staley states that the paintings featured in *Dreamscapes* are influenced by the New Mexico landscape near Santa Fe.



Community Partnerships

Fine Arts Exhibit Visits LSC-Tomball Community Library



The Library welcomes *Once Upon a Time: Telling Stories Through Clay*, a traveling exhibition from the Museum of Fine Arts in Houston. This exhibition features unique works of art that tell stories through clay plates, cups, teapots, and sculptures.

Chamber's First Friday Luncheon



Senior Vice Chancellor Rand Key and Associate Vice Chancellor, Workforce Development, Linda Head, presented information to the Greater Tomball Area Chamber of Commerce on April 9.

Entitled *Workforce Development for Small Business*, the presentation highlighted opportunities available to area businesses through the Lone Star College System's workforce programs

Hispanic Outreach

LSC-Tomball has established liaisons with Hispanic leaders, school administrators, and pastors in the service area to promote the many opportunities available to the community through the College.

College Hispanic outreach efforts include representation at Waller Hispanic Parents' Night, the Conferencia de Familias sponsored by Hispanic churches in Magnolia and Tomball, and by hosting a variety of workshops and seminars throughout the year for Hispanic families and students.



Outreach Coordinator Irene Briggs at Waller Hispanic Parents' Night

Meet the Executive Council

Each month we will spotlight a different member of the Lone Star College System's Executive Council. This month we feature Rand Key, Senior Vice Chancellor of the Lone Star College System.



Rand W. Key serves as the Senior Vice Chancellor of the Lone Star College System. In his role, Key is responsible for coordinating the day-to-day administrative and auxiliary operations. Specifically, he oversees the system's workforce development and corporate college, human resources, general counsel, institutional research and effectiveness, public safety, campus security planning and the University Centers.

Key holds a Juris Doctorate from the Cumberland School of Law of Samford University, where he also received his M.B.A. He received his M.Ed. from the University of Alabama and also received his B.S. from Samford University.

Upcoming Events

- April 16 - International Education Conference
- April 23 - Groundbreaking ceremonies for new construction
- April 28 - LSCS District Creative Writing Faculty Reading