

## Message from the President

*The greatest gift is a portion of thyself. – Ralph Waldo Emerson*

At the close of every fall semester, we have the opportunity to unwind from our hectic lives during our holiday break. This well-deserved break gives us some time to rest and focus on what matters most...family, friends, and relationships.



It is people that make our lives meaningful and fulfilling, not gifts. In education, as well as in life, it is the relationships we form that make all the difference. A relationship can turn a professor into a mentor, a student into a learner, an employee into a colleague, and an organization into a team. That is why LSC-Tomball is more than a college, it is a **community**.

Thank you for making such a positive difference. Enjoy the holidays!

## Student Success & Engagement

### Jonas Rodriguez Wins Student Essay Contest

Jonas Rodriguez is the winner of the LSC Foundation's 18th Annual Student Essay Challenge for LSC-Tomball. As the winner, Rodriguez will receive a \$1,000 scholarship and will be a guest of honor at the Chancellor's Breakfast on January 26.



Rodriguez is earning his associate's degree at LSC-Tomball and plans to transfer to the University of Houston Northwest Campus, located on the LSC-University Park campus, to earn his bachelor's degree.

### Surg Tech Graduates Earn Certifications & Pins

The graduates of the Surgical Technology (Surg Tech) program were recognized at the pinning ceremony on December 8. Fourteen students completed the program, and 11 of them already passed the certification exam. Before receiving their graduation pins, the 14 candidates took the pledge of the surgical technologist.

This is the fourth class to graduate from the Surg Tech program, which began in Spring 2007.



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### Mission

Lone Star College System provides comprehensive educational opportunities and programs to enrich lives.

## Game Showcase Highlights Student Projects

LSC-Tomball hosted the Game Showcase on December 9. At the showcase, students, staff, faculty, and members of the community had the opportunity to play dozens of game prototypes that were created by students in the Game Design & Simulation program during the semester.

Held each semester, the showcase allows students to receive feedback on their game designs. The students can then revise their ideas, if needed, to further develop their games. Game testers, in particular, have plenty of fun as they help the game designers.

After the showcase, some guests stayed for the “Sound Design” and “Screening Video Games” presentations. A meet-and-greet with the student game designers and speakers followed.



## Student Success & Engagement

### Student Group Wins Best Float in Parade

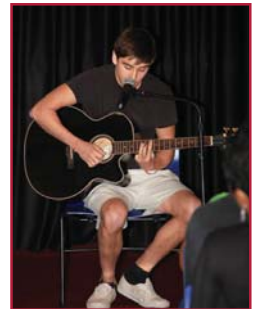
The Student Activities Board (SAB) at LSC-Tomball won the Best Youth Float award at the Tomball Holiday Parade on November 20. SAB won for its clever spin on the parade theme, “Peace, Love, and the Holidays.”



Inspired by Dr. Seuss’ classic Christmas tale, “How the Grinch Stole Christmas,” SAB created a “Who-ville” float sporting the theme, “Who’s for Peace, Love, and the Holidays?”

### Celebration of the Arts Offers Open Platform

On November 11, LSC-Tomball hosted Celebration of the Arts, an open-performance platform. Held each semester, the event encourages guests to celebrate the arts by *participating* in the arts. At Celebration of the Arts, students, staff and faculty read original poetry, sang songs, played music and performed dances.



To keep the celebration pure, participants do not audition and audience members do not judge.

### Holiday Concert Puts Audience in Holiday Spirit

The LSC-Tomball Music Department presented its annual Holiday Concert on December 8. The student concert choir performed a rich repertoire of classic Christmas songs, including “The Twelve Days of Christmas,” “Conventry Child,” “Jazz Gloria,” “The Little Drummer Boy,” and “Grinch!”



The choir’s full, powerful sound delighted the ears of the audience and kindled the holiday spirit. (Pictured, left to right in center: President Dr. Susan Karr and Music Professor Dr. Cheryl Bates with the Student Concert Choir.)

## Recent Events

### “Nunsense” Keeps the Laughs Rolling

The LSC-Tomball Theater Department presented the musical comedy “Nunsense” November 18-20. “Nunsense” told the story of five nuns who return to the convent one evening only to find their fellow sisters have been accidentally laid to rest by the cook, Sister Julia. On a shoestring budget, the nuns use their talent and wit to put on a variety show to raise enough money to give their poisoned sisters a proper burial.



The stars of this production belted out the humor and kept the audience in stitches.

## Applause

### Allied Siding & Windows Wins Business Award



The LSCS Small Business Development Center (SBDC) Advisory Council gave Allied Siding & Windows of Tomball the 2010 Small Business of the Year award on November 18. Owned by Leonard and Pam Courtright, Allied Siding & Windows was the winner for the LSC-Tomball area.

Each year, this award is given to a small business that positively impacts the local community. (Pictured, left to right: LSCS Chancellor Dr. Richard Carpenter, Allied Siding & Windows Owners Leonard and Pam Courtright, and President Dr. Susan Karr)

## Partnerships

### TSU Opens New Campus at LSC-University Park

Texas Southern University (TSU) opened its new Northwest Campus at LSC-University Park on December 9. Beginning in January, TSU will offer several bachelor and master degree programs. This partnership allows LSC-Tomball students to transfer to TSU and complete their bachelor's degree at the TSU Northwest Campus.



LSCS and TSU partnered to provide Northwest Houston students greater access to comprehensive higher education offerings.

### Holiday Fest Opens Doors to Community

On December 3, hundreds of people walked through the doors of LSC-Tomball for Holiday Fest. The college hosts this event every year as a gift to the community.

During Holiday Fest, the Commons and East Hall transformed into a series of magical, festive towns offering plenty of free fun and entertainment for the children. Santa Claus, however, was still the main attraction at Holiday Fest, and children flocked to get a photo taken with him.



## Upcoming Events

- **Holiday Break** (Offices Closed):  
December 20 - January 2
- **Adjunct Faculty In-Service:**  
January 8 from 8 a.m. to noon,  
Beckendorf Conference Center
- **Classes Begin:** January 18

## Extra! Extra!

Two-year colleges provide a 6.9 percent rate of return on the state's investment...The study, *Moving Texas Forward*, found that community colleges contribute 1.6 billion to the state economy each year.

—*Houston Business Journal*, 11-15-10

## Partnerships

### LSCS and University of Houston Meet

Officials from LSCS and the University of Houston (UH) met on November 29 at LSC-University Park to discuss joint admissions, professional development opportunities, and other possible collaborations. UH recently opened its new Northwest Campus at LSC-University Park on August 26. LSCS and UH forged a partnership to better serve the higher education needs of Northwest Houston students.



(Pictured, left to right: Dr. Lonnie Howard, director of University Outreach at UH; Penny Westerfeld, chief executive officer of LSC-University Park; Dr. Felicia Moore, vice president of Instruction at LSC-Cy-Fair; Dr. John Roberts, dean of College of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences at UH; Dr. Marshall Schott, assistant vice president of Educational Technology & University Outreach at UH; Dr. Susan Karr, president of LSC-Tomball; Dr. Donetta Goodall, vice chancellor of Academic & Student Success at LSCS; and Dr. Rand Key, executive vice chancellor of LSCS)



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