

December 2009



## Hello, LSC-Tomball



Dr. Karr and Town Crier, Richard Becker, lead the procession to the dedication of the Peace Pole to kick off International Education Week.

December! What an incredible first semester it has been for me here at LSC-Tomball. What with all the events, the growth, and planning for the events we have forthcoming, it feels as though I've been part of this family far longer than three months. I hope every one has had a semester as rewarding as I have. Take time over the holiday break to relax and recuperate with friends and family. Happy Holidays and we'll see you next semester!

## Student Success and Engagement

### Student Spotlight

Submitted by Steffani Frideres

Valerie Owhadi has been an art student at LSC-Tomball for the past four years. She is originally from Tanzania, but has made the area her home. She is a non traditional student in that she is taking classes to further her art career.

Valerie's work was featured, along with three other female artists, as part of a group exhibition, "Horizons de femmes" at the French Alliance in downtown Houston. Her work showcased ballet dancers and landscapes and were printed in silver gelatin lith prints. This process, which she learned at LSC-Tomball, creates one-of-a-kind prints that are impossible to reprint. Valerie is currently working on expanding this body of work for a future exhibition.



*Self-Portrait*, by Valerie Owhadi

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### Celebration of the Arts

This Fall, LSC-Tomball hosted its annual Celebration of the Arts. Members of the college community - students, faculty, and staff - were invited to participate. Poets, singers, dancers, artists of all types were sought, encouraged to show off their talent, and enjoy the performances of others. Those who attended learned more about the arts and the artists.



Student Anne Lewis reads *Grandpa's Hands* by R.D. Sahey at this year's Celebration of the Arts

## Geology Field Trip

Submitted by Dave Bary

In another opportunity to learn outside the classroom, LSC-Tomball Geology students toured parts of the Texas Gulf Coast this Fall to learn more



about our local surroundings. They began their tour at Jesse Jones Park near Humble, where they studied river processes, features, and deposits. They visited Highlands to look at mass wasting on the bank of the San Jacinto River. They went to Bolivar

Peninsula and Rollover Pass to learn how a man-made cut-through can cause erosion of the coastline. They visited the North Jetty on Bolivar to see the famous Shore Bird Sanctuary, and finally they ended up at the Galveston Sea Wall to learn how it saved Galveston from the Category 4 hurricane of 1915 and numerous tropical storms since then.

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## Students Chosen as Congressman's Interns

Congratulations to students Lauren Caldwell and Dillon Norton who have been chosen by Representative Allen Fletcher to serve as interns in his office.



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## 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 Helen Clougherty, Special Assistant to the Chancellor/Board Liaison.



Helen Clougherty has served as Special Assistant to the Chancellor/Board Liaison since January 2008. She is responsible for the administrative and operational affairs of the chancellor's office and serves as a member of the chancellor's executive council. Prior to joining LSCS, she served at the College of Southern Nevada for over eight years in a variety of positions including Executive Director of Public and College Relations, Executive Director of the CSN Foundation, and

Special Assistant to the President.

Helen worked at Harvard University for 12 years, including 10 years at the Kennedy School of Government as Deputy Director of the National Security Program.

Helen holds a B.A. in English from Yale University, an M.P.A. from UNLV, and is a graduate of Leadership North Houston and Leadership Las Vegas.

# Accolades

## Excellence Award Winners

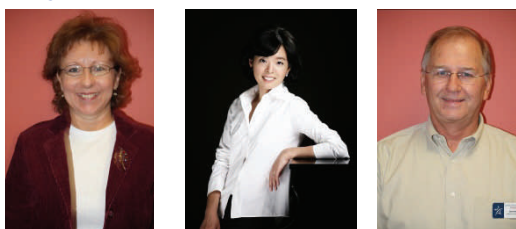
Each academic year, faculty, adjunct faculty, and support staff members are nominated by members of the college community for excellence awards, designed to recognize outstanding performance in their respective roles. Below are this year's recipients of these awards. Please join me in congratulating them and thanking them for their continued superior service.

### Faculty Excellence Award



From left: **Irina Nizova** (Developmental Studies/ESOL), **Judy Harris** (Developmental Studies/English), **V.C. Patel** (Math) and **Bill Simcik** (Biology)

### Adjunct Faculty Award



From left: **Suzanne Mattair** (Math), **So Yoon Lee** (music), and **Lewis Boyle** (Biology)

### Support Staff Excellence Award



Clockwise from top left: **Patty Blaschke** (Office Services), **Maria Chomiak** (Wellness Center), **Marva Pixton** (Education, English, and Mathematics Division), and **Judy Ward** (Health, Kinesiology, Natural Sciences, and Technology Division.)

### LSCS Leadership Academy

Four LSC-Tomball employees have been selected to the 2010 class of the LSCS Leadership Academy. Congratulations to, below from left, **Pam Shafer**, **Gilda Foster**, **Phillip Lee**, and **Nasrin Nazemzadah**.



## Johnston Placed on Roster of Merit

Submitted by Terra Ruppert



This November, Occupational Therapy instructor Stephanie Johnston was placed on the "Roster of Merit" at the Texas Occupational Therapy Association (TOTA). The Roster includes "Members of TOTA and AOTA who, through their efforts, over a period of fifteen years or more, have made significant contributions in two or more of the following areas: therapeutic practice, communication, and Association activities."

Stephanie has spearheaded many initiatives for the profession and has sacrificed much of her own time to serve. She is well-deserving of this honor.

## Student Club Spotlight

Congratulations to the LSC-Tomball Lady Timberwolves Volleyball Team for an undefeated season and for bringing home to LSC-Tomball the 2009 Sports Club Conference Championship!



The Lady Timberwolves defeated Rice University 3-0 to advance to the final championship match against Houston Baptist University for the win. Our Lady Wolves played a great game to win the match 3-1.

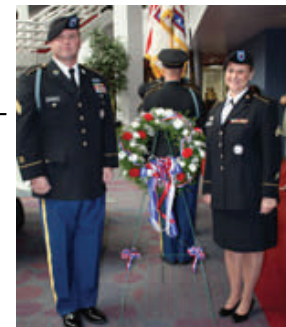
Congratulations, Lady Wolves and coach Paul Dempsey!

## Recent Events

### Veterans Day Celebration

Lone Star College-Tomball hosted the first annual Veteran's Day Celebration on November 11, 2009, in the Commons area of the college.

The brief program featured the U.S. Army Color Guard, a wreath presentation honoring Veterans who have given their lives for our country, and a moment of silence. On display throughout the day was a mini-jet, courtesy of the U.S. Air Force recruiting office in Houston.



Sgts. Edward Blackwell and Christine Spreen of the Texas Army National Guard

### Winter Wonderland

Wet weather couldn't dampen the holiday cheer that LSC-Tomball had in store for the community through our annual Winter Wonderland event. Games were moved inside to the Commons and families attended to enjoy photos with Santa, entertainment in the Conference Center, a caricature artist, and, always popular, real snow! Thank you to Winter Wonderland chair Suzann Staats, as well as the Community Relations office, the maintenance staff, Shannon Marino and all the student club volunteers, as well as the employee volunteers. This event was a great success, despite the weather, because of you!

