Hello, LSC-Tomball!

Spring semester is now underway and the official enrollment on count day totaled 10,460 students! It is exciting to realize that LSC-Tomball touches the lives of over 10,000 people. These numbers demonstrate our commitment to increase access to educational opportunities for our service area. I would like to again express my appreciation to staff and faculty who worked so hard to maintain exemplary service for our students during this dramatic enrollment increase.

Dr. Karr and Trustee Emeritus Elmer Beckendorf at the January 27th Chancellor’s Breakfast.

LSC-UP Spring Enrollment Soars

Lone Star College-University Park started the spring semester with a record enrollment of over 4,000 students. Students and faculty were full of praise for the gorgeous new facility that opened for classes on January 19.

Above right: Students walk the halls on the first day of classes at LSC-University Park; Above left: LSC-University Park Dean Dr. Robert Jones directs students to their classes.

Student Success and Engagement

Chancellor’s Breakfast

LSC-Tomball student Gabriel Culver read his award winning essay at the Chancellor’s Breakfast on January 27. Gabriel is pictured at right with Dr. Karr, his mother, Denise Culver, and LSCS Chancellor Dr. Richard Carpenter.
Black History Month Celebration

The Black Leaders of Today and the Office of Student Activities are celebrating Black History Month with a schedule full of events planned for February. The celebration was kicked off on February 1 with a performance at LSC-University Park by Dr. Jonathan Sprinkles.

Accolades

Writing Award Winner

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Recent Events

Diversity Matters Workshop Held at LSC-Tomball

On January 28, LSC-Tomball hosted a Diversity Matters workshop featuring renowned diversity expert Dr. Sonel Shropshire. Dr. Shropshire’s presentation included crafting an effective diversity statement, establishing feeder programs with minority serving institutions, and utilizing the selection process to ensure a diverse applicant pool. Sponsored by the Lone Star College System, this workshop was designed to support the efforts of staff, faculty, and administrators to develop and enhance diversity recruiting initiatives and cultural awareness programs.

Above: Dr. Sprinkles addresses students; Right: Students Ashley Ozan and Valerie Garcia celebrate Black History Month at LSC-University Park

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OTC Open Forum

On February 15, members of the LSCS Office of Technology Services visited our campus to discuss various technology endeavors that are underway. Office of Technology Services Vice-Chancellor Shah Ardalan (pictured at right with Dr. Karr) introduced his team who gave an update on a variety of subjects including the iStar project, Service Desk initiatives, and the extension of the timeline for online classes to convert to the Angel course management system.

Club Sports Spotlight

The LSC-Tomball men’s and women’s basketball teams took on Houston Community College at home on Friday, February 12. Both teams roared to victory, the men winning with a score of 40 to 34, and the women outscoring HCC by a score of 49 to 18. Dr. Karr is pictured below with both the winning teams and their coaches.
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 Dr. Donetta Goodall, the Vice Chancellor, Academic Affairs and Student Success.

Dr. Donetta Goodall is the LSCS Vice Chancellor, Academic Affairs and Student Success, where she provides system-wide leadership for instructional and student support programs and services.

Dr. Goodall received her Bachelor's Degree in Nursing from Prairie View A & M University and a Masters of Science in Nursing from Texas Woman's University. She received her Doctorate in Educational Administration at the University of Texas at Austin.

She has been active in educational, community and civic organizations, serving as Rotary Club President, Chair of the Texas Common Course Numbering System, and President of the Texas Community College Instructional Administrators, to name a few.

Community Partnerships

LSC-Tomball Community Library Celebrates Five-Year Anniversary

Library employees from left to right are: Cheryl Rhoads, Chrissy Cortez, Jan DeCoste, and Jo Snyder who took the lead in modifying a Brer Rabbit story to suit the occasion.

On January 20, the LSC-Tomball Community Library marked their five-year anniversary with a “birthday” celebration. The LSC-Tomball Community Library represents a unique partnership with the Harris County Public Library whereby resources are combined to provide increased access to information for students and the community.

Upcoming Events
February 18 - Conference Day
February 18-20 - Black Box Theatre Presents Over the River and Through the Woods
February 20 - Boy Scout Merit Badge University
March 9 - Chancellor’s Open Forum
April 23 - Groundbreaking ceremonies for new construction