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Hanson Scholarship Awards First Recipients

The first recipients of two new LSC-Tomball scholarships endowed by Marion D. Hanson, a long-time area resident, have been named. The endowments are meant to support two students in perpetuity at LSC-Tomball. In 2010, Mrs. Hanson endowed a nursing scholarship which will provide $5000 for a first-year nursing student at LSC-Tomball to assist with tuition and fees for his or her two-year ADN program. Bernadette Soule has been named this scholarship’s first recipient. In 2011, Mrs. Hanson endowed a second scholarship, The Robert E. and Marion D. Hanson Veterinary Technology Endowed Scholarship, which will provide $2000 in the first two years and $4000 after that for second-year veterinary technology students. Janet Luxner is the first recipient of this scholarship.

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Foundations of Excellence Initiative

In August 2011, Dr. Susan Karr announced the college's participation in the Foundations of Excellence (FoE) two-year college initiative, which focuses on improving an institution's practices and programs for first-time college students. Faculty/staff and student survey data outcomes are being used to help inform potential changes. Last fall, surveys were emailed to students enrolled at Lone Star College-Tomball and participants were awarded a $5 Commons Café coupon for completing the survey. In addition, their names were placed in a drawing for an iPad and iPod Shuffles. On November 18, names were drawn and winners were contacted and congratulated. Those winners are: Samantha Araujo (iPad); Bismah Khan, Jessica Garcia, and Elizabeth Humphreys (iPod Shuffles).

On January 12, the FoE committee members met to discuss the progress of evaluating the survey data. Jill Riethmayer, dean of Behavioral Sciences, Business, Humanities and Social Sciences; and Carol Wheeler, director of Business and Auxiliary Services, gave a presentation on their approach to the committee assignment and to the production of the final committee report.

Eco Club Beautifies Performing Arts Center Landscaping

On Tuesday, Nov. 22, the Eco Club, along with the help of Student Life coordinator Amy Hirsch and English professor Doug Boyd, installed over one hundred...
Texas native and wildlife-friendly plants along the walkway to the north of the Performing Arts Center. The garden sprang out of nature projects that Professor Boyd’s ENGL 1301 students presented to Dr. Karr in April 2011. Facilities personnel assisted the project by preparing the soil and providing additional funding.

The goal is to educate students and the general public about Texas native plants, thus giving the campus more of a sense of place. Additionally, it is expected that the foliage will attract hummingbirds, butterflies, bees, and other wildlife.

Accolades

Two Employees Named to Leadership Academy

Congratulations to Biology professor Alanna Tynes and Extended Learning Center coordinator Vivian Rodgers. They have been named 2012 Fellows to the Lone Star College System Leadership Academy. Committed to growing, supporting and celebrating Lone Star College System’s current and emerging leaders, the Academy provides a relevant and engaging curriculum, strategic mentoring and coaching, meaningful opportunities for self discovery, reflection and application, and enriching networking experiences aimed at developing the talent found within the Lone Star College System.

Star of the Month

David Ibague

David Ibague is not attending Lone Star College-Tomball to simply earn a degree; LSC-Tomball’s new Star of the Month believes his education is the key to “transforming and shaping the society we are living in right now.”

Originally from Tunja, Colombia, and now a resident of Spring, Ibague has approached his studies with a keen eye on his role in the future. “We all need to prepare our minds and bodies to confront the current challenges that this world presents.”

Studying civil engineering, Ibague hopes to transfer to the University of Houston and eventually earn a Master’s degree in structural engineering. “We need to be aware that society demands a workforce capable of changing

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Adjunct Certification Showcase Presentations

In December, LSC-Tomball’s Adjunct Certification Program participants presented their showcase projects. The purpose of the Adjunct Certification Program is to provide opportunities for adjunct faculty members to develop and enhance their teaching effectiveness. The showcase projects are the culmination of the Program and focus on a change (based on the ACP curriculum) to some aspect of one or more of the participant’s classes. The fall semester’s group was the largest in two years with 13 participants, and included adjunct faculty from English, Math, Chemistry, Human Development, Geography and Government.

Faculty Spotlight: Diana Broome

Faculty and Staff Excellence Awards

Each academic year, the Excellence Awards are given to outstanding faculty and professional and support staff. At each campus, employees nominate individuals who consistently go above and beyond their job duties, exemplifying the professional excellence of an LSCS employee. The following employees will receive their awards at the LSC-Tomball Excellence Awards to be held in the Performing Arts Center on April 13:

Faculty Excellence Awards

Alanna Tynes
Donna Willingham
Stephanie Johnston
Janie Filoteo

Support Staff Excellence Awards

Karen Hase
Bobbye Silva
Sandra Angel
Amanda Driskill

Why are you passionate about teaching?
I have been in the field of pharmacy for over thirteen years and I love it!

What I love even more is to share my knowledge and experiences with my students to better prepare them for the field. I am fortunate to teach students that are motivated, eager to learn, ask questions, and show excitement in a field of study that I am very passionate about. In fact, the students’ desire to learn is what I find to be most encouraging.

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New Faces

Dr. Lisa Morales

Dr. Lisa Morales has been named the Assistant Dean of Instruction. In this role, Dr. Morales will be responsible for assisting with the leadership and coordination of our dual credit program, strategic planning, and various student learning and academic initiatives. Dr. Morales is triple-credentialed in music, economics and history. She comes to LSC-Tomball from North Central Texas College (NCTC) where she taught history and economics in a full-time faculty position, and also served as director of the honors program and initiator/director of the hugely successful Conference on American Leadership. This year, Dr. Morales has been asked to present papers at the Society for Military History national conference in Arlington, VA (May 2012) and the international conference for scholars of the War of 1812 in London (July 2012). She is happy to start a new chapter in her career at Lone Star College-Tomball.

Community Partnerships

Chamber First Friday Lunch

The Greater Tomball Area Chamber of Commerce (GTACC) held its First Friday Lunch in the Beckendorf Conference Center on January 13. LSC-Tomball Vice President and retiring GTACC board member John Fishero was recognized for his service. Fishero will continue to work within the chamber as the chairman of the GTACC’s Mobility and Transportation Committee. Other business included the introduction of the 2012 GTACC Board of Directors, including LSC-Tomball Director of Continuing Education Sharon Jones. LSC-Tomball President Dr. Susan Karr conducted the board’s oath of office.

Star of the Month:
David Ibague
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and improving this world for the common good,” he says.

Ibage is not focused solely on his studies, however. He plays point guard on the LSC-Tomball Timberwolves basketball team and was also inducted into the Phi Theta Kappa Honors Society. When asked about his experience at LSC-Tomball, Ibague says, “It has been a great experience. The staff in this school is very helpful. I have had great teachers. They are very educated, charismatic, and kind.”

When asked what advice he would offer college-bound students, he says, “Students these days need to be more responsible and dedicated. We are surrounded by a society that is calling and waiting for us to change the wrong and work on the right. It is clear that without education the chances to transform and succeed are few.”
Upcoming Events

• Arthur Miller’s “All My Sons”
  Performing Arts Center
  February 23-25
  7:30 p.m.

To see the most current events, visit LoneStar.edu/Calendars