

January 2010



## Hello, LSC-Tomball!



Dr. Karr receives a plaque inscribed with the names of the 2009 LSCS Leadership Academy graduates from LSC-Tomball.

Happy New Year and welcome back! 2010 will be an exciting year for LSC-Tomball as we host Conference Day, begin construction of three buildings, settle into our new satellite location at University Park, and begin the search for vice presidents for instruction and student services. Our enrollment growth continues with an astounding 33% increase this spring as compared to spring 2009. None of these things could be possible without the hard work and dedication of the LSC-Tomball family members. I appreciate you so much!

## LSC-Willow Chase Moves to University Park

Due to a concerted effort of LSC employees over the holiday break, the move of LSC-Willow Chase to University Park was a success! Nestled in a wooded setting, the University Park facilities are beautiful, and the classrooms are equipped with new furniture and technology.



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## Student Success and Engagement

### LSC-Tomball Essay Contest Winner

Gabriel Culver is the winner of the LSC Foundation essay contest. Entitled "Becoming a Successful Student: What Lone Star College Has Taught Me," Gabriel will read his essay at the Chancellor's Breakfast on January 27. Gabriel is in his second year at LSC-Tomball, and plans to transfer to a university in the fall to pursue majors in criminal justice and history.



## Nursing Pinning Ceremony

Eighteen students participated in the Vocational Nursing Program's pinning ceremony on December 10. Nursing students Olayinka Akinfe and Ana-Maria Rotariu addressed the class, and instructor John Van-camp presented awards including Highest GPA and Most Improved Student.



## Surgical Technology Graduation

Ten students completed the surgical technology program in December, shown in the picture with Director Diane Montagna.



## New Faces

### Dr. Bennie Lambert



Dr. Bennie Lambert is currently serving as the interim Vice President of Educational and Student Services. Dr. Lambert earned his bachelor's and master's degrees in Business and Psychology from Baylor University and his doctorate of philosophy in Educational Human Resource Development from Texas A&M University.

He is the Vice President for Student Development at LSC-North Harris. He has also served as Director of Admissions, Registrar, Dean of Enrollment Management, and adjunct faculty. Before that he worked for Baylor University in Waco as Academic Advisor to Athletes, Assistant Director of School Relations, and Administrative Intern to Baylor President, Dr. Herb Reynolds.

Dr. Lambert has contributed his time and his talents to several community organizations including The Community of Faith Church, Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, Junior Achievement, and Special Olympics. Dr. Lambert has also served on the board of directors of: the Arthritis Foundation, American Red Cross, YMCA, and Boys and Girls Club of America.

# Accolades

## 2010-2011 Sabbatical Recipients

Congratulations to the following 2010-2011 sabbatical recipients for LSC-Tomball (from left to right): David Birch, Professor Political Science; Melissa Kirkpatrick, Professor English; Rebecca Tate, Professor English; and Nancy Kral, Professor Political Science.



## Mini-Grant Winners

Congratulations to those awarded mini-grants in December. These funds are provided by the LSC Foundation and the System.

- Rich Burkey and Eric Wildman — **Audio Production Training**



- Duy Nguyen, Catherine Olson, and Rachel Whitten—**Engaging Faculty in Teaching with Technology**



## Houston Hispanic Forum



Professor Carlos Aguilar made a presentation on January 9th at the Houston Hispanic Forum's Career and Education Day. An annual event, the Career and Education Day is designed to encourage sixth through twelfth grade students to remain in school and to pursue post-secondary education.

## LSCS Leadership Academy Graduates

Congratulations to the 2009 Leadership Academy graduates from LSC-Tomball: Dave Bary, Dan Hatfield, Raphael Turner, and Tom Rogers.



## 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 Cynthia Gilliam, Vice-Chancellor, Administration and Finance.*



Since 2001, Cynthia Gilliam has served as the vice chancellor for administration and finance and CFO for the Lone Star College System. Her responsibilities include financial planning, accounting and reporting of the system, facilities planning and management, resource development, business affairs and services, and internal audit.

Before joining the System, Cynthia worked with the Harris County Department of Education as Executive Director of Business. Her prior work in education finance includes serving as director of accounting for Fort Bend I.S.D and as executive director of budget and finance at Galena Park I.S.D.

Cynthia holds a BBA in accounting from the University of Texas at Austin. She has additional training in governmental and nonprofit accounting from Indiana University and has completed some post-graduate work at the University of Houston.

A past president of the Texas Association of Community College Business Officers, she has also served as a board director for Leadership North Houston and the Texas Association of School Boards' Lone Star Investment Pool.

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## Community Partnerships

### Boy Scout Merit Badge University at LSC-Tomball

On Saturday, February 20, LSC-Tomball will host the first Boy Scout Merit Badge University in the Houston area. Over 200 scouts from the Orion Boy Scout District will be on campus to pursue Merit Badges from 40 disciplines. In addition to providing an opportunity to earn more merit badges, this even affords scouts a chance to visit LSC-Tomball and to interact with professionals from the community.

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## Upcoming Events

January 13 - Welcome Back Breakfast and CCSSE Workshop  
January 20 - Fifth Birthday Celebration LSC-Tomball Community Library  
January 28 - Hiring Diversity Seminar  
February 18 - Conference Day