Student Success & Engagement

Future Teacher Club Places Second in State

The Future Teacher Club (FTC) at LSC-Tomball was the runner up for the 2010-11 Local Unit of the Year award by the Association of Texas Professional Educators (ATPE). Nominees for this award are evaluated in five areas: local unit management, membership growth, member services, services to the school and community, and political involvement. In particular, ATPE recognized the chapter's effective use of Facebook to communicate with members and manage its highly mobile membership.

FTC President Erin Snyder of Magnolia (pictured, right) and Vice President Kyann Cambron of Houston (pictured) both represented their chapter in interviews held earlier in the spring. The winner of the Local Unit of the Year award was announced on July 21 in Austin. LSC-Tomball finished ahead of Texas Woman's University in Denton but behind East Texas Baptist University in Marshall.

100 Percent of Vet Tech Students Pass State Exam

One hundred percent of the 2011 Veterinary Technology graduates passed the registered veterinary technician (RVT) state exam in June. All graduates plan to take the national exam either in August or November. To achieve RVT status in Texas, veterinary technology graduates must pass the state exam as well as the national exam.

Inkling Editors Enhance Butterfly Garden

As a service project, Inkling editors Liz Acosta of Spring (pictured), Mariah Medus of Tomball, and Felipe Collazo of Houston spent an afternoon enhancing the butterfly garden, located near the southwest entrance of the campus. Along with Student Life coordinator and Inkling advisor Amy Hirsch, the students purchased and added several types of plants to the existing flower bed, including esperanzas, salvias, pavonias, Turk’s caps, Mexican heathers and zinnias.

The butterfly garden was established years ago by biology professors Kathy Switzer and Alanna Tynes. Many of the new flowering plants will go dormant in the winter and come back in the spring.
Alumni Spotlight

Alumna Ann Abshire, who earned her Associate of Applied Science in Management in 2007, is the new division coordinator for the Education, English and Mathematics division at LSC-Tomball. Prior to her promotion she was a staff assistant in the Behavioral Sciences, Business, Humanities and Social Sciences division.

Recent Events

Little Shop of Horrors Plays to Sold-Out Audiences

The LSC-Tomball Theatre Department presented the comedy rock musical “Little Shop of Horrors” July 14-17 to sold-out audiences in the Black Box Theater. The performers delighted audiences with their comedic and singing talents and – along with Audry II, the man-eating plant – pulled off an impressive show.

Applause

Dean Elected Secretary of Magnolia Chamber

Dr. Cynthia Casparis, dean of Health, Kinesiology, Natural Sciences and Technology, was elected board secretary for the Magnolia Area Chamber of Commerce (MACC) on June 29. Dr. Casparis has served on the MACC board since June 2010. In addition to setting policies and providing governance, MACC board members also lead strategic planning sessions and work to promote the city of Magnolia.

Professor Competes at National Senior Games

Math Professor Roger Jay competed in the badminton tournament at the National Senior Olympic Games in Houston June 27-28. Jay finished in the top 10 in the singles competition and fifth in the doubles competition. Though he only lost one match, the round in which he lost kept him from advancing. The three-time Texas Senior Olympics badminton champion is now looking ahead to the next national competition to be held in 2013 in Cleveland.

Star of the Month

Durell Forte of Houston is a passionate poet who has already self-published two books, “Speak What You Scared to Whisper” in May 2008 and “From the Top of My Lungs” in February 2011. He is also a dedicated and enthusiastic student who not only takes classes at LSC-Tomball, but works part time as a front counter advisor.

When he is not studying, working or writing poetry, Forte still finds time to partake in several school organizations, including Black Student Leaders, Creative Writing Club and Men's and Women's Basketball.

Forte will transfer to the University of Houston-Downtown in August and major in communications. After he earns his bachelor's degree, Forte will pursue a master's degree in counseling. He eventually plans to branch off into motivational speaking.