

LSC-Tomball Announces New Vice Presidents

LSC-Tomball proudly announces its new vice presidents, **Ann Johnson** of Las Vegas and **Dr. Lee Ann Nutt** of Denton. Johnson will serve as the new vice president of student success and Dr. Nutt will serve as the vice president of instruction.

Johnson is the former associate vice president of academic affairs at the College of Southern Nevada (CSN) in Las Vegas. This educational leader joined LSC-Tomball on June 13. Johnson has over 30 years of higher education experience. She spent 20 of those years at CSN, the fourth largest community college in the United States.

Though it meant leaving her hometown, Johnson is eager to work for LSC-Tomball.

“It’s a new opportunity to use the skills I’ve developed over the past 30 years in a dynamic and fast-growing system,” she said. “And, plus, it’s Texas.”

Johnson began her career as a college counselor, and her unwavering commitment to excellence led her to receive numerous administrative promotions at CSN, including department chair of counseling and interim vice president of student affairs. Johnson was also the first non-faculty member at CSN to be elected chair of the faculty senate.

This college leader is also a community leader. In Las Vegas, Johnson served on the Urban League, Latin Chamber of Commerce, Chamber of Commerce, and Asian Chamber of Commerce. She currently serves as the vice president of programming for the Western Region Council on Black American Affairs.

In her position, Johnson will oversee the operations of several student-focused departments, including financial aid, advising and counseling, recruitment and outreach, student life, student development, and student records.

Johnson has a bachelor’s degree in communications and a master’s degree in counseling, both from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. She is the mother



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Mission

Lone Star College System provides comprehensive educational opportunities and programs to enrich lives.

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Recent Events

Discovery College Off to Great Start

Discovery College, the summer enrichment camp held for students ages 6-17, is off to a fantastic start this year. As of June 15, at least 548 students were enrolled in Discovery College, up 54 percent from last year. According to Sharon Jones, director of continuing education, the number is expected to grow as the summer goes on.

Discovery College runs from June 6 to August 4. Among the diverse classes being offered this summer are: Career Exploration, Cupcake Decorating, Robotics & Construction Exploration, Social Etiquette, Golf, Babysitting, Adventures in Art, and Oozing, Bubbling Science. The camp is also offering classes specifically geared toward children with developmental disabilities, such as Music & Motion and Learning Skills Review.



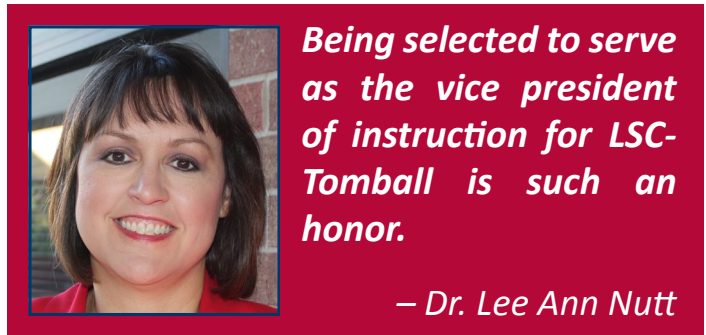
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of two adult children.

Dr. Nutt, the former vice president of instruction for North Central Texas College (NCTC) in Corinth, Texas, started a new chapter at LSC-Tomball on June 20. She comes to LSC-Tomball with 12 years of community college leadership experience.

Dr. Nutt came to LSC-Tomball for the opportunity to work in a nationally recognized institution. According to Dr. Nutt, other colleges across the state and nation look to Lone Star College as a leader in higher education. LSC-Tomball's high-expectations culture and friendly environment also seemed to be a perfect fit for her.

"Being selected to serve as the vice president of instruction for LSC-Tomball is such an honor," she said. "I am eager to work closely with the faculty and staff across the college as well as the community of Tomball to continue to provide the best education a student could possibly receive."



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Dr. Nutt began her higher education career in 1990, when the Texas Tech University (Texas Tech) graduate took a position as the assistant to the dean of instruction at South Plains College-Lubbock. She soon found her calling and began pursuing advanced degrees at Texas Tech and then teaching college and university-level courses.

In 1999, Dr. Nutt joined NCTC where she served as the dean of continuing education and provost of the NCTC Denton County campuses before assuming the role of chief academic officer, or vice president of instruction, for the entire NCTC system.

In the 12 years she lived in Denton, she found time to serve on non-profit boards, including United Way of Denton County and the Denton Chamber of Commerce.

Raised in the Texas Panhandle, Dr. Nutt holds three degrees from Texas Tech: a bachelor's degree in business administration in 1989, a master's degree in higher education administration in 1992, and a doctorate degree in higher education administration in 1996.

She and her husband of 22 years, Jim, are the proud parents of seven-year-old Michael Lee and four-year-old Rachel Ann.

Recent Events

LSC-Tomball Bids Farewell to Dr. Brock

On June 7, LSC-Tomball held a reception in honor of Dr. Cher Brock, the interim vice president of instruction since October 2009. Known for her warm and witty personality, Dr. Brock is returning to LSC-North Harris as special assistant to the president.

A college educator for over 30 years, Dr. Brock started her career at LSC-North Harris as an adjunct in the summer of 1976 and was hired as a full-time English teacher in August 1982. Dr. Brock later became the first director of instructional programs at LSC-Carver Center. She moved to North Harris where she became associate dean for instructional programs, dean for business and the social and behavioral sciences, and vice president for teaching and learning at LSC-North Harris.

Dr. Brock earned her bachelor's and master's degree from Wichita State University in Kansas and her doctorate degree from the University of Houston.



LSCS Hosts Event for Completion by Design

LSCS hosted a reception on June 8 at the Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum in Austin to celebrate a planning grant for the Texas Completion by Design initiative. Funded by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, the goal of the five-year Completion by Design project is to recognize and replicate the practices of community colleges with high completion rates so as to significantly increase the completion rates of all community college students in Texas.

Other Texas colleges participating in Texas Completion by Design include Alamo Colleges, Dallas County Community College District, El Paso Community College and South Texas College. State legislators and college administrators attended this exciting event.

Dr. Richard Carpenter, LSCS chancellor, addresses the group at the Texas Completion by Design reception.



Partnerships

GTACC First Friday Lunch

The Greater Tomball Area Chamber of Commerce (GTACC) held its First Friday Lunch in the Beckendorf Conference Center on June 3. Cindy Jaeger, owner of Cindy Jaeger Design, presented GTACC president Bruce Hillegeist with a flag that was flown over the Pentagon in appreciation of his work for the community (top photo).

Another person to receive special recognition was Tomball Police Deputy Victor Villarreal (bottom photo). Villarreal was named Officer of the Month for his alert and timely actions in apprehending a gas station robbery suspect.



Upcoming Events

- Summer II Begins: July 14
- Little Shop of Horrors: July 14-16, 7:30 p.m. & July 16 & 17, 2 p.m., Black Box Theater

Alumni Spotlight

Alumna **Traci Odom**, who received her Associate in Nursing degree from LSC-Tomball in 2007, currently teaches Medical Terminology and Principles of Health Science at Klein Oak High School.



She earned her Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree from University of Texas at El Paso in 2009 and recently completed her teaching certification.

Star of the Month



As president of the Eco Club, **Jennifer Gibson** of Cypress wants to save the world, literally. With her leadership potential, she probably will. Gibson is not only a graduate of the LSCS Leadership College, she is also a member of the award-winning LSCS 2011 National Model United Nations Delegation team.

Gibson will transfer to Texas A&M University in College Station and pursue a bachelor's degree in Environmental Science.

What has your college experience been like? *It has been absolutely rewarding due to the excellent professors. They have been instrumental in my success not only in the classroom but outside, offering*

advice and help when needed. My experience has also been enriched by the organizations and programs I have been a part of.

Why is it important for you to receive a college education? *I feel it teaches students vital life skills. Plus, more and more, you hear about companies looking for college graduates rather than those who have been working in the field for 10 or 15 years.*

What advice do you have for college-bound students? *I was in the military before going to college, and, once I started, I wished that I had valued my high school education more than I did. I was lacking fundamental skills and, therefore, had a rough time in the beginning. Learn as much as possible, pay attention, and value your time growing up because you will never get those precious opportunities back.*



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