

June 2010



2010 Spring Commencement

Congratulations to all graduates, faculty and staff who took part in our 2010 Spring Commencement Ceremony, held at the Woodlands Waterway Marriot on May 15.

Two hundred sixteen students walked at Commencement. Dr. Bennie Lambert delivered the keynote address, reminding students of the importance of attitude and perseverance.



LSC-Tomball 2010 graduates prepare to enter the 2010 Commencement ceremony.

Approximately 539 students have applied for graduation this year, which includes Fall 2009, Spring 2010 and Summer 2010. Students have until August 30 to turn in their graduation applications for Summer 2010.

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GED Graduation



LSC-Tomball celebrated the accomplishments of 65 students at the annual General Education Development (GED) graduation ceremony, held June 10, in the Beckendorf Conference Center. The ceremony honored more than 400 students who passed the GED exam during the past year, marking an important step in their lives.

Meghan Barlow, the keynote speaker and a graduate, told the class, "We have all taken different paths to bring us to this common point in our lives.

We all have the opportunity to fulfill our goals."

During the ceremony, four students with outstanding scores on the test were awarded scholarships with hopes to spawn deeper interest in higher education. The four winners were each honored with a \$500 scholarship to put toward continuing their education in the Lone Star College System.

Student Success and Engagement

Nurses' Pinning

On May 13, the 2010 Spring Nurses' Pinning took place in the Beckendorf Conference Center. Fifty-one Associate Degree Nursing students received their pins at the ceremony.



Student awards were presented after a brief history of the ceremony was related by faculty member Glenn Dennis. Jean Joublanc inducted the graduates into the ranks of professional nursing with the recitation of the Florence Nightingale pledge. Christy Burdin, the student speaker, gave a humorous recap of what nursing school was like from the family's perspective and challenged her classmates to continue to learn. She thanked family members and friends who supported each student through the past two years.

A reception followed.

Campus Threat Conference

In May, LSC-Tomball employees attended the FEMA Multi-Hazard Emergency Planning for Higher Education conference, held at Texas State University in San Marcos.



Participants learned to identify hazards that present risks to institutions of Higher Education and to develop and implement a strategy for training and testing the EOP.

Two exercises were conducted over the course of the conference. One involved a scenario with a fire at a residence hall. Every participant was assigned a role in handling the incident. The second exercise was a press conference with some participants on the panel and others in the role of media asking probing questions. Above, John Fishero and Bobby Stephens discuss a safety scenario at the conference.

The team from Tomball will be using the knowledge gained from this experience to refine and/or revise our current plan to reflect lessons learned.

Community Partnerships

Jonathan Cullen Reading May 18

This May, the LSC-Tomball Community Library was pleased to present mystery author Jonathan Cullen. He spoke about his writing and experiences as an author.



Jonathan's current book, *The Ranks of Jody Brae*, is part of a series with the sequel, *Tommy's Rock*, soon to be published. Jonathan lives in Boston. He will be also be speaking in other areas of the United States during his tour, so we feel very privileged to have had him here at our library.

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 Ray Laughter, Vice Chancellor of External Affairs for the Lone Star College System.



Ray Laughter has been the Vice Chancellor of External Affairs since 2002. His areas of responsibility include the Lone Star College Foundation, the Community Leadership Institute, the Small Business Development Center, public information and publications, governmental relations, and regional economic development.

Previous to his appointment as vice chancellor he served the college system as executive director of the Center for Business and Economic Development and the director of the Small Business Development Center. Prior to joining Lone Star College System he was president of Business Services Assistance Company and chief administrative officer for an international helicopter manufacturer.

He is a native Houstonian and received his Bachelor's degree and MBA from the University of Houston. He is married and the father of two children.

Upcoming Events

July 3-5 - Independence Day Holiday

July 15-17 - Summer Musical: Man of La Mancha

July 15 - Second Summer Session Begins