**All My Sons** Garners Superior Rating at Festival

The LSC-Tomball Theatre production of Arthur Miller’s **“All My Sons”** received a Superior rating, the highest possible, at the Texas Community College Speech and Theatre Association State Play Festival held February 29 – March 3 at Weatherford College in Weatherford, Texas.

The entire cast also received a Superior award for Ensemble Acting, and lead actor John Kenward was recognized with the Bill Morton Acting Award. Several student members of the cast and crew also earned individual awards and recognition.

The judging results are as follows:

**SUPERIOR – Play:** “All My Sons”
**BILL MORTON ACTING AWARD:** John Kenward
**SUPERIOR AWARD for ACTING:** John Kenward, Tyler Galindo
**EXCELLENCE AWARD for ACTING:** Michelle See, Emily Posch
**SUPERIOR AWARD for TECHNICAL (RESPONDENT CHOICE):** John Kenward - Program Graphic; Emily Posch – Costume Design
**EXCELLENCE AWARD for TECHNICAL (RESPONDENT CHOICE):** Jeanean Dorsey - Make up and Hair Design; Emily Posch - Make up and Hair Design
**SUPERIOR AWARD for TECHNICAL (DIRECTOR'S CHOICE):** Christi Nation - Property Design; Patricia Jara - Property Design; Ali Garrett - Sound Design; Kelsey Finstad - Stage Management; Jeanean Dorsey - Make up and Hair Design; Emily Posch - Make up and Hair Design; Kelsey Finstad - Lighting Design; Emily McClennen - Lighting Design
**EXCELLENCE AWARD for TECHNICAL (DIRECTOR'S CHOICE):** Luke Hairston – Assistant Director

**PTK Hosts Spring Induction**

Lone Star College-Tomball’s chapter of Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) inducted 35 new members on March 20 in the Beckendorf Conference Center. PTK recognizes the academic achievements of two-year college students and promotes scholarship opportunities. It is the largest honor society in American higher education with more than 2 million members and 1,200 chapters worldwide. Students who are invited to join must have and maintain a 3.5 grade-point-
Under the advising of English professor Dr. Bo Rol-
lins, Alpha Rho Mu, the LSC-Tomball PTK chap-
ter, has received numerous honors this semester. 
Thus far in 2012, the chapter has been awarded the 
following distinctions: Texas Top Chapter; Dis-
tinguished Honors in Action Project – Education; 
Advisor Award – Outstanding Service to the Texas 
Region; the Five-Star Chapter Award; the Pinnacle Award; and the Chapter of 
Service Designee. In addition, Alpha Rho Mu President Marilyn Comer was 
elected PTK Texas Regional President, and she was selected for the Texas Hall 
of Honor for Outstanding Members.

Charles Burnside Scholarship Awarded to 
LSC-Tomball Student

Steven Lott was recently awarded the Charles Burnside 
Scholarship at the Texas Community College Teachers 
Association (TCCTA) convention in Frisco, Texas, by 
TCCTA President and LSC-Tomball faculty member Dr. 
Annie Johnson Benifield. The Burnside Scholar Award 
has become a tradition for TCCTA since its inception 
in 2002. The $1000 scholarship will be available Fall 
2012-Spring 2013.

Lott is a native Texan, born and raised in the Houston area. He has a long-term 
interest in the health care field and recently applied to the Lone Star College-
Tomball nursing program. Lott is actively involved in projects off campus, most 
recently working on a service learning project in conjunction with Northwest 
Assistance Ministries, a local outreach program serving the needs of families 
within the Houston community.

Hispanic Forum

LSC-Tomball continues to support Hispanic outreach 
initiatives through sponsorships of various events. 
The college provided t-shirts to Waller High School 
students to wear at the Houston Hispanic Forum on 
Saturday, February 25. Approximately 92 students 
wore their LSC-Tomball t-shirts as they walked the 
floors of the George R. Brown Convention Center, 
where they learned about education, career planning 
and financial aid for college. LSC-Tomball sincerely thanks Waller ISD Bi-
lingual Director Jorge Alvarardo for coordinating this effort with Dr. Irene C. 
Gutierrez Briggs of the Recruiting, Outreach and Diversity Initiatives Office.
Gulf Coast Intercollegiate Conference Choral Festival

The Gulf Coast Intercollegiate Conference Choral Festival was held on March 23 in the Performing Arts Center. Regional choirs performed throughout the day and then came together in the evening for a joint concert. Participating colleges included Alvin Community College, College of the Mainland, Houston Community College Northwest, Lee Community College, and LSC-Tomball, under the direction of LSC-Tomball music coordinator Dr. Cheryl Bates. The joint concert was conducted by Dr. Eduardo Garcia-Novelli, associate professor of Music and director of Choral Activities at Carthage College in Kenosha, Wisconsin. Award winning pianist and LSC-Tomball adjunct professor Dr. Sooyoon Lee served as the accompanist.

Accolades

Casparis Chosen as Facilitator

Dean of Health, Kinesiology, Natural Sciences, and Technology Dr. Cynthia Casparis was chosen by the state Workforce Education Course Manual (WECM) Leadership Committee to be a Facilitator-In-Training for the WECM Course Review Workshops this summer. The WECM provides community and technical colleges with an inventory of pre-approved courses representing a wide variety of technical fields. It aims to provide Texas colleges increased assistance and flexibility in responding to employer needs. Casparis will serve as a Workshop Facilitator in a career and technical field.

Doug Boyd Receives Grant

English professor Doug Boyd has received a grant from the Texas Bluebird Society to install bluebird nest boxes on the LSC-Tomball campus. The grant includes five nest boxes and funds to buy materials such as poles and hardware. The installation of the bluebird nest boxes is another addition to the college’s environmental and beautification efforts. The grant requires that the boxes be monitored for a year through Cornell University’s NestWatch.

Faculty Spotlight

Mark Hammerbacher

Mark Hammerbacher has been teaching most of his life. Even when he was in junior high, he tutored his sister – and she was in high school! He has been teaching at LSC-Tomball for the past five years. His classes include developmental math, college algebra, trigonometry, pre-calculus, elements of calculus, and calculus. Hammerbacher can also be found tutoring in the Math Center twice a week.

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Richard Huerta

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Recent Events

Office of Technology Services Hosts Technology Open Forum

Associate Vice Chancellor for Technology Services Link Alander led an interactive open forum on March 8 for LSC-Tomball faculty, staff, and students. Alander and his staff gave updates on the various projects the Office of Technology Services (OTS) is currently overseeing. Alander revealed a marked increase in customer satisfaction with the LSCS Service Desk since its operations were brought in-house last year. He also explained that a LSCS Learning Management System (LMS) Committee has been established to identify and recommend a new LMS by the end of the year.

Executive Director of OTS Client Relations Marian Burkhart discussed the dangers of phishing and announced that OTS would soon develop its own strategic plan. Associate Vice Chancellor of Technology Services Mario Berry discussed the drop in iStar help-desk requests and commented on iStar’s three-year anniversary this semester. Director of Network Services Sherry Watson updated the audience on the System’s use of WebEx as well as a scheduled voice-over IP upgrade. Executive Director of Campus Technology Services Butch Juelg discussed plans to institute Thin Client Computing, a system that allows constituents to maintain a virtual desktop available when they log into any networked computer in the System.

Community Partnerships

Educational Partnership Council

On March 8, the Lone Star College-Tomball Educational Partnership Council (EPC) met for the first time. Community leaders in attendance were: John Neu bauer, Superintendent, Tomball ISD; Ken Odom, Analyst, Hewlett-Packard; Anita Hebert, Executive Director of Curriculum, Magnolia ISD; and Bruce Hil legest, President, Tomball Chamber of Commerce. Dr. Susan Karr, Dr. Lee Ann Nutt, Ann Johnson, and Dr. Lisa Morales presented data identifying key indicators of student educational experiences from early childhood through college and examined educational trends leading to 21st century best practices. The group acknowledged that the field of education is undergoing rapid change, resulting in a real need for increased support throughout the various levels of the educational system. Further, each member saw value in a comprehensive review of student success issues from preschool to college completion. The meeting culminated with a discussion of specific ways to foster collaboration across teaching disciplines and grade levels in order to explore mutual goals related to college readiness. The Educational Partnership Council aspires to be an active leader in the creation of a culture of learning and citizenship in the larger community.

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Tomball Regional Medical Center Hospital
Tomball Rotary Club
Ryan Paul Whitaker Memorial Foundation and Paula Whitaker
David and Jean Wiley Foundation
Women’s Business Forum
Upcoming Events

• Spring Holiday
  April 6

• Trevor’s Choice Awards
  April 12, 6:30 p.m.

• Faculty & Staff Awards Ceremony
  Performing Arts Center
  April 13, 2 p.m.

• Adjunct Faculty Job Fair
  April 28

• “Sweeney Todd”
  Performing Arts Center
  April 27-29

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