

May 2010



## Hello, LSC-Tomball!

It's hard to believe the end of the semester is almost here. What a year! We celebrated groundbreaking for three buildings, hosted Conference Day, and facilitated a successful move from Willow Chase to University Park—the list of our collective accomplishments and activities goes on and on. I would like to thank everyone for your hard work and dedication to the success of our students this past year. I continue to be amazed at the talented faculty, staff, and students at LSC-Tomball. I am honored to be your president!

## Groundbreaking Ceremonies

The LSC-Tomball Groundbreaking Ceremonies on April 23 were a great success!

*Building the Future* was our theme and we hosted two ceremonies marking the occasion.



The first ceremony took place at the site of the new Health Science building adjacent to Tomball Regional Medical Center, followed by a separate ceremony on campus for the Performing Arts Center and the Veterinary Technology building.



Ground is broken at the site of the Health Science building (above), the Veterinary Technology building (center) and the Performing Arts Center (left).



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## Student Success and Engagement

### Inkling Release Party and Signing



Student editors from left to right: Anthony Ramirez, CeeCee Sigman, Robyn Arcia, Mariah Medus, Udo Hintze

The *Inkling* release party and signing on April 26 was packed with a standing-room only crowd! Chancellor Richard Carpenter attended and joined the long line of attendees waiting to have their copies signed by the student authors and artists.

The *Inkling* is a student-run journal, and all the poetry, short stories, photographs, and artwork published in the magazine are student pieces that have been selected by a student staff. The 2010 issue marks the 20<sup>th</sup> year of publication for the journal.

The *Inkling* gives students an opportunity to demonstrate their creativity, provides them social interaction, and teaches them the process of magazine production. In the last two years, the *Inkling* student staff received the following awards: Outstanding Student Organization, Outstanding Student Leader (both years), and Outstanding Community Service.

## LSC-Tomball Invitational Math Bowl 2010

Students from Concordia, Cy-Creek, Tomball, Magnolia, Magnolia West, Klein Collins, and Klein Oak competed in the Lone Star College-Tomball Invitational Math Bowl on Saturday, April 17. After five rounds, the Klein Oak student team scored highest in the competition. The winners were thrilled to receive a cash prize.



## Calliope Open Mic

Attendees had a wonderful time at the April 13 open mic reading. Calliope, the LSC-Tomball Creative Writing Club, hosts the event once per semester, giving students, faculty, and community writers the chance to share their work with a lively and supportive audience.



Calliope, whose mission is to promote creative writing on campus and in the community, meets every other Thursday during the fall and spring semesters and

is open for membership to both current students and alumni.

## Two Students Selected to All-USA Academic Team

The All-USA academic team program recognizes students with outstanding academic success and exemplary college and community service. Two students are nominated from each campus and they then compete at the state and national levels for scholarships. This competition is co-sponsored by Phi Theta Kappa and *USA Today*. Our nominees this year were Dillon Norton (left) and Rob Comer (right).



## Student Excellence Awards

Each year, the Office of Student Activities hosts the Student Excellence Awards. This year's event was held on April 29 and 103 students received awards in the areas of Academic Excellence, Community Service, and Leadership. Also honored were the prize-winning poets, photographers, artists, and writers recently published in the *Inkling*, as well as the



student delegation to the Model United Nations. Interim Vice President of Student Services Dr. Bennie Lambert is pictured with a student receiving one of the many awards at this exciting celebration of student success.

## Student Club Awards

On April 13, the Student Activities Board and the Office of Student Activities hosted the Student Club Awards to celebrate outstanding student organizations, student leaders, advisors, and their accomplishments.

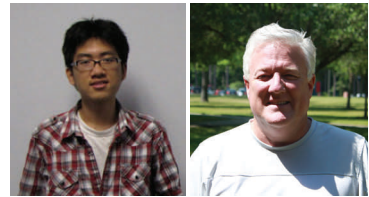
Three hundred members of student organizations attended the event, which was themed Masquerade Ball.



## Students Excel at Calculus Competition

Two LSC-Tomball students were winners at the annual LSCS calculus contest held recently at LSC-North Harris.

Professor Hammerbacher's student, Duy Ngo, left, won first place in the Calculus I division, and Professor Haje's student, Steven Hansberger, right, took 5th place in the Calculus II & up division.



This is the second year in a row LSC-Tomball students won first place in at least one of these contests. Many thanks to all faculty who encouraged their students to participate!

## Accolades

### English Professor's Poem Published

Congratulations to English professor Brian Reeves, whose work was recently published by the Two-Year College English Association, featuring an online audio reading. Professor Reeves assures us there is much more work from him on the way. In the meantime, we've printed his featured selection entitled "He."

#### He

He looks in the mirror  
And he hates what he sees:  
"I'm too skinny; I'm too fat"  
"My ears are too big; my hands are too little"  
He wants perfection at any cost  
--Even if he *is* the cost

People love him though  
He loves what he sees in the reflection of their eyes  
They are the mountain he stands upon  
They squeeze his heart so that Life  
Flows through his body

He is empty without them  
And he doesn't even know it  
Is he you?  
More than likely: YES

--BL Reeves



## Recent Events

### International Education Conference

The LSCS International Programs and Services in partnership with the United States Institute of Peace held the 7<sup>th</sup> International Education Conference at LSC-Tomball on April 16. The theme for this year's conference was "International Conflict Resolution." Two LSC-Tomball students, Bailey Carlson and Emily Posch, opened the conference with a song from the musical *Wicked*.

David Smith, Senior Program Officer at the United States Institute of Peace, delivered an address in the morning titled "Community Colleges as Agents of Global Peace."

Originally from the Tomball area, Colonel J.M." Matt" Venhaus, a Jennings Randolph Army Fellow, delivered the lunch keynote address. Entitled "Al-Qaeda: Young Men Joining Extremist Groups and How to Prevent It," Colonel Venhaus received a standing ovation for his presentation.



**Col. Venhaus delivers the IEC keynote.**

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### Creative Writing Faculty Reading

Students, faculty, and community members enjoyed an evening of wit and wisdom at the Creative Faculty Reading held at LSC-Tomball on April 28.

Sponsored by the LSCS Creative Writing Committee, this event serves to promote creative writing across the

System. Faculty readers pictured are professors Katherine Reynolds, Cliff Hudder, Melissa Studdard, Michelle Long Brown, Dave Parsons, and Greg Oaks.



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### Adjunct Faculty Certification Workshop

The concluding session of the Adjunct Certification Program (ACP) took place at LSC-Tomball on April 14, during which participants presented their final projects.

The ACP provides professional development opportunities for adjunct faculty to enhance their classroom instruction



**Workshop attendees from left Cassandra Sridharan, Ram Mohan, and Dana Rizzo.**

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## Community Partnerships

### Dr. Casparis to Serve on Magnolia Area Chamber Board

Beginning in June, Dean of Educational Program Support Dr. Cynthia Casparis will serve on the board for the Magnolia Area Chamber of Commerce (MACC). In addition to providing governance and setting policies for the MACC, board members also lead strategic planning sessions and work to promote Magnolia.



### Community Library Gearing up for Summer Reading

LSC-Tomball Community Library is gearing up for summer reading beginning with an International Festival on Saturday, June 5. Booths will display artifacts, pictures and traditional ethnic dress to share their country's heritage. Community volunteers are encouraged to bring items that best represent the culture and traditions of their country. Booths will be on display June 5 from noon to 2:00 p.m. Summer reading will include various activities all summer for children, teens and adults. For additional information, call the main library number, 832-559-4200.

## 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 Dr. Austin Lane, LSC-Montgomery president.*



Dr. Austin A. Lane was appointed as the third president of Lone Star College-Montgomery on July 20, 2009, by Chancellor Richard Carpenter. A seasoned administrator who leads by example, Dr. Lane has amassed a stellar list of credentials during the course of his career in higher education.

A native of New Jersey, Dr. Lane attended Odessa Junior College in West Texas on a basketball scholarship. He holds a B.A. in psychology from Langston University, M.A. in human relations from The University of Oklahoma, Ph.D. in psychology from Walden University, and Doctorate of Education (Ed.D.) in higher education administration from The University of Alabama.

In addition to his administrative experience, Dr. Lane has also served as an adjunct professor at The University of Texas at Arlington, Tarrant County College-Southeast Campus, and has served as an on-site reviewer for the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS). He has also conducted extensive research on traditional-age, low-income, African-American and Hispanic students in the State of Texas.

Dr. Lane is married to Angela Lane who works as a registered nurse and they have two children, Lauren and Chase.

## Upcoming Events

May 13: Nursing Pinning Ceremony  
May 15: LSC-Tomball Commencement  
May 17: Mini Term Begins  
June 7: First Summer Session Begins