

Message from the President



When I first heard the “Open Doors” theme for Lone Star College, I couldn’t help but think of how many doors my education opened for me. Education, coupled with old-fashioned hard work, allowed me to live in other states, travel to other countries, meet so many fascinating and diverse people, give back to my community, and, finally, become the leader of this exceptional college.

So many faculty and staff at Lone Star College-Tomball also know first-hand the doors education can open. I’m proud to say that the best people working in education are RIGHT HERE. As we go further into the fall semester, just remember that your hard work and dedication does not go unnoticed – especially by the students.

Keep up the great work!

Dr. Susan E. Karr

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Student Success & Engagement

Inkling magazine celebrates past & present works

Inkling, the creative arts magazine at Lone Star College-Tomball, celebrated 20 volumes of creative writing at the *Inkling* Retrospective on October 19 in the Commons. At the event, students, faculty and staff read 14 selected works dating from 1999 to the present. Before hearing the powerful poems, short fiction and essays, the audience was able to view 18 exceptional pieces of student artwork and photography dating back to 1991.

The 2011 *Inkling*, which will feature LSC-Tomball’s newest generation of talent, will be released in late spring. All will be invited to the *Inkling* Release Party & Author Signing.



Clubs team up to clean nature trail

Phi Theta Kappa and the Eco Club at Lone Star College-Tomball teamed up for the Wetlands Trail Clean-Up on October 15. Twice a year, the two groups pick up litter on the nature trail located behind the Large Animal Facility.

The trail leads to the wetlands, which leads to Spring Creek. The nature trail is an extremely valuable resource to LSC-Tomball as it is very rare to find a real nature trail in the city.

This is the fifth year Phi Theta Kappa and the Eco Club have partnered on this preservation project. The next Wetlands Trail Clean-Up will be held in February or March. To volunteer for the next clean-up, call (281) 357-3743 or 357-3651 or e-mail Marvin.B.Lowery@LoneStar.edu.



Student Success & Engagement

LSC-T hosts College Night for local students

Lone Star College-Tomball hosted College Night for area high school students as well as LSC-Tomball students on October 13 in the Beckendorf Conference Center. At the event, students were able to meet with representatives from over 35 colleges and universities, such as Texas A&M University, University of Texas at Austin, The Pennsylvania State University, and the United States Military Academy at West Point.



The purpose of College Night is to inform students of all of their college options and assist them with the enrollment process.

LSC-T student wins first place at local art show

Lone Star College-Tomball student Susan Canter of Tomball (pictured) won first place in the Non-Professional, Abstract/Experimental category for her piece, "My Life," at the Tomball Art League Show on October 13. Canter currently studies under art professor Earl Staley.



Another LSC-Tomball student fared well at the art show. Ann Springer won second place in the Non-Professional, Oil/Acrylic category. LSC-Tomball transfer student Stacy Kurokata, now at the University of Houston, also won an award.

Lend Me a Tenor keeps crowd laughing

The LSC-Tomball Theatre Department presented "Lend Me a Tenor" October 14-16 in the Black Box Theater. Set in Cleveland in September 1934, the comedy by Ken Ludwig is about an assistant who gets the chance of a lifetime when the world-famous tenor set to perform that evening goes missing. The student actors successfully executed the mishaps and charm of this classic farce and kept the audience laughing.

The next theater production will be "Nunsense" November 18-20. To learn about upcoming performances or to purchase tickets, call (281) 357-3654 or e-mail Sherri.R.White@LoneStar.edu.



Applause

LSC-T professor defends title in Senior Olympics



Lone Star College-Tomball math professor Roger Jay defended his badminton championship title for the third time at the Texas Senior Olympics on October 23 in Houston. Jay won the gold medal in his age bracket in both the men's singles and doubles categories.

A math teacher since 1962, Jay began teaching at LSC-Tomball in 1988 as a founding faculty member. He and his wife Kitty have two children and five grandchildren.

LSCS receives grant to benefit Nursing program

Lone Star College System has been awarded a federal grant worth almost \$300,000 to advance the training of health care professionals. The grant is the first of its kind given by the Health Resources and Services Administration. The grant money will be divided among the Tomball, CyFair, Kingwood and Montgomery campuses.



Glenn Dennis, an associate professor in Nursing at Lone Star College-Tomball, was the principal grant writer. LSC-Tomball will use its grant allocation for the purchase of simulation equipment, which will be housed in the new Health Sciences building.

LSC-T employee receives TEA Outstanding award



Marilyn Smith, a Continuing Education program manager at Lone Star College-Tomball, was one of only ten Chief General Education Development (GED) Examiners to receive the "Outstanding Chief GED Examiner" award by the Texas Education Agency at the 2010 GED In-Service Training Conference held September 23 in Austin.

Like all conference participants, Smith was there to join the GED 20/20 Initiative, which is intended to increase the number of college graduates by one million by the year 2020.

LSC-T & LSC-CF Food Service win award

Lone Star College-Tomball Food Services Manager Gilda Foster teamed up with Kim Zandwyk, her counterpart at Lone Star College-CyFair, to win the Bronze Ribbon in the Catering-Standard Menu category from the National Association of College and University Food Service.

Timberwolves on winning streak

The men's basketball team at Lone Star College-Tomball is currently in first place in the Lone Star College System Club Conference and the only unbeaten team this season. With a 4-0 record, the Timberwolves have an average victory margin of 23 points per game. Should the streak continue, the team may end up taking the championship at the Conference Basketball Tournament on November 7 and 14.

This year, the team consists of 12 freshmen, one transfer student and only three returning students. This strong team is led by Head Coach Christopher DeJesus.

The women's basketball team is also doing very well this season, and is currently in second place with a 3-1 record. The LadyWolves also have an excellent chance of making it to the conference tournament.

To see the schedule of games for the Timberwolves or LadyWolves, visit LoneStar.edu/sports-tomball or call (281) 357-3636.



LSCS chancellor addresses issues

Lone Star College System Chancellor Dr. Richard Carpenter spoke to the employees of Lone Star College-Tomball in the Beckendorf Conference Center on October 5 to address current issues in the system and to answer any questions from the audience.

Among the topics discussed, Carpenter addressed the system-wide iStar implementation and its effects on operations as well as the upcoming Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) accreditation process and its effects on faculty.

Carpenter also informed employees of a recent partnership between LSCS and Ho Chi Minh City (also known as Saigon) in Vietnam. LSCS will provide local residents with workforce training for the emerging industries in Vietnam's largest city.



Recent Events

LSC-T hosts Symposium on Classroom Research

Lone Star College-Tomball hosted the "Symposium on Classroom Research" on October 15 in the Beckendorf Conference Center. The symposium focused on assessment, teaching, and engagement strategies, bringing together the first cohort of faculty involved in the Classroom Research Initiative (CRI) to discuss their findings and present them to those in attendance.



Through CRI, faculty record data from their classrooms over one academic year and then analyze it in order to develop stronger teaching strategies. CRI supports Achieving the Dream, a long-term national initiative to help more community college students succeed – particularly those who face barriers, such as first-generation, low-income and/or minority students. The reports produced by this year's cohort may be found at LoneStar.edu/cri.

Vet Tech hosts annual K-9 Fun Run

The LSC-Tomball Veterinary Technology Student Organization raised over \$650 from the 23rd Annual Scarlett Scamper K-9 Fun Run & Costume Contest on October 23. Each year, dog owners from the community bring their pet to this "pooch fest" and enter them in the one-mile race and/or costume contest.

Each year, a trophy is awarded to the race winner from each weight group as well as the costume winner from each group. One dog receives the overall Grand Champion trophy. The winner of this year's Grand Champion trophy was an American Bulldog named Syrus owned by Brandon Brewer.

LSC-T gets into Halloween spirit at Fall Fest

The students, staff and faculty at Lone Star College-Tomball got into the Halloween spirit at the 2010 Fall Fest on October 27. The free festival offered a wide range of food, entertainment and activities, including a costume contest, pumpkin-carving contest, Velcro wall, and bungee trampoline.



Sponsored by Student Life, the annual event allows students to have some holiday fun and, at the same time, learn more about the different clubs and departments on campus.

New Faces

Andi Atkinson



Andi Atkinson is the new Dean of College Relations. She became part of the Lone Star College-Tomball family on September 27. A resident of La Feria, Texas, Atkinson performed the public relations and marketing for South Texas Independent School District for the last seven years.

A native Texan, Atkinson graduated from Texas State University in San Marcos with a bachelor's degree in Journalism in 1995. She received her master's degree in Business Administration from the University of Texas-Pan American in Edinburg in July 2010.

Atkinson is married to Brad Shields, an attorney, and has two daughters, 13-year-old Tesla and two-year-old Teresa.

Mary Ramos



Mary Ramos, the new Director for Advising and Counseling, began her Lone Star College-Tomball career on October 1. Ramos, who came from

Lee College in Baytown, has 10 years of higher education experience.

Originally from Lubbock, Ramos

earned her bachelor's degree in Psychology & Behavioral Medicine from the University of North Florida in Jacksonville in 1996. She earned her master's degree in Counseling & Guidance from Texas A&M-Corpus Christi in 2000. Ramos went on to receive a graduate certificate in Academic Advising from Kansas State University in Manhattan in 2005.

She is married to Rick Ramos, a mechanical engineer.

Michael Weems



Michael Weems is the new Administrative Assistant for the Office of the President. He joined the Lone Star College-Tomball team on October 1.

Originally from Connecticut, Weems earned his bachelor's degree in Psychology from Lyndon State College in Lyndonville, Vermont in 2001. A recent Texan, Weems and his family relocated from New York City to Spring in March.

While in New York, Weems worked for several years as the executive assistant to the Chief of Radiology at the Hospital for Special Surgery in New York City. He also dabbled in the arts, acting in multiple theater productions and having several of his plays produced and published.

He is married to Christine Vinh, an attorney, and has two sons, nine-month-old Jack and two-year-old Thomas.

Meet the Executive Council Bryan Nelson

Brian Nelson is General Counsel for Lone Star College System. He is responsible for the management of ongoing litigation with respect to campus development, real property and transactional related matters.



Nelson joined LSCS in August 2008. Prior to that, he served at the University of Houston System/University of Houston as Executive Director and Associate General Counsel from 1998-2008. He also served as Corporate Counsel and General Counsel for two large engineering/construction firms from 1988-1998.

Nelson earned his law degree from Michigan State University College of Law in 1987 and bachelor's degree in Political Science from the University of Utah in 1984. He is a member of the State Bar of Texas, Utah State Bar, State Bar of Michigan, and National Association of College and University Attorneys. He is a former steering committee member of the Corporate Counsel Division/ABA Construction Forum.

Each month LSC-Tomball will profile a different member of the Lone Star College System's Executive Council.

Upcoming Events

- **Winter Mini-Mester Registration:** Begins November 8
 - **Spring Semester Registration:** Begins November 8
 - **Veterans Day Celebration:** November 9, 12:30 p.m., Commons - Student Center
 - **International Education Week:** November 15-18, N103 - Student Center
 - **Transfer Days:** November 17, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Commons - Student Center
 - **“Nunsense”:** November 18-20, 7:30 p.m., Black Box Theater - East Hall
 - **Fall Choir Concert:** November 17, 7 p.m., E252 - East Hall
 - **Thanksgiving Holiday:** November 25 & 26
 - **Student Jazz Ensemble:** December 2, 7:30 p.m., E252 - East Hall
 - **Holiday Fest:** December 3, 6 p.m., Campus-wide
 - **Holiday Concert:** December 8, 7 p.m., E252 - East Hall
 - **Holiday Party:** December 10, 7 p.m., Northwest Conference Center, Cypress
- To see the most current events, visit LoneStar.edu/calendars.

Words of Wisdom

Anyone can steer when the sea is calm.

— *Publilius Syrus*

The only person who is educated is the one who learned how to learn and change.

— *Carl Rogers*

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