

October 2009



## Hello LSC-Tomball!



Dr. Karr and Social Sciences Department Chair Nancy Kral celebrate Constitution Day

Fall is in the air and the halls are filled with the sounds of student activity. We've already had some exciting events on campus such as the Learning Fair, a celebration of Constitution Day, and Activities Mart. We also co-hosted the CommUnity Resources Fair on Saturday, September 19th, and it was a great success.

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## Student Success and Engagement

*Career Services counselor Dr. Sarah David shares the following story of student success:*



Durell Forte

Durell Forte has been such a wonderful asset to Lone Star College-Tomball. As a former student, he has first-hand knowledge of the services and initiatives we provide on campus. I remember when he first visited the Student Success Center; he was very quiet and shy.

Durell later became a very engaged student leader on campus. Now he is a published poet and gives back to the college as a part-time employee in Enrollment Services. What I appreciate is how he makes students feel at ease with his warm smile and friendly demeanor. He often personally walks students over to the Student Success Center for academic or career counseling. He is a true example of the difference we each make in the lives of our students.

*Student Activities Director Shannon Marino provides the following Student Activities Update:*

- **Collegiate Leadership Institute** - This year Lone Star College-Tomball has eight students participating in the Collegiate Leadership Institute, a program designed to provide students with an opportunity to enhance their leadership skills while learning more about their community. Those students are: Elizabeth Acosta, Lauren Caldwell, Brittany Kay Metrin-Powers, Christina Desilva, Brooke Teague, Jonathan "J.D." Edwards, Siovahn Berg, and Han Yingyue. Congratulations!
- **Student Organization News** - LSC-Tomball currently has 34 registered student organizations. This number includes our sports teams as well as the three new organizations we added this semester.

Recently, the Office of Student Activities hosted the annual Fall Officer Retreat. Officers from all 34 clubs were in attendance. The theme for the retreat was "Enabling Student Leaders."



Dr. Karr and students prepare for October's Horror Movie Mondays event with some festive decorations.

## Accolades

- **Assistant Professor's Essay Selected**



Assistant Professor of Geology Kristie Bradford was selected to read her essay on KUHF's *This I Believe* program. She recorded the essay in June and the recording aired on Friday, September 18, 2009.

- **GED Program Recognized as 'Excellent'**

An overall rating of "Excellent" has been given to the LSC-Tomball Continuing Education GED program.

The commendation letter from the Texas GED Administrator thanked the Chief GED Examiner Marilyn Kaye Smith, GED Testing Staff and the Continuing Education Staff for a GREAT job in serving the citizens of Texas.

## New Faces

### Dr. Janice Jacques



Dr. Janice Jacques has joined us as the Dean of Student Development. Dr. Jacques comes to us from Eastfield College where she served as the Director of Retention and Student Success.

Catherine Wampler, RN, MN



Ms. Catherine Wampler, RN, MN, has joined us as our new Director of Nursing. Catherine, or Cathy as she likes to be called, comes to us from Poplar Bluff, Missouri, where she formerly served as the Division Chair for Health Services/Director of Nursing Education at Three Rivers Community College in Poplar Bluff. In addition to her administrative duties, Cathy taught a full load in the nursing program.

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## Office of Technology Services

*OTS Director Ben Leung provides the following OTS update:*

OTS personnel have finished a full inventory of all computers on our campus. In addition to the inventory, there is a new business process to update the computer database every time a computer is moved. The computer database can now be used to accurately forecast computer purchases for the next fiscal year.

OTS has received new laptops which may be loaned on a short term basis to staff and faculty for business use.

The winner of the OTS "Welcome Back, Students!" contest is Taiya Guillory. Taiya won a brand new HP Mini laptop!



Taiya with LSC-Tomball  
OTS Director Ben Leung

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## Upcoming Events

### ***And Then There Were None***

Lone Star College-Tomball Theatre will present its production of the Agatha Christi mystery "And Then There Were None" at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 8-10 in the Black Box Theatre.

Tickets are \$10 for the general public and \$8 for seniors, students and college employees. For information, contact Sherri White at [sherri.r.white@lonestar.edu](mailto:sherri.r.white@lonestar.edu), 281-357-3654.

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### **Fall Fest '09**

Our annual student Fall Fest will be held at LSC-Willow Chase on Tuesday, October 26 on the west side of the building, and at LSC-Tomball on Thursday, October 28th in the courtyard. Both events run from 11 am to 2 pm. The Office of Student Activities has great food and fun planned for everyone! This year's theme is Hocus Pocus - Witchy as You Want to Be!

Fall Fest is an annual event and is a great opportunity for students, faculty and staff to come together and socialize outside the classroom. Our student organizations will be hosting free activities and the Office of Student Activities provides a spooktacular lunch for everyone. Mark your calendars and don't miss this year's Fall Fest!

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### **Meet the Chancellor**

Dr. Richard Carpenter will be on campus November 2nd to conduct a Chancellor's Forum. Open to all employees, the Chancellor's Forum will be held in the Beckendorf Conference Center at 1:30 p.m. I would like to encourage as many people as possible to take advantage of this opportunity to interact with Dr. Carpenter.