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Hello, LSC-Tomball!



Dr. Karr and LSCS Chancellor
Dr. Richard Carpenter at Conference Day on February 18.

I would like to thank all of the LSC-Tomball family for pulling together to make Conference Day 2010 a great success! I am still receiving comments regarding the friendliness of our employees and the beauty of our grounds and facilities. Congratulations on a job well done!

Groundbreaking Ceremonies Set for April 23



The groundbreaking committee is hard at work making preparations for our Groundbreaking Ceremonies on Friday, April 23. The first ceremony will take place at 10 a.m. at the site of the new Health Science building adjacent to Tomball Regional Medical Center, followed by a separate ceremony in the Beckendorf Conference Center for the Performing Arts Center and the Veterinary Technology building.

Chaired by Belinda Griffin, the groundbreaking committee members are: Ana Abshire, Cheryl Bates, Vicki Cassidy, Gilda Foster, Jay Hargett, Stephanie

Johnston, Pam Kent, Shannon Marino, Sandra Moye, Ken Randle, Jennifer Richardson, Wayne Thompson, Danielle Thornton, Jamie White, Sherri White, Buddy Wiggin, and George Younger.

Student Success and Engagement

Student Spotlight



Angela Shepherd is an inspiring example of student success at LSC-Tomball. Thirty years after graduating from high school, Angela decided to enroll in college, and since that time she has never looked back.

Angela has maintained a 4.0 grade point average while working part-time in our financial aid department and was inducted into Phi Theta Kappa in the fall. She has cited the recent college graduation of her own daughter as the motivating force behind her

decision to pursue her life-long dream of obtaining a bachelor's degree in criminal justice.

Angela attributes her early academic success to instructors such as Professor Patricia Falbo, who encouraged her to take advantage of tutoring, study groups, and library resources.

Theatre Students Win State Awards

The Texas Community College Speech and Theatre Association State Play Festival was held at Blinn College in Brenham, February 24 – 27. Congratulations to Theatre Director Sherri White and the cast of “Over the River and Through the Woods” for their Excellent rating for Ensemble Acting, an Excellent Award for Production, as well as several individual awards. Professor White says, “It was a wonderful educational experience. My students have learned so much about theatre and about themselves. They were grateful that they were from LSC-Tomball and grateful for the experience.”



Safety Committee



Michael Lappe

The LSC-Tomball Safety Committee, chaired by Professor and College Safety Officer Michael Lappe, is comprised of representatives from Facilities, Faculty Senate, Campus Police, and Lab Managers. The purpose of this committee is to address issues regarding campus safety and security.

Committee members are: Michael Lappe, John Burns, Felicity Short, Dan Hatfield, Michael Dannenbaum, Brad Johnson, Pat Smethers and Tommy Young.

Recent Events

Conference Day



LSCS Conference Day 2010 was held at LSC-Tomball on February 18. This year's theme was *connected* as in connecting with students, technology, and each other.

Over 1,400 LSCS employees learned more about connecting with and understanding students through the entertaining but serious keynote address by author Ruby Payne, left.

Afternoon breakout sessions gave additional opportunities for enrichment and fellowship.

Black in America Seminar Held at University Park



As part of their spring seminar series, a Black in America panel discussion was held at University Park on February 24. This seminar provided viewpoints on Black issues from a male and female perspective. Students,

faculty, and staff participated in this lively discussion.

Chancellor's Forum



On March 10, Dr. Richard Carpenter provided an update on recommendations from the committees for department chair overloads and distance learning workloads, as well as an overview of the initiative underway to clarify the roles of the vice presidents of instruction, academic deans, and department chairs.

Questions from the audience included clarification of job descriptions for financial aid staff, updates on University Park, and plans for the future Creekside Center.

Accolades

Employee Awards Luncheon

Congratulations to the following LSC-Tomball employees who were recognized at the LSCS Awards Luncheon on February 26:

Writing Award - Dr. Donald Resseguie for his piece "Fair Value, Measurement, Reporting and Disclosure; and Impairment of Securities." *Applying GAAP and GAAS*, published by Lexis-Nexis, 2009.

Faculty Excellence Awards - Irina Nizova (Developmental Studies/ESOL), Judy Harris (Developmental Studies/English), V.C. Patel (Mathematics) and Bill Simcik (Biology)

Adjunct Faculty Excellence Awards - Suzanne Mattair (Mathematics), Soyoon Lee (Music) and Lewis Boyle (Biology)

Support Staff Excellence Awards - Patty Blaschke (Office Services), Maria Chomiak (Wellness Center), Marva Pixton (Education, English, and Mathematics Division), and Judy Ward (Health, Kinesiology, Natural Sciences, and Technology Division)

5 Years of Service - Steve Anaya, James Baskin, Patricia Blaschke, Janine Bowes, Walter Carlisle, Mary Hood, Margaret Jelinek-Lewis, Larry Lee, Shannon Marino, Susana Martinez, Douglas Miles, Jeffrey Norem, Billy Smith, David Swigeart and Tracie Wood

10 Years of Service - Cheryl Bates, Tommie Byrd, Belinda Griffin, John Griffith, Barbara Hayward, Jean Joubanc, William May, Verena Podraza, Deborah Polk, Thomas Rogers, James Woods and Mary Ann Zack

15 Years of Service - John Fishero, Gilma Saenz and Eric Wildman

20 Years of Service - Joyce Brod, David Jensen, Dolores Jones, Nancy Kral, Debra Parish, Rebecca Tate and Pamela Womack

Faculty Members Honored at UHCL Art Exhibition



Faculty members at LSC-Tomball will be featured in the Lone Star College Kingwood and Tomball Faculty Art Exhibition at the University of Houston-Clear Lake's Art Gallery through March 25.

The exhibition represents the sixth segment showcasing local artists who teach at Houston area community colleges.

LSC-Tomball faculty members showcasing their work are professors Steffani Frideres and Earl Staley, and adjunct professors Margarita Cole, Bernice Peacock, and Cheyanne Ramos.

Service Learning Program Wins Honor Roll Distinction

For the second time, the service-learning program at LSC-Tomball has been recognized by Learn and Serve America with the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll designation.

The Learn and Serve Program is a catalyst for service-learning programs nationwide that connect community service with the academic curriculum.

"Community colleges historically have been focused on creating effective citizens," said Clark Friesen, Speech Professor and Service-Learning Coordinator at LSC-Tomball. "Service-learning offers faculty a way of teaching students which fosters their connection to the community. In any given semester, hundreds of our students are preserving wetlands, mentoring students, caring for the elderly or working to reduce poverty."



Service Learning
Coordinator Professor
Clark Friesen

Congratulations to our faculty and students for the quality of their projects and their commitment to the non-profit organizations in our service area.

Community Partnerships

Boy Scout Merit Badge University at LSC-Tomball

The Orion District of the Boy Scouts of America conducted its Merit Badge University at LSC-Tomball on February 20. Merit badge counselors offered their time, experience, and knowledge to help over 200 scouts obtain merit badges in diverse subjects such as Art, Bird Study, Citizenship in the Nation, Communications, Crime Prevention, Disabilities Awareness, Electronics, Emergency Preparedness, Fingerprinting, First Aid, Geology, Leatherwork, Medicine, Nuclear Science, Oceanography, Photography, Plumbing, Public Health, and Safety.



Boy Scouts in pursuit of a merit badge.

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. Steve Head, President of Lone Star College-North Harris.



Dr. Steve Head has served as the President of Lone Star College-North Harris since January 2008. Dr. Head has been employed at LSCS since 1984 and has held a variety of positions, including President of Kingwood College and Executive Vice Chancellor of the system from 1999-2008.

Dr. Head was recently named Chair of the newly formed North Houston Economic Development Council and received the 2009 Citizen of the Year Award from the Houston Intercontinental Chamber of Commerce.

His focus at Lone Star College-North Harris has been to expand opportunities for students, increase support and resources for teaching and learning, maintain high-quality academic and workforce programs, and create community partnerships that add value and economic growth to north Houston.

His academic background includes a Ph.D. in History from Texas Tech University. He frequently teaches higher education classes for Sam Houston State University's Educational Leadership doctoral program, and a variety of history classes for LSCS and partner universities.

Upcoming Events

- April 6 - "Sneak Peek" Open House
- April 14 - LSCS Career Services Job Fair at LSC-University Park
- April 16 - International Education Conference
- April 23 - Groundbreaking ceremonies for new construction