

LSC-Tomball Dedicates New Buildings

LSC-Tomball recently dedicated its three new buildings. The Performing Arts Center (PAC) and the Veterinary Technology Building were dedicated on September 8. In the PAC, LSCS Chancellor Dr. Richard Carpenter, LSCS Board of Trustee member Priscilla Kelly, and Dr. Karr presided over a ceremony which was attended by over 300 people and included performances by both the LSC-Tomball Music and Drama programs. A brief ceremony in the Vet Tech Building followed and refreshments were served in the Beckendorf Conference Center. On September 13, the LSC-Tomball Health Science Building was dedicated. Dr. Carpenter, Dr. Karr, and Ms. Kelly were joined in their remarks by Tomball Regional Medical Center President and CEO Lynn LeBouef.



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Student Success & Engagement

Activities Mart Showcases Student Groups

Representatives from LSC-Tomball's student organizations gathered for Activities Mart on September 14 and 15 in the Commons. The event, held each semester, is designed to make all LSC-Tomball students aware of their extracurricular options. There are currently 37 sanctioned student clubs and organizations ranging from the Salsa Club, which celebrates Hispanic culture, to the Veterinary Technology Student Organization. This year's mart also featured a booth promoting Best Start, Lone Star College System's quality enhancement plan. Students who visited the booth proved eager to discuss their academic goals and several signed up to be contacted by an advisor to further discuss their degree plans.



Mission

Lone Star College System provides comprehensive educational opportunities and programs to enrich lives.

Star of the Month



Christi Nation

Though it took her almost 10 years to return to school, Christi Nation of Tomball now has the gusto and drive to achieve her college education.

“I don’t want to have to settle on a job all because I was too afraid to go back to school,” she said. “I want to wake up every day and love going to work, and a college education is the first step in achieving that goal!”

In her first year, Nation made her mark in the Student Activities Board, Drama Club and Honors Program. This year, she will join the prestigious Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society. With her spark and ability, it came as no surprise when she recently received Student Life’s “Awesomeness” Pin.

Nation thrives on college life, and she encourages all students to do the same. “Get involved! It will

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Best Start Fair Highlights QEP



The LSC-Tomball Best Start committee hosted a Best Start Fair on September 21 in N103. Students in attendance visited booths highlighting each of the four steps to success in our quality enhancement plan (QEP): set a goal, make a plan, get connected with faculty and advisors, and get involved by participating in student events on campus. Members of the student services staff were on hand to discuss with students the importance of creating a degree plan. Visitors could also engage in an interactive exercise that allowed them to explore various career paths.

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Accolades

Alanna Tynes

Biology Professor Alanna Tynes was recently featured in *The Online Science Educator*, a publication of Hand-on Labs. Titled “Texas Biology Professor Tynes Sees Higher Success and Completion Rates with Online Courses,” the article spotlights Tynes’ success and completion rates with online classes. Citing a pilot program conducted in Fall 2010 and Spring 2011 that followed students in traditional, hybrid and fully online course structures, Tynes observed higher success and completion rates from students who completed the fully online course. In the pilot, students taking the fully online class were able to check out one of 40 lab kits containing material necessary to conduct laboratory experiments such as a model skeleton and brain and eye matter. Following the pilot’s success, 20 more lab kits were ordered and are now available for check out by students taking Anatomy and Physiology I and II online.



Staff Fellows Aid Wildfire Victims



Following the recent devastating wildfires in our service area, the LSC-Tomball Staff Fellows decided that volunteering at the Magnolia Society of Samaritans (SOS) would serve as a worthwhile community service project. The group spent the day sorting and boxing “mountains of clothes” by age, gender, and purpose. The Staff Fellows each found their contribution to be particularly

meaningful and would encourage anyone interested to take time to give back to the local community!

Special Events

Division Hosts Constitution Day Celebration

On September 16, the Behavioral Sciences, Business, Humanities, and Social Sciences division hosted a Constitution Day celebration in the Commons. Dean Jill Riethmayer welcomed those in attendance and government professor David Birch spoke about the United States constitution. After the presentation, attendees enjoyed a rendition of the Star Spangled Banner followed by refreshments.



Advising & Counseling Hosts Assistive Technology Open House

The Office of Advising and Counseling hosted an open house in their new Assistive Technology Lab on September 29. Open to faculty, staff, and students, the lab provides facilities to assist with various technological services such as Braille embossing and textbook conversions. Equipment in the lab includes listening devices, screen enlargers, CCTVs, and video phones.

Workforce Development Update



Linda Head addresses faculty and staff

Associate Vice Chancellor of Workforce Development Linda Head provided LSC-Tomball employees an overview of the Workforce Development process on September 19 in the Teaching Theater. Head, joined by Dr. Cindy Casparis, reviewed the Workforce Council's mission and goals as well as the timeline for the Workforce Program Development and Renewal Process.

Vet Tech Accreditation Visit

A site team from the American Veterinary Medical Association Committee on Veterinary Technician Education and Activities (CVTEA) visited LSC-Tomball in September. The CVTEA accredits colleges and universities who offer a veterinary technology program. The program must meet stringent guidelines established by the CVTEA to receive and retain this accredited status. Successful programs are visited by a CVTEA accrediting site team periodically, in our case every six years, for a visual confirmation that these guidelines are being met. Prior to the site visit, a program self study must be completed which includes information on curriculum, finances, facilities, graduate results on state and national board exams, surveys of graduates and employers, and government regulatory compliance. The LSC-Tomball Veterinary Technology program expects to receive the results of the visit in a few months, and has been fully accredited by the American Veterinary Medical Association since its initial accreditation.

Upcoming Events

- **College Night**
October 13
Beckendorf Conference Center
6 p.m.
- **Vet Tech "Fun Run"**
October 22
7:30 a.m.
- **Rumors by Neil Simon**
October 27-29
Performing Arts Center
7:30 p.m.
- **Veterans Day Celebration**
November 12
Performing Arts Center
10 a.m.

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

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make the college experience much more enjoyable," she said. "Don't be afraid to meet new people... and ask lots of questions!"

Nation will earn her associate of arts degree at LSC-Tomball and then transfer to the University of Houston-Downtown to earn her bachelor's degree. She plans to double major in theatre and communications.

Community Partnerships

Chamber First Friday Lunch

The Greater Tomball Area Chamber of Commerce (GTACC) held its First Friday Lunch in LSC-Tomball's Beckendorf Conference Center on September 2. Robin Laird, St. Anne Catholic School librarian, was named Teacher of the Month. Also recognized was Janet Barcelona of the Tomball Police Department. She was named Public Safety Officer of the Month, cited for her outstanding service in the crime scene investigation division. Pat Durham with Diversity Unlimited delivered the keynote address.



Tomball Police Chief Rob Hauk and Officer Janet Barcelona. Barcelona, right, was named Public Safety Officer of the Month.



Robin Laird with St. Anne Catholic School was named GTACC's Teacher of the Month at the Chamber's First Friday Lunch.

City Leaders Meet

The Governmental Entities Committee held their quarterly meeting this month at LSC-Tomball. The committee is composed of community leaders who meet to discuss issues related to the City of Tomball.



Governmental Entities Committee met this past month at LSC-Tomball. Pictured clockwise from center: Dr. Susan Karr, Tomball Mayor Gretchen Fagan, City Manager George Shackelford, John Fishero, Tomball ISD Superintendent John Neubauer, Northwest EMS Chief Brian Petrilla, and Tomball Regional Medical Center President/CEO Lynn LeBoeuf.