Welcome – Spring 2017

Welcome to the spring 2017 semester at Lone Star College-Greenspoint Center and Lone Star College-Victory Center. I am delighted that you are part of or are interested in joining our extended family of more than 3,000 students and 41 full-time staff at both locations.

When I think of the Centers, one word comes to mind: growth. Both LSC-Greenspoint Center and LSC-Victory Center are growing in the number of graduates, program offerings and our reputation within the community. Because of our dedicated faculty, staff and community partners, the Centers continue to excel at providing exceptional educational opportunities to our students.

Slated to open in 2018, the LSC-East Aldine Center will be the newest addition to the college, reflecting the needs and character of the East Aldine community. This center will be a comprehensive educational campus that provides a mix of academic transfer courses and workforce training programs in high-demand fields such as healthcare and construction trades.

As a college partner, we emphasize the importance of maintaining positive successful relationships with our surrounding communities. The Centers offer unique benefits for local businesses working to attract new employees to their industry or develop skills of their existing workforce, and are well-suited to help address the lack of well-trained, skilled and certified workers.

With your continued support and guidance, we have made great strides at improving outcomes for every student, every step of the way, from cradle to career. I am confident that through our collective efforts and combined expertise, we will continue to make a positive impact on the communities we serve.

Let us continue to work together, inspiring others to contribute to our Centers’ future. If you are a student, alumni or area resident, I encourage you to visit one of our Center locations and introduce yourself. I look forward to meeting you. You as a community partner have the opportunity to contribute to the close-knit community, which makes our Centers a true treasure.

Best wishes,

Valschka Dabney, Ph.D.
Vice President of Centers
1. Close to Home – With LSC-Greenspoint Center just off Beltway 8 near I-45, and LSC-Victory Center in the heart of Acres Homes, a college education is right in your neighborhood.

2. Students Like You – Our centers are filled with students just like you. Whether you are a first-time-in-college student, a non-traditional student or just saving money towards a four-year degree, you will find a vibrant student life and a network of students who not only share your challenges, but desire to succeed too.

3. Compassion – Each of our employees are invested in your success. Our faculty and staff are regularly recognized for going the extra mile to help students pursue an education. Stop by and experience our first-class service for yourself.

4. Affordable – Our centers are an affordable option with tuition rates that are a fraction of the cost of most four-year universities. Each year, we offer students millions of dollars in financial aid, in addition to flexible payment plans.

5. Convenient – Classes designed to work with even the busiest schedules, and credits that transfer to any public university in the state, make attending college at one of our centers an easy choice.

Programs of Study

In addition to providing core classes that can help you toward your educational goals, several degree and certificate programs can be completed at LSC-Greenspoint Center and LSC-Victory Center.

LSC-Greenspoint Center Degrees and Certificates

- Associate of Arts
- Associate of Arts, Field of Study in Speech Communication
- Business Operations Assistant Certificate
- Business Operations Certificate
- Microsoft Office Specialist Certificate

LSC-Victory Center Degrees and Certificates

- Associate of Arts
- Associate of Arts, Field of Study in Speech Communication
- Shield Metal Arc Welding (SMAW) Certificate (Stick Welding)
- Gas Metal Arc Welding (GMAW) Certificate (MIG Welding)
- Gas Tungsten Arc Welding (GTAW) Certificate (TIG Welding)
- Computer Numeric Control (CNC I) Operator/Programmer I Certificate
- Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) Occupational Entry Certificate

Faculty Spotlight: Brandi Ford

English Professor Brandi Ford’s own college experience had a huge impact on her life, resulting in her becoming a college professor. Ford knew that she wanted to help others reach the same goal of having brighter futures for themselves, giving them the same opportunities that had been given to her.

"Since critical thinking, research, reading and writing is applied in everyone’s personal, academic and professional lives, I knew that pursuing higher education in English would best suit future students’ needs and better prepare them for the 21st century global marketplace,” said Ford.

After graduating with her master’s degree from Sam Houston State University in 2003, Ford started her journey at Lone Star College-North Harris and has been using her talents to make a difference in students’ lives ever since. In 2015, Ford took the next step in her teaching career, transitioning from LSC-North Harris over to the LSC-Greenspoint Center and LSC-Victory Center.

“I love teaching at the Centers because they are embedded into the community, and are communities themselves. Many of the students I work with have similar backgrounds as my own, so teaching at the Centers feels familiar- like home- as well as inspiring, because our students accomplish a lot and are successful,” added Ford.

In addition to teaching, Ford currently serves as secretary of the LSC-North Harris Faculty Senate.
Student Organizations

Each center features an active student life, with a number of student organizations to choose from and a variety of events taking place every semester.

**L.A.S.O. (GP)** – The Latin American Student Organization shares the positive influence of Latin and Hispanic cultures and promotes awareness through unity and educational activities.

**Psi Beta (GP, VC)** – Join a national honor society in psychology for community colleges that encourages professional development and psychological literacy.

**B4B (Brother for Brother) (GP, VC)** – Experience a brotherhood organization that guides and supports students towards academic excellence, personal success and social development.

**Campus Christian Club (GP, VC)** – This club unites students interested in a deeper understanding of the Bible and its relevance to their lives.

**E.L.I.T.E. (GP)** – Enhancing Leadership Initiatives Through Education provides educational and social forums for student networking, peer mentoring, professional enrichment and service to the community.

**L.A.S.O.**

**S.A.G.E. (VC)** – Sisters Aspiring for Greatness through Education offers opportunities for fellowship, education, mentoring and enrichment.

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**Student Spotlight: Maritza Flores, Lone Star College-Greenspoint Center**

Maritza Flores knows she made the right decision to begin her college education close to home. Because she lives near LSC-Greenspoint Center, she doesn’t have to spend a lot of money in commuting costs, and with the affordability of the college, it has made things a little easier for her in a time where every penny counts. “Taking my basic classes at LSC-Greenspoint Center has really helped me financially,” she said.

While at LSC-Greenspoint Center, Flores has thrived in the small learning community. “Since the student-faculty ratio isn’t large, there are great opportunities for one-on-one interaction with the professors, and there is always someone here who can help me and advise me when I need it,” said Flores.

Because Flores’ family has always instilled the importance of getting a good education, she is taking full advantage of everything that the college has to offer, including free tutoring and even assisting other students by working in the Financial Aid office.

“My parents are my inspiration because they always do their best to give me everything that I need. I want to make sure that I seize every opportunity that they have provided for me,” added Flores.

Flores is on her way to graduating this fall with an associate of arts degree in Business and plans to continue her education at University of Houston-Downtown.

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Program Spotlights

Become specialized in a high-demand industry by taking classes at LSC-Victory Center. Complete the CNC I Certificate Program in less than a year and learn the skills needed to control advanced machining equipment. You can also earn a Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) certificate after just 16 credit hours of coursework! In either case, you’ll be joining a growing industry with the potential to earn $40,000 or more per year.

Gain a competitive edge with one of LSC-Greenspoint Center’s new workforce certificate programs. In a matter of months, you can earn your Business Operations Assistant Certificate and acquire the skills to succeed in a fast-paced business environment.

Dates to Remember

January
7 Payment for Spring 2017 Classes Due
16 Martin Luther King Holiday (Offices Closed)
17 Classes Begin (GP)
Welcome Back Party (GP, VC), 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
18 Welcome Back Party (GP, VC), 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
23 Involvement Fair (GP), 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
24 Involvement Fair (VC), 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
30 Pre-Super Bowl Party (GP), 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

February
1 Pre-Super Bowl Party (VC), 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.
College Night (VC), 4-7 p.m.
2 College Night (GP), 4-7 p.m.
6 Black History Month Event (GP), 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
7 Black History Month Event (VC), 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
28 Mardi Gras Party (GP, VC), 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
March
1 Registration for Summer 2017 Begins
College Night (VC), 4-7 p.m.
2 College Night (GP), 4-7 p.m.
6 Go Texan Party (GP), 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
7 Go Texan Party (VC), 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
13-19 Spring Break
(OFFICES CLOSED)
28 Sundae Festival (GP), 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
29 Sundae Festival (VC), 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
April
5 Cajun Fest (GP), 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
6 Cajun Fest (VC), 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
11 Last day to Drop and Receive a “W”
Pre-Easter Cookout (GP), 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
12 Pre-Easter Cookout (GP), 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
14-16 Spring Holiday
(Offices Closed)
May
3 College Night (VC), 4-7 p.m.
4 College Night (GP), 4-7 p.m.
8 Finals Pancake Feed (GP, VC), 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
Finals Snack Packs (GP), 5-6:30 p.m.
9 Finals Pancake Feed (VC), 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
Finals Snack Packs (VC), 5-6:30 p.m.
14 End of Semester
15 May Mini-semester Begins
27-29 Memorial Day Holiday (Offices Closed)
31 College Night (VC), 4-7 p.m.
June
1 College Night (GP), 4-7 p.m.
5 Summer I Classes Begin
(GP) - LSC-Greenspoint Center
(VC) - LSC-Victory Center

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LSC-Victory Center
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Houston, Texas 77088
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LSC-Greenspoint Center
250 N. Sam Houston Parkway E.
Houston, Texas 77060
281.260.3500

LSC-Health Professions Building
17200 and 17202 Red Oak
Houston, Texas 77090
281.943.6900

CHI Lone Star College-North Harris School of Cosmetology
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