New Name, Same Accessible and Affordable Quality Education

North Harris College changed its name to Lone Star College-North Harris in January. The name change identifies our college as part of a much larger system of colleges, Lone Star College System (LSCS), formerly North Harris Montgomery Community College District (NHMCCD), with almost 50,000 students this fall.

LSCS is composed of five colleges, seven learning centers and a University Center. LSC-North Harris campus is located near the Inter-Continental Airport.

Quick Facts

• There are 50 community college districts in Texas.

• Provide accessible, affordable, quality higher education to more than 70% of all first-time college students.

• Account for $13.47 billion in all annual earnings - the equivalent of 351,530 jobs.

• Provide students an attractive 26.1% annual return on their investment of time and money.

(Source: Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board)

2007 VC Juried Show. Awards go to…

VC Juried Show is our annual student design contest to recognize achievement and to motivate students through competition. Entries are judged by professionals from the visual communication industry.

Congratulations are in order for these 2007 winning students, whose design entries won them an achievement certificate and scholarship.

These students' winning entries are displayed in the Digital Technology Center and throughout the campus.

Chris Schratwieser, Charles Turner, Roni Hovey, Mark Stevens - Video Compositing Category (group project)

Adam Rodriguez - Video Editing Category

Charles Turner - Video Compositing Category, Video Editing Category

Karin Carney - Brochure Category

Katherine Birkline - Single Poster Category

Kevin Tillman - 3D Animation Category, 3D Modeling & Rendering Category

Melissa Rodriguez - Web Design Category

Ramzi Beshara - Cover Design Category

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Visual Communication

The Visual Communication Program at LSC-North Harris

• Certificates and an AAS degree in several specializations including Graphic Design, 3D Animation, Web Design, Multimedia Design, Motion Grapahic, Video and Post Production.

• Software taught includes Photoshop, Dreamweaver, Illustrator, Flash, Premiere Pro, Final Cut, 3D Studio Max, After Effects, InDesign, QuarkXpress, PowerPoint, CSS, XHTML, Coldfusion, Javascript.

• Classes start in fall (late August), spring (mid January) and summer (early June). For an online class schedule, visit

http://NorthHarris.LoneStar.edu

For more information, visit
http://NorthHarris.LoneStar.edu/vc
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Scholarship Fundraising at the 2007 Annual Career Tech Fest

Our annual scholarship fundraising event, the Career Tech Fest, was a success in raising scholarships for students in the Career Technology Division. Hundreds of people gathered at the fest enjoying the BBQ Cook-Off, live music, bake sale, student digital art sale, silent auction, computer troubleshooting, among other fun and informative activities.

The Career Tech Fest is usually held on the last Saturday in March on the campus. Be sure to come out to join us at our next Tech Fest for a day of fun and to be part of students' future.

Video Intern Job Opportunities

Jim Livesey and Michael Webb operate their own video studio and video production business near the Galleria (post2.tv). They are two of our adjunct instructors among our outstanding faculty, who bring real-world industry work experience into the classroom.

Jim and Michael conduct their classes by simulating real-world video production teamwork and process. They often offer students an intern position so students learn first-hand by working on actual projects.

An internship experience is valuable in helping students land their first full-time job.

Student Success Series
Kim Pham, a successful career change and a prospect for a bachelor's degree

An unexpected happening forced Kim to leave a beloved job of 20 years. That was when she discovered the Visual Communication program at Lone Star College-North Harris. She recalled, "I had a bumpy start because I was a novice with the graphic software. However, I quickly became more proficient and gained more confidence with each class due to the intimate environment of teacher to student ratio in each class."

Upon graduation, Kim transferred her Visual Communication AAS degree with a specialization in Graphic Design to Sam Houston State, and continues her study to pursue a Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences

(BAAS) with minors in Marketing and Psychology. When she graduates from Sam Houston, her degree will state Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences with Graphic Design as the major, and minors in Marketing and Psychology.

Now Kim is well into her new career as a graphic designer while attending the university to get her bachelor's degree. She so graciously told us that the most important thing that the instructors at LSC-North Harris have given her is "their caring and support that fueled my confidence and success. For that, I am forever grateful."

Well done, Kim.

Don't want to stand in line? Laurie Boyd helps students avoid registration blues.

Laurie Boyd is our Career Technology advisor, who exclusively serves students in our Career Technology Division. Whether you want to enroll as a new student or to register for classes as a returning student, Laurie tries to offer you a one-stop service to help you with admission, to declare a major or to register for classes.

All Visual Communication students are highly recommended to make

an appointment with Laurie to avoid the registration blues and the hassle. Her direct phone is 281.618.5743 or by e-mail at laurie.boyd@LoneStar.edu. Her office is in Digital Technology Center, suite 201.

Irma Garcia, Coordinator, Bridge to Career, provides advising service exclusively for new high school graduates who are interested in attending the Visual

Communication program. Contact her at 281.765.7813, or e-mail her at irma.garcia@LoneStar.edu. Her office is in Digital Technology Center, suite 101.

Irma also helps prospective students and parents who prefer to communicate in Spanish.

New PC's and Mac's Arrived in Visual Communication Labs

Excitement echoed among students and faculty when brand new Dell PC's and the latest Intel G5 Mac's arrived in the three Visual Communication computer labs in November. Along with these new computers were large wide-format computer monitors suitable to display the complex interface of the visual communication software.

As part of our commitment to provide up-to-date technology for our students, our software license is set to upgrade when a new version is released. Therefore, students are trained on the latest software in preparation for the job market in the visual communication field.

Smooth Transition to University

Our department has degree transferring agreements with the following universities to apply our Visual Communication AAS degree towards a bachelor's degree. Contact us for details.

Sam Houston State University

Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences (BAAS)

University of Houston

Bachelor of Science (BS) in Technology Leadership and Supervision

Art Institute of Houston
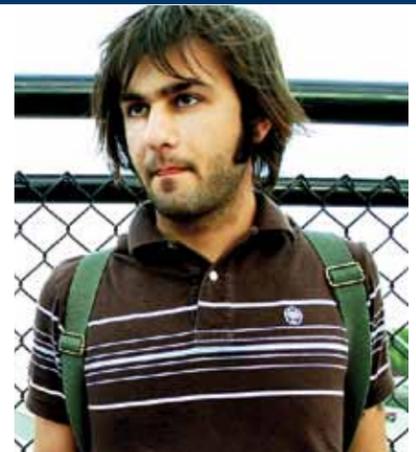
Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA)

Student Success Series
Ramzi Beshara won an award, but that's just the beginning…

Ramzi was one of the award-winning students at our 2007 VC Juried Show. One of the judges at the show recognized his design talent and offered him a summer intern position at his company. He has since been promoted to a regular part-time employee at this company.

This position has further strengthened Ramzi's software skills by providing a variety of projects including a pilot project for a new, exciting 3D TV technology of the near future.

Working with actual clients has also helped Ramzi learn first-hand people skills. "People skills are very important", he said, "You have to know how to talk and deal with them (clients), and ultimately make them happy so they will continue to work with you."

To become a stronger graphic designer, he said, "You definitely have to learn how to deal with criticism. You are dealing with clients who want projects to be designed according to what they want or like, not what you like. You can't take the clients opinions personal."

It is rewarding to see a student grow as a professional in his/her chosen field. In Ramzi's words, "This job is extremely important to me. Everyone has that one offer in life that gives them their start. Getting that internship was my start."

Way to go, Ramzi.