INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION CONFERENCE HISTORY


2009  6th Annual International Education Conference, Asia: Bridging the New World, April 17, 2009. LSC-Tomball. Opening speaker: Dr. Judy Polumbaum, University of Iowa, “Getting to Know China: The Role of the Media in U.S.-China (Mis)Understanding.” Luncheon keynote speaker: David Tolbert, Jennings Randolph Senior Fellow, USIP. Formerly UN Assistant Secretary-General and Special Advisor to the UN Secretary-General on the UN Assistance to the Khmer Rouge Trials (UNAKRT); Deputy Chief Prosecutor, International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia. Speaking on “Cambodia: Hope for Justice.”

2008  5th Annual International Education Conference, Global Issues: Economy, Energy and Environment, April 2, 2008. LSC-Tomball. Keynote speakers included Journalist and News Anchor, Art Rascon as the opening speaker; and Dr. Michael Webber, University of Texas, discussing “Brazil and Ethanol” at noon. Dr. Webber was sponsored by the World Affairs Council of Houston.

2006 3rd Annual International Education Conference, Global Health: Fear and Hope, April 17, 2006. LSC-CyFair. Opening address by Dr. Umair Shah, Deputy Director, Harris County Department of Health and Environmental Services. Presentation on the effects of Hurricane Katrina in the City of Houston. Keynote address by Dr. Yanzhong Huang, Director, John C. Whitehead School of Diplomacy and International Relations, Seton Hall University, on “The Pandemic Flu and Its Implications.” Sponsored by the World Affairs Council of Houston.


The International Education Conference originated as a result of a Title VI grant from the U.S. Department of Education awarded to LSC-North Harris (as North Harris College) for the development of an undergraduate International Studies Program. The purpose of the International Education Conference was to gather high-level speakers to dialogue with faculty, administrators and students about current global issues and concerns, as well as best practices in international education. The result was the establishment of an annual system-wide (Lone Star College System) event, as well as a Texas Gulf Coast regional International Education Conference with leadership and participation from several area colleges including Lee College and the College of the Mainland. The first International Education Conference was held on a Saturday. To increase student participation, the following conferences were moved to Friday and included student oriented sessions, as well as cultural performances.