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LSC-O in '09: Back on Track

Four months later, "Ike" still resonates in the back of our minds, but progress remains on the forefront. As we move further into the spring semester, we are excited to see the transformation of the campus.

The first floors of the **Allied Health Building** and the **Library**, as well as the **Testing Center**, received a facelift with new carpeting and walls. Now, students are able to fully use the computer areas and printing equipment.

The **Wilson Building** has a handful of minor repairs, but classes are being held and offices are ready for furniture; hopefully the Education and Continuing Education folks can return to their offices soon.

The **Student Center** is also on its way to a full recovery. Most of the tile has been laid, and walls have been painted in all areas except in the gymnasium. The office areas have been carpeted, and the racquetball courts are back in working order.

The **GAB** is being completed in stages. While the office areas and Print Shop still look "barely there," the dental assisting and process technology classrooms are already in use. It looks as though we're far along on the road to recovery, and everyone is anxious to return to their reconstructed areas.

If you haven't strolled around the campus lately, take a closer look at some of the renovations.

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The Haps

Fall commencement for the class of 2008 was a great feat for students, as well as faculty and staff. After having an interrupted semester and adjusted schedule, our students hung in there and made it to the finish line.

Graduation day started early for the 135 graduates, with breakfast served at the Brown Center at 8:30 a.m. As the spread was being prepared, students ordered their pictures and mingled with one another and faculty and staff members. As the line formed, students anxiously waited to hear the magic words, "The food is ready!"



After breakfast, students headed over to the Lucher for rehearsal. Stephanie Jones and Gina Simar announced the line order, and marched students down into the auditorium. Dean Dando went through the list of names, checking for correct pronunciation. The students and staff got all of their "goofs" out during the rehearsal so that the real thing would run as smoothly as possible.

Around 5:30 p.m., guests began filing into the theater auditorium for the 7:00 p.m. ceremony. Graduates met on the third floor, made sure their caps and gowns looked



neat, and took time to soak in the moment with their classmates. With 15 minutes until show time, students lined up,

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LSC-O in '09: Back on Track *(cont.)*



Allied Health Building



Library



Library Computer Lab



Wilson Building



Student Center



Green Avenue Building

The Haps *(cont.)*



the music started, and the graduates marched down to take their seats as the audience cheered and camera

flashes flickered around the room.

After Janet Meloncon sang the National Anthem, the lights dimmed and Dr. Shahan took the stage to lead things off. He graciously praised the faculty and congratulated the students for their hard work. Mrs. Gisela Houseman, an LSC-O Foundation member, served as the guest speaker and gave a motivational speech to send the students on their next pursuit. The graduates were announced one by one and strolled across the stage to accept their diplomas.

the graduates exited the auditorium to find their families and friends, who greeted them with smiles and hugs.



Congratulations Fall Class of 2008!



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About 45 minutes later, the entire class had graced the stage, the honor graduates were announced, and the long-awaited ceremony came to a close. The audience stood as



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The Haps (cont.)

Patricia “Cricket” Williams, after serving as a nursing instructor for 11 years, retired last month. A reception was held honoring her service and dedication to LSC-O, with her family and colleagues in attendance. Dr. Shahan and Gina Simar thanked her for all of her hard work and other faculty and staff expressed how much they would miss her. Although she was sad to be leaving, Patricia enjoyed her gifts, the



reception, and sharing time with her family and friends at LSC-O.

Cheryl Pollard, Environmental Regulations instructor, invited the **Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ)** to her Environmental Regulations class to educate students on the agency that protects our state’s human and natural resources. Most of the students are Industrial Technology majors and were made aware of clean air, clean water, and the safe management of waste policies in the petrochemical industry.

Students listened attentively as Heather Ross and Tony Valero of TCEQ described details and a DVD played on how Region 10 (Beaumont) was involved in the cleanup and recovery of Hurricane Ike. Mrs. Ross informed students on how, after the



hurricane, they worked with Homeland Security and the refineries. The Beaumont office was most appreciative when other TCEQ locations in Texas assisted them during Hurricane Ike. TCEQ employees worked seven days a week up until November.

The students were informed that TCEQ is the second largest environmental agency in the world, with the EPA being the largest. The Beaumont TCEQ office is the third largest office in Texas with 65 employees.

You Don’t Say?

The **Upward Mobility Nursing** program will be offered online beginning in June 2009! Students applying for the upward mobility nursing program will now have the option of online or traditional classroom courses. Students accepted into the online program will be able to complete the lecture and lab portion of the program online. These students will still be required to complete the clinical component of the program in the hospital setting. The faculty feel this will meet the needs of our nontraditional nursing students, and are excited to be able to offer online classes.

Continuing Education and Workforce Development has a variety of classes on the new Spring/Summer 2009 schedule. This year, folks will find some exciting and interesting classes for personal and professional development, including the

Lunch & Learn series, starting Feb. 24, from 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

In this series, attendees bring their lunch and expand their knowledge of Microsoft Office 2007. Whether it is learning to navigate the changes in MS Office 2007 or unleashing the power of Microsoft Excel, this four-part series will empower anyone who works with MS Office 2007 to be more effective. Participants will receive a take-away guide for each topic covered. Sign up for a specific topic or all four! The first session scheduled is: “Where Is It? You knew where it was in MS 2003. Now where did they put it in 2007?” The cost for each session is just \$15.

Additional classes that may be of interest include a free landscape painting workshop in partnership with the Stark Museum of Art, a Metal Sculpting class, Conversational Spanish, Handwriting Analysis, and the First-

Line Leadership series. The schedule is available on our site under the Continuing Education department link.

LSC-O is forming a team for the American Cancer Society’s **Relay for Life** fundraiser. Relay for Life is an overnight event in which at least one member of each participating team is on the track at all times. The event is the major fundraiser for ACS and helps fund research, provides information to help cancer patients, and raises the community’s awareness about the disease. For more information about joining LSC-O’s team, contact Gwen Whitehead at ext. 3928 or Carol Abshire at ext. 3384.

February is **National Children’s Dental Health Month**. The Dental Assisting Program plans to host a small event to raise awareness about the importance of oral health.



SPOTLIGHT

In December, Dr. Shahan presented **Faculty and Staff Incentive Awards** to nine deserving employees. The purpose of these awards is to acknowledge members of the faculty and staff whose professional activities and accomplishments fall outside of the requirements associated with their position descriptions and bring credit to the college. Each award includes a stipend. The recipients included:

- Dr. Matt McClure
- Judy Williams
- Jim Ellis
- Kevin Doss
- Dr. Delores Keller
- Mary McCoy
- Dr. Sribhagam Srinivasan
- Carolyn Mello
- Natalie Raney



Carolyn Mello was recently elected President-elect of the Texas Association for Developmental Education (TADE). She served as membership chair of TADE from 2005-2008. Carolyn has volunteered with the Southeast Texas Hospice Dinner Theater and HEB's Feast of Sharing since 1992. The Orange Leader named her as "Best of the Best" college teacher in Orange County in 2005, 2006, and 2007.



LSC-O's **Speech and Debate Team** had a successful weekend at the Cameron University Christmas Classic in Lawton, OK in early December. The tournament included over 32 colleges from over eight states and over 155 college competitors.

Our Andrew Gibson made a name for us this weekend. He took 5th in Informative Speaking, 3rd in Communication Analysis, 3rd in Extemporaneous Speaking, and 3rd place Top Individual Event Speaker.

In debate, Andrew and his partner from Tyler Junior College had five wins and one loss in preliminaries. They beat teams from Air Force, West Texas A&M, Neosho Community College, Oklahoma University, and Southwest Baptist University. They went to quarterfinals and loss on a 2-1 decision to Abilene Christian University.

On top of this great weekend, Andrew was offered a full ride scholarship to transfer to Cameron University in the Fall of 2009.

The **Quiz Bowl Team** competed in its first event of the season on January 9-10, the Seaside Academic Tournament in Fort Walton Beach, FL. Competing against an elite field that included two of the top three teams in the nation in 2008, the team finished with a 3-8 record, winning matches against North Florida Community College, Pensacola Junior College, and Gulf Coast Community College (FL).



L-R: Chris Fields, James Chambliss, Chris Williamson, and Minh-Nhat Duong

The team hosted the first-ever National Academic Quiz Tournaments (NAQT) Texas Community College Sectional Championship Tournament on January 24. After a day of extensive competition, LSC-O finished in 2nd place to Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, losing by the narrowest of margins. Members of the 2nd place team included James Chambliss (who was the #2 overall scorer in

the tournament), Chris Fields, Chris Williamson, and Minh-Nhat Duong.

The **ACE Program** has now certified **1,005 teachers**. The program will celebrate reaching this goal on March 17 in the Wilson Building.

ACE began in 2001 with only three students. Initially, participants came from the mid-career changers who were looking for a more fulfilling career. Now, a large portion comes from new college graduates who really did not know what they wanted to do until their senior year. This path to certification gives them an opportunity to work while seeking certification. These types of programs are becoming common pathways to teaching in Texas, preparing not only the majority of beginning teachers, but also the majority of teachers in critical areas.

The ACE Program currently has 85 students enrolled, as well as 159 teachers in the classroom, who the program continues to support with weekly visits by a field supervisor.

In honor of **Black History Month**, LSC-O will host a fun evening of celebration with Orange Celebrity Readers, a dance group and other activities for the whole family. The events, titled "What if there were no Black People...An evening celebrating the contributions of African Americans," and a night to join in the Twentieth National African American Read-In, will be held on Thursday, February 26 from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. in the Library.

Additionally, in cooperation with the WOCCISD 21st Century Community Learning Center, LSC-O is sponsoring a poster contest honoring the unique achievements of notable Black people. The contest theme is based upon the story "What if there were no black folk?" Poster entries will be on display in the Library Building art gallery. Anyone interested in helping to organize and judge the entrants should contact Mary McCoy at ext. 3083.

FEBRUARY EVENTS

10	Lutcher Theater presents "Mark Twain" starring Hal Holbrook
24	Fat Tuesday (free cake in Academic Center, 10:30 a.m.)
26	Black History Month Program, Library, 6 - 7:30 p.m.
26	Diversity Program feat. Matt Glowacki, Student Center, 12:30 p.m.

MARCH EVENTS

4-7	Lutcher Theater presents "Menopause the Musical"
14	Lutcher Theater presents "To Kill a Mockingbird"
17	Green Day, Library lawn, 11 a.m.
28	Stark Museum "Art in the Park," 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
30-31	Blood Drive

CONTINUING EDUCATION & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT



COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY

Intro to Computers

ITSC 1002-01/ITSC 1006-01 (Srs.)
Date: Feb. 3
Day: Tues
Time: 6:00-8:00 p.m.
Fee: \$35

Microsoft Excel 2007 Basics

Date: Mar. 3 & 5 and Apr. 28 & 30
Day: Tues, Thurs
Time: 6:00-8:00 p.m.
Fee: \$45

Microsoft Access Basics

Date: Feb. 24 & 26 or April 21 & 23
Day: Tues, Thurs
Time: 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Fee: \$45

Microsoft Word 2007 Basics

ITSC 1002-03
Date: Feb. 10 & 12 and Apr. 14 & 16
Day: Tues, Thurs
Time: 6:00-8:00 p.m.
Fee: \$45

Microsoft Excel 2007 Intermediate

ITSC 1002-06
Date: Mar. 17 & 19 and May 5 & 7
Day: Tues, Thurs
Time: 6:00-8:00 p.m.
Fee: \$45

Beginning Computers for Senior Citizens (55+)

Date: Mar. 4
Day: Wed
Time: 9:00-11:00 a.m.
Fee: Free

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

Senior Citizens (55+) Fitness Class

Date: Jan. 12-May 6
Day: Mon/Wed/Fri
Time: 9:00-9:50 a.m.
Fee: \$75

Photoshop Elements 6.0

Date: Feb. 2-Mar. 2
Day: Mon
Time: 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Fee: \$145

Conversational Spanish I

Date: Feb. 4-April 8
Day: Wed
Time: 6:00-8:00 p.m.
Fee: \$95

Handwriting Analysis

Date: Feb. 12-Mar. 5
Day: Thurs
Time: 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Fee: \$40

Step Aerobics, Cardio Mix & Muscle Toning

Date: Monthly
Day: Mon-Thurs
Time: 5:30-6:30 p.m.
Fee: \$30

Advanced Digital Photography

Date: Feb. 3-Mar. 3
Day: Tues
Time: 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Fee: \$95

Introduction to Metal Sculpting

Date: Feb. 2-May 18
Day: Mon
Time: 5:30-8:30 p.m.
Fee: \$395

Landscape Painting Workshop

Date: Feb. 28-Mar. 28
Day: Sat
Time: 2:00-4:30 p.m.
Fee: Free

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Forklift Operator Certificate Training

Date: Feb. 20 & 21 or May 22 & 23
Day: Fri, Sat
Time: 5:00 p.m.
Fee: \$100

You're Hired! Get in with the Interview

Date: Jan. 26-Mar. 2
Day: Mon
Time: 6:00-7:30 p.m.
Fee: \$50

NCCER Core Certification

Date: Mar. 23-May 14
Day: Mon, Wed, Thurs
Time: 5:30-8:30
Fee: \$275

NCCER Safety Tech. Certification

Date: May 5-Jul. 2
Day: Tues, Thurs
Time: 2:30-5:00 p.m.
Fee: \$450

FREE COMMUNITY SERVICE CLASSES

Do Well, Be Well with Diabetes

Date: Jan. 12-15 & 20
Day: Mon - Thurs
Time: 6:00-9:00 p.m.
Fee: Free

Investing 101

Date: Feb. 10
Day: Tues
Time: 6:00-8:00 p.m.
Fee: Free

Landscape Painting Workshop

Date: Feb. 28-Mar. 28
Day: Sat
Time: 2:00-4:30 p.m.
Fee: Free

Beginning Computers for Senior Citizens (55+)

Date: Mar. 4
Day: Wed
Time: 9:00-11:00 a.m.
Fee: Free

Emotions, Expectations & Economics

Date: May 5
Day: Tues
Time: 6:00-8:00 p.m.
Fee: Free

FAST-TRACK WELDING PROGRAM

Includes NCCER Core Certification and OSHA 10-Hour Certification

Introduction to Gas Tungsten Arc Welding

Date: Apr. 4-May 2
Day: Sat
Time: 7 a.m.-5 p.m.
Fee: \$995

For More Information, contact

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A complete listing of all classes is available at www.lsc.edu