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“Welcome Back...”

“Welcome back, Your dreams were your ticket out.

Welcome back, To that same old place that you laughed about.

Well the names have all changed since you hung around, But those dreams have remained and they're turned around.

Who'd have thought they'd lead ya (Who'd have thought they'd lead ya)

Here where we need ya (Here where we need ya)”

Welcome back to another record-setting fall semester! Congratulations for all of your hard work to retain and attract students!

We must admit that, in order for this college to grow, we do in fact “need ya” - espe-

cially when we have the chance to showcase all of the great things on the campus.

Our recruiter, Brianne Moreau, comments on the importance of putting on a “good show” for our visitors. She says, “A really exciting part of campus tours is for students to see inside of classrooms and labs and hear about all the programs we have to offer. A college campus tour makes a huge impact on whether or not a student will attend a specific college so let’s make ours one of the best!



The Haps

The summer came and went, and our graduates couldn’t have been more excited to march into the Lutcher Theater for their commencement ceremony.

As always, the Brown Center prepared a scrumptious breakfast for all the graduates to enjoy. Some faculty and

staff also attended to wish their former students well, whether they were continuing their education at LSC-O or planning to enter the working world. After breakfast and the rehearsal, the graduates were free to enjoy the rest of the afternoon until it was time for the ceremony.

Between 5:30 and 6:00 p.m., the graduates, as well as their families and friends, began to arrive at the Lutcher Theater. They brought their gowns, collars, cords, and who could forget the decorated

caps. It was exciting to see the expressions on their faces as they reminisced about tough exams, fun projects, and favorite faculty. Various programs assembled in groups and pumped one another up before



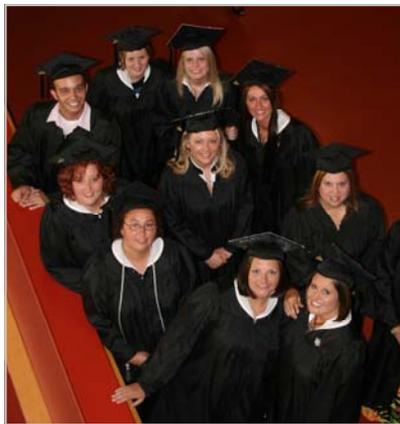
it was time to line up. Within an hour of entering the theater, the ceremony was com-



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plete and the graduates were ready to celebrate this accomplishment and prepare for the next chapter in their lives.



Student Appreciation Day, held on September 17, featured great food, fun, and give-aways. Not only were we celebrating our 40th anniversary, but also record enrollment and beautiful campus restoration after last year's devastation. Student groups showed their presence - AITP, SGA, Phi Theta Kappa, L.O.D.A.S., Baptist Student Ministry, and Teachers of Tomorrow served water, popcorn, snowcones, hot dogs, candy, and baked goods. Wells Fargo, and HR Block also were on-site to hand out information to students.



This year, a unique twist was added to the day. There was a company that screened t-shirts on-site (for those who had time to wait in the line.) As the day progressed, the line seemed to get longer as more students, faculty, and staff heard about the different designs and color options for the 40th anniversary commemorative tees. Commemorative koozies and bottle openers were also given away.



On September 30, LSC-O held its **40th Anniversary Reception** and invited various community members and business leaders to celebrate this special milestone with our faculty and staff. The Student Center was decorated with old campus photos and arti-



cles featuring the college over the last 40 years. The different academic departments and student organizations set up tables to display program information and achievements. Mary McCoy had an album of old clipped articles and made bookmarks from photos of the past. Guests were initially greeted by SGA representatives at



the door and given commemorative pens. Also, commemorative coasters were given to those who donated \$40,

After about an hour mingling and hors d'oeuvres, Dr. Shahan approached the podium to welcome and thank those in attendance. The evening celebrated all that employees and the community have done to bring LSC-O to where it is today. Special recognition was given to Carlton "Corky" Harmon, Representative Ron E. Lewis, Senator Carl A. Parker, and Dr. Joe Ben Welch for their contributions and commitment to the college's growth. Dr. Shahan spoke on each of the recipient's character, and each was presented with a nice personalized plaque. The event was a success; we hope everyone is looking forward to this year's activities and seeing LSC-O grow even more in the future.



SPOTLIGHT

True to form, the **LSC-O Speech and Debate Team** has already started the year on a high note. During the last weekend of September, the all female team competed in the Tarrant County Community College Novice Speech and Debate Tournament in Ft. Worth, Texas. The team earned 7 individual awards and 2 team awards:

- 1st place in After Dinner Speaking - Michelle Stuckey
- 2nd place in Prose Interpretation - Angela Teal
- 2nd place in Program Interpretation - Angela Teal
- 2nd place in Persuasive Speaking - Brittney Dorman
- 4th place in Informative Speaking - Brittney Dorman
- 5th place in Prose Interpretation - Allison Stewart
- 6th place in Prose Interpretation - Michelle Stuckey
- 2nd place for Individual Event Sweepstakes - LSC-O
- 2nd place Overall Sweepstakes - LSC-O



Left to right: Allison Stewart, Angela Teal, Brittney Dorman, Michelle Stuckey

Kevin Doss commented, "As a team, we finished right behind Southern Methodist University! What can I say? I am soooo proud of this brand new team of beginners! There are three things that really highlighted this weekend. Angela Teal's 2nd in Program Interpretation was her class assignment from the Spring 09 Oral In-

terpretation class. Brittney Dorman's 2nd in Persuasive Speaking was her class assignment from the May minisession 09 Public Speaking class. It is a great feeling to have a student's coursework rewarded!"

Also, LSC-O had three of the six finalist positions in Prose Interpretation. Way to go Ladies!!!



The **Collegiate Mentors Club** (formally known as the G-force) is an organization dedicated to creating a college going atmosphere in local high schools. CMC members mentor high school students on the importance of college education, as well as walking them through the process of applying for college, researching scholarship opportunities and filling out financial aid forms. Meet the new members of this years CMC club!

- **Kori Norwood** – Kori plans to finish her basics here at LSC-O and major in theater. She hopes to become either an actress or a theater teacher.
- **Carly Gauthier** – Carly plans to finish her basics here at LSC-O and major in English. She would like to teach high school English and coach volleyball.
- **Caleb Anthony** – Caleb plans to master in psychology and open up his own counseling business. Caleb's passion is helping people.
- **Ashley Moore** – Ashley is preparing to major in social work and help children who cannot help themselves. Her goal is to become a CPS worker so she can help those less fortunate.

The new **Student Government Association** officers were sworn in on October 1. SGA participates and volunteers at a number of campus and community events throughout the

year. We greatly appreciate their involvement and look forward to getting to know the new members.



Carolyn Mello, English instructor, was one of the four recipients to receive the **Julie and Ben Rogers Community Service Award**. The other recipients were Dr. Vickie Dionne of LU, James P. Doane of LIT, and Dr. Barbara Huval of LSC-PA.

The **LSC-O Com-STEM Program**, coordinated by Larry Wilmore and Matt McClure, received seventeen scholarship applications for fall 2009. Com-STEM stands for Community-Based Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Education Initiative. Com-STEM is funded by the National Science Foundation in conjunction with McNeese State University (MSU).

Eligible student majors include Natural Science (ASNS), Computer Science (ASCS), Industrial Technology (AAS), Process Technology (C), and Medical Laboratory Technology (AAS).

Matt McClure commented, "This semester, we received applications from seventeen students, which is a semester record for our ComSTEM program. Thanks to all the faculty, staff, and administration who have helped make this semester a success."

Once the scholarship committee has reviewed the applications, scholarships are usually dispersed around the middle of the semester.

You Don't Say?

Several LSC-O staff members participated in the **Alzheimer Memory Walk 2009** held at Shangri La on September 26. Mary McCoy tells more about the day:

I wanted to participate in the walk because my mother has dementia. When the grandchildren were younger she always wanted to do things with them and make memories. Kade, my grandson, and I walked the Memory Walk for Nannie and we made our own special memories. We were joined by Bhagya and her husband and Floy Evans. Floy Evans walked with her family in memory of her father. It was a hot humid Texas morning but it was fun to walk the gardens with friends.



Did you know in Orange county alone over 2,000 dogs are put down every year? In one year alone 1,113 perfectly healthy and adoptable animals were put to sleep at our neighborhood animal control facility on Simmons Drive. The pet overpopulation crisis is REAL. Please think about adopting a dog before purchasing from a breeder or buying that cute puppy in the Wal-Mart parking lot. Puppies in the shelter usually have a "shelf life" of 72 hours before euthanasia at many animal control facilities. Looking for a purebred dog? No problem! Over 25 percent of dogs in the shelter are purebred!

As an advocate and volunteer for a national dog rescue organization, www.labs4rescue.com, Brianne

DON'T BREED OR BUY



WHILE SHELTER ANIMALS DIE!

Moreau is available to answer any questions you may have about adopting your next best friend. She stays in close contact with local animal control facilities if you are looking for a certain type of dog. Foster homes are always needed if you have room in your heart to house a homeless animal for a short period of time. Remember: Don't breed or buy while shelter animals die!

From Brianne Moreau:

This upcoming semester is sure to be an exciting one and I'm thrilled to once again be on the road speaking to prospective students from Southeast Texas and Southwest Louisiana. One important event that everyone needs to be aware of is Orange Counties TACRAO College Night. Representatives from colleges all over the state of Texas (and out of state colleges) will be represented here on campus on October 29 from 6:00 - 8:00pm in the Student Center - same night as Octoberfest.

Students from Little Cypress-Mauriceville, West Orange, Deweyville, Bridge City, Orangefield, Vidor and Community Christian will be in attendance. All programs of study are welcome to set up their own individual table to share information with prospective students. Please email Brianne.Moreau@lsc.edu to reserve your table.

Many schools from the area will be touring our campus during the fall and spring semester so let's make them feel welcome with our friendly

smiles and our terrific LSC-O hospitality. I will contact key individuals to inform you of upcoming tours and establishing a game plan for making sure students hear all this wonderful campus has to offer.

Library Showcase

The Library Showcase is an opportunity for us to highlight some of the hidden gems found in the Lamar State College-Orange library. Check in and see what you may be missing in our very own library.

Databases

The library showcase for this month is our College Source database. College Source is an online library representing 44,815 college catalogs and over 37,600,000 course descriptions! The database provides full cover-to-cover, original page format with two-year, four-year, graduate, professional and international schools. If you or a student is looking for a place to finish that four-year degree or to find a graduate program, try College Source.

Website: MedlinePlus

MedlinePlus will direct you to information to help answer health questions. MedlinePlus brings together authoritative information from NLM, the National Institutes of Health (NIH), and other government agencies and health-related organizations. MedlinePlus also has extensive information about drugs, an illustrated medical encyclopedia, interactive patient tutorials, and latest health news. MedlinePlus is government sponsored website whereas WebMD, a website promoted on television is sponsored by pharmaceutical companies. MedlinePlus provides useful, easy to understand consumer health information. MedlinePlus can be accessed from our list of databases under the letter "M" or you can use the address <http://medlineplus.gov/>.

OCTOBER EVENTS

29 Octoberfest 2009, 6-8 p.m.

NOVEMBER EVENTS

4 Distinguished Lecture Series, Lutcher, 6:30 p.m.

17 LSCO Screen on the Green, 6 p.m.

New Faces



Raymond Smith
Director of Purchasing and Contracts



Monty Jones
Library Tech III



Geneva Adams
Library Clerk II



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LEADERSHIP AND PREPAREDNESS
IN THE 21ST CENTURY"

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