EMS instructor named Teacher of the Year

Julianne Clancy of Friendswood, an assistant professor of emergency medical services with COM’s public service careers department, was named the 2009 Instructor of the Year at the College’s annual employee recognition dinner. Clancy, who has taught at COM since 2000, was one of five finalists selected by students and subsequently evaluated by a team of students visiting each finalist’s classroom. The award carries a professional development stipend and recognition at the College’s spring commencement ceremony.

Clancy began her career in the allied health field at age 16 as a Certified Nurse Aide (CNA). After obtaining her bachelor’s degree from Texas A&M in biomedical science, she went on to earn a master’s degree in molecular physiology and biophysics from Baylor College of Medicine. She worked briefly for NASA and flew in the KC-135 antigravity aircraft, better known as the “vomit comet.” While doing research at Baylor, she began volunteering with the Friendswood and Pearland fire departments. She still works part time for Pearland EMS.

“I volunteered with the Friendswood Fire Department and decided to make being a paramedic my full-time job,” Clancy said.

She now teaches basic and intermediate EMT classes along with EMT-paramedic classes at COM. Her selection as teacher of the year was a surprise to her but not to her students.

“She treats her students as she would want to be treated and takes joy in seeing her students excel,” said Debby Korn, one of the student evaluators.

“I place the bar high, make expectations clear, don’t bend, believe in them and make them believe in themselves—students will achieve more than they ever thought they could, noted Clancy. “Mom says she knew from the time I was very young that I’d end up a teacher somewhere—it was just a matter of time for me to find my niche. I found it at COM.”

Town Hall Meetings

All meetings are at 6 - 7:30 p.m.

Hitchcock
June 2 at City Hall, 7423 Hwy. 6

Dickinson
June 4 at the Council Chambers
1621 FM 517 East

League City
June 16, Location TBA

Kemah
June 18
City Hall in the Council Chambers
1401 State Hwy 146

La Marque
June 23 at 1109-B Bayou Road

College of the Mainland’s new president, Dr. Michael Elam, is holding a series of town hall meetings throughout the College service area to introduce himself to the communities and to learn how COM can better serve area residents.
Kudos to Lisa Camp named Unsung Hero by the Galveston County Daily News

Lisa Camp is an adjunct faculty member in the Public Service Careers Department at COM, a chief with the Friendswood Volunteer Fire Department and an assistant chief with the La Porte EMS. She has worked hurricanes in Texas and Florida in her 30 year public service career.

Camp, who lives in Friendswood, was recently honored with a plaque at a reception along with other “Unsung Heroes” by the Galveston County Daily News. In nominating Lisa into the hall of heroes, Roy Hunter, Clear Lake Emergency Medical Corp chief wrote: “To me, an Unsung Hero is someone you strive to imitate, and Lisa Camp is my local hero due to all the wonderful things she does for her community. She has always striven for the best in care from herself and from her service.”

Hispanic Leadership Conference

For the past two years, a group of young, motivated students from College of the Mainland have brought ESL students from our local schools to the COM campus.

The “Live Your Dream Event” is coordinated by the Dream Act Leadership Organization (DALO). The goal of DALO is to inform students that they can go to college and fulfill their dreams. This year, DALO and COM Amigos reached out to ESL and Hispanic students in our local schools and brought them to campus to learn leadership skills, such as goal setting, team building, diversity training and community involvement. DALO also raised $300 and awarded a scholarship to a Hitchcock High School senior, Patricia Villarreal, at the May 15 event. Villarreal plans to start at COM this summer. DALO will continue to help students achieve their dreams with more outreach activities in 2009-10. Congratulations to Martin Perez, Ciro Reyes and all the others who are all helping make dreams come true.

Hispanic Heritage Scholarship Fund

The newly created Hispanic Heritage Scholarship was a grass roots effort by employees at College of the Mainland who believe education will enable students in our community to lead the next generation to greater heights.

They want to raise $2,000 over the next year to help as many students as possible participate in the educational process at COM and are starting with a silent auction featuring local artists.

Help them help students by making a bid for one of the silent auction items generously donated by College of the Mainland artists George Bowes, Mark Greenwalt and Janet Hassinger and former student Edgar Bustillos has donated a print. There is also a beautiful black in-cut vase from an artisan in Oaxaca, Mexico.

Each piece of art represents hours of work, love and dedication. Your donation will represent even more to a deserving student.

Go to www.HispanicHeritageScholarship.com and bid on your favorite piece of art or come to the COM library to place the bid in person and look at each piece.

The auction will end Friday, May 29 at noon.

Career Exploration Fair

More than 600 Galveston County students and teachers attended College of the Mainland’s Career Exploration Fair held May 8. More than 65 representatives from 23 area companies and 10 college programs participated in the annual event that introduces middle school and high school students to a variety of careers. Sponsored by COM’s Collegiate High School, the event also included a Career Discovery Contest where students researched career fields and presented their findings in a written paper and accompanying display. This year students from Santa Fe and Hitchcock took top honors.

COM President Dr. Michael Elam presents awards to high school winners in the Career Discovery Contest held at COM as part of Career Exploration Day. Left to right are Dr. Elam; Shelby Sustaita of Santa Fe High School, third place, ophthalmology; Louis Beard from Hitchcock High School, first place, criminal justice; and Megan Chappell of Santa Fe High School, second place, neo-natal nursing.
Child Development Lab School Reaccredited by NAEYC

The Child Development and Education Department would like to share some really good news. Today we received word from NAEYC that our Lab School has been reaccredited. The notification states: “The administration, teaching staff, and families of College of the Mainland Child Development Lab School are all to be congratulated for being one of the first programs in the country to earn the mark of quality represented by the reinvented NAEYC Accreditation system.”

The Lab School was first accredited by NAEYC in June of 1987, just two years after opening, and has through a number of reaccreditation cycles over the years. This particular reaccreditation, however, involved meeting the newly revised and much more stringent criteria that few centers in the country have achieved. We would like to thank our COM “family” for all of the support we received along the way.

Gold Ribbon Award for COM Child Lab

Galveston County Health District recognized COM Child Lab with outstanding food service. COM Child Lab employee Lisa Woitena received the Gold Ribbon Award.

Kudos

If you have a kudo to share, e-mail marketing@com.edu.

Kathy Friedrich will be serving on the Data Committee of the Texas Association for Institutional Research. This group works closely with the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board on reporting requirements and state reports.

Evening boot camp shaping up at COM

The COM Wellness Center is offering a new evening boot camp for people who want to get in shape within a disciplined regimen. Patterned after a military-style format, the COM boot camp involves pushups, jumping jacks and low crawls among its menu of exercises. The class meets Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. June 8 through July 31. The cost is $120. For more information, call 409-938-1211 or 888-258-8859, ext. 175.

Belated Wishes to May Birthdays

**COM Employees perform in Red Herring**

**Thursday - Saturday at 8 p.m.**

**Sunday at 2:30 p.m. through June 14**

**COM Maintenance employees** Nick Canton, Ron Collins and James Taylor being recognized at the May board meeting for a suggestion that saved the College $38,000. It seems the broken letters and faded lettering on all College buildings was going to cost COM almost $38,000 to repair. Nick and team found a better way to replace the broken letters themselves and then painted all the building lettering in black. Another great in-house solution to enhance the look of our campus.

**Multicultural Team presents 2009 Juneteenth Celebration**

**The Redeemed Race**

Wednesday, June 17, 2009

11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. in L131

Guest speaker Len Cannon
anchor KHOU TV Channel 11
Poetry by Dashae D. Gray
Entertainment by Karrington Anderson
Music provided by D. J. Terry Jackson
This event is free and open to the public.
Lunch will be served.

For more information call ext. 205.

**Dr. Elam recognized science professor Dr. Ndu Dikeocha for his work with the COM chapter of Phi Theta Kappa (PTK), the international honors society. The PTK chapter recently returned from a district meeting where Dr. Dikeocha was inducted into the Texas Advisers Hall of Fame.**

**July 4th Celebration**

**July 2, 2009 • 11 a.m. - 2 p.m**

**COM-outside LRC building**

Pie Baking Contest (apple and cherry)
★Parade ★Food ★Games ★Prizes
★Trivia ★Music

Come and enjoy the celebration!

For more information, call 409-938-1211 or 1-888-258-8859
Michelle Gerami, ext. 351 or Kari Drake, ext. 437
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Employee Recognition Dinner 2009

To view the 2009 Employee Recognition Dinner go to http://flickr.com/gp/commarketing/GRj0z2
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