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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

DR. MILES MCCALL

Almost six years ago we recognized that Lon Morris College needed to make changes, behave like a constantly improving higher education institution, take risks, grow, and overcome obstacles to ensure that the institution could deliver its mission to students, the Texas Annual Conference, and the United Methodist Church. Yes, the challenges have been greater than expected. Yes, our timing could not have been any worse with the nationwide economic crisis and melt down of the banking industry. Yes, our historical debt pressure hampers our success and yes, we have made some mistakes in our decisions. However, we are becoming a stronger institution.



My brothers and sisters, consider it nothing but joy when you fall into all sorts of trials, because you know that the testing of your faith produces endurance. And let endurance have its perfect effect so that you will be perfect and complete, not deficient in anything. But if anyone is deficient in wisdom, he should ask God, who gives to all generously and without reprimand, and it will be given to him. But he must ask in faith without doubting...(James 1, 2-6)

We are certainly in a time of change in how we operate Lon Morris... ..every aspect. Lon Morris College must endure because we have a social obligation and a mission to help a diverse group of students mature socially, academically, and spiritually.....WE change lives.

Like in the Book of James, we must have the courage to BELIEVE we are rebuilding Lon Morris College to be the institution God plans for it to be and that we can endure all challenges along our journey. We must continue to consistently improve the quality of our academic experiences even when we fall short. Short falls give us an opportunity to learn, monitor, and consistently improve the quality of our institution.

This Annual Report illustrates, as an academic institution, we are delivering our mission. We are improving and we are falling short. However, we constantly monitor and assess our success and failures and strategically work to improve our processes to successfully impact our students.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees and the Administration, I would like to say thank you to the faculty and staff for having the faith to believe, the courage to endure, and the Will to focus on student outcomes and experiences.

Miles L. McCall, Ph.D.

President

Lon Morris College

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

LON MORRIS COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MR. GENE BRUMBELOW

Dear, LMC Supporters, Faculty, Staff, Board Members and Students,

The following pages illustrate a summary of events, statistics, and outcomes of an exciting year in the history of Lon Morris College. Under the leadership of the Board of Trustees along with countless hours of activity from the faculty, staff, and administration, Lon Morris College is currently taking courageous steps in moving LMC to new levels of academic excellence and financial stability. The 2010-2011 academic year was certainly a year worthy of documentation.

The Board of Trustees has committed itself to ensuring that the administration, faculty, and staff have the resources and board support to move Lon Morris College to a level of success not yet experienced by our institution. This Annual Report clearly illustrates that we are beginning to replicate other successful academic institutions while still keeping the unique characteristics of Lon Morris intact. We will continue to implement programs and processes that ensure that Lon Morris College continually assesses itself against other institutions making improvements and adjustments to create a quality experience for our present and future students. Though LMC continues to experience financial challenges due to our unprecedented growth, the Board will continue to work with the administration in efforts to improve both strategic planning and financial management for an improved level of stability.

The Administration, Faculty, and Staff should be commended for countless hours of service to help LMC take bold steps in student enrollment growth, new programs, and improved processes. Lon Morris College has a new direction and a bright future.

Gene Brumbelow

Chairman of the Board

Board of Trustees

Lon Morris College

COLLEGE PROFILE

MISSION STATEMENT

Embracing the teachings of Christ as its foundation, Lon Morris College nurtures academic, social and spiritual growth through an engaging liberal arts curriculum and a vibrant campus life.

CORE VALUES

Lon Morris College is committed to providing a R.I.C.H. environment where all will live by commonly held standards of ethical conduct.

- **Respect** for self, others and the environment.
- **Integrity** and enthusiasm in the pursuit of academic excellence.
- **Citizenship** and responsibility in the effort to better society.
- **Honesty** in all endeavors.

STRATEGIC GOALS (approved by LMC Board of Trustees on December 3, 2010)

- Goal 1. Promote the College core values throughout the LMC community.
- Goal 2. Maintain and enhance a fully engaged and successful student body.
- Goal 3. Maintain and enhance a fully engaged and empowered faculty, staff and administration committed to the College Mission.
- Goal 4. Expand and improve academic programs.
- Goal 5. Increase enrollment to 1000 FTE residential students.
- Goal 6. Enhance community engagement and environmental stewardship.
- Goal 7. Sound financial management, affordability, and increased resource development.
- Goal 8. Develop a comprehensive manual of policies and procedures encompassing every function of each department to organize and standardize the administration of the College.
- Goal 9. Develop and implement a Facilities Management Plan to offer direction for improvements of structures, services, appearance and growth to fulfill the needs of the LMC community.
- Goal 10. Develop and implement a Technology Master Plan to provide guidance for the College to offer state of the art scalable, reliable, secure, robust, and user friendly systems and services for the LMC community.
- Goal 11: Develop and implement a Security and Safety Master Plan to provide every member of the LMC community a secure and safe environment to learn, live, work, play, and worship.
- Goal 12. LMC will aggressively seek philanthropic support through mission-based fundraising linked to institutional objectives. Development operations will include effective stakeholder relations and communications, transparent management of gifts raised, proper stewardship and fundraising, in its various forms, raising \$5 million annually.
- Goal 13. By January 2012, prepare a feasibility study for the potential transition of Lon Morris College to a four-year institution, for consideration by the Board of Trustees.
- Goal 14. Identify, develop and enhance programs and processes to promote excellence in intercollegiate athletics.

LON MORRIS COLLEGE STUDENTS

Students who attended Lon Morris College in 2010 – 2011 came from 82 different counties in Texas, 13 other states, and 17 different countries. The “typical” student was male, about 19 years old, calls Cherokee, Harris, or Tarrant County home, and was involved in LMC Athletics.

The general population was very diverse in ethnic representation as the table below indicates.

American Indian or Alaska Native	Asian/Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	Black or African American	Hispanic/Latino	White	Race/Ethnicity unknown	Nonresident alien
8	4	522	118	312	74	32
0.75%	0.37%	48.79%	11.03%	29.16%	6.92%	2.99%

The fall enrollment reached a record 1,070 students of which 930, or 86.9%, were full time students. Cherokee county produced the largest group, some 255 students (about 24%) including 107 Dual Credit students. Students in the United States came from as far away as Sutton County in Texas, New York, Washington, Florida, and Minnesota while other students came from countries such as Canada, Dominican Republic, Japan, and Serbia.

NEAR and FAR

The Faces of LMC



VICTORIA LOPEZ
JACKSONVILLE, TEXAS



BRENDA ADHIAMBO
MOBASA, KENYA

Allanah Austin

When Allanah Austin, a freshman from Hemphill, Texas, was a sophomore in high school, she met Brenita Williams, assistant women's basketball coach at LMC. A relationship began to develop and grow as Coach Williams visited often and followed her athletic development. This outstanding high school athlete had chances to play at other colleges but felt that Coach Williams, now the Head Coach, really wanted her to play at LMC. "It was her attitude and positive approach that convinced me. I could come to LMC and begin my college education, play a sport I loved, and play for a coach that really wanted me on her team," explains Allanah. A multiple sport letterman in high school, Allanah participated in track, volleyball (First Team All-District), cross country, softball, and basketball (First Team All District; All Regional Team – Honorable Mention). In high school, Allanah played the post position but has become a shooting guard for the Lady BearCats. "At first, I was a little surprised at the skill level of the other players. I quickly realized I needed to step up my game." Allanah is very team oriented and frequently uses terms like team chemistry, team unity, and sisterhood when describing the Lady BearCats. "The chemistry of the team is great and helps all of us get better. It was a special time when we (the freshmen team members) first arrived. We did things together and began to bond as players and individuals. We got close in just a few weeks." This chemistry translated to a record setting season. First winning season, the most wins of any Lady BearCat team, and qualifying for the conference tournament were all team goals reached and achieved. "We really overcame the doubters who said we were a young team with a young coach and won't do well in conference." The team's outstanding play throughout the tournament is another result of the chemistry and sisterhood in action. The time devoted to basketball and study for classes does not leave much time for other organizations though Allanah tries to attend the other home games for all sports at LMC and participates in student activities as time allows. Academics are extremely important as she learned at home from Mom who said "Pass before you play" but really meant "Excel" before you play. Allanah was a straight "A" student in high school and has continued to excel off the court. She recently was selected to join Phi Theta Kappa, an honor that reflects outstanding scholarship and character. Over the summer she was the only LMC student athlete selected to the National Junior College Athletic Association's (NJCAA) list of Superior Academic Achievers (3.87 GPA for her freshman year). Allanah enjoyed the team's all day visit to West Side Elementary last fall where the Lady Cats read to the students and worked with them in the school gym. "The kids were really excited about our visit and we hope to go more next year." One of her special moments this year has been going to Chapel as a team. Again, she speaks of how such activities help develop team closeness and chemistry. She sees that across campus as well. "Everyone is friendly and you have a chance to build relationships. Everyone supports each other and I have learned to be more responsible and become an engaging young adult."



Brenda Adhiambo



Brenda Adhiambo, a sophomore, calls Mobasa, Kenya home. So how did she find Lon Morris? The path went through an older sister who played basketball at Texas A&M University at Corpus Christi. Brenda's sister, who was a standout player, contacted Coach Rosalyn Tindel at LMC and told her about her younger sister in Kenya. Some research was done and Brenda was soon invited to join the Lady BearCats. She arrived in January of 2009 and sat out that season as a "red shirt." Since then she has made her presence known to all the colleges within the Region XIV Conference. They are all breathing a sigh of relief as Brenda will graduate in May (on her birthday!) with an Associate of Arts degree in Psychology. She will join the Redhawks of Seattle University to continue her education and basketball career. At Seattle U. she plans to pursue a degree in International Business & Marketing. The transition from Kenya to LMC was not easy for Brenda and was made more difficult because of the cultural differences she encountered. But she quickly learned there was a strong support system in place that would help her

overcome such problems. "Everyone in the Athletic Department and across campus was always ready to help," said Brenda. "Team members and coaches understood the problems and helped devise solutions. One of the best things about LMC is the sense of community that exists. You get to know so many people and they get to know you. And the faculty is 'down-to-earth' and really want you to learn and improve. The staff is the same and always willing to help." Brenda's work on the basketball court has produced a number of honors (see below) but for her it's all about the team. "I appreciate the awards but I really enjoying sharing these honors with the team. They helped make it happen," Brenda explained. "This past season was so rewarding. It was great to be part of Coach Williams' first year as head coach and enjoy with her and the team her success this year. To be part of a team that played for the conference tournament championship and took a nationally ranked team into overtime was very special to me, the team and to Coach." Brenda has enjoyed and appreciated all the support she and her teammates have received from the students, faculty and staff, other athletes and the community. She has also enjoyed the environment here. "There are real seasons here, fall and winter. I saw snow for the first time at LMC!"

- NJCAA All American – 3rd Team 2010-11
- Region XIV All Conference 2009-10; 2010-11
- All Region Team 2010-11
- Conference Player of the Week January 8, 2011
- All Tournament Team 2011
- BearCat Freshman Player of the Year 2009-10
- BearCat Most Valuable Player 2010-11
- Jersey to be hung in the "Ring of Honor" of the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame in Knoxville, TN.

Daniel Cooper

Daniel Cooper, a sophomore, was born in Detroit, Michigan but moved to Houston when he was an elementary school student. Daniel has the distinction of being part of the re-birth of LMC BearCat Football. A standout defensive back at Klein Forest High School, where he was selected for the First Team All District Team, Daniel wanted to be part of a new football program. Also, LMC was close to home and other offers were from colleges out-of-state. Daniel is a “survivor” of the 2009-10 red shirt season. “There were so many people trying out, things were somewhat disorganized. Not playing games was different but we knew this coming into the program. I was able to improve my strength and speed during that year so it was beneficial in that respect.” Daniel was ready to play when 2010 finally got here but had the misfortune to tear his ACL in the second game against Mary Hardin Baylor. The disappointment associated with this serious injury sent this student with a strong academic record into something of a tailspin. His overall grade



point average of 3.8 dropped to 3.5 because of a problem in one course. “I have always had high expectations for myself as to academic achievements. I was a straight “A” student in high school and expected to continue at that level in college. I was really disappointed and down after the injury and I let my course work in that class slide,” Daniel explained. “That won’t happen again.” With help and encouragement from his advisor, Beverly Fisher, and other faculty, he forecasts a solid spring semester and an improved GPA. “My academic record is important to me. I’m proud of the fact that my grades were good enough to be selected for Phi Theta Kappa last year.” Because of the time demands of football, Daniel has not joined other campus organizations. He is one to keep to himself choosing to use his spare time to study and work out. Daniel will be a few courses shy of graduating this May but plans to transfer to the University of Houston and major in Psychology. At this time, his career goals include some type of work with children, perhaps even children who have been abused. He credits his teachers with preparing him for university level courses, supporting and encouraging him through tough times, and offering advice as to careers and occupations. “They have been there for me.” Other than getting the chance to play football at the college level, Daniel believes LMC was a smart choice for him. “LMC is a good place to start a college career. Good teachers and a supportive college atmosphere.”

Hannah Foster

Students come to LMC from near and far, from large cities to small rural communities. Hannah Foster, a freshman from China, Texas might be considered as a representative of a small town. However, Hannah comes to LMC well prepared for college. She keeps a detailed planner up-to-date at all times and works to improve her organizational skills. “I would be lost without my planner,” reveals Hannah. She learned about LMC from her parents, both Methodist ministers. Her brother attended LMC some year ago. “LMC was not too close to home and not too far away either,” Hannah says. “With the United Methodist Pastor’s Award, a band scholarship, and a BearCat Award for academics, I could attend without the burden of student loans.” She loves the size of the campus and how easy it is to get around.



“Time you can spend with teachers has been great and the entire faculty are very helpful. It has been a great experience meeting and getting to know so many students from different places and learning about their country and culture.” Hannah was involved in PALS (Peer Assisted Leadership) in high school and worked as a mentor/tutor for second and third graders. This may have been the beginning of her desire to become an elementary school teacher. “I think I want to be a teacher because I love kids,” Hannah explains. As part of her Service Learning program she has worked at Fred Douglas Elementary School for four hours a week. She worked with students from grades 1 – 4 providing help with reading, Spanish, and English. Her worked involved groups of students as well as tutoring individual students and was very rewarding. Hannah has also been busy on campus. She served as a student worker in the Band Hall and in the Financial Aid Office. Last fall she participated in a student lead Bible Study based in the Cooper House. In January, she joined the Rotaract Club and plans to run for secretary of the club. She recently worked as a “nailer” on the Habitat for Humanity project in Tyler with other members of Rotaract. Her work with the LMC Band has included playing the clarinet at all home football and basketball games. This April, she was selected to Phi Theta Kappa and is considering running for an office with that honor society. While not certain where she will go after LMC, she seems certain to pursue a teaching career where she can put to good use her organizational skills as well as her love for children.

Jackie Jones

Dual credit courses are offered at most high schools in Texas. Students can take courses at their high school or travel to a near-by college. Jackie Jones, a first year student from Frankston, took full advantage of this system and entered LMC with 24 semester credit hours! Thus, Jackie hopes to graduate with an Associate of Arts – General Studies degree this summer. From LMC she will attend UT – Tyler and major in psychology. “I want to get to know more about human behavior and what influences people to take certain actions,” Jackie states in response to why psychology. Jackie is definitely a “people person” especially if associated with Church Careers and religious matters. A recipient of a United Methodist Pastor’s Award and a Church Careers scholarship, Jackie has not ruled out a career with a church or some occupation involved with churches. In fact, LMC was recommended to her by her pastor and she has no regrets. Academically, she has excelled as she came to LMC with eight college courses completed and knew what to expect. At LMC, she has learned more about community service and its rewards. Last fall as a student in Service Learning, she worked with Generations North, a ministry based in Tyler that works to unite people of all generations. She also joined Rotaract and has participated in many of the club’s activities such as the Bullard Red, White, and Blue parade and the Turkey Trot 5K run. This spring, she served as a “nailer” for a house project in the Habitat for Humanity program. “The community service experiences I’ve had have been awesome. The fact that there are so many students involved and interested in



service has been very rewarding to me.” Jackie has been a speaker at the Contemporary Chapel Service and also plays the “djembe” in the Worship Band. She is also part of the Worship Planning Committee that plans the All-Campus Chapel Services. At this year’s Honor Ceremony, Jackie received a Superior Academic Achievement award. Jackie’s year at LMC has been “great.” She has had the opportunity to get to know people from different countries, different states, different races, and different religious backgrounds. She has also found the LMC faculty to be very supportive and ready to help. They serve as mentors and friends with the ability to offer sound advice. Jackie sums it up by saying, “I don’t think such an atmosphere exists at a four year college.”

Matt Whitlock

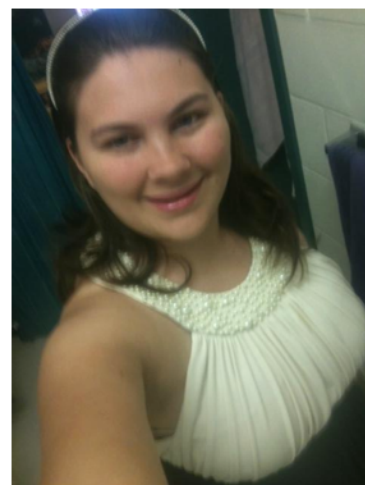
Sophomore Matt Whitlock was born and raised in Houston, Texas but recently moved to Fort Worth. Matt's friend and former LMC student, Payton Carter, recommended LMC and after visiting during a Campus Visit Day that included Omega Fest, Matt was sold on the college. Matt hopes to graduate with an Associate of Arts degree in December, 2011. At this time, he plans to transfer after graduation to Beacon College in Florida and major in psychology. Matt is not sure of his career but he would like to use the knowledge he gains from his study of psychology to work in some capacity with kids. Matt's experience at LMC has centered on his work with the Service Learning Program. Because he had some experience (in Australia!) working with 1st and 2nd graders, he selected West Side Elementary as the site of his community service. His experience at West Side has changed him in a number of ways. It has helped him grow spiritually and socially. "I can see God's hand in the work that is done at West Side," explains Matt. "I have a deeper relationship with God as a result. Working at West Side is my calling. My experience has infused my passion for God and for working with people." Matt believes the West Side experience has also helped him socially. He is more confident in his interactions with fellow students and faculty and has been able to make a number of new friends on campus. Not that everything has gone smoothly. Matt, like many of us, had a great fear of public speaking. But with the help of his Speech teacher, Amanda



Chesshir, Matt was able to meet the course requirements and make an "A" in the class. Matt appreciates the passion the teachers have for the job. "You can see the passion when they are in the classroom." Matt has used this passion to improve his academic standing to the point that he was recently inducted into Phi Theta Kappa. However, Matt's best work has been done at West Side so much so that he was selected as Volunteer of the Year in 2009-10. Matt has served as a teacher's assistant for two years at West Side. In that role he has performed clerical duties, helped students in class, usually with reading skills, monitored pre-kindergarten and kindergarten students at lunch time, and assisted coaches at P.E. sessions. Recently, Matt decided to introduce the West Side students to the students he worked with in Australia. Matt worked with two second grade classes to establish a Pen Pal Program. Letters were written in April by 42 second-graders at West Side and sent to Perth, Australia. Students at West Side will spend time learning about Australia as well. Matt hopes this program is a lasting gift to West Side and to the Jacksonville community. Certainly Matt's efforts will long be appreciated.

Rebecca Oden

Rebecca Oden will graduate in May with an Associate's Degree in Music (Voice Emphasis). This talented singer plans to attend UT –Tyler next fall where she has been accepted into the Music program. She has also been invited to join the prestigious UT – Tyler Patriot Singers. Rebecca plans to secure a bachelor's degree in Music Education but her first love is sacred music. She would love to work with children's choirs in a church music program. Rebecca chose LMC because it was close to home and had small classes. She loves the environment and the fact she can be involved with the Church Careers program. All her Church Careers classes have been special to Rebecca. "In those classes, we learn a lot but we have a good time as well," Rebecca explained. "Rev. Rhett is just great." Rebecca participates in Chapel with the MasterSingers and assists with the Contemporary Service on Tuesday nights. Rebecca is a member of Phi Theta Kappa, was selected to represent the Music Department at the Leadership Dinner and Workshop and serves as the Secretary/Treasurer for Student Activities. As part of her Church Careers program, she organized a Prayer Walk for students. The students walked through campus stopping at various locations to offer prayers for the College, the faculty and the students. As of this writing, Rebecca is working on her music for her Sophomore Recital. When asked what she likes most about LMC she quickly replies, "The teachers; they are so caring and strive to see you succeed. They all (especially Mary Tidwell) go over and beyond to help you. You won't find that at a four year school."



Rileigh Storrs

Rileigh Storrs is an outgoing freshman from Magnolia, Texas who is loaded with talent. She has already graced the stage of the Zula Pearson Theatre in two major productions. Recruited by former department chair H. Russ Brown at a Texas Educational Theatre Association TheatreFest audition, Rileigh visited LMC several times before making her decision to attend. She was initially disappointed to learn that Mr. Brown had moved on but decided to stay. "Am I ever glad I did," said Rileigh. "This year has been exciting and very rewarding on stage, performing with the MasterSingers and getting to know my classmates." There have been some challenges such as the Ear and Sight Training course but Rileigh remains enthusiastic and positive. "The teachers at LMC are so good at helping students. I knew this was the place for me during the first Theatre orientation where I met the faculty and other students. Everything just felt right." Rileigh played Tracy Turnblad in *Hairspray* and Tituba in the *Crucible*. "The standing ovation we received on closing night of *Hairspray* was an unbelievably wonderful experience." Performing with the MasterSingers at Chapel, in the Bearcat Revue, in London, and with others actors reprising *Hairspray* at Sadler's and local high schools has meant long hours but Rileigh simply shrugs this off as she is doing what she loves to do. Recently Rileigh was selected for the national honor society, Phi Theta Kappa. She plans to become involved in PTK in a leadership role and participate more in student government next year. Her goal is to complete her associate's degree in Musical Theatre at LMC and looks to complete her B.F.A. at one of the many fine colleges in New York. After that – well stay tuned. Maybe she will follow the footsteps of other LMC graduates right to Broadway!

Shelby Atwood

“When I first met Shelby Atwood I knew at that moment she was going to set the bar for our new Hospitality Administration program at Lon Morris College,” stated Breezy Lake, Program Director. Shelby was the first student to receive a Hospitality Administration Scholarship. In May 2010, Shelby graduated from Zavalla High School where she was the typical All-American girl that participated in every sport in high school but had a passion for extracurricular clubs and activities as well. Shelby likes the small size of this town and the LMC campus. “It fits – it’s like home,” explains Shelby. When she visited campus she found everyone was extremely nice and made her feel welcome. But Breezy Lake was the one that really convinced her to join the new program. “She was so excited and enthused about the new program you couldn’t help but get excited too.” Shelby appreciates the small class sizes at LMC and that fact that everyone seems close to each other and friendly. “You can’t get lonely here,” said Shelby. When she got to campus she realized she was about to move in with people she didn’t know, who might be different and have different goals. However, all those



things have worked out. It has been a very busy first year for Shelby with classes and other events. She has really had to learn good time management skills so that important things, like homework, don’t get neglected. With Ms. Lake’s help and encouragement, she started work at a Tyler restaurant where she has a chance to observe the organization of a food serving business as well as gain experience working with and for people on a large scale. She will also start a paid internship this summer helping two women start a new business that involves an event center/venue. Her duties will include social networking (Facebook, etc.) as well as many other tasks related to event planning. This spring, she has been very involved with a project for the Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce. The project involves production of a tourism video for the Chamber. “We are planning for a red carpet premier on April 28th for the finished video. Our class is planning all phases of the event, the food, invitations, location, set-up, etc.” Shelby plans to complete her Associates of Arts degree in Hospitality Administration from LMC and transfer to Stephen F. Austin State University to complete her Bachelor’s degree. “Being raised in the small town of Zavalla my entire life, I knew the college I chose to attend would be a small college. I wanted to attend somewhere that not only offers a great education in my chosen field, but also one that felt like home. To date, LMC has met my expectations.”

Tendresse Kapalang-A-Sul



Tendresse Kapalang-A-Sul, a sophomore who calls the Democratic Republic of Congo home, learned about Lon Morris College through her father. The family has spent the last several years in Huy, Belgium as her father, a Methodist minister worked on advanced degrees. Her father felt LMC would be a better fit than a large four year college or university. Tendresse quickly realized that her father made a good choice. The small campus was not intimidating for this international student and she soon developed a sense of family. “Everyone at LMC is there for you, to help and to support,” explains Tendresse. This support helped her overcome the challenges of a different language and different culture. “My English was very poor when I arrived but everyone has been so patient and understanding especially my teachers. Sometimes I can’t find the right word but no one seemed to get frustrated with me.” Tendresse has been very active in her two years at LMC, culminating in an Associate of Science degree, pre-med in May, 2011. Tendresse has been the unofficial leader of the International Students Organization planning many of their activities including The International Night. This event, held in the College

Ballroom, was open to all students and featured songs and food from each of the different countries represented on campus. “There was a lot of stress in organizing the event but it soon turned to joy as I saw how much everyone enjoyed themselves.” She has also enjoyed trips the group has taken to Dallas and to a Houston Astros game. Tendresse helps plan the student activities for the entire campus as well. She serves as a Student Ambassador and recently joined the Rotoract organization. As part of the Habitat for Humanity project, she was handed a hammer and became a “powerful nailer.” She serves as a Resident Assistant for The Lodge and planned a special BBQ dinner for the residents this spring. She was selected for Who’s Who this year and was inducted into Phi Theta Kappa this spring. One of her greatest honors and special moments was her selection as 2010-2011 Homecoming Queen. “I might be the first African to be selected. This could only happen at Lon Morris!” Tendresse is active in Church Careers participating in the Tuesday night Contemporary Service. As a student in the Service Learning Program for two years, she has performed service at West Side Elementary School, in the LMC Library and Zula Pearson Theatre. She has also joined the choir at the First United Methodist Church in Jacksonville. As of this writing Tendresse is exploring a number of options as to where she will continue her studies (Texas Wesleyan, Centenary College, Oklahoma City) and secure a Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry. Regardless of her final choice, her smile and great personality will be missed at LMC.

Victoria Lopez

Victoria Lopez is one of many LMC students from Jacksonville. However, she was a full time student by age 17 and hasn't looked back! She will graduate this May with a degree in History. She has already been accepted at Baylor University and received a nice scholarship. The plan is to pursue a degree in International Studies and then go on to law school. Victoria chose LMC because some of her family had done so and found success. She felt good about LMC from her first day. She felt she was welcome and had many opportunities to join student organizations and get involved. Victoria, a recipient of a LMC Presidential Scholarship, knows what is important and has excelled in the classroom. This fall, she was selected by the faculty as LMC's nominee for the Jack Kent Cooke Scholarship competition. Though she lives at home, she has worked to get involved in campus activities. She has been a Rotoract member for two years, a member of the Art Club, Vice President in charge of Fellowship for Phi Theta Kappa, the 2010 History/Government Student of the Year, and named to Who's Who for 2010-2011. Plus she is Editor-in-Chief of the Year Book staff and a Student Ambassador. As Year Book Editor, Victoria teaches students new to the staff and has found that she has become better organized in all her work as a result of this experience. She chose to get involved with the yearbook last year because she had always been interested in the yearbook process but never had the chance as she was homeschooled. As a result of her work, Victoria received the 2010-11 Alexandra Yearbook Award. Victoria also received the Outstanding Student of the Year in the Department of English and a Superior Academic Achievement award. Clearly she has met the challenge of living at home and being fully involved with LMC campus life. "I have enjoyed LMC and how you can get to know your teachers. It's very easy to get help. The atmosphere in class and out is great. The faculty and staff make you feel very welcome," states Victoria when asked what she liked most about her LMC experience. One can probably conclude that this quiet young woman has been appreciated by the faculty and staff at LMC for her efforts and service both in class and on campus.



Lexus Mack



"I went to a small high school, so I really wanted to go to a smaller college. LMC is the right size for me," explained Lexus Mack, starting point guard for the 2010-11 Lady Bearcats Basketball team. Lexus graduated from Cayuga High School (1A classification) where she excelled in volleyball, track, and basketball. While she had strong performances in track and volleyball, she really excelled in basketball earning All-State honors her senior year. She was accustomed to winning and expected to continue those ways at LMC. However, like a lot of students, she quickly learned competition was at a much higher level in college both on the court and in the classroom. "Keeping my grades up with not much time to do it has been a real challenge for me," said Lexus. "Time management has been a problem, one I have not experienced before. Basketball is a real time commitment that doesn't leave time to waste on non-important matters." Lexus has done well on the court starting most of this season's games as a freshman. As one might expect, her special moments this year are tied to basketball. "I scored 22 points against Jacksonville College and played pretty good in the Region XIV Tournament. To finish the tournament in second place after we were picked to be 10th in the conference (last) was great but I can't wait until next year when we cut down the nets." Lexus has enjoyed living with her teammates in the Magnolia Cottage and doing things with the team that are not basketball related such as attending last fall's Talent Show which was "very entertaining and very funny." A few water balloon fights have also helped take the edge off the intense competition. Lexus came to LMC as a Pre-Med major and hopes to find a career in a medical field. "I have some teachers that really have helped me because they seem to understand students and their problems." One of Lexus goal's for next year that does not involve nets is to improve her GPA. "Coach Williams tells us that you must get that degree because you will always, throughout life, depend on your education to get you through."

Jeffery Chatman

Most students come to Lon Morris College directly from high school. Occasionally, LMC does have students who transfer from another institution. Jeffery Chatman, a native of Nacogdoches, Texas, graduated from Nacogdoches High School in 2006. For a variety of reasons he decided to postpone college for a year. He wanted to continue to play football and enrolled at Labette Community College in Kansas. When he learned about the new football program at LMC he decided to check on LMC and actually visited campus on his own. He liked the size of the campus and the fact that it was very close to home so he decided to transfer to LMC. Jeffery is one of the “survivors” of the first year of LMC’s return to football or what is sometimes called the “Red Shirt” season. He joined about 75 other first year players who were competing for the wide receiver starting positions. His goal for that year was to improve his strength and speed and be rated as the likely starter. However, Jeffery’s goals and life responsibilities began to change as he got married and started a part time job. In the fall of 2010, football just didn’t seem to be as important so he elected to concentrate on family and academics.



He decided to stay at LMC because “it is comfortable here at LMC. The size of the classes and the campus are just right for me. I can’t imagine sitting in a class of 300 or more students. Here the teachers know you by name.” So we find Jeffery Chatman, a married man and father working about 20 hours a week and taking a full academic load in the role of non-traditional student at LMC. When one finds such a student at a two year college, they usually find a student who is focused and serious about all classes and works hard to do well. This is the Jeffery Chatman we know at LMC. His academic success resulted in an invitation to join Phi Theta Kappa. Jeffery, a Health Science major, plans to transfer to Angelina College to pursue an Associate of Applied Science degree in Radiology. His plan to be an X-ray technician stems from a family history of work in the medical world. His mom worked as a supervisor of environmental services in a hospital and he often visited her at her work site. He developed a “comfort zone” for hospitals and the medical environment and he is set on his plan. In March of 2010, Jeffery’s father died unexpectedly. He took off almost three weeks to deal with family matters and his own emotional struggles. He finished the spring semester with outstanding grades. “This experience is a special one to me because it taught me that I was serious about college and my future.” Jeffery lists as his favorite classes Texas History with Dr. Ross and Interpersonal Communications with Dr. McCall. “Both were great classes and I learned a lot. I found out that I really enjoy history. Dr. McCall’s class helped me open up to people and learn how to communicate effectively with others.” Jeffery has had a good year in 2010-11 as he and his wife celebrated the birth of a son in June, 2010. “His birth is another reason to take college seriously as if I needed one.” Jeffery hopes Angelina College will have the same type of teachers as he has found at LMC. “The teachers here are involved with their students. They talk to you and not at you.”

Dalton Lovell
"Mr. LMC"
2010-2011

Dalton Lovell, from Crockett, Texas, first visited LMC as part of a youth group from Crockett First United Methodist Church. As many students do, Dalton liked the size of the campus and the student-to-teacher ratio. He was looking for a small college where he could receive more help and attention as he believed college was an opportunity to do better work than he did in high school. On one such visit he auditioned for the MasterSingers and was selected for the Chapel Choir. After a semester of work with Mr. Brooks, LMC Choir Director, Dalton joined the MasterSingers. From that point on, Dalton has had a steady increase in campus involvement and academic success. "The faculty has really been helpful. They are always willing to help with homework and any other assignment. Their advice about careers has been great," explained Dalton. When asked about special times at LMC, Dalton lists the MasterSingers trip to London, their performances of Rutter's *Requiem*, and last year's Bearcat Revue when he performed his first solo. However, his selection as Mr. LMC this spring probably tops his list. "It was a total surprise, completely unexpected," says Dalton. Dalton has been the recipient of several honors this year. The list includes an Academic Excellence Award for Chapel Choir, a Service Learning Outstanding Student Award, Outstanding Sophomore in Fine Arts, a Superior Academic Achievement Award, selection to Who's Who in American Colleges and Phi Theta Kappa induction last fall. Dalton, who plans to transfer to Texas Wesleyan and seek a degree in Music Education, has been very active with several campus organizations. As part of his work with Church Careers, he has helped plan worship services and sang with groups at the Contemporary Services as well as the regular Chapel Service. His Service Learning work has involved helping students and teachers at Westside Elementary. Dalton services as the Historian/Parliamentarian for the Rotaract Club and has been involved in the Club's many activities (Ethics Panel, Turkey Trot, Red, White, and Blue Parade, and Habitat for Humanity). He has also helped with production of this year's *Reflections* including design of the cover. On top of all this, he has served as Head Resident Advisor for Brown Hall. "I have occasionally been overwhelmed by my efforts to participate in so many events and groups but I would not trade this experience for anything. During my two years at LMC I have gained so much confidence in my musical ability and in myself. I am more outgoing and at ease with people. LMC – everything has been good."



SPOT LIGHT ON LON MORRIS COLLEGE PROGRAMS



DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC

The mission of the Department of Music is to offer a well-rounded, quality music education within a Christian community providing the opportunity for students to mature as musicians and individuals.

The Department of Music is one of those departments that seem to touch every aspect of campus life at LMC. From weekly Chapel services to Drama productions to bands playing at athletic events, LMC's music students provide quality entertainment and support.

Proud traditions have led to very high performance standards which, in turn, have produced outstanding music graduates. Performances occur on campus, in the community, across East Texas and occasionally in foreign lands.

MUSIC DEPARTMENT FACULTY

Mary Tidwell - Mary Tidwell has been Associate Professor and Chair of the Music Department at Lon Morris College in Jacksonville, Texas since 1993. In the spring of 2011, she achieved promotion to the rank of Professor. From 2004-2008 and from the fall of 2009 until fall 2011, she has served as Chair of the Fine Arts Division. She has taught at Baylor University in Waco, Texas and Indiana-Purdue University in Fort Wayne, Indiana. In addition, she maintained a large private piano studio for many years.

Ms. Tidwell is honored to be included in multiple editions of Who's Who Among America's Teachers, Who's Who in American Education, and Who's Who of American Women. She was nominated as Piper Professor of 2007 by the faculty of Lon Morris College.

Ms. Tidwell has performed throughout the southeast, including performances as soloist in the Ravel Concerto with the Baylor Symphony Orchestra and as part of a duo's performance of the Poulenc Concerto for Two Pianos with the Midland-Odessa Symphony Orchestra. She has been named to the faculty of the Baylor Summer

Keyboard Institute and the Sheila Paige Keyboard Wellness Seminar at Gardner-Webb University in North Carolina, Louisiana State University, the University of Texas at Arlington, and the University of North Texas.

Ms. Tidwell obtained both a Bachelor of Music Degree in Piano Performance (*magna cum laude*) and Master of Music Degree in Piano Performance and Literature from Baylor University. Her teachers have included Ruth Burr, Michael Ard, Roger Keyes, Jane Abbott-Kirk, and Sheila Paige.

Jack Brooks - Jack Brooks has been teaching at Lon Morris for the past 18 years. Beginning as an adjunct instructor, he now has associate professor status. During this time he has taught voice, ear training/sight-singing, music appreciation, and has been head of the choral department.

Mr. Brooks is a native of Henderson, Texas. He graduated from Henderson High School and went on to Texas A&M University in College Station. He received a B.S. in Secondary Education with teaching fields in English and history in 1973. As an undergraduate, Mr. Brooks was a member of the "Fightin' Texas Aggie Band". In 1977, he received a Masters in Educational Administration also from Texas A&M. He has taught school in Hearne, Texas, and, also, in the Laneville ISD in Laneville, TX.

In 1981, Mr. Brooks began a Masters in Church Music at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Ft. Worth. He graduated from there in 1984. While there he studied piano with Dr. Robert Smith, voice with Lynda Poston-Smith, organ with Andy Cochran, and conducting with Dr. Robert Burton. While at Southwestern he served as a tutor for beginning choral students.

Mr. Brooks has been married for almost 39 years to his high school sweetheart, Betsy. She is also an educator, teaching culinary arts and parenting in the Longview ISD, Longview, Texas. The couple has one daughter, Amanda Kahrsch, who resides in Ludwigsburg, Germany, with her husband, Ramon. Amanda teaches in the linguistics department at Stuttgart University where she serves as the head of the English translation department.

During his time at Lon Morris, Mr. Brooks has been instrumental in starting and nourishing two programs that have become traditions at LMC. In 1996, the first "Bearcat Revue" premiered on the stage of the Zula Pearson Theatre on the LMC campus and has continued to its present form as a dinner theatre production which is traditionally held during the weekend of homecoming activities. The revues have highlighted the music of many of America's finest popular composers including Irving Berlin, George Gershwin, Cole Porter, and Rodgers and Hammerstein.

The second program began in 2001 when the Lon Morris choir department took its first trip to London, England. This has become a biennial event giving students an opportunity to travel to a foreign country. While in England, the choir has sung at Wesley's Chapel, London, as well as at Methodist Central Hall, London. In addition, the choir has also sung in Oxford and Birmingham.

Miranda Newman - Miranda Newman is a graduate of Southern University having earned a Master of Music in Vocal Performance. While attending SMU, she was a student of Professor Joan Heller and vocal coach Hank Hammett. She holds a Bachelor of Music in Music Education from the University of Texas at Tyler.

Roles performed include the Mother Abbess in the *Sound of Music* (for which she was nominated for the esteemed Irene Ryan Award), Frau Peachum in *The Three Penny Opera* by Kurt Weill, and Miss Jessel in *The Turn of the Screw* by Benjamin Britten.

In the summer of 2007, she was one of thirty selected nationwide to attend the New York Opera Studio where she performed scenes from *Anna Bolena* by Donizetti and *Così fan Tutte* by Mozart. She is an active performer as a soloist in many concerts and recitals including *Messiah* by Handel, *Requiem* by John Rutter, *Voices of Change*, and the world premiere of "Chasing Threads and Swimming Lights" by Daniel James Chan. Music Critic with

the Dallas Morning News, Scott Cantrell, described a performance at the *Voices of Change* concert as: "...Three wordless vocalizes by the late David Diamond rounded out the program, with rich tone and generous expression from soprano Miranda Newman..."

As the Instructor of Vocal Studies at Lon Morris College, she teaches Private Voice, Class Voice, Ear Training and Sight Singing, Chapel Choir, Music Literature, and Music Appreciation.

In addition to teaching at LMC, she serves as the Director of Music Ministries at First United Methodist Church in Troup, and teaches private voice, piano, and guitar.

Charles Davis - Mr. Charles Davis was born in 1951. He graduated from Garland High School in 1969. Between 1969 and 1975 Mr. Davis received a B. M. and M. M. from Midwestern State University. Charles later received a M. A. (in History) from Stephen F. Austin State University (1984). He has taught music and/or history at various colleges including Coastal Bend Community College, Howard Paine University, Stephen F. University and Lon Morris College. Charles has combined his two passions of Music and History by working as historical music director for various motion pictures including *Gone To Texas*, *North and South*, *The Rough Riders* and *Glory*. Charles is currently an Associate Professor of Music and History at Lon Morris College. He is married to Joni Matthews Davis and they reside in Rusk, Texas.

Michael Kellogg - Michael Kellogg was born February 9, 1956 in Dallas, Texas. In 1974, Michael served as Mayor of Mesquite for Student Government Day and shortly thereafter graduated from Mesquite High School. He attended Eastfield Jr. College for two years where he studied both vocal and instrumental music; he was also a member of Phi Theta Kappa (the National Honor Society) for both years. From there, Mr. Kellogg studied saxophone at Southwest State University and was the principal saxophonist during his junior and senior years. After graduating in 1979 with a B.M.E. (Bachelor's in Music Education), Michael returned to Mesquite to begin a 29 year journey as a public school band director. In 1982, he attended East Texas State University to pursue a Master's in Music Education. At North Garland and Garland, he served as an assistant band director, jazz band director and color guard director. After that, he directed bands at Ingram Tom Moore, Taylor, John Tyler, Chapel Hill, Alto, Frankston, and Rusk. Mr. Kellogg's bands have been consistent First Division winners with a few Sweepstakes thrown in for good measure. While at Taylor, he also served as choir director at Taylor F.U.M.C. He has also assisted as choir director at First Baptist Church of Frankston and FUMC of Jacksonville.

Professionally, Mr. Kellogg is an active musician in the East Texas area, performing as a soloist, as well as lead tenor sax in the Tyler Big Band, the East Texas Jazz Orchestra, Dogwood Jamboree, and a rhythm and blues band. He remains active in his church choir and a contemporary Christian group known as "Out of the Boat". Mr. Kellogg currently serves as Director of Instrumental Music at Lon Morris.

Joe Teague - Joe Teague received his B.A. degree from Jarvis Christian College in Hawkins, Texas. He went on to earn the Certificate for Performance from the Naval School of Music in Washington D.C, as well as the M.A. Music and M.S. Education from Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches, Texas.

He has taught band at Dangerfield Junior High School, Jacksonville Junior High School, Crockett High School, John Tyler High School, and Lon Morris College. Additionally, he has served as counselor at Jacksonville High School and guitar instructor at Lon Morris College.

Ronda Winter-Eldridge - Ronda Winter Eldridge currently teaches online music courses for Lon Morris College. Originally from the central California foothills, Ronda obtained a B.A. in Music from Thomas Edison State College in New Jersey and completed a Master of Music Degree specializing in Flute Performance at California State University, Sacramento where she was a Liberace Scholar. Ronda's primary teachers include world class flutist Laurel Zucker and Yamaha Artist Tracy Harris.

Ronda was the first runner-up in the 2006 Festival of New Music and has performed at the National Flute Convention. In addition to teaching for Lon Morris College, Ronda also teaches online music courses for Navarro College in Corsicana, and teaches the flute studio at Tarleton State University.

Ronda has more than 100 flutes from all over the world on which she enjoys performing. As a recording artist on flute, Ronda's discography includes *By the Tule River's Edge* and *MUSE: Flute Music by Christopher Caliendo* on Tule River Records, and *Grace Griffith: My Life* on Blix Street Records. Ronda's recordings are also featured online in the *Caliendo World Music Soundbyte Catalog*.

Ronda and her husband Jeff have five children including a son serving in the Navy, a daughter who is also a flutist, and a daughter who is currently living in Germany. Ronda and her husband live on a ranch in central Texas with their two youngest children, a German Shepherd/Boxer mix named RedDog and several other animals.

FEATURES

Perhaps the center piece of the department is a collection of outstanding vocalists appropriately called the MasterSingers. Here is a sample of their work in 2010 – 2011.

Performances at churches throughout East Texas and beyond:

- First Presbyterian Church of Henderson
- First United Methodist Church of Jacksonville
- Central Baptist Church of Jacksonville
- Winterfield United Methodist Church of Longview
- First United Methodist Church of Troup
- First United Methodist Church of Chandler
- Bethany United Methodist Church of Austin
- Grace Crossing Methodist Church of Longview
- First United Methodist Church of Nooday
- First Presbyterian Church of Tyler
- Lane's Chapel United Methodist Church of Tyler
- First United Methodist Church of Garrison
- First Baptist Church of Chandler
- First United Methodist Church of Fairfield

These church performances take on many forms with some churches requesting that the MasterSingers serve as the entire service. Usually the singers will sing a Call to Worship/Introit, an Offertory anthem, a Benediction response or some special music.

Special Event Performances

- Three performances of John Rutter's "Requiem." The first performance was at First Presbyterian Church in Henderson as the MasterSingers joined with the church's Chancel Choir. The MasterSingers and the Chancel Choir also presented "Requiem" at LMC's Memorial Chapel. In February, the MasterSingers were asked to join the UT – Tyler Chorale and Patriot Singers for a performance of "Requiem" at First Presbyterian Church of Tyler.
- Bearcat Revue. What has quickly become a Homecoming tradition, the Bearcat Revue gives the students the opportunity to prepare music of a lighter quality but that translates well to the events for which the revue is designed. This year's theme was "Celebrating Love" chosen since the LMC Homecoming theme was "Celebrating a Proud History at Lon Morris College." There were several all-choir numbers, such as "Embraceable You" and "Endless Love." Most all students were also involved in duets, such as "Let's Call the Whole Thing Off" by George and Ira Gershwin and "So in Love" by Cole Porter. In addition, there were several ensemble numbers for three to seven singers, such as "I Can Hear the Bells" from

“Hairspray” and “I Say a Little Prayer for You” by Hal David and Burt Bacharach. Each number was introduced with a small amount of information about the song, the era in which it was most popular, and the composer/lyricist. This year, there were two Bearcat Revue performances during the homecoming festivities. The first was a dinner revue at Sadler’s on Friday evening followed by a second performance on campus in the LMC ballroom. Some 139 guests attended the two shows.

- Campus Visit Days. Each visitation day began with a performance by members of the MasterSingers as part of the welcome.
- Fall semester Convocation. The MasterSingers presented a moving version of “He Never Failed Me Yet.”
- All-Campus Chapel. The MasterSingers performed as a group at the first and last Tuesday service throughout the year. The Chapel Choir performed anthems and led worship throughout the Spring semester.
- Contemporary Ensemble. A group of the MasterSingers lead by Stevie Vaughn provided the music for the second Tuesday of the month service.
- Gospel Choir. Another group of the MasterSingers lead by LePatrick Thomas provided the music for the third Tuesday of the month service.
- Music, Drama and Dance Department’s production of “Hairspray.” Various MasterSingers had key roles in this very successful production.
- Presentations at Jacksonville and Rusk High Schools. The “Hairspray” cast performed selections from the musical for both high schools.
- Numerous presentations at Sadler’s Restaurant. On four occasions, various “Hairspray” selections were presented to diners at Sadler’s. The MasterSingers also performed for the Jacksonville Rotary Club which meets at Sadler’s. The group served as special entertainment for a class reunion event at Sadler’s. Miranda Newman and some of her vocal studio students presented “Pie Jesu” for Sadler’s patrons. For Valentine’s Day, Sadler’s asked the MasterSingers to reprise the Bearcat Revue at a special Valentine’s Banquet.
- The Voice Studio of Miranda Newman travelled to First United Methodist Church in Troup and performed the introit, offertory, special music, and communion as solos and as a small ensemble for the morning worship service on the first Sunday of Advent.
- Lessons and Carols. Members of the MasterSingers provided the music for this Christmas event in the Memorial Chapel.
- As part of the festivities for the presentation to the Bullock Museum of the historical Tryon Flintlock musket, the MasterSingers sang during the evening dinner at Sadler’s and the following day’s press conference.
- Northwest District Rally at the First United Methodist Church in Jacksonville. The MasterSingers as well as the ensembles led by students Stevie Vaughn and LePatrick Thomas provided much of the music for the event.
- Voice Studio Recital. The Voice Studio of Miranda Newman presented a formal recital in April, accompanied by Mary Tidwell. Students performed pieces by Puccini, Beethoven, Schubert, Brahms, Quilter, Schonberg, Legranzi, Dowland, Faure, Porter, Burleigh, Berlin, and Sullivan.
- Special Recital. Guitar students of Joe Teague presented an afternoon guitar recital.
- The MasterSingers performed in concert as part of Fine Arts Weekend.
- Sophomore Voice Recital. Graduating sophomores presented a formal voice recital during Fine Arts Weekend displaying their work and giving them performance experience.
- LMC May 7, 2011 Graduation. The MasterSingers closed out the 2010-2011 academic year with a performance of “Holy Is He” at the graduation ceremony.

Trip to London, England

Every two years for the past 10 years, the MasterSingers make a trip to London, England. The experience has grown to the point that other students, faculty, staff, alumni, parents, and friends of LMC join the choir. The high point of the trip is the MasterSingers performance at Wesley’s Chapel. This has become a regular event for the choir while visiting in London. This year, the pastor of the Chapel, Dr. Leslie Griffiths, was more engaged with the students than ever before. He told several of the students that the MasterSingers was the best group he had heard in his church. He went on to say that there had been choirs of 300 that had not impressed him as much as LMC’s representatives. High praise indeed!

Thirty-two individuals made the trip this year and had the opportunity to tour London over several days. On some days, they could venture out on their own to visit such places as Covent Garden, Portobello Road, Oxford Street, and the British Museum. Some of the group also attended productions in the West End theatre district. Other sites visited included Temple Church, the Imperial War Cabinet Rooms, Greenwich, the Changing of the Guard and Kensington Palace.

Since one of the goals of the trip is to provide a broad educational experience for the students, tours are planned that cover many historical and cultural locations. The tours included Leeds Castle in Kent, Canterbury Cathedral in Canterbury, the Tower of London, St. Paul's Cathedral, Westminster Abbey, and special "open" tours of Oxford and Stratford.

Most students who participate in the MasterSingers program consider the trip to London as the high point of their educational experience at Lon Morris College.

Special Note

It is important to note that almost all of these performances are done outside of "class time." Much like members of LMC's athletics teams, the MasterSingers must be willing to devote their evenings and weekends to representing Lon Morris College and the Music Department. The number of hours involved to prepare for and present all these performances is incredible.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

A growing part of the Music Department, Instrumental Music, or "Band" is quickly becoming a vital part of campus life. Just a few years ago, the Band program saw very small numbers and at times could muster only 8 or 9 students to participate in any type of performance. This fall, the BearCat Band membership stood at 30 with the goal of fielding a marching band next fall. This past fall a Drum Line was created and performed at halftime for all home LMC football games. Members of the instrumental music area also served as musicians for the "Hairspray" orchestra. The Concert Band performed at all home basketball games. Also new in the spring was the Dixieland Band.

Notable Performances

- Joined the MasterSingers in several Memorial Chapel services.
- Brass Ensemble and the Dixieland Band performed at the Frankston First United Methodist Church.
- The Dixieland Band provided music and entertainment in the college cafeteria during campus visit days.
- The Brass Ensemble provided music for the Noonday First United Methodist Church, First United Methodist Church of Jacksonville, First United Methodist Church of Garrison, and Lane's Chapel in Tyler. These performances were in conjunction with and in support of visits by the MasterSingers.
- The Dixieland Band also performed for First United Methodist Church of Frankston's Fat Tuesday and for a special Fat Tuesday at Sadler's Restaurant.
- The Concert Band, Brass Ensemble, and Dixieland Jazz Band presented a band concert as part of Fine Arts Weekend.
- Two band members, Bethany Hinkle and Anthony Perea, performed at the Jacksonville First United Methodist Church's first annual "Young Artist Series." The LMC Dixieland Band also performed and provided a resounding finish to the event.

HOSPITALITY ADMINISTRATION

The idea to create a hospitality administration program at LMC had been “stirring” around for some time. When the owners of the historic Landmark Building approached LMC about selling the facility to the College, the idea of such a program became a reality. The partnership with Sadler’s Restaurant created the perfect “lab” for food science and nutrition courses. The Landmark, with its five hotel rooms, provided a perfect setting for teaching students about the scope of the hotel industry and the organizational structure and operational mechanics of how the departments within the rooms division of an individual hotel operate. Thus, the idea became a reality in the Spring of 2010. A director was selected, courses developed, and transfer agreements completed. Recruitment efforts were initiated and 16 Hospitality Administration majors began the fall 2010 semester.

Students enrolled in the Hospitality Administration program will receive an Associate of Arts Degree with a focus in Hotel Operations, Event Planning, and Restaurant Management. The program will provide students with an excellent opportunity to learn skills in customer service, decision-making, analysis and planning that are essential for managers and supervisors in one of the fastest growing areas of our economy.



Hospitality Administration Faculty

Breezy Lake

Ms. Lake, a native of Jacksonville, was selected as the first Director of the Hospitality Administration Program at Lon Morris College. Ms. Lake has an extensive background in Hospitality Management with the Hyatt Regency, Dallas, Club Med Resorts in the Bahamas, Colorado, and Florida, The Mansion on Turtle Creek in Dallas and Lake Austin Spa Resort. She has interacted with celebrities, Heads of State, played crucial roles in opening new spas and lead teams to maintain 5-Star Service.

Ms. Lake taught and guest lectured at Stephen F. Austin State University. Presentations and seminars topics included Hospitality Careers and Overview, Leadership and Customer Service, Dress for Success, and the Spa Industry. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Hospitality Administration with a minor in General Business and a Master of Science degree in Human Sciences from Stephen F. Austin State University. Her Master’s thesis was on customer service in higher education. Ms. Lake is currently on the Board of Directors for the Texas Forest Trail Region promoting Heritage Tourism in the State of Texas. In addition, she has completed the Texas Hotel and Lodging Short Course Program at the University of Houston, and Hyatt Hotel’s Personal Selling Skills course in Washington, DC. Ms. Lake is committed to providing a positive and challenging learning environment that will cultivate the talents of the students with the ultimate result in placing them in leadership positions within the hospitality industry.

2010 – 2011 Program Highlights

The following list is only a sample of the many in-class and out-of-class events, contests, lectures, and projects that occurred during this first year of Hospitality Administration.

- **Articulation Agreement between LMC and SFASU:** Lon Morris College students with an Associate of Arts degree in Hospitality Administration will be able to transfer to Stephen F. Austin State University to complete a Bachelor of Science degree in the same field as a result of the signing of a special articulation agreement between the two programs. Though LMC and SFA have a general articulation agreement in place, this agreement is a result of LMC's academic program which specializes in event planning, restaurant management and hotel operations. The University of Houston Conrad N. Hilton College also has a hospitality administration articulation agreement with LMC.
- **Chef of the Year Visits Hospitality Administration:** Members of the Jacksonville Wednesday Study Club joined Lon Morris College Hospitality Administration students and Jackson York, 2010 Texas Chef of the Year, at The Landmark as Chef York demonstrated his extraordinary pastry skills to the class. Chef Jackson and selected students prepared delectable French desserts that included Cream Puffs, Napoleons, and cinnamon palmiers.
- **Hospitality Administration Receives Donation:** To show their appreciation, the Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce – Retail Association presented a check in the amount of \$250 to the students of LMC's Hospitality Administration program for their assistance with the 12th Annual taste of Jacksonville event. This event hosts local vendors who provide tastes of their many different style cuisines which run the gamut from authentic Mexican food to Texas barbeque. As part of their studies, students are encouraged to participate in community events such as this one. Local events can provide real practical experience in event planning, organization and supervision. Students greeted guests, helped with set up and take down for the event and cleanup of the Norman Activity Center.
- **1st Annual East Texas Culinary Show Down:** LMC Hospitality Administration students, JoTe Brown and Daniel Garcia cooked up a First place win at the 1st Annual East Texas Culinary Show-Down against two hospitality administration seniors from Stephen F. Austin State University. Rather than a set menu for the teams to prepare from, each team had to cook the same ingredients from a "mystery basket" given to them at the beginning of the competition. LMC took the title by preparing a creative and beautiful dish that included a sautéed chicken breast covered in a deglazed pecan sauce and fresh mozzarella, a guacamole shooter spiked with apples and cilantro, bacon wrapped asparagus and spicy sweet potato fries.
- **Hospitality Administration works with Jacksonville High School on Video:** Hospitality Administration students at LMC teamed up with the Jacksonville High School media class to create a tourism video about Jacksonville for the Chamber of Commerce. A premiere event was held in April when the video was officially launched in front of Chamber members, city leaders, and the public. The Hospitality Administration students also planned the premiere as part of their course requirements.
- **Program Shares Final Exam with Community Leaders:** LMC Hospitality Administration students hosted a group of 20 civic leaders, college officials and parents to their year-end presentation project for the Principles of Food Science course. Guests were asked to score presentation and taste on each of the seven courses using a scale of 1 to 10. As the courses were presented, cooking teams, consisting of a pair of students who cooked the dishes, gave a brief description of the food, ingredients and techniques used in preparation.
- **Hospitality Administration Students Judge 4-H Food Challenge:** Students from the LMC Hospitality Administration program served as judges during the Texas 4-H Food Challenge held at The Landmark. The Challenge, modeled after the Food Network's "Iron Chef" allows teams of 4-H members to create a dish using a predetermined set of ingredients. From these ingredients, teams must identify and prepare the dish, then make a presentation about it to the judges.
- **Etiquette Specialist Visits Hospitality Administration:** Success in providing great service depends on manners and etiquette. Because of this, LMC's Hospitality Administration students enjoyed a four-course meal while they learned about business and dining etiquette. Etiquette Specialist, Mary Olle, provided some specific tips when practicing dinner etiquette. Her presentation was centered around the ideas of the late Emily Post, an American authoress on etiquette. The students were enrolled in a course titled Professionalism in the Hospitality Industry and Catering, Conventions and Event Planning.

LMC FOOTBALL

Following a “red-shirt” season that saw over 300 young men try out for football at LMC, the Bearcats launched a true return to football in 2010. One of the ideas behind the re-establishment of football was to provide students with an enhanced and more complete college experience. From the first game and tail gate parties, LMC students and the Jacksonville community seemed to embrace the new team. The results? A 7 – 2 season record with the two losses totaling only 5 points!

<p style="text-align: center;">Goals of the LMC Football Program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To build a competitive team. • To eventually join a competitive conference such as Region XIV. • To win a championship after joining a competitive conference. • To build some LMC football traditions. • To strengthen the red shirt and junior varsity programs. 	<p style="text-align: center;">Challenges</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recruiting and evaluating players. • Improving competitive level and continue to address enrollment goals. • Finding quality/competitive teams to play at both varsity and junior varsity levels. • Monitoring the academic progress of the student athletes.
<p style="text-align: center;">Objectives for 2011</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue competitive improvement. • Add games with Region XIV Colleges (update: 2011 season will feature 4 Region XIV colleges). • Try to move to a balanced home and away game schedule. 	<p style="text-align: center;">Tradition Established</p> <p>Before every home game and after the pre-game meal, the team assembled in the Memorial Chapel. The service included a devotional and presentation from a motivational speaker.</p>

Spotlight on Head Coach Johnnie Richey

Head Football Coach Johnnie Richey, a native of Rusk, Texas, came to LMC with an extensive coaching and teaching background. Coach Richey as coached for 36 years in Texas high schools serving as a defensive coordinator for 15 years, an offensive coordinator for 10 years, and as a head coach for eight years. He has had the honor of taking several teams to the high school playoffs and has coached several young men who played at the college level as well as some who reached the professional ranks. Coach Richey also severed as an assistant principal and as an elementary school principal. He has been a member of the Texas High School Coaches Association for 37 years and coached in the Texas High School Coaches Association All-Star Game.

“It is every coach’s dream to be able to start a football program from the ground up and to do it on the college level is my dream,” stated Coach Richey when introduced as the new head coach for the Bearcats.

2010 Season Results

Aug. 28 vs Monterrey Tech (W) 49-0	October 3 at Bacone College JV (W) 52-7
Sept. 4 vs Arkansas Baptist (L) 27-28	October 11 at Howard Payne JV (W) 44-9
Sept. 13 at Mary Hardin Baylor (L) 27-31	October 18 at East Texas Baptist JV (W) 35-14
Sept. 18 at Southeast Prep (W) 28-25	October 23 vs Tyler Junior College <i>Cancelled due to inclement weather</i>
Sept. 27 at East Texas Baptist JV (W) 27-6	October 30 vs Southeast Prep (W) 48-14

THE YEAR IN REVIEW

Facing an enrollment increase of almost 31% on top of last year's increase of 141%, the faculty and staff began 2010 – 2011 with several new faculty members both full and part time, new support staff, and more class sections across the curriculum than ever before.

This section of the Annual Report attempts to capture some of the highlights that occurred during one of the most exciting years in Lon Morris College's stored history – a year of new beginnings!

AUGUST, 2010

Summer III

Before learning about the 2010-2011 year, there was one more summer semester to report. Occasionally, LMC will offer a three week summer term which allows students to earn an additional three semester hours of credit. Enrollment for this special term was 47, yet another enrollment record.

Last Early Registration

The August 7th Early Registration session marked the end of early or pre-registration event for fall, 2010. There were four such events scheduled for the summer months. On this date, another 144 students attended and completed the registration process. At this point fall registration totaled 822 students!

Articulation Agreement Signed

Officials from LMC and Stephen F. Austin State University met to formalize an articulation agreement that will allow LMC students who are part of the Hospitality Administration program to transfer core courses to SFASU. Such agreements are designed to create seamless transitions between educational institutions. According to Breezy Lake, Director of Hospitality Administration at LMC, "this partnership with SFASU will open doors for many students in our area and allow them to continue their education and reach their career goals in the world's largest and most dynamic industry." Officials present for the formal signing included Dr. Miles McCall, LMC President, Dr. Loretta Gallegos, LMC Vice President for Academic & Student Affairs, Dr. Baker Pattillo, SFASU President, Dr. Richard Berry, SFASU Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dr. Chay Runnels, Coordinator of SFASU's Hospitality Administration Program.



Volleyball Begins Practice

Eleven young ladies from various Texas high schools, one from the Dominican republic and one from Chicago have come together to represent LMC once again on the volleyball court. The team had one sophomore and ten freshmen and really re-started a dormant program from scratch. None the less, the team's goal was to finish in the top four in the region and make the regional tournament. The Lady Bearcat netters competed in Region XIV against Panola, Navarro, Paris, Blinn, Trinity Valley and Tyler Junior College, ending the season with a 3-24 record.

Move-In Begins

On Sunday, August 1, with the arrival of LMC's new volleyball team, students began to check in to dorms all across campus. A few weeks later the process continued on Saturday, August 14 (football) and continued throughout the following week (cheerleaders, dance team, soccer teams, welcome week counselors, sophomore drama students). From August 14 until August 26th, some 712 students had moved into on-campus dorms and other off campus housing sites, such as The Inn, cottages, and duplexes.

New LMC Housing Options

To meet the demands for student housing, LMC secured a number of cottages and duplexes for use this year. Former private residences that are adjacent to the campus have been remodeled and designed to fit college housing needs. Seven cottages were available this fall for some 56 students. The College also purchased ten duplex units near campus. These units can house another 56 students.

Alpha Week!

Sunday, August 22 marked the beginning of Alpha Week and the arrival of all freshmen who were not already on campus for various sports. The week was filled with orientation sessions, check-in for dorms, registration, CAAP tests, sophomore move-in, ice cream socials, meetings for student organizations, convocation at the First United Methodist Church in Jacksonville, a Luau, dance and season opening football game. Oh yes, classes started on Thursday, August 26, 2010.

Welcome Back, Faculty!

Several new faculty members were introduced at the annual LMC Fall Faculty & Staff Development Workshop. Joining the LMC Faculty were the following full time employees:

Valarie Badgett	English	Aaron Kennedy	Theatre
Albert Bruhn	Speech	Breezy Lake	Hospitality Administration
Florence Crysup	Mathematics	Craig Lee	Theatre
Raymond Dullard	English	Suzanne McCarty	Mathematics
Patrick Gow	Kinesiology	Shari Mills	Mathematics
B. Corey Folmsbee	English	Miranca Newman	Music
Sarah Imhoff-Jones	Dance	Kathleen Snyder	Agriculture Science

Wow! We Win! 49 – 0

After a long, hot “fall” camp and a period of some 70 years, LMC played a football game. And the team did not wait long before creating a lot of excitement as they scored three touchdowns in the first four minutes of the game against the Wild Rams of Monterrey Tech (Mexico). The team went on to completely shut down the Rams with a 49 – 0 victory before a crowd estimated at 3,000 at Jacksonville's Tomato Bowl. The Bearcats' Brandon Walker took the first carry for LMC 60 yards to give the team the early lead which was extended to 35 – 0 by halftime. The Rams were limited to just 33 net yards while the Bearcats piled up 429 yards, rushing and passing. What a great way to begin the season!



SEPTEMBER, 2010

Goal Is Reached! Enrollment Tops 1,000

The College marks its official enrollment on the twelfth class day of the semester. When the reports were run and the computers stopped spinning the number was a record-setting 1,070, beating last fall's record 818 by some 252 students! The goal for this fall was 1,000 students. Goal reached.

Phi Theta Kappa Clothing Drive

Part of Phi Theta Kappa's mission is to "provide opportunities for individual growth and development through participation in honors, leadership, service and fellowship programming." LMC's Rho Chapter, the oldest PTK chapter in Texas, holds a number of events each year that address the PTK mission. The first program this year was a clothing drive held in conjunction with a fun run on campus. The drive was a great success as over a truck load of clothes was collected and donated to the Jacksonville Good Will store.



What About Law School?

On Saturday, September 25, Beverly Fisher, Department Chair for Social Sciences, and four LMC students attended a one-day program presented by the American Bar Association at Texas Wesleyan Law School. The purpose of the program was to encourage minority and financially disadvantaged students to consider attending law school. The program addressed the application process as well as what students can do during their freshmen and sophomore years to prepare academically for law school.

Chapel Services and the Music Department

On the first and last Tuesday of each month, the LMC MasterSingers provide the music for the all-campus chapel service. On the second Tuesday, the Contemporary Ensemble, led by student Stevie Vaughn, provides the music for the student-led service. The third Tuesday service includes music from the Gospel Choir, led by student LePatrick Thomas. The two student-led groups also have evening services on weeknights.

Service Learning Fair

The purpose of the Service Learning Program at LMC is to help students develop a life-long love of service to their schools, churches, communities and nation. This fall, there were seventy seven students enrolled in this unique program. Each fall, a Service Learning Fair is held so that students may select a local organization to serve. The Sixth Annual Service Learning Fair had twenty agencies and schools from the community and surrounding area present in booths to "advertise" the types of volunteer service they needed. Agencies present were Hospice of East Texas, Cherokee County Master Gardeners, CASA of Trinity Valley, Angelina House, HOPE, Fred Douglass Elementary, Texas AgriLife Extension Service, Jacksonville Middle School, Representative Chuck Hopson, Cherokee County After School Program, Rusk State Hospital, East Side Elementary, Girl Scouts, Angel Layettes, Gateway to American Opportunities, Jacksonville Literacy Council, Jacksonville High School, Texas State Railroad, Crisis Center of Anderson and Cherokee Counties, and Nichols Intermediate School.

LMC's Women Basketball Community Outreach Program

On Tuesday, September 28, the LMC Lady Bearcat Basketball team partnered with West Side Elementary School to help students become excited about reading, about school, and about going to college. The Lady Bearcats visited every classroom in grades Pre-K to fourth grade and read books to the class. The players also talked about their experience playing basketball at the college level, the importance of school and what it takes to be a successful college student. The team's visit was well received by the young students and much appreciated by the faculty. Plans are to continue these visits as time permits.

Hospitality Administration Welcomes Chef of the Year

The new Hospitality Administration program invited Chef Jackson York, recently named Chef of the Year for the State of Texas, to address students in the *Introduction to Hospitality* class and visit with other students in the program. Chef York serves as the Executive Chef for the Edom Bakery in Edom, Texas.



Leadership and Service Learning

An objective of the Service Learning program is to provide opportunities for the students to interact with local leaders. Presentations generally focus on leadership characteristics and how to be a successful leader. The Reverend Jerome Milton of Tyler, recipient of the 2009 T. B. Butler Award as Outstanding Citizen of Tyler, was the kick-off speaker for the Service Learning classes. Reverend Milton spoke about leadership, faith, hope, joy, and love. He was followed by Jonna Fitzgerald who serviced as District Director for U. S. Representative Louie Gohmert. She is a former Miss Texas and second runner-up in the Miss America Pageant. Ms. Fitzgerald spoke on communication in leadership and the importance of accuracy in all types of communication.

OCTOBER, 2010

We Celebrate Enrollment Numbers with Car Wash

Saturday, October 16, was designated a college day of service to celebrate the fall enrollment record of 1070 students. Multiple car wash locations were set up to provide free wash jobs. People who brought their cars and trucks had an opportunity to make a donation which would help support HOPE (Helping Others Pursue Enrichment). While the goal was to wash 1,000 vehicles, a more realistic number of 250 cars and trucks was actually cleaned at eight different locations on-campus and in the city. Bottom line was that \$1,551.41 was raised to benefit Jacksonville's HOPE. About 50 students as well as several faculty and staff, participated in the event.



Fall Family Weekend

LMC's Fall Family Weekend returned to campus October 22 – 24. A number of events were planned for parents and other family members as they visited their student, campus, and Jacksonville. Events started with a Spirit Day Celebration which included a hot dog supper, games, and entertainment. There was also a competition to capture the spirit stick. Friday's other activities included an Art Exhibit featuring works by Jacksonville artist Carole Holt, a LMC Volleyball match, and an evening performance of *Hairspray*. Saturday, an unofficial homecoming for the LMC football program started with a breakfast provided by Pioneer Food Caterers. At 3:00 pm the LMC Tailgate Party began with tents, grills, and several booths manned by LMC student organizations. The football game set for 7:00 pm (vs. Tyler Junior College) fell victim to inclement weather and was eventually cancelled. The weekend concluded with the Friends of the Arts luncheon and the final performance of *Hairspray*. The weekend event was a great success as parents and family of about 100 students spent some quality time with the LMC family.

Friends of the Arts

Part of the Fall Family weekend was the first 2010-11 Friends of the Arts event. The efforts of this group are designed to provide financial support to the LMC Fine Arts program, make people aware of the many outstanding programs in Fine Arts, and show case the many talented students enrolled in these programs. As its inaugural event, Friends of the Arts hosted a dinner theatre on Sunday, October 24. A great lunch was served at Sadler's at the Landmark followed by the final performance of *Hairspray*. The production was outstanding and presented to a full house at the Zula Pearson Theatre. Over sixty guests attended the event.

First Art Exhibit of 2010 – 2011

The Visual Arts Department held its initial art exhibit in the Smith-Turner Art Gallery featuring works by Jacksonville artist Carole Holt. Bold, provocative color describes Holt's contemporary paintings in acrylics. In her most characteristic abstract works, she lays down areas of color juxtaposed with mysterious darks, transparent veils, and opaque impasto. Holt's work has received numerous awards and is represented in private and corporate collections throughout the United States and Canada. The exhibit was open from October 4 until October 29.

LMC Goes Smoke Free!

On October 20, 2010 the Office of the Dean of Students announced that effective January 1, 2011 property owned or controlled by Lon Morris College would be smoke free. The action was due in part to student input through a petition drive and personal requests from over 125 students. With this action, LMC joins many other colleges and universities who have taken this step to completely eliminate the use of tobacco products on campus.

Gehrels Named Region III TJCSGA Advisor Elect

Director of Campus Life, David Gehrels, was named the Region III Texas Junior College Student Government Association (TJCSGA) Advisor Elect. The TJCSGA is the only student maintained organization in the state that works to promote the cause of community college students at the local, regional, state, and national level. It is composed of over 72 member colleges across the state and divided into six regional districts drawn at the county level. Regions meet at fall and annual conventions to coordinate activities and to help plan the state convention. Mr. Gehrels spent 2010-11 training as Advisor Elect before assuming the full duties of Region III Advisor.

LMC'S Hospitality Administration Receives Donation



To show their appreciation, the Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce – Retail Association presented a check in the amount of \$250 to the students of LMC's Hospitality Administration program for their assistance with the 12th Annual Taste of Jacksonville event. This event hosts local vendors who provide tastes of their many different style cuisines which run the gamut from authentic Mexican food to Texas barbeque. As part of their studies, students are encouraged to participate in community events such as this one. Local events can provide real practical experience in event planning, organization and supervision. Students greeted guests, helped with set up and take down for the event and cleanup of the Norman Activity Center.

Large Audiences for *Hairspray*

Hairspray, this year's first production, was a collaborated effort between the Drama/Dance Department and the Music Department. *Hairspray*, a Broadway musical, had a cast of 36 student actors, singers, dancers, an orchestra of seven instrumentalists and a technical crew of seven students. Publicity and promotional events included live "song samples" presented at The Landmark/Sadler's Restaurant and at Jacksonville and Rusk High Schools. The production enjoyed the largest "house" for each of the six performances seen in the past seven years and the closing night was a sell out! The last performance also marked the initial Friends of the Arts event which included dinner at The Landmark prior to the production. All who attended this performance said it was an amazing experience for performers and attendees alike.



NOVEMBER, 2010

Local High School Counselors Visit LMC

The largest percentage of LMC students live in Cherokee County. In order to ensure that this source of potential students is not taken for granted, the LMC Admissions Office invites area high school counselors to campus once a year. This year's annual luncheon had some 13 counselors from nine school districts attending. The goal of the luncheon is to provide information about the advantages of attending LMC so that area counselors can answer questions about college programs and services. The attendees were officially welcomed by Rev. Rhett Ansley and then everyone enjoyed a wonderful buffet prepared by Pioneer Food Service. After lunch, the counselors heard from Dr. McCall, Dr. Gallegos, Kris Marquis, Afton Barber, and Sandra White. Topics covered by the speakers ranged from dual credit, financial aid, Scholar Dollars, the Learning Enrichment Center, and the admissions process. Campus tours followed the presentations.

Rotaract's 2nd Annual Turkey Trot

LMC's Rotaract Club sponsored the 2nd Annual Turkey Trot event on Saturday, November 20 which was just prior to Thanksgiving. The Club combined a 5K run for those serious runners with a one mile fun run/walk. Participants were asked to donate nonperishable food items which the Club presented to the Jacksonville HOPE organization. The Club also used the event to raise over \$300 for the Rotary Foundation. Runners were challenged to keep up with Laquadium Foreman of Palestine, who donned a turkey costume and set the pace. The Club enjoyed great support from local sponsors including Eastern Mechanical, Kiepersol Estates, Batteries Plus of Tyler, Butler Alignment and Brake, Lakeside Storage of Jacksonville and The Eye Center of Jacksonville. Rotaract is an organization dedicated to service above self. The club, which is affiliated with the Rotary organization, is dedicated to the leadership development, community and global awareness of its members. 2010 – 2011 is the Club's second year at LMC and has 24 members.

Survivor Star Brings Message to Service Learning Students

Jake Billingsley of CBS's Survivor: Thailand addressed LMC Service Learning students on the topic of survival. Billingsley spent 33 of 39 days on the hit TV show/contest fighting to survive the rigors of life in the wilds of Thailand. Billingsley spoke on many topics including how to handle life while being a genuine and sincere person who maintains a focus on the Lord.

We Win, Let's Eat!

JoTe Brown and Daniel Garcia, students from LMC's new Hospitality Administration program participated in the 1st Annual East Texas Culinary Show Down hosted by Central High School's Family, Career and Community Leaders of America program. The pair went head to head against a team from Stephen F. Austin State University. Each team was given a mystery basket and had only 60 minutes to produce a protein, starch and vegetable dish. The teams were judged on product presentation, appearance, taste and creativity. The mystery basket included poultry, mozzarella, cilantro, apples, and pecans. LMC took first place by preparing a creative and beautiful dish that included a sautéed chicken breast covered in a deglazed pecan sauce and fresh mozzarella, a guacamole shooter spiked with apples and cilantro, bacon wrapped asparagus and spicy sweet potato fries.



LMC Cross Country Teams Conclude Successful Season

Members of the LMC Cross Country teams travelled to Spartanburg, South Carolina to participate in the NJCAA Cross Country Championships. Both squads have enjoyed national rankings in the top 20 throughout this season so expectations were high. The LMC Women came into the meet ranked 16th in the final regular season

standings. The Lady Cats finished 18th which was some 14 spots higher than their 2009 finish. Sophomore Rachel Nesloney capped a successful career at LMC by finishing as the top LMC female in both 2009 and 2010. The men climbed 9 spots from last year to finish 18th overall. Sophomore Jose Leos led the Lon Morris men with an overall finish of 54th. Some 40 colleges compete in the national event.

For the year, the teams competed in six different matches facing competition from four year college and university teams. In some cases, the other teams represented NCAA Division I colleges. In only their second full season, the teams managed to win first place in several events (men: four firsts; women: three firsts) and finish no lower than fifth place in the other matches. According to Coach Kent Willis, “From the first day (August 15) the team worked hard every day and really committed themselves to training and preparing for each meet. And they never lost sight of the real purpose of college – success in the classroom and kept their primary focus on academics.”

Service Learning Team Builds Scarecrow



All Service Learning students are assigned to reflection groups lead by LMC faculty. The purpose of these teams is to review, on a weekly basis, the service activities experienced that week. However, they can take on community and campus service projects as well. One such group led by Art Gust, Humanities Division Chair, decided to participate in this year’s Cherokee County Master Gardeners Scarecrow Trail event. The group designed and built the “LMC Scarecrow” and set it up as part of the Scarecrow Trail at the Ruth Nichols Arboretum.

Scrabble Anyone?

The West Side Elementary School of Jacksonville ISD is one of LMC’s neighbors and partners in education. This fall, several members of LMC’s Phi Theta Kappa honor society have been visiting the school for a special program – a scrabble club for fourth graders. The object of the club is to help fourth graders enhance their vocabulary. Another objective is to learn more collegiate level words from the game. The enrichment program is part of the school’s “No Excuse University” effort which promotes college readiness. A No Excuse University is not an easy rating for an elementary school to achieve. It takes full dedication all across the board from the educators to the students. Those involved cannot be satisfied with the status quo and must develop meaningful changes in the classrooms that will impact students’ learning. One focus of the program is to embed academic confidence in the minds of the students and encourage them to pursue some form of higher education in the future. Every Tuesday, the students would learn collegiate words, important geographical sites, and most importantly, write down their goals for their future. All these activities were incorporated into the game of scrabble with the help of some of West Side’s faculty. PTK members serve as game guides as well as role models for the students. The theme of the club was “Students can and will be Successful.” Involvement in this program by LMC PTK students represents their efforts to provide community service.

LMC’s Rotaract Club Goes Red, White and Blue

The Rotaract Club of LMC participated in the Red, White and Blue parade in Bullard which pays special tribute to all Veterans. Rotaract members dressed as historical figures in U.S. history such as Jackie Kennedy, Sacagawea, Amelia Earhart, Annie Oakley, Sarah Palin, Audrey Hepburn, Norma Rae, Rosie The Riveter, and the couple from American Gothic. The students also depicted the flag raising statue of Iwo Jima. This was the second year the Rotaract Club has participated in the parade.





Requiem

The Chancel Choir of the First Presbyterian Church of Henderson and the LMC MasterSingers combined to present two performances of John Rutter's "Requiem" in celebration of All Saints' Day, 2010. The first performance was at the church and the second, on campus in the Memorial Chapel. Preparation for these performances began during the summer of 2010 at FPC with the Chancel Choir. The MasterSingers began practicing in earnest in early September by working with the FPC Choir in an all day rehearsal at the church. The performance at the LMC

Chapel was preceded by a Friends of the Arts gala/dinner at the Landmark hosted by Rob Gowin, owner of Sadler's Restaurant. Twenty-two MasterSingers participated in the two performances.

International Students Treated to Special Thanksgiving Events

LMC has a number of international students who decide to stay on campus during the Thanksgiving break. A few will go home and a few others will visit friends. However, there are many who elect to spend the week in Jacksonville. Rafael Gonzalez, Coordinator of International Student Activities (also Coordinator of Recruiting and Assistant Soccer Coach) decided to offer a variety of activities to these students. On Wednesday, November 24th, Rafael and 18 students took off for a tour of the Dallas area. First stop was Grapevine Mall where students could check out a wide variety of shops and merchandise. Next was a trip to downtown Dallas to the site of the John F. Kennedy assassination. Students visited the Dealey Plaza Historic District, the Texas School Book Depository and museum, and the marked locations on the street where the bullets struck the president. The day concluded with a visit to the El Fenix restaurant in Dallas for a great Mexican meal. On Thanksgiving Day, the Jacksonville Catholic Church, Lady of Sorry, invited the eighteen students to enjoy a Thanksgiving lunch. That evening, Rafael and his wife, Jeana, served a traditional Thanksgiving meal to the students in the Admissions Office. Several LMC employees donated food for the meal. On Friday, the students went to the Lake Jacksonville home of Mike McPhail, Director of Administrative Affairs. The students were treated to a bonfire and snacks and a surprise visit from Dr. McCall, President of LMC.

DECEMBER, 2010

First Campus Visit Day of 2010 – 2011

Several Campus Visit Days are planned each college year so that prospective students and their parents have ample opportunities to visit the campus, discuss college courses with faculty, and learn about student life, admissions procedures, and financial aid. The first visit day was on Saturday, December 4 and drew a group of 19 prospective students and 26 family members. Visitors had a chance to meet faculty and student organization leaders during the Bearcat Fair where booths are set up by instructional departments and by student organizations. Following a welcome speech from Dr. McCall, the visitors are divided into groups and are addressed by several college personnel. Campus tours are also conducted. The day was closed with a reception in the Library where prospective students could use computers to apply to the college online and parents could visit with faculty and professional staff members.

SACS Presentation



Two LMC faculty, Amanda Chesshir, Assistant Professor of Speech and QEP Director, and Michelle Zenor, Associate Professor of Language Arts and Assistant Department Chair of English, made a presentation at the 115th Annual Meeting of the Commission On Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges & Schools. The title of the presentation was “Frightening or Fairytale?: A QEP Journey from Implementation to Working toward the QEP Impact Report.” The presentation provided the perspective of a small private institution as they established and evaluated the QEP and developed the QEP Impact Report. A group of over 75 (standing room only) educators gathered to hear their presentation. Attendees were told about LMC’s QEP, including its goals, how the plan was modified over five years, information about the faculty and student experience and how the outcomes were documented in the QEP Impact Report.

(QEP – Quality Enhancement Plan; “The Quality Enhancement Plan is the component of the accreditation process that reflects and affirms the commitment of the Commission on Colleges to the enhancement of the quality of higher education

and to the proposition that student learning is at the heart of the mission of all institutions of higher learning. By definition, the QEP describes a carefully designed course of action that addresses a well-defined and focused topic or issue related to enhancing student learning.” From the QEP Handbook, Commission on Colleges. LMC’s QEP was titled “Students First – Improving Oral Communication Outcomes through Use of Technology.”)

The Lodge

The latest addition to the LMC housing options has been completed and made ready for students as of the spring, 2011 semester. The Lodge, located about a block north of Craven Wilson Hall, can accommodate 114 students. The rooms are designed for four students and have a private bath. This spring, three female students were assigned to each room at The Lodge. Opening this new housing facility enabled the College to move all residential students back to campus no longer relying on local motels for rooms.

Fine Arts Division Presents Special Christmas Program

In the spirit of the holidays, Faculty and others from the Division of Fine Arts presented the Sixth Annual H.O.P.E. Christmas concert, “Holiday Riches, Share the Wealth.” The program included inspirational music, caroling, and door prizes. Many of the door prizes were made by faculty in the division. The inspirational music was performed by twelve faculty members from the various departments within the division (Visual Arts, Drama/Dance, and Music). Admission to the event was free with a cash donation or the gift of a non-perishable food item. All funds collected (just over \$300) and goods received were donated to the Jacksonville H.O.P.E. (Helping Others Pursue Enrichment), Jacksonville’s community service organization for the economically disadvantaged. Twenty two stuffed animals, made by LMC Theatre students, were also donated to H.O.P.E.

December Mini Term

Each year during the Christmas break, the College offers an array of on-line courses for students who want to pick up three semester credit hours between the fall and spring semester. Enrollment for the term this year was 88 students. This figure compares to 108 enrolled in December, 2009. The 2009 term was somewhat unusually in that 40 students were new to LMC and most of them were out-of-state students.

Gust Family Hosts International Students

For the past nine years, Art and Barbara Gust have opened their home to a special Christmas season gathering for international students enrolled at Lon Morris College, Jacksonville College, and the Baptist Seminary. The Gusts both teach at LMC with Art serving as Department Chair of Business and Division Chair for Humanities. Barbara is a part time instructor who teaches religion courses. They contact each institution and request that all international students are made aware of the event. This year six different languages were represented. Time is devoted to getting to know everyone, where they are from, and what educational goals they hold. The group also sings Christmas carols in the various languages. Mrs. Gust prepares a meal and secures presents for everyone attending. The students are introduced to the popular game of “White Elephant” when it’s time to open presents. Besides providing a great opportunity for fellowship, students often discover that someone from their country is attending one of the other institutions. Lasting friendships often develop as a result of this gracious event.



Evening of Lessons and Carols

On December 7, 2010 a new worship service and tradition was started by Rev. Rhett Ansley, LMC Chaplain. The service was a combination of solos, carols, and lessons that focused on the Advent Season. Various private voice students presented solos and lead the carols. Voice students included Amanda Parker, Rebecca Oden, Hunter Fredrick, Kurt Kaiser, Garland Alexander, Theodore Lloyd, and Dalton Lovell. The service included seven lessons that covered the time before the birth of Christ as Advent is the time for preparing for the birth of Christ.

JANUARY, 2011

Spring 2011 Enrollment

Following on the heads of a record fall enrollment, the spring 2011 numbers continued the string of record setting enrollments. Spring 2011 saw 822 students enrolled which was an increase of 89 students over spring 2010 or a 12.14 percent jump. Of this number, 719 were full time students.

David Michael Brady Art Exhibit

Lon Morris College alumnus David Brady (class of 1980) returned to Jacksonville with an exhibition of recent paintings and pottery in the Smith-Turner Art Gallery in the Visual Arts Building of LMC. The exhibit opened on January 29th and continued through the 30th of March. The public was invited to a gallery talk by the artist on Thursday, February 10th with a reception following. Brady's pottery includes two styles, sturdy wheel-thrown stoneware in traditional shapes and low-fired decorative wall pieces that incorporate his love for painting. In his large landscape paintings on canvas, Brady uses thick luscious strokes of bold color applied in a style evocative of the Post Impressionists. After graduating from LMC, David studied ceramics at Hardin-Simmons University and received his Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in 1983. He continued his experiences in advanced ceramics at Georgia State University, San Jose State University, and the University of Texas. He has traveled extensively throughout the world from the South American Andes to the jungles of Mexico to the desert plains of Uzbekistan. Many of his paintings depict his favorite places from those travels.

LMC Campus Life – The Great Divide

Due to the dramatic growth at LMC, the need for more diversity in campus organizational involvement has occurred. For the past five years the Student Activities and Government Association (S.A.G.A.) has provided entertainment and advocacy for LMC students. A decision was made for each of these services to have a sharper focus. Thus, S.A.G.A. separated into two organizations: The Student Activities Association and The Student Government Association. SGA will continue to represent the general student body and will be elected by the students. The goal for that group is to develop leadership skills that can help other campus organizations. Student Activities will help plan and organize campus activities which help students develop personal and leadership skills outside of the classroom.

Special Student Program – “Reorientation”

In an effort to help new and returning students gain a better understanding of several key concepts that are essential to a successful experience at LMC, “Reorientation” sessions were conducted at the beginning of the spring, 2011 semester. Topics covered included:

- Expectations of those who live and learn at a private, liberal arts institution in the tradition of the United Methodist Church.
- The importance of financial aid, the difference between federal money and LMC aid, and how LMC awards are funded.
- How to ensure academic, spiritual, and social growth at LMC.
- How to utilize the Student Complain Process.
- What it means to “Get RICH Quick!” through an exploration of the importance of Respect, Integrity, Citizenship, and Honor.
- How students can make life changing decisions by embracing the experience offered at LMC.

The sessions were organized and coordinated by Rev. Rhett Ansley, Chaplain/Dean of Students.

East Texas Library Summit

LMC played host to over 100 school librarians from surrounding schools districts for the third consecutive year. This year's Summit, titled “Connections to the Future,” was a full day workshop that also offered vendors space to display products, texts, or other library related supplies. There were a variety of sessions that included such topics as: power Googling, summer reading, super web sites, promoting reading, Twitter for professionals and methods to involve middle school students with the school library.

LMC Gains a New Partner

As of January 17, 2011, LMC outsourced care of its grounds, maintenance, and housekeeping services to National Management Resources. The company, out of Georgia, specializes in providing contracted, professional facilities management services to private institutions of higher education. The company has agreements with institutions in eight states and is responsible for the care of over 12 million square feet of college facilities.

LMC Board Considers Tuition and Fee Schedules

At the December, 2010 meeting of the LMC Board of Trustees, a modest tuition increase of 8.3% (\$1,000 per year) was approved for the 2011 – 2012 College year. A \$500 Student Activity Fee was also added. Student housing costs, which currently have several different rates, were set at a standard amount of \$3,500 per year. These changes were made to address the increased costs associated with the large enrollment increases of the past two years.

Homecoming 2011 – Celebrating a Proud History

Homecoming 2011 events were started at noon Friday, January 28th with the Bearcat Basketball Coach's Briefing and Lunch held at Sadler's at The Landmark. Coach Dale Dotson, Athletic Director and Men's Basketball Head Coach, discussed game strategy and spoke about two LMC players, Luka Benjamin from Serbia and Niko Stojickovic from France. Alumni were invited to a "Mix and Mingle" event at Sadler's at 5:00 pm where they had an opportunity to visit with old friends and talk to various LMC student leaders. Later that evening, LMC Alumni and guests were entertained by the LMC MasterSingers at the Bearcat Revue also held at Sadler's. The theme for this year's revue was "Celebrating Love" chosen to reflect the 2011 homecoming theme, "Celebrating a Proud History at Lon Morris College." Songs included "Embraceable You," "Endless Love," and "So in Love" and many others. A second performance was held in the College Ballroom on Saturday prior to the basketball games.

Saturday's events included the traditional Chapel Service of Celebration and Remembrance. The service was followed by the Morning Brunch and Ex-Student Association Meeting. The week leading up to Homecoming Weekend was filled with a number of traditional as well as new student activities. Monday featured the always popular "Milk Challenge" in the Quad. On Tuesday, Phi Theta Kappa sponsored a 3-point shootout in the LMC Rec Center. Wednesday was window decorating day (see related story below). For Thursday, The Rotoract Club organized a scavenger hunt on campus. On Homecoming Day, the Student Activities Association had a tailgate party before the games. This was followed by the "Chunk yo trunk 4 sum thump" contest at Strother Park.

The Homecoming games saw the Lady Bearcats fall to Tyler Junior College after failing to hold on to a 20 point lead. The Men's team was able to capture a hard fought win over the TJC Apaches, 72 – 64. At half time of the men's game, Tendresse Kapalang-a-sul was crowned Homecoming Queen and Gabriel Alexander Homecoming King. These students received this special honor as a result of a student body election. Homecoming events were concluded with a student dance in the College Ballroom. The DJ was Jonathan Swift, a LMC alumnus.

Window Decorating Contest

As part of the Homecoming activities, student clubs, dorms, and organizations were invited to participate in a window decorating contest. The groups were assigned a section of one of the LMC Cafeteria windows. Eight entries were judged by a panel of three judges who selected the window that featured a unique presentation and yet supported the general theme of BearCat pride and basketball. Each entry was also to include the name of the group or organization in the picture.

The 2011 contest results were:

First place – LMC Ag Club

Second place – Clark Hall

The Rooster Visits

Thanks to an anonymous donor who provided funds to Lon Morris College, students in the Jacksonville Independent School District and LMC students had the opportunity to hear Rooster Morris, author and true-to-life cowboy. Morris was inspired to tour the country teaching children the joys of reading when he realized the epidemic of illiteracy in the nation. "I heard reports that many high school kids couldn't read and I still hear kids have problems visualizing what they're reading," Morris said. "Kids don't see adults reading that much and TV kind of takes over our lives." The College partnered with West Side Elementary for the event. Morris reads to the elementary school children from a series of books he wrote about a boy named Axle Galench, who encounters monsters during his journeys on another planet. An accomplished musician, Morris includes some fiddle music in his presentations. As well as speaking to students at West Side, Morris also visited Joe Wright and East Side Elementary schools and made special presentations to Reading classes at the College.

February, 2011

LMC Department of Theatre and Dance Presents *The Crucible*

The Crucible, an outstanding play written by Arthur Miller was the first production of the spring semester and graced the Zula Pearson stage several times between February 18th and February 24th. Winner of the 1953 Tony Award for Best Play, this exciting drama about the Puritan purge of witch craft in old Salem is both a gripping historical play and a timely parable of our contemporary society. Students who played some of the major roles included Travis Crockett as the Reverend Samuel Parris, Deserea Noriega as Abigail Williams, Kolton Culberson as John Proctor, Cody Davids as Reverend John Hale, Shelby Rhodes as Elizabeth Proctor, and Gregory Meisinger as Deputy Governor Thomas Danforth. Students behind the scenes were Mary Ann Williams as Assistant Stage Manager, Jessica McCoy as Stage Manager, and Amanda Parker as House Manager. The production saw a sold out, standing room only opening night, 90% sell outs for the Saturday shows and sold out plus for the Sunday show.

Recruitment Shifts into High Gear

The first campus visit day of the spring semester was February 19th, 2011. The event started with the Bearcat Fair which provides prospective students and their parents the opportunity to meet academic department representatives and student leaders of various campus organizations. After the Fair closed, the attendees were treated to a performance piece from *The Crucible*, which was currently in production. All the visitors were invited to attend either of the performances set for that day. Following a viewing of the Lon Morris College DVD, the group received a formal welcome from Dr. McCall. Several presentations were made by college personnel that covered such topics as financial aid and student life. Teaching demonstrations were also made by Linda Allen, Division Chair for Science and Mathematics and Department Chair of Science. After lunch, campus tours were conducted and the day closed with a reception in the College Library. Of the eighteen prospects who attended, five completed admission applications that afternoon.

New Spiritual Life Program – “BURN”

A new spiritual life program was started this month in partnership with Central Baptist Church. “BURN” is a small group based program that is intended to encourage students to become “on fire” for God. The basic tenants of the small group program are love, truth, community, and service. The program includes the study of scripture, music, and time for fellowship.

THINK PINK Lady Bearcats Basketball Game

On Saturday, February 19th, the LMC Lady Bearcats sponsored the 3rd annual THINK PINK basketball game against the San Jacinto Gators. The event was designed to help raise money for the fight against breast cancer and support cancer research. The team sold raffle tickets for an autographed team basketball and offered baked goods as well. The results of this effort produced \$421.50 which was sent to the Kay Yow Cancer Foundation. The event was sponsored in part by the Women's Basketball Coaches Association Pink Zone program.

Financial Aid Department Makes a Road Trip

For a number of years, the LMC Financial Aid Department lead by Kris Marquis, Director of Admissions/Financial Aid, has offered presentations to area high school students and their parents about the nuts and bolts of federal financial aid. The sessions have had some success but many had no attendees. The Department decided a few years ago to take the sessions to the students at local high schools. On Monday evening of February 7th, Mrs. Marquis, Kayla Christiansen, and Rafael Gonzalez went to Jacksonville High School and made their presentation. They actually helped parents and students complete the FAFSA (free application for federal student aid) online that night. Mr. Gonzalez was able to assist parents who had limited English skills complete the process. The Department planned to repeat this effort several times during the spring semester.

Service Learning Visits Rusk State Hospital

Thirty-one Service Learning students and two faculty sponsors were greeted by four members of the staff of Rusk State Hospital on February 8, 2011. A lecture on the history of the hospital, dating back to the days when it was a prison, was given by the Director of Community Services. Each of the four staff members gave a different perspective on the workings of a state mental hospital and information on the rules and expectations of visitors. The third floor of the oldest building on the Rusk State Hospital campus was the place of most interest to the students since that was where most of the less than humane activities occurred at the turn of the century. It made them realize how far medical science has come in treating those with a mental illness. The students enjoyed touring the geriatric wing and watching as one of the students was placed in a restraining chair as part of a demonstration. The students gave a party for the geriatric wing and introduced themselves to many of the patients graciously interacting with many of the residents.



On Your Mark – LMC First Spring Track Meet

The LMC Men and Women's Track teams journeyed to Tyler on February 11th to compete in a dual meet with the University of Texas – Tyler. As is the usual situation, LMC must compete against teams from four year colleges and universities. This dual meet was a non-scored meet but both men's and women's teams had strong showings in most events. See below for a summary of the season found in the month of May activities.

LMC Student Ambassadors Visit State Capitol

As state legislators and senators met this spring, they faced a difficult budget situation. Revenue shortfall was projected to be several billion dollars. Many programs faced cuts and even elimination. One program believed to be targeted for significant reduction was the Texas Tuition Equalization Grant Program (TEG). The purpose of this program is to provide grant aid to financially needy students to enable them to attend private, non-profit colleges or universities in Texas. To express concern and



support for continued full funding of TEG, a group of LMC students visited the Texas Capitol. Twelve LMC Ambassadors and four sponsors visited a total of 15 representatives and senators. They spoke with the legislator or a member of their staff about the importance of TEG and how the grant had impacted their ability to attend LMC. After being recognized in the House, the group had lunch with June Deadrick, current LMC Board member, Rep. Chuck Hopson and his staff and Sen. Robert Nichols and his staff. After lunch, Rep. Hopson and Sen. Nichols spoke to the students and answered their questions.

Jacksonville High School and LMC Classes Collaborate

Jacksonville High School students enrolled in LMC's Hospitality Administration program have teamed up with the high school media class to create a video about Jacksonville. Breezy Lake, Director of Hospitality Administration, said the video was a gift to the Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce for use on its website. A premiere event was scheduled for April, at which time the video was officially presented to chamber members, city leaders, and the public. The students had various responsibilities in the project including script writing, capturing video, editing the video, and preparing for the April event. Planning for and coordinating the initial presentation was incorporated into a course for catering, convention planning and club management which the students were currently enrolled. The video, which is about 1minute and 20 seconds in length, was placed of the Chamber's new business social website.

MARCH, 2011

LMC Celebrates the 175TH Anniversary of Texas Independence

Lon Morris College proudly celebrated the 175th Anniversary of Texas Independence at two events. The first, a celebration dinner at Sadler's at The Landmark, featured Dr. Archie McDonald, a well-known historian, Professor of History at Stephen F. Austin State University, author and Executive Director of the East Texas Historical Society. Dr. McDonald's remarks centered on the creation of the Republic and the personalities involved. The dinner also featured a rare Texas treasure – a Tryon Model 1816 Model musket made for the Republic of Texas in 1840. The musket is one of only five known in the world. The musket was given to the College by the family of the late U.S. Senator John Tower and has been in storage for much of the time since 1936.

On Texas Independence Day, the College continued its celebration with the public display of the .69 caliber musket. The ceremony included songs of Texas performed by the LMC MasterSingers, a brief review of some of the events leading up to San Jacinto Day, presented by Dr. John Ross, LMC Academic Dean and History Professor, and a description of the musket and how to fire it made by a 1840 Republic of Texas soldier (reenactor Charles Davis, LMC Associate Professor of Music and History).

LMC Student Named to Coca-Cola Community College Academic Team

Meredith Fick, a sophomore student at Lon Morris College was named a Coca-Cola Community College Academic Team Bronze Scholar. The Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation sponsors the Coca-Cola Community College Academic Team program by recognizing 50 Gold, 50 Silver and 50 Bronze scholars, and providing nearly \$187,500 in stipends annually. Selection as a Coca-Cola Bronze Scholar was based on scores earned in the All-USA Community College Academic Team competition, for which more than 1,600 applications were received this year. Community college presidents or their designated nominators may submit no more than two nominations per campus for this award. An independent panel of judges considers outstanding academic rigor, grade point average, academic and leadership awards, and engagement in college and community service in the selection process. The Coca-Cola Community College Academic Team program is sponsored by the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation and is administered by Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society. Meredith will receive a \$1,000 stipend in August. Additionally, she will be presented a custom-designed Bronze medallion during the upcoming All-State Community College Academic Team Recognition Ceremony. Congratulations Meredith!

LMC's Cross Country Team Names Academic All-Americans

The NJCCA Track and Cross Country Coaches Association released its list of Academic Teams of the Year and names of team members who were Academic All-Americans. LMC's Men's Cross Country team was ranked number two in the country.

March Madness Texas Style

Both LMC's basketball teams qualified for the 2011 Region XIV Basketball Tournament held at Herrington Patriot Center on the UT-Tyler campus. The men's team entered the tournament as the sixth seed while the Lady Cats were also the sixth seed. The men's season ended in the quarterfinals with a loss to cross town rival Jacksonville College, the tournament's third seed. As most games between these two teams, it was a hard fought contest to the final minute. Better luck at the foul line and strong bench play pushed the Jaguars into the semi finals.

For the first time in several years, the Lady Cats made their way into the Championship game. Standing in their way to a trip to the national playoffs was Trinity Volley Community College, the tournament's top seed and the nation's No. 3 ranked team. The game was a see-saw affair with several lead changes and with 23 seconds remaining, the Cats tied the game and forced overtime. While the Cats stayed close, the Lady Cards bench strength and experience in close games, proved too much for the never say die team. Final score: 79 – 75. Head Coach Brenita Williams praised the squad noting that the team had set school records for the most number of wins in a season (18), the best overall record (18-14) and the most named Player of the Week awards for any season.

HONORS GO TO MEN'S AND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM MEMBERS

Region XIV Basketball honors were announced and several LMC players were included. Honors for the Lady BearCats:

All-Region Team – Brenda Adhaimbo

All-Conference Team – Brenda Adhaimbo

All-Conference Team Honorable Mention – Whitney Wilson and Arianna James

Honors for the BearCats included:

All-Region Second Team – Jorge Redmon

All Conference Second Team – Jorge Redmon

All Conference Honorable Mention – Igor Premasunac and Dallas Jones

Service Learning Goes to Austin & College Station

Early on March 31, forty-five Service Learning students and 7 chaperones loaded two buses and a van and headed to Austin to see state leadership in action at the Texas State Capitol. The students were greeted by the staff of Representative Chuck Hopson and guided to the gallery of the House of Representatives. The students witnessed the passage of seventy five bills in a short length of time. After visiting the offices of Rep. Hopson, the group was escorted to the Sam Houston Building for lunch which was provided by Ms. June Deadrick, a member of the Lon Morris College Board of Trustees and Director of Government Affairs for Centerpoint Energy. Ms. Deadrick spoke to the students about leadership and what they could accomplish at this stage of their lives and in the future. Representative Hopson explained the legislation that the students had seen passed earlier in the House. The meeting ended with a speech from Senator



Robert Nichols. The group loaded the vehicles and drove to College Station to visit the George H. W. Bush Library and Museum. The Presidential Library was a wonderful example of leadership shown by our forty-first president. A tired but excited group returned to the campus about 9:00 p.m. with heads full of knowledge about our state government and memories of a fun day for the Service Learning Leadership program.

CAAP Test

In 2005, instructional leaders at LMC decided some type of external evaluation of student learning was needed. After much discussion and review of possibilities, a standardized test was selected. The faculty located a test, the Collegiate Assessment of Academic Proficiency (CAAP), which measured learning outcomes that were closely aligned with those used in classroom assessment. The CAAP test allowed the faculty the opportunity to compare LMC students' scores to national standards. CAAP is a national exam with established reliability and validity. Four sub tests on Critical Thinking, Reading, Writing, and Mathematics were selected and administered to a sample of LMC students in the spring of 2006. Since that date, LMC students have taken the test each spring. In 2007, a sample of incoming freshmen was tested and this process has also continued each fall. This testing format allows the College to compare sophomore results to over 10,000 other sophomores' results from across the U.S. and compare test results over the two year period from freshmen to the sophomore year. Hopefully, academic growth (better scores) will be verified by CAAP test results. Students who score at or better than national norms are recognized at LMC's Honor's Program.

MasterSingers Take Road Trip to London

The MasterSingers accompanied by several LMC faculty, alumni, parents, and friends of the college took a "road trip" to London, England over Spring Break. These trips have become a regular event for the Music Department, with this recent trip being the 10th time such an educational journey has been made. This year there were 32 people in the group. There were several planned tours as well as open time for the students and others to explore London on their own. The high point is the performance of the MasterSingers at Wesley's Chapel. The choir received a very warm welcome and high praise for their performance. See more about the trip in the section that focuses on LMC programs above.

Recruiting Efforts Continue

On March 26, LMC's Admissions/Enrollment Services hosted the third campus visit day. The format closely followed that of previous Campus Visit Days with academic and extracurricular booths set up in the Community Room, a presentation by the MasterSingers, and a welcome by Dr. McCall. Various presentations on financial aid and student life followed as well as teaching demonstrations from Nancy Waits, Instructor of Chemistry, Jack Brooks, Assistant Professor of Music, and Amanda Chesshir, Assistant Professor of Communications/Speech. After lunch and campus tours, the day concluded with a reception in the Henderson Library. Some 54 prospective students and family members attended. Five new prospects completed admission applications by the end of the day.

Region III Texas Junior College Student Government Association Comes to Lon Morris College

On March 25th, LMC hosted the Region III Texas Junior College Student Government Association's spring regional meeting. In attendance were student government representatives from Tyler Junior College, Navarro College (multiple campuses), TSTC – Marshall, Kilgore College, Trinity Valley Community College, and Lon Morris College. The purpose of the regional meeting was to prepare for the state convention to be held in April. At the meeting, committees met to discuss nominations for state offices, a video presentation for the state meeting, and regional and state awards. There are generally three awards issued at the state convention: Outstanding Advisor of the Year, Outstanding Student Leader of the Year, and Outstanding Student Organization of the Year. Offices to be elected were president, vice president, secretary/treasurer, and parliamentarian. Other than the committee meetings, there was a general assembly where committees presented their reports and votes taken on their recommendations. The meeting concluded with an evening social event. Attendees had high praise for the facilities of the Wilson Administration Building and the food prepared by Pioneer Dining Service.

PTK Lecture – Freedom – What Does It Mean to You?

As part of its service function, Lon Morris College's Rho Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa presented a special lecture for students, faculty and staff and the community on human trafficking. The presentation was intended to raise awareness about the problem of human trafficking around the world (thought to be the 3rd largest illegal trade in the world, grossing over 32 billion dollars a year) and provide some tips for how individuals and groups can participate in recognizing and halting this horror. The lecture was attended by some 25 students, faculty and guests.

APRIL, 2011

Student Government Elections

For the first time in several years, the student body of Lon Morris College elected a slate of officers to head the Student Government Association in 2011 – 2012. The new officers are:

President:	Kendal Carnley	Treasurer:	Ty'Seria Kincade
Vice President:	Rayneta Dotson	Secretary:	Hannah Martin
Parliamentarian:	Kurt Kaiser		

Phi Theta Kappa Induction Ceremony

On April 3, 2011, 23 students were inducted into the Lon Morris College Rho Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, a prestigious honor society. Phi Theta Kappa is recognized as the official honor society for community colleges by the American Association of Community Colleges. Membership is based on superior academic achievement and is conferred only by invitation of the local chapter. "Students are invited to join Phi Theta Kappa after achieving at least a 3.5 GPA on 12 or more semester credit hours, so Lon Morris College Rho members have proven themselves to be dedicated and distinguished scholars," advisor Michelle Zenor said. The Rho Chapter of Lon Morris College holds the honor of being the oldest chapter of Phi Theta kappa in Texas. The chapter was organized in 1929. While at Lon Morris, students will participate in leadership activities and conferences, engage in service to the community, promote scholarship and have the opportunity to grow in fellowship with other members of Phi Theta Kappa. The Rho Chapter is advised by Rev. Rhett Ansley, Michelle Zenor and Mary Ellen Thornton.

Inductees

Allanah Austin	Rachael Hill	Andrew Petersen*
Erica Barron	Dewayne Jackson	Shelby Rhodes
Kendal Carnley	Jackie Jones	Jessica Smith
Sarah Coopey*	Tendresse Kapalang-A-Sul*	Kiani Stone
Elliot Dean	Eric Little	Rileigh Storrs
Dominique Edwards	Dalton Lovell*	Rayann Willis
Hannah Foster	Bianca Meza	Matt Whitlock*
Eric Gibson	Hannah Munson	

*Fall 2010 Inductees

Fine Arts Weekend

One of the highlights of the Spring semester is always the Fine Arts Weekend. All departments within the Fine Arts Division are represented and each department plans special events over the three day affair. The program began with a performance by the Band Friday evening in the Community Room of the Wilson Administration Building. Following that concert, the Theatre/Dance Department presented *The Odd Couple* in the Zula Pearson Theatre. Saturday included two performances of *The Odd Couple*, a Choral Concert, a Sophomore Voice Recital featuring Rebecca Oden and Le Patrick Thomas and a Sophomore Art Show in the Smith-Turner Art Gallery. Artists featured were Chelsea Baranski, Kaylon Daniels, Emily Moore, Sheyla Serrato, and Stephanie Yamashita. To include the weekend, *The Odd Couple* was presented at a special Sunday matinee performance.

The Odd Couple

As part of the fine Arts Weekend, the Drama & Dance Department presented four performances of *The Odd couple (Female Version)*. In this version of *The Odd Couple*, Neil Simon has revised and updated his popular hit and turned it on its head – this time it’s the women who must learn to deal with being mismatched roommates. Unger and Madison are at it again, but its Florence Unger and Olive Madison. Ayssette Munoz played Florence Unger and Adelelia Rivers was cast in the role of Olive Madison. Other cast members included, Katie Burt, Tara Tidwell, Amanda Parker, Maryann Williams, Eric Gibson, and Kadrick Session.

Honors Night 2011

The annual Honors Night was held Wednesday, April 27, 2011 in the LMC Ballroom. Over 40 students, faculty and staff received awards. Refer to the awards section for a complete list of awards and recipients.

Visual Arts Trip to Museum of Fine Arts

On April 7, the LMC Visual Arts Department and the Art Association sponsored a field trip to the Museum of Fine Arts in Houston. Twenty one students and four faculty members attended a special exhibit of Impressionist and Post-Impressionist works on loan to the Houston Museum by the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C. The exhibition showcased masterpieces by Paul Cezanne, Edgar Degas, Vincent van Gogh, Edouard Manet, Claude Monet, Auguste Renoir, Henri de Toulouse-Lautrec, and other famous artists active in France between the 1860’s and the early 20th century. After touring the special show, students viewed the exhibits in the museum’s permanent collection.

Voice Studio Recital

As part of their educational program, music majors are required to perform in several venues – Chapel services, Showcases, theatre productions, and formal recitals. On April 1st, Voice Studio students, Kurt Kaiser, Dalton Lovell, Mary Creath, and Kiani Stone presented a variety of music from such composers as Giacomo Puccini, Johannes Brahms, Antonio Vivaldi, Cole Porter, Gilbert and Sullivan, Irving Berlin and many others as part of a formal recital.

Mary Creath, Soprano

Pie Jesu from *Requiem*

Vergebliches Standchen

“O mio babbino caro” from *Gianni Schicchi*

Kurt Kaiser, Baritone

Deep River

Ich Liebe Dich

Che fiero costume

“I Am a Pirate King” from *The Pirates of Penzance*

Dalton Lovell, Baritone

Come Again, Sweet Love

Wandrer's Nachtlid II

Come Away, Death

“Empty Chairs at Empty Tables” from *Les Miserables*

Kiani Stone, Soprano

“I’ve Got You Under My Skin” from *Born to Dance*

“They Say It’s Wonderful” from *Annie Get Your Gun*



Omega Fest

Held in the LMC Rodeo Arena for the first time, the 6th Annual Omega Fest featured a multitude of activities. A number of teams participated in the day long Mud Volleyball Tournament. Later in the day, two bands were featured, Stephen I and Dazed! Lunch included the traditional all you can eat boiled crawfish and pulled pork sandwiches. Throughout the day, there were a number of “yard games” for students such as ladder ball, horseshoes, washers, etc. There were 475 participants with about 50 participating in the various mud events. Some 1200 pounds of crawfish were consumed in less than three hours!

Fourth Campus Visit Day

To coincide with Omega Fest, the last Campus Visitation Day of the spring term, was held April 16th. The schedule tried to allow ample time for campus visitors to enjoy all the various activities on campus (Green and White football scrimmage, Omega Fest, and Fine Arts presentations). Jessica Chiles, Director of Admissions, welcome the guests. This was followed by a formal presentation from Dr. McCall. Other sessions included information about financial aid and academics at LMC. Academic teaching demonstrations were made by Michelle Zenor and Linda Gray. Guests were invited to attend a reception which ended the Visit Day’s official activities and provided admissions information.

Summer School Fair

To assist and encourage returning students to attend summer classes, LMC hosted the first Summer School Fair. The event was held in front of the Scurlock Student Center and featured staff from Admissions, Campus Life, Housing, Registration, Student Employment, and Financial Aid available to provide information and answer questions. Faculty scheduled to teach summer classes also participated in the program. The event was part of a campus wide effort to break the summer enrollment record. Enrollment Management staff have started a campaign to encourage new students to consider summer classes.

Rotaract Club Joins Habitat for Humanity Project



On Saturday, April 2nd, fifteen members of the Rotaract Club participated in a Habitat for Humanity project in Tyler. The mission for the day: put up siding. The students were divided into teams. Levon Castillo volunteered to be the “cutter” and measured and cut concrete siding. Chelsea Baranski and Kelley Sonnen drilled holes in the siding. The teams were comprised of holders and hammerers, so two people held the siding in place while two others hammered. A few students helped finish putting plywood across the roof. The students were able to meet and work with the future homeowners. By meeting the homeowners, the experience became much more personal to the students. “I think this is an important experience for students,” stated

Amanda Chesshir, sponsor of Rotaract. “We forget how blessed we are to have homes and this helps us contribute to those around us who need help.” Though the work was hard, the students focused and did a great job. Rotaract plans to participate in this project for years to come.

SIFE Trip to Medical Bridges

The members of LMC’s SIFE organization journeyed to Houston, Texas where they presented a 17 foot truck of surplus medical supplies they have collected in the past two years to Medical Bridges. The group will also work one day in the Medical Bridges warehouse sorting supplies for distribution around the world.

Kent Willis Named Coach of the Year

Two years of hard work, perseverance, a team of dedicated assistant coaches, and a roster of talented student athletes culminated not only to an award-winning Track and Cross Country season, but the NJCAA Super Southeast Region Men's Track and Field Coach of the Year for Head Coach Kent Willis. Willis humbly accepted this award and was quick to credit his coaching staff and student athletes for their hard work in helping to rebuild the program from scratch. Assistant Coach Travis Beavers replaced Willis as Head Coach in June, 2011 when Willis was appointed to and now serves as Interim Dean of Students for Lon Morris College.



MAY, 2011

Women's Basketball Banquet Highlights

The second annual LMC Women's Basketball Team Banquet recognized the team's hard work and dedication to the season's goal of *Turning a New Leaf*. The following team awards were presented:

Sportsmanship Award – Whitley Kizzee	Miss Big Shot – Whitney Wilson
Most Improved Player – Lexus Mack	Play Maker of the Year – Meagan Wilson
Leadership Award – Sharae Sanders	Defensive Player of the Year – Allannah Austin
Miss Shot Blocker – La'Doris Conrod	Freshman of the Year – Arianna James
Teamwork Award – Meghan Dansby	Most Valuable Player – Brenda Adhiambo
Bearcat Pride Award – Dominique Edwards	

Several team records were broken this year:

Best overall school record: 18 – 14
Longest win streak: 8 (Dec 4 – Jan 19)
Most Players of the Week: 3 (Arianna James, Brenda Adhiambo, Whitney Wilson)
Most Players on All Tournament Team: 2 (Brenda Adhiambo, Whitney Wilson)
Tie for most players on All Conference Team: 3 (Brenda Adhiambo, Arianna James, Whitney Wilson)
1 NJCAA All American: Brenda Adhiambo (second in school history)
100% Graduation of Sophomore Class
Region XIV Championship Runner-Up (second time in school history)

LMC Graduation

Lon Morris College celebrated its 100th graduation May 7 at the First United Methodist Church in Jacksonville. It was fitting that this was also the largest graduating class in the college's history. Out of the one hundred and fifteen students eligible to participate, sixty-one received their diplomas and fifty-four "walked" (meaning they still need a few more hours to complete their degree). A standing room only crowd watched the ceremony and heard welcomes from Vice-President for Academic and Student Affairs Dr. Loretta Gallegos and Phi Theta Kappa President Chad Nelson. Special music was provided by the LMC MasterSingers and organist Mary Tidwell. The commencement address was delivered by Rev. Tommy Williams, a 1996 graduate of LMC, Senior Pastor of Westbury United Methodist Church and member of the LMC Board of Trustees. The theme was "Lon Morris Matters."

Though not as diverse as last year, nine students were from other countries and two were from other states.

2011 Maymester

For the past several years, the College has offered students the opportunity to complete some additional course work between the end of the spring semester and the beginning of the summer terms. The “Maymester” offers both on-campus and on-line courses. Prior to 2007, attendance numbers were included in the summer enrollment figures. Below is a recap of the enrollment numbers from May 2007 to the present term. Maymester 2011 consisted of twenty-six classes and continued the trend of record setting figures by beating Maymester 2011’s record of 100 students by twelve!

May 2007	19
May 2008	26
May 2009	39
May 2010	100
May 2011	112

The 2011 Maymester Study Abroad class included ten students and faculty who went to Vienna, Prague, Krakow, and Budapest.

Track Season Summary

The men’s and women’s track teams ended the season with a “strong showing on the national scene” under the guidance of Coach Kent Willis. “We are still a new program and experienced a lot of things for the first time,” said Assistant Coach Travis Beavers. “The team showed a lot of character and willingness to take on these new challenges as we experienced them. Our kids showed their discipline and maturity at the NJCAA National Championship, when they faced off with some of the top athletes in the world and never faltered.” In June Coach Willis was named the new Dean of Students for Lon Morris College and Coach Beavers took over as Head Coach. Chris Jones will join the staff as an assistant coach for Track and Field/Cross Country in the 2011/12 season. Below is a summary of the team’s accomplishments.

Men:

- 6th place (4x400 Relay Team) at the NJCAA National Championship hosted by Hutchinson Community College, Hutchinson, KS
- 11 National Qualifiers
 - 7 Freshmen and 4 Sophomores
- 1st place and over 25 medalists in the Super Southeast Regional Championship, hosted by University of Louisiana-Monroe
- Sean Sparks (Freshman) from Lumberton, TX placed 6th at NJCAA National Championship. All-American Honors

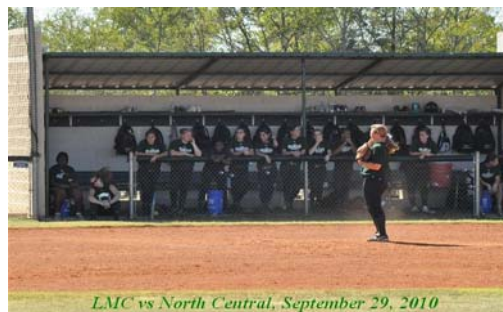


Women:

- 3 National Qualifiers (all Freshmen)
- 3rd place at Super Southeast Regional Championship

Softball 2011

The LMC softball team ended their season with a 17-28 record, which is two wins better than their previous season record. Head coach Meredith Grant went on to become the head softball coach for Brownsboro High School in Brownsboro, Texas, and Assistant Coach Kristen Breaux was promoted to Head Coach. Breaux is looking forward to leading the Lady 'Cats to new successes in the 2011-2012 season.



Baseball Concludes Successful Season

The LMC baseball team surpassed previous school records by ending with a 26-29 (11-17 conference) season which included seven victories over ranked teams. Albersio Rodriquez (C) and Luis Sanchez (2B) were both named to the All-Conference team. The Bearcats also concluded a successful academic semester with a combined team GPA of 3.05.

Five of our Bearcats will be taking their talent on to the next level as sophomores John Almogabar, Bryan Lynn, and Colby Rogers signed scholarships to attend Lyon College, Tyler Wilson with Tennessee Tech and Andrew Burns will attend Concordia University in Austin.

Women's Basketball Dominates On and Off the Field

The Lady Bearcats concluded an outstanding season with an 18-14 record and were Runner Up in the Region XIV Tournament. Along with improving their record compared to the 2009-2010 season, the team earned a rank of #10 for overall team GPA by the Women's Basketball Coaches Association with an average of 3.089. Lon Morris is the only school from Region XIV on the academic poll for team GPA. Head Coach Brenita Williams congratulates her team "for getting it done in the classroom as well as on the court!"

JUNE, 2011

Summer Camps Hit Lon Morris College

June brings "camp time" back to the Lon Morris Campus as citizens from the Jacksonville and surrounding areas took advantage of such activities as Photography Camp , Reading Camp , Kids Day Camp, Soccer Camp and the highly popular Basketball Camp (held in July). Lon Morris played host to other camps such as the East Texas Rural Electric Youth Seminar and Grace Prep Football Camp.

Bearcat Overnight Orientation 2011

Lon Morris hosted an overnight orientation June 22-24 for 46 freshmen students. Bearcat Overnight Orientation is designed to give incoming freshmen a glimpse of college life without the pressures of attending class. This unique experience of LMC included two nights in one of the dorms, a taste of the cafeteria cooking, information sessions – many conducted by current students, an "East Texas Tour" of Jacksonville and neighboring Tyler by bus, and a chance to be the first freshmen to be advised and register for Fall 2011 classes. This year's "East Texas Tour" featured stores and restaurants, movie theaters and bowling alleys to partake in around Tyler and Jacksonville, as well as a visit to the Broadway Square Mall in Tyler and a drive out to Lake Jacksonville. Our future Bearcats are looking forward to beginning their academic career at LMC.



Other one-day registration opportunities were July 23 (125 registered) and August 13, 2011.

LMC Undergoes Structural Reorganization.

The LMC Administration staff has been hard at work with a restructuring model that can better serve the school and community. The process is not complete, but at the end of June LMC President, Dr. Miles McCall sent an update on the process. “The very nature of higher education demands that institutions undergo continuous self-evaluation and quality improvement which will cause us to function with enhanced efficiency and effectiveness and allow us to cut additional overhead,” he wrote. “In response to external Board expectations and internal dynamics, the administrative leadership team at Lon Morris College has developed a new model of efficiency that will become effective on July 1, 2011 ... We will combine two vice president positions (Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs and Vice President for Business and Administrative Affairs) into a Provost position. The Provost position will oversee all daily operations of the campus and will act as the ultimate authority on the occasions when the president is absent from campus attending to off campus Presidential duties.” Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs, Dr. Loretta Gallegos, was appointed as the new Provost of Lon Morris College. Mr. Tommy Ferguson will continue to serve the college in the new role of Assistant to the President.

Another key change is the combination of the development activity and the communication activity into one work area, now referred to as Institutional Advancement. “In addition to the leadership of the Vice President for Institutional Advancement (Scott Gilpin), the President will be involved with the daily activity in this area of service, spending more time on the road with donors, foundations, constituents, and board member relations.”

The Administration has expressed extreme appreciation for the flexibility and patience of the Lon Morris College Faculty and Staff as these necessary changes are being defined and implemented.

JULY, 2011

Summer II

July 5th kicked off the Summer II session that will continue until August 10, 2011. 192 students, 38 of them being new to Lon Morris College, registered for the 35 different subjects offered. Although the numbers are not as high as last summer, the summer classes are steadily gaining students since first introduced in 2007.

Year	Students Enrolled
2011	192 (38 new)
2010	256 (83 new)
2009	77 (43 new)
2008	89 (29 new)
2007	53 (5 new)

Rising Sophomore Arianna James Invited to Play in Exclusive NJCAA All-Star Game

Arianna James was selected to play in the National Junior College Athletic Association All-Star Game held July 9-10, 2011 in Pensacola, Florida. LMC Lady Bearcat fans were able to watch the game online via www.psblive.com. Head Coach Brenita Williams says that “Arianna represented our school very well and was a starter in the games. She played on the Lynx team and scored double digits in both games. She gained a lot of interest from college coaches, but more importantly gained confidence as one of the elite players in the NJCAA for the upcoming year.”

The NJCAA All Star Game is a special event that is invitation only to the top 40 junior college freshmen in the country as they enter into their sophomore year. It is a great recruiting time for the young ladies to gain some exposure from high major - NCAA Division 1 schools.

Campus Improvement Team Gives LMC a Summer Cleaning



A partnership between the LMC Grounds and Maintenance Office, The Division of Student Life and several dedicated faculty members and community partners has resulted in the creation of the LMC Campus Improvement Teams. Students, staff, faculty and community members meet on campus every Thursday morning and spend anywhere from 2-5 hours cleaning flowerbeds, mowing, moving brush and weed eating. For the month of July, the CITs have cleaned up flower beds in front of the Administration Building, dug up and replanted the landscaping in front of the People's Academic Center, and with the help of Rob Gowin installed soaker hoses for the new plants and fixed the water fountain. In August the stumps

from the spring semester tree removal will be ground by Reed's Tree Service.

LMC is grateful to Janie and Joe Tew of Tyler Rose Nursery for their generous plant and flower donations as well as the Cherokee County Master Gardeners who donated their time and expertise on July 14th to planting the new, beautiful landscape.

“Tops in Texas” Rodeo Takes Place at Lon Morris College

The 49th annual “Tops in Texas” Rodeo happened July 13-16, 2011 here at the Lon Morris College Rodeo Arena. Rodeo Association President Byron Underwood estimates, based on ticket sales, that approximately 3,000 people attended this Professional Rodeo Cowboy Association event. According to their website, “The rodeo is sponsored and staged by volunteers from the Jacksonville Riders Club and the Jacksonville Lions Club, with profits from the fast-paced event going to charitable endeavors in the area.” PRCA members performed activities such as bare bronc riding, saddle bronc riding, bull riding, calf roping, steer wrestling, team roping, and women's barrel racing. Children were able to participate in the children's scramble and a new activity called mutton busting which involves riding a sheep in the same manner as a bull. Mr. Underwood expressed his deep appreciation to the staff and especially the maintenance crew of Lon Morris College for their cooperation and hard work putting on this event.

**STUDENTS SELECTED TO WHO'S WHO IN AMERICAN COLLEGES
2010 – 2011**

Brenda Adhiambo

Scottie Agnew

Chelsea Baranski

Levon Castillo

Sarah Coopey

Meghan Dansby

Meredith Fick

Ryan Frederick

Emily Garcia

Blake Glass

Shelby Harris

Tendresse Kapalang-A-Sul

Victoria Lopez

Dalton Lovell

Josue Madrid

Steven Marshall

Ayssette Munoz

Chad Nelson

Rachel Nesloney

Junie Nkonge

Amanda Parker

Brooklee Raney

Cody Roth

David Russ

Madalyn Russell

Kara Sackett

Kyle Stacy

LePatrick Thomas

Dominick Walker

Leesa Weeks

Blondelle Wetshi

Tyler Wilson

Stevie Vaughn

Stephanie Yamashita

HONORS NIGHT 2011 AWARD RECIPIENTS

Alexandra Yearbook Awards

Miss LMC	Tendresse Kapalang-A-Sul
Mr. LMC	Dalton Lovell
Yearbook Award	Victoria Lopez

Academic Excellence Awards

Agricultural Sciences	Trenton Halbert
Agricultural Sciences Leadership	Kason Peterson
Argumentation and Debate	Chad Nelson
Band	Diego Sustaire
Outstanding Player – Baseball	Bryan Lynn
Outstanding Player – Baseball	Albersio Rodriguez
Natural Sciences	Meredith Fick
Chapel Choir	Dalton Lovell
Outstanding Player Women’s Basketball	Brenda Adhiambo
Outstanding Players Women’s Soccer –offensive	Dani Fellows
Outstanding Players Women’s Soccer- defensive	Gisselle Rios
Outstanding Players Men’s Soccer – offense	Carlos Vallejo
Outstanding Players Men’s Soccer – defense	Nigel Francis
Outstanding Athletes Cross Country	Jason Hamilton
	Rachel Nesloney
Outstanding Athletes Track-Men	Deonta Henderson
Outstanding Athletes Track – Women	Shambrail Woods
Service Learning Award	Dalton Lovell
MasterSingers	Mary Creath
Church Careers	LePatrick Thomas

Church Careers	Stevie Rene Vaughn
Criminal Justice	Lakendrick Horn
Theatre Tech	Jessica McCoy
Theatre Performance	Rileigh Storrs
Education Award	Mackenzie Garcia
History	Kayla Thomas
Government	Stephanie Yamashita
Hospitality Administration	Jo Te Brown
English	Victoria Lopez
Mathematics	Junie Nkonge
Religion & Philosophy	John Jibril
Spanish	Carmelo Duenas
Psychology	Daniel Cooper
Speech/Communications	Chelsea Baranski
Visual Arts	Sheyla Serrato
Volleyball	Alissa Johnson
Reflections – Literary Work	Lawrence D. Jones IV
Reflections – Best Photography	Judson Watkins
Reflections – Art Work	Shaley Wimmer

Superior Academic Achievement

Chelsea Baranski	Brandy Gonzalez	Erin May	Matthew Whitlock
Joel Brown	Shelby Harris	Chad Nelson	Tyler Wilson
Daniel Cooper	Teddie Hughes	Rachel Nesloney	Stephanie Yamashita
Sarah Coopey	Jackie Jones	Deserea Noriega	Caitlin Yost
Mary Creath	Tendresse Kapalong-A-Sul	Andrew Petersen	
Meredith Fick	Victoria Lopez	Madalyn Russell	
Autumn Freeman	Dalton Lovell	Leesa Weeks	

Collegiate Assessment of Academic Proficiency

(Awarded to students who scored better than the national norm for the respective test modules)

Allen Ashley	Daniel Cooper	Kelly Klein	Kaela Prober
Chelsea Baranski	Caitlyn Cunningham	Mallory LaPoint	David Russ
Dillyn Blair	Phillip Hallberg	Jose Leos	Dominick Walker
Estefani Castro	Zachary Kettrick	Vanessa Olivera	Caitlin Yost

Students In Free Enterprise Awards

Brittany Cotton	Derrick Fuller	Spencer Hall	Peta Limerick	Seth McCartney
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Awards for Academic Excellence

Outstanding Freshman – Fine Arts	Diego Sustaire
Outstanding Freshman – Fine Arts	Raleigh Storrs
Outstanding Freshman – Science	Dan Kalau
Outstanding Sophomore – Fine Arts	Chelsea Baranski
Outstanding Sophomore – Fine Arts	Dalton Lovell
Outstanding Sophomore – Science	Meredith Fick

Awards for Citizenship, Leadership, Scholarship

I.T. Shotwell Award for Outstanding Faculty Member	Aaron Kennedy
UMC University Senate Exemplary Teacher Award	Anita Deusterhoft
President's Award	Betty Addington
Founder's Award – Outstanding Sophomore	Chad Nelson
Tower-Goodwin Award – Outstanding Freshman	Hannah Foster

STUDENT INFORMATION

GENERAL ENROLLMENT HISTORY Fall Semesters

Fall Semester	Total Students	Full Time Students	Part Time Students
2001	412	355	57
2002	461	382	79
2003	436	391	45
2004	396	351	45
2005	397	337	60
2006	397	338	59
2007	395	341	54
2008	340	271	69
2009	818	747	71
2010	1,070	930	140

GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION Fall Semesters

	Texas	Other States	Foreign Country	Not Reported	Total
2005	366	19	15	0	400
2006	357	12	27	0	396
2007	341	15	37	2	395
2008	288	13	32	7	340
2009	745	32	20	21	818
2010	1,007	31	32	0	1,070

Degrees Awarded

	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-28	2008-09	2009-10
Associate of Arts	38	40	38	38	23	21
Associate of Science	32	27	28	26	22	23
Associate of Fine Arts	14	10	8	7	8	2

Percent of Students Receiving Pell Grants

2005-2006	40.51%
2006-2007	42.49%
2007-2008	46.15%
2008-2009	42.12%
2009-2010	58.60%
2010-2011	60.22%

FISCAL INFORMATION

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE COMPARISON

	Revenue	Expenditure	Difference
2005-06	7,361,590	8,597,231	-1,235,641
2006-07	7,264,368	9,128,875	-1,864,507
2007-08	8,793,003	9,348,881	-555,878
2008-09	9,957,427	11,186,370	-1,228,943
2009-10	17,637,061	19,168,365	-1,531,304

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- *The Cherokeean Herald* newspaper
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