

## Message from President Murphy



This academic year Lee College is celebrating its 75th Anniversary. It is a significant milestone that demonstrates that Lee College is one of the oldest community colleges in the country. The foresight of those who led the effort 75 years ago was remarkable. And yet, despite our long history, much about us is new. New facilities have been added along with up to date technology. New programs of study are being created and others are constantly under revision to assure that they meet student needs. Several 75th anniversary events are being planned to commemorate our legacy of leadership and learning. More information will be forthcoming about these events. Contact Mary Ann Amelang at 6303, if you're interested in being a member of the 75th anniversary planning committee.



## KUDOS AND MILESTONES

- Congratulations to Head Tennis Coach **Jason Haynes** for being inducted into the NCJAA Hall of Fame and being selected as Coach of the Year. Coached Haynes led the Lady Rebels Tennis to the 2009 NJCAA National Championship. Keep winning Jason!



- **Ray Whitlow** was recognized by faculty with the Lee College Excellence in Education award during the May 2009 commencement ceremony. Whitlow is the Chair for Speech, Languages and Teacher Education division.



- The American Physical Society recently honored Physics Instructor **Tom O'Kuma** with a national Excellence in Education award for his significant contributions and leadership in physics education & research. O'Kuma is the Chair for the Mathematics, Engineering and Sciences Division.



- During the May 2009 college commencement, **DeDe Griffith** was honored by Lee College faculty with the Excellence in Education award. Griffith is a Drafting Technology professor and is currently earning her Master's degree in Higher Education from the University of Houston.



## New Faces, New Places



Lee College welcomes **Kerry "Willie" Willis**. He is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton Executive Development Program. Willie will serve as the Gulf Coast Petrochemical Information Network Project Director, for which he will oversee the Community-based Job Training Grant Initiative awarded by the Department of Labor. After nearly 30 years in the Petro-chem industry where he worked in various leadership positions, Willis retired from British Petroleum as a Plant Manager. He is a tri-athlete and stays busy supporting his two daughters and their activities. Willie's office is located at 909 Decker.

## July/Aug Campus Happenings

- Friday, July 3 ..... *Campus closed for July 4th holiday*
- Thursday, July 9 ..... *Summer II registration ends*
- Saturday, July 11 ..... *Auditions for Sweeney Todd*  
2:00-4:00 pm · Performing Arts Center
- Monday, July 13 ..... *Summer II classes begin*
- Tuesday, July 14 ..... *Broadway in Baytown - Chuck Wagner*  
7:30 pm · Performing Arts Center · Fundraiser
- Saturday, July 25 ..... *Rebel Saturday Campus Tours*
- Saturday, Aug. 1 ..... *Recruitment Night at the Races*  
6:00-9:00 pm · Houston Raceway Park
- Monday, Aug. 25 ..... *Professional Development Day*



## REBEL SATURDAY - JULY 25

The Lee College Office of Marketing & Recruitment will host "Rebel Saturday" on July 25. Individuals interested in learning more about Lee College will have two opportunities to talk to recruiters and get a campus tour at either 9:00 a.m. or at 11:00 a.m. For more information about "Rebel Saturday", contact Melissa Valencia at 281-425-6260 or email: [recruiting@lee.edu](mailto:recruiting@lee.edu)

## WE WANT TO KNOW!

GOT SOMETHING TO BRAG ABOUT...  
EVENTS, AWARDS, NEW EMPLOYEES  
SUBMIT IT TO [JWHITAKE@LEE.EDU](mailto:jwhitake@lee.edu)  
BY JULY 18 FOR  
JULY/AUGUST COURIER

DON'T MISS IT!



## DID YOU KNOW ?

- Many Texas universities and community colleges have made collaborative efforts to enter joint admission agreements, which simplify the transfer process, allowing Lee College credits to apply to completing a bachelor's degree. Articulation agreements are established between Lee College and the following universities: University of Houston-Main Campus, University of Houston – Clear Lake, University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston, University of Texas Health Science Center, Lamar University, University of Texas at Austin, Texas Tech University, Sam Houston State University, Stephen F. Austin State University, Abilene Christian University, Prairie View A&M University and Midwestern University.
- Lee College is an "Achieving the Dream" grant institution. This generous grant from Houston Endowment allowed Lee College and several other Houston-Galveston Metropolitan area colleges join this national initiative to improve student success. Lee College's project includes improving awareness of and access to existing student services, enhancing student success in developmental and "gatekeeper" courses, and providing faculty with learner-centered professional development. To learn more, visit [www.achievingthedream.org](http://www.achievingthedream.org).

## Partnerships Work

**ExxonMobil** presented a check in the amount of \$258,401.37 to Lee College, representing 3-1 match of donations made to the college by ExxonMobil employees, retirees and surviving spouses under the ExxonMobil Foundation's 2008 Educational Matching Gift. Pictured front row left to right: Mike Zamora, ExxonMobil BOP Plant Manager; ExxonMobil annuitant; Steffani Box, and Neely Nelson, ExxonMobil Public Affairs Manager. Back row left to right: Gary Wilson, ExxonMobil Baytown Refinery Plant Manager; Lee College President, Dr. Michael Murphy and Lee College Foundation Chair, Doug Walker.



Studio Red Architects, who are the architects for the new Performing Arts Center were major sponsors for the Rebel Golf Tournament. Talking a little golf philosophy is Athletic Director Roy Champagne (left), Pete Ed Garrett, with Studio Red Architects and President Michael Murphy (right).



Francis "Rusty" Regan (left), made a contribution for an endowed Lee College nursing scholarship in memory of his wife. A nursing classroom was dedicated in the name of Earlene Stewart Regan. Pictured with Regan is Gary Englert, Vice Chair for the Lee College Foundation and Executive Director of Institutional Advancement Mary Ann Amelang.



Lee College and Baytown Kiwanis co-hosted its 13th annual sixth grade essay awards lunch. The first place district essay winner was Jacob Hellums (front row, right) from Horace Mann along with 6th grade Language Arts teacher Vicki Venable. Back row is President Murphy and Baytown Kiwanis President Chad Merling.



Volleyball Coach Tracie Johnson (center, front row) and the Lady Rebels Volleyball team volunteer for Baytown Habitat for Humanity Alamo Village. The volleyball team painted kitchen cabinets and interior doors.