

April 24, 2008

Board Report

BOARD ACTION

- Approved the minutes of March 13, 2008
- Approved the minutes of the Board Workshop on March 4, 2008.
- Approved the Manhattan payment No. 22 in the amount of \$337,071.74 and consent of surety to Final Payment.
- Approved personnel replacement of Linda Smith, Adm. Asst II/Marketing & Communications, Kacina Spruell, Cashier, and Steve Chitty, Environmental Systems Supervisor.
- Approved the low bid for independent audit services for 2008 from Mir Fox & Rodriguez, P.C.
- Approved the resale of one trust property.
- Accepted the Financial Report ending March 31, 2008, investment report and Check Register.
- Approximately 50 high school students from Alvin, Pearland, Friendswood and Dickinson gained healthcare lab experience at ACC on April 18. In addition to participating in simulations for respiratory care, nursing, diagnostic cardiovascular sonography, emergency medical technology and more, students were able to talk to a Memorial Hermann Life Flight team, who landed on the campus for the event.
- Professional musician and University of North Texas educator Mike Steinel performed with the Gulf Coast Intercollegiate Conference Directors Band during the annual GCIC Jazz Festival at ACC on March 29. Each year, GCIC community college students gather at a different host college to make music, share ideas, attend professional workshops and receive critiques from judges in order to improve their skills during the Jazz Festival. Over 175 community college students from seven colleges participated. Steinel was the guest artist and clinician at the event.
- ACC Process Technology students practiced their interviewing skills during a mock interview on April 15. The event was arranged to give process technology students an opportunity to learn valuable interviewing skills and tips from people working in the petrochemical industry. Representatives from Champion Technologies, Solutia, BP, Lyondell, and Shell helped interview and critique the students' performances.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

- Due to a unique partnership between the Alvin Independent School District and Alvin Community College, 18-year-old Thomas Schuenemann will soon graduate college before high school. On May 13, Schuenemann will receive an associate degree at ACC during commencement. On June 6, he will receive his diploma from Alvin High School. Schuenemann will be the first to earn a two-year degree while graduating high school through the ACC Dual Degree Program. The program, which began in 2005, provides a plan for high school students to follow and guidance so they can earn the required credits for high school and college graduation. He was featured on Fox26 this week.
- The Music Department will host its annual Spring Choir Concert on Monday, April 28, at 7:30 p.m. in the main campus theatre. The concert will feature loves songs and favorite songs from Disney movies.
- Approximately 125 junior high students from seven area schools participated in a University Interscholastic League (UIL) One Act Play district competition, held at Alvin Community College, on April 5. During the performance, students were judged on numerous criteria, including: script interpretation, acting, voice projection, costumes, lights, sound, setup, set design, timing and more.

The overall winner of the event was Santa Fe Junior High School, which took first place for its production of *Whose Life is it Anyway?* Lomax Junior High School, of La Porte, won second place, with *Winners, Losers, and Games*, and Harby Junior High, in Alvin, received third place for *Once Upon a Playground*.

- Approximately 20 high school students from Alvin, Danbury and Santa Fe participated in a one-day forum at ACC to learn about careers in process technology. The forum featured a tour of the Solutia plant at Chocolate Bayou and presentations by representatives working in industry, faculty and other professionals.
- Early registration for the upcoming ACC Busy Bodies Kids' College sessions at the main campus will be held on May 3 at the Nolan Ryan Center. Sessions at the main campus will be held June 16-19 and July 14-17. Kids' College sessions will also be held at the ACC Pearland Center and Wilder Elementary in Pearland.
- The Speech and Drama Department will hold auditions for its Summer Children's Theatre Festival, on May 14-15, at 6:30 p.m. The first summer show will be performed June 23-26 and the second will be July 28-31. Over 60 children participated in the festival in 2007. ACC has been providing this opportunity for young actors for over 20 years.
- The Pearland Independent School District recently partnered ACC to provide local teenagers an opportunity to learn valuable skills through a six-week summer welding program. Students will also have the opportunity to work at local companies for cooperative education experience during the course. The six-week, 90-hour course will provide instruction on Mondays and Tuesdays, from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., and co-op training Wednesdays through Fridays. Participants will receive a certificate from ACC and be eligible for transfer hours if they decide to enroll at the college in the future. The Pearland Economic Development Corporation is helping to fund the program for the high school students.
- The ACC Phi Theta Kappa Mu Upsilon Chapter was honored with seven state awards and honors at the Texas Regional Convention in Fort Worth March 13-16. In addition to being awarded with

Outstanding Merit and Achievement as a Chapter of Service and Chapter of Spirit, ACC PTK received the Service Hallmark Award and Five-Star status for the 10th consecutive year. The Service Hallmark Award is presented to the top chapter in Texas that exemplifies service to others with numerous and beneficial community projects. The Five-Star status recognizes the chapter as having a comprehensive program of services and benefits for students and community. The organization also received the Award of Merit Outstanding Alumni honor and an Appreciation Award during the event. Hopkins was inducted into the PTK Hall of Honor for her contributions, as well. PTK is the international honor society for two-year colleges.

- ACC softball players Kristina Keller, of Huffman, and Kristi Kelley, of Alvin, were named "Pitcher of the Week" and "Player of the Week," respectively, for the Region XIV Conference by the National Junior College Athletic Association on March 13. ACC freshman pitcher/outfielder Kristi Keller also received both NJCAA National Player and Pitcher of the Week honors recently.
- University of Texas at Dallas Admissions office recently met with ACC regarding the schools' articulation agreement on March 27. The agreement, called Comet Connection, allows participating students to guarantee four years of fixed tuition and fees and other enrollment benefits at UT Dallas. The program has the potential to save students thousands of dollars over their college careers.
- The 3rd Annual Financial Aid Open House on April 30, from 6 to 8 p.m., at the Nolan Ryan Center. There will be presentations on obtaining money for college, representatives from several organizations and staff to help filing for government funds. If 1040 tax forms for the year 2007 are brought to the event, the staff will be able to tell each person how much they qualify for in federal assistance. Door prizes, including a scholarship to be used at ACC, will be given away at the open house. Spanish-speaking staff members will also be available

Information Items

1. ACC Employee Categories
2. Community College Journal, April/May 2008