



# Parent E-Newsletter

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### Upcoming Events

- 11/9-12/09 Phone-a-thon
- 11/19/09 Thanksgiving Prayer Breakfast
- 11/21/09 Fall Fest
- 12/11/09 Christmas Party & Dance

### Upcoming Board Meetings

\*\*\*All are invited to attend\*\*\*

- Tuesday, December 1<sup>st</sup>
- Tuesday, January 5<sup>th</sup>
- Tuesday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Tuesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Tuesday, April 6<sup>th</sup>
- Tuesday, May 4<sup>th</sup>

## Prayer Breakfast

The 13<sup>th</sup> Annual OLHCC Thanksgiving Prayer Breakfast

Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup>,

7:30 a.m. in the Father Basil Moreau Center at OLHCC

Keynote speaker is Dr. Anna Pou

“Medicine and Spirituality”

For more information, please contact the Office of External Affairs at 504.398.2206.

## OLHCC Fall Fest

Saturday, November 21<sup>st</sup>

1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.

OLHCC Campus

*Music, Arts & Crafts, Food, Activities for Children of All Ages*

*If you are interested in selling any arts & crafts or know of anyone*

Meetings begin at 6:00 p.m.

### **Contact Us**

<http://www.OLHCC.edu>

504.398.2279 Alumni Affairs

504.398.2298 Alumni Affairs Fax

504.394.7744 College Main

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### **Alumni Board Members**

Mary Zeringue ('03) Vice President

Susan Lackey ('02) Treasurer

Jo Ann Rosselli ('94, '02, '05) Secretary

Keith Taranto ('01) Past President

Alison Bordelon ('93) Faculty Rep.

Erin Caruso ('84) Social Chair

Jamie Chesterman ('08)

Johnny Danna ('98)

Sr. Marjorie Hebert ('65) Marianite Rep.

Rainell Hernandez ('08)

Rebecca Kientz ('06) Staff Rep.

Rickey Landry ('09)

Janey Ruth Lively ('88) Emerita

Mike Lopez ('92) Emeritus

Larry Moore ('09)

Steve Nielsen ('98) Emeritus

Jeanne Noggerath ('03)

Beau Read ('96 & '00) Emeritus

Christy Read ('97) Emerita

Tara Centanni Reese ('97 & '06) Emerita

Matt Toups ('07)

Allison Wiltz ('03)

*who would be interested in selling these items at this event, please contact Anne-Katherine Lene [aklene@olhcc.edu](mailto:aklene@olhcc.edu)*

## **Christmas Party**

Friday, December 11<sup>th</sup>

8:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m.

“W” Hotel on Poydras

Please join us for this fun-filled night.

R.S.V.P. at [sgachristmas@olhcc.edu](mailto:sgachristmas@olhcc.edu).

We look forward to seeing you soon!

## **G.I. Bill**

### **Did you know?**

#### **The Post-911 G.I. Bill for military veterans:**

- available for up to 15 years after discharge or until the equivalent of one 4-year college education is paid for;
- available for the veteran and/or the veteran's spouse and dependents, and for the child of any military member who dies on active duty;
- in Louisiana, currently pays up to \$410 per credit hour or up to \$2542 per semester in tuition, plus a book allowance and living allowance;
- payments now made directly to the college by direct deposit

#### **Military Spouse Career Accounts for the wives and husbands of active duty military personnel**

- each spouse of an active military person now has a one-time \$6000 benefit to spend on education or

## Mission Statement

We, as the Alumni Association of Our Lady of Holy Cross College, seek to serve as active volunteers, and community leaders dedicated to encouraging continual involvement by facilitating the efforts of our Alumni, the missions of Our Lady of Holy Cross College, and the Ministry of the Marianites of Holy Cross.

job training.....currently in effect for USAF and will ultimately be implemented by all military services

If you are interested in learning more about the G.I. Bill and how this bill could help you attend courses at OLHCC, please contact Jim Curry, Director of Continuing Education, at 504.398.2116 or [jcurry@olhcc.edu](mailto:jcurry@olhcc.edu).

## Student Nurses

Congratulations to our Association of Student Nurses. We were very well represented at the **55<sup>th</sup> Annual State Convention in Lafayette** in October.

Brett LaCava is the new IT Director on the **new state board**. Jovonna Dean ran a great race for Region IV Director. We applied for the Community Service Award. Three students applied for scholarships. And we had more delegates than any other school, so Our Lady of Holy Cross College has a **newfound presence in the state**.

Our ASN also won the **SPIRIT AWARD**.

## Book Fair

Thanks to your generous contributions, the fall Scholastic Book Fair at Murray Henderson Elementary School in Algiers is another great success. Dr. Lisa Sullivan and I visited the Fair on Wednesday afternoon with her PLEP students in Education 305 and members of the Literary Club. The teachers-in-training had a great time reading to small groups of 1<sup>st</sup> graders, who were so eager and responsive. Each student at Henderson will be able to pick 2 books to have for their own because of the sponsorship of Our Lady of Holy Cross College. We hope this will instill a love of reading that will be with them for the rest of their lives.

Here is a link to the fabulous photos taken at Henderson by Literary Club President Matt Exnicios.

[http://mexnicios.smugmug.com/Children/Scholastic-Book-Fair-101409/9970133\\_chq5K#681176833\\_H4Bjc](http://mexnicios.smugmug.com/Children/Scholastic-Book-Fair-101409/9970133_chq5K#681176833_H4Bjc)

This fair has been fully funded by your donations. Now we must begin to rebuild the fund to sponsor the spring fair. If you would like to contribute, please leave cash or check in my College mailbox or at my office--# 27 on Faculty Row. Checks should be written to OLHCC with "Scholastic Book Fair" on the memo line.

On behalf of the students and faculty of Henderson Elementary, thank you for your continued support.

*Claudia M. Champagne, Ph.D*  
*Associate Professor of English*  
*English Program Coordinator*

## All Souls Day

November is traditionally a month for us to pray for all our loved ones who have died. Please list the names of any family, relatives, friends who have died, and return the names to Sister Marjorie Hebert, MSC at [mhebert@olhcc.edu](mailto:mhebert@olhcc.edu). All these names will be placed on the altar during the month of November and will be remembered each day at Mass.

## Saddle Up Dinner

Saddle Up for a Dinner Pawty to benefit  
Rescue Ranch & SpayMart

Monday, November 16<sup>th</sup> ♦ 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.  
Lil' G's Cajun Restaurant  
9338 Highway 23  
Belle Chasse, LA.  
504.433.0500

Reservations Accepted 601.268.2080;  
You can also pay at the Door

\$30 per person includes choice of 1 Appetizer (Seafood Gumbo, Crab Corn Soup, File Gumbo, or Salad); choice of 1 Entrée (Grilled Chicken Montegut-grilled chicken breast lightly seasoned w/ crabmeat sauce served with

kajun potato, or Fried Catfish Empire-fried catfish with shrimp cream sauce served w/ kajun potato, or ½ Shrimp and ½ Fish Platter-6 fried shrimp & 3 pieces of fried fish w/ fries, or Red Beans); and 1 Dessert (Bread Pudding), and Tea, Fountain Drinks or Coffee Included; tax & tip included

Cash & All Major Credit Cards accepted; No checks  
Dressy Casual/Casual Attire

Raffle \$1 per chance or 6 chances for \$5 –  
Winners need not be present

Rescue Ranch ([www.rescueranch.net](http://www.rescueranch.net))  
P.O. Box 7112  
Belle Chasse, LA.70037  
504.818.6120  
[rescueranch@live.com](mailto:rescueranch@live.com)

SpayMart ([www.spaymart.org](http://www.spaymart.org))  
P.O. Box 6493  
Metairie, LA.70009  
601.749.0268  
[spaymart@hughes.net](mailto:spaymart@hughes.net)

Thank you for your support &  
Thank you to Lil' G's Kajun Restaurant

## Congratulations

Congratulations to Anne-Katherine Lené, Director of Student Life, was recently selected for a 3-year position on the Board for Jefferson Dollars for Scholars. The mission of Jefferson Dollars for Scholars is to expand access to educational opportunities for Jefferson Parish Public School students through scholarships and academic support.

Founded in 1993, Jefferson Dollars for Scholars has awarded more than \$8 million in scholarships to over 3,000 students and has twice garnered national recognition as the Outstanding Chapter of Dollars for Scholars, the only chapter in 41 states to achieve such recognition.

Congratulations to Theo Wright, Coordinator of Financial Aid, who was recently elected as a 2010-2011 LAICU Delegate-at-Large for the Louisiana Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (LASFAA).

Congratulations to Dr. Susan van Loon, Professor of Biology, on the birth of her third grandchild. Her granddaughter was born at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 14<sup>th</sup>. She weighs 8 pounds, 6 ounces and is 21 inches long.

Congratulations to Dr. Juyanne James, adjunct lecturer of English, who was one of the featured authors at the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Louisiana Book. She has been nominated for a Pushcart Prize, and she is the fiction editor of *94 Creations*. Congratulations, Dr. James!

Congratulations to Sheila Pastrana, a sophomore nursing student, on the birth of her daughter, Serena. Serena was born on Saturday, October 24, 2009 and weighed in at 5 lbs. Although she was three weeks early, baby and mother are doing fine!

Congratulations to Deshon Cowan Baker, 2007 counseling graduate, who recently married.

Congratulations to senior nursing student, Aungelle Savoie, on the birth of her daughter, Jennie Mary. Baby Jennie was born October 12th weighing 7 lb. 4 oz. and was 19.25 inches long. Mother and daughter are both doing well.

## Alumni Survey III

The OLHCC Alumni Association has just released an Alumni Survey III. Please take a moment to complete the survey on the following link.

Your participation is greatly appreciated!

[http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=kkLrhb8nvDYsEflMK9p8BA\\_3d\\_3d](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=kkLrhb8nvDYsEflMK9p8BA_3d_3d)

## Job Search

Are you looking for a job? Interested in changing careers? What to post a position for your company?

If so, take a look at what the Career Services portion of the OLHCC website has to offer. You can access that link by clicking on <http://www.olhcc.edu/x371.xml>.

## Prayers Requested

Please offer your prayers for Lori Pacaccio, 2008 Education and Graduate Assistant for the Education Department. Lori recently underwent surgery to have a tumor removed from her eye. Also, her sister-in-law, Karen Pacaccio Pace, recently died after a long and courageous battle with cancer.

Please offer your prayers for Diana Schaubhut, Serials and Interlibrary Loan Librarian, who recently underwent thyroid surgery.

Please remember in your prayers Philip W. McGrath, brother of Carrie C. Tracy, 2007 Pre-Veterinary graduate. Philip died unexpectedly on Monday, October 13<sup>th</sup>. He was 33 years old.

Please offer your prayers for the family of Nancy Vallot, an undergraduate pre-radiology student. Nancy's mother, Barbara Hyatt, passed away on Tuesday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, due to complications from surgery. She was 65 years old.

Please offer your prayers for the family of Lisa L. Richardson, a pre-nursing student. Lisa's father, Lawrence Butler, Sr., passed away yesterday.

Also, please pray for Alex, the son of Janae Arcement, Assistant Professor of Nursing. Alex is undergoing surgery today to have his adenoids removed and placement of tubes in his ears.

## Alumni Advertising

Are you a graduate of the College? Would you like to advertise your business on the Alumni E-Newsletter? If so, please email Chris Rholdon at [crholdon@olhcc.edu](mailto:crholdon@olhcc.edu).

## Keep Us Informed

- Have you changed your address, phone number, and/or e-mail address recently? Please keep us informed by contacting Chris Rholdon at [crholdon@olhcc.edu](mailto:crholdon@olhcc.edu) or 504.398.2279.
- Has anything happened in your life recently that you would like to share with the community? Marriages, confirmations, births, deaths, and other important news events are always accepted and appreciated. We hope you will participate so that everyone can share your news.

*For more information or to be removed from the mailing list, send your request to [crholdon@olhcc.edu](mailto:crholdon@olhcc.edu).*