A Message from the Director

“There are no problems we cannot solve together, and very few that we can solve by ourselves.”

—Lyndon Johnson

“Polar Vortex”—this term seems foreign to Texans, especially Southeast Texans. Nonetheless, we have experienced its effect in the form of cold temperatures, wind chill, ice, snow, and all the events that go with it (school closures, roads, bridges, and interstate closures, traffic delays, traffic accidents). Oh I could go on, but we now know the polar vortex. Let’s just be happy that we did not experience worse conditions as did some in other southern states. Spring, we await your warmth and kaleidoscope of colors.

This semester we will explore “The Future of Texas” at our 13th annual Futurism Symposium. As we investigate some of the most pressing issues facing our great state we also examine creative ideas to improve or resolve these problems. Our students will use their individual intellect as they pursue solutions, but also the collective ideas of their peers. President Woodrow Wilson once said, “We should not only use all the brains we have, but all that we can borrow.” It is my hope that students learn to promote teamwork and truly benefit from the best efforts that their cohorts offer. In the end, our symposium is not just an exercise in academia, but a lesson in teamwork that can be applied to future endeavors.

Our future depends on effective planning to produce the desired result within our society. Leaders are individuals who prepare to achieve successful outcomes. Leaders begin with a vision, setting goals, and implementing plans to achieve those goals through their talents, skills, and intellect and ability to bring stakeholders aboard. A positive approach that builds the capacity for success often attracts followers who seek the same interest. Leaders are visionaries determined to effect change in a society that is forever in a transformative state.

We encourage our students through the Futurism Symposium to be visionaries and seek constructive answers to issues within our society. Students through their natural intellect realize that education and the collective power of thinking can contribute to a better future grounded in the values of human interest.


See Director’s message continued on page 2
Our students are now receiving college acceptances and scholarship offers. Please join us in celebrating the acceptances and scholarships that we have officially been informed of:

- **Ryan Huff**: Baylor University with scholarship and Tulane University.
- **Simone Oliver**: Case Western Reserve University and University of Chicago.
- **Rehan Quraishi**: Lamar University
- **Amber Randolph**: Baylor University with scholarship, St. Edwards University with scholarship, and Texas A&M University with scholarship.
- **Emily Wilkins**: Baylor University with Provost’s Gold Scholarship, Houston Baptist University with Founders Academic Scholarship and Achievement Scholarship and Tulane University.

In addition, **Abby Gonsoulin** has been awarded a Rotary Scholarship which will enable her to travel to Ecuador for a year after her graduation from TALH. This is an extraordinary opportunity which will provide many cultural and linguistic educational experiences. **Hana Hamilton** will represent TALH at the Daughter’s of the American Revolution (DAR) Essay Contest in which she was chosen as a scholarship finalist. I express great jubilation for the continued success of our students.

With warm regards,

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**Weekend Travel**

Thank you, parents, for submitting your weekend travel passes! We appreciate your help in keeping your children safe. Please remember that passes are due by Wednesday at 4:00 PM. We count on you to submit travel requests by the deadline so that we have enough time to keep our security staff informed. If your plans change during the weekend, please remember that the TALH Security Office number is 409-880-8482.

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**College Acceptances and Scholarships**

**Please send information regarding college acceptances, awards, honors, and scholarship offers to Ms. Corwin.**

**Ms. Corwin will forward the information to Mrs. Colichia for inclusion in our monthly newsletters and graduation program.**
We have finalized plans for TALH’s 2014 Commencement Exercises. The Academy’s ceremony is scheduled to begin at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, May 9, 2014 in the University Theater at Lamar University. We look forward to sharing this wonderful event with you.

Attention Senior Parents:
Each year during our graduation ceremony, we entertain the students with a presentation featuring photos of students during their tenure at TALH. The highlight of the presentation is a baby or childhood photo of each of the graduates. Would you please select ONE baby or childhood photo of your TALH student and mail it to us for this very special presentation? You may also hand deliver or email the photo if you prefer. Please email photos in jpeg (.jpg) format. Mail to: Cindy Colichia, TALH, P. O. Box 10062, Beaumont, TX 77710. Email to: texas.academy@lamar.edu.

We need the photo by FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2014. We will return all photos within a few days after graduation.

Attention Seniors:
It is your time to shine! Do you have special photos from your two years at TALH? If so, please send them to Mrs. Colichia for possible inclusion in the graduation presentation. You may email them or bring them to her on a flash drive.

Lamar University will be closed for Spring Break. All TALH students must depart by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, March 7 and may return after 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 16. Students are not allowed back in the dorms during the break.

Sprink Break
March 10-14, 2014
Are you looking for some extra dough for school? Check out these scholarships!

The Charles, Lela and Mary Slough Foundation Scholarship
Amount: $5,000 per year
Deadline: March 29, 2014
Texas resident and U.S. citizen
Demonstrate financial need through the FAFSA and need essay;
GPA 3.0, transcript, ACT and/or SAT scores
http://www.midland.edu/students/enrollment/charles_lela_and_mary_slough_foundation_scholarship.php

The Goss-Michael Foundation The Texas State Scholarship
$5,000
Deadline: March 30, 2014
Graduating seniors who are pursuing a college education in the visual arts.
Unofficial transcript
1,000 word essay
Artist's statement
CD of 10 original works
http://www.gossmichaelfoundation.org/education/scholarships/

American Chemical Society Minority Scholars Program
Up to $5,000 per year, renewable
March 1, 2014
www.acs.org/scholars

Hispanic Scholarship Fund
Senior—Underrepresented Minority
(African American, Latino, or American Indian)
Various amounts
Various deadlines
Apply at: www.hsf.net

Al's Formal Wear: “Salute to Education” Scholarship
Deadline: May 31, 2014
Award: Two 1,000 awards
Applications are available online at
http://www.alsformalwear.com/scholarships.asp

APHA (American Public Health Association) Get Ready Scholarship
http://www.getreadyforflu.org/new_pg_scholarship.htm
Amount: 3- $400
Deadline: see web address
Eligibility: Current high school seniors, undergraduates, or graduate students who understands the importance of emergency preparedness, you may qualify for this scholarship.

The A&F Scholarships from Abbott & Fenner Business Consultants
Amount: $1,000
Deadline: June 14, 2014
Available to all high school juniors and seniors as well as all student currently registered in any accredited post secondary institution. Available to students between the ages of 16 and 30.
http://www.abbottandfenner.com/scholarships.htm

Vinson & Elkins L.L.P. Scholarship
$10,000
Deadline: April 1, 2014
Interest in pursuing a career in law.
Essay, official transcript
Ethnicity: African American, Hispanic, Asian or Native American
Website: www.velaw.com
Application:
http://www.velaw.com/overview/VEScholarships.aspx

Ayn Rand Essay Contest
Various deadlines
Go to www.aynrand.org/contests.
Click on “Essay Contest”

Texas Lyceum Scholarships
Amount: $5,000 (5 awards given)
Deadline: March 7, 2014
Website:
http://www.texaslyceum.org/scholarships.aspx
Application:
https://texaslyceum.hiretouch.com
Eligibility: Texas Resident and U.S. Citizen or Legal Resident
Leadership
Enrollment in Texas College or University
GPA 3.5
essays, letters of recommendation, transcript
Email: administrator@texaslyceum.org

Texas Association for the Gifted and Talented (TAGT) Scholarships
Amount: $2,500
Deadline: March 1, 2014
Website: http://www.txgifted.org
Adelle McClendon Young Leader Scholarship
Application:
http://www.txgifted.org/adelle-mccledon-young-leader-scholarship/
Laura Allard Future Vision Scholarship
Application:
http://www.txgifted.org/laura-allard-future-vision-scholarship/

Scholarships

Hmmmm…. I’ve been accepted to one of the colleges I applied to.
Hmmmm…. I’ve just received a scholarship.
What do I do now?
Tell us all about it. Please let us know when you receive acceptance notifications (even if you don't plan to attend). We also want to know about all scholarship offers you receive (even if you do not accept). Please give Ms. Corwin a copy of the notification letter. We keep a record in our office. We are proud of you and want to share your accomplishments!
MONTHLY REMINDERS

- We welcome your calls. If you ever have a concern about your student or just want to keep in touch with us, please call.

- Weekend travel forms are due to Mrs. Colichia by 4:00 p.m. each Wednesday. Mrs. Colichia will confirm that students have permission to travel by 5:00 p.m. on Thursday. Weekend travel information is distributed to TALH administrators, TALH community assistants and TALH security every Friday morning, so we ask that travel plans be finalized by Wednesday afternoon. Your help is appreciated!

- CLOSED WEEKENDS: Reminder: All students are required to vacate the dorm for closed weekends and required holidays by 4:00 p.m., Friday. Students may return after 2:00 p.m. on Sundays (or Mondays if Monday is a holiday).

- TEA VERIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT: The Texas Education Agency (TEA) states, “School enrollment and attendance as a condition of licensing a student to operate a motor vehicle applies to persons under 18 years of age unless a high school diploma or its equivalent has been obtained.” In order to obtain or renew student driver’s licenses, students must obtain a Verification of Enrollment form from Mrs. Colichia.

- SAT and ACT fee waivers are available. Students must meet qualifications. Please contact Ms. Corwin for more information.

- Students and parents are reminded that when applying to other colleges, both TALH and LAMAR UNIVERSITY transcripts are required. TALH transcripts may be requested by sending an email to Mrs. Colichia at: texas.academy@lamar.edu. Lamar University transcripts may be requested from the Lamar Records Office located in the Wimberly Building Room 112.

- Students are reminded that a two-week turnaround is required for letters of recommendation from TALH administrators. Students needing letters of recommendation must fill out a request form (available next to Mrs. Colichia’s office) and turn it in to the administrator from whom you are requesting a recommendation, along with all pertinent information and/or attachments. Updated resumes must accompany each request. Please be courteous and ask the administrator in person PRIOR to filling out the request form.

- Lamar University is an equal opportunity/affirmative action educational institution and employer. Students, faculty and staff members are selected without regard to their race, color, creed, sex, age, handicap or national origin, consistent with the Assurance of Compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Executive Order 11246 as issued and amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended; Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.
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