

APPLAUSE

RIBBON CUTTINGS



AMOCO Federal Credit Union CEO Shawn Bailey.

AMOCO FCU opens on isle

AMOCO Federal Credit Union celebrated the opening of their Galveston branch with a ribbon cutting facilitated by the Galveston Chamber of Commerce.

The new branch is located at 6216 Broadway in front of Target. AMOCO FCU CEO Shawn Bailey thanked the more than 75 guests for attending and expressed excitement to have a new physical location on the island.

For information, visit www.AMOCOfcu.org or call 800-392-3813.



Mark Davis of the Galveston County Food Bank presents Mylena Davis, H&R Block office manager, with a copy of the Galveston Chamber of Commerce membership directory.

GCC welcomes H&R Block

The Galveston Chamber of Commerce welcomed H&R Block to its membership with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Jan. 13.

H&R Block District Manager Adam Saba greeted guests and talked about the various partnerships with local businesses in the community.

The Galveston Chamber Ambassador Club presented Mylena Davis, office manager for the Central City Boulevard location, with its official welcome bag.

H&R Block has two locations on the island: 6211 Central City Blvd. and 4605 Fort Crockett Blvd.

For information, visit www.hrblock.com or call 409-741-8121.

Royal Caribbean's Mariner of the Seas partners with GBF

Galveston Bay Foundation staff enjoyed an onboard lunch and tour of the Royal Caribbean's Mariner of the Seas on Jan. 15 while the ship was docked in the port of Galveston.

Every year Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd. awards the ships in their fleet that go above and beyond compliance and excel in their work to protect the marine environment and the destinations to which they sail.

The Mariner of the Seas won in the category of Waste and Chemical Management in 2011 and as a result of their winning made a donation to the Galveston Bay Foundation.

For information, contact GBF at 281-332-3381 or visit www.galvbay.org.



Pictured, from left, are Courtney Smith, Lee Anne Wilde, Bob Stokes, Charlene Bohanon, of the Galveston Bay Foundation, along with environmental officer, Chris Collard; captain, Per Kristoffersen; Sharon Roark, GBF; staff captain, Mal Bardsnes; chief engineer, Nikola Petrovic; environmental officer, Manuela Louro; and Human Resources manager, Gaurav Sharma.



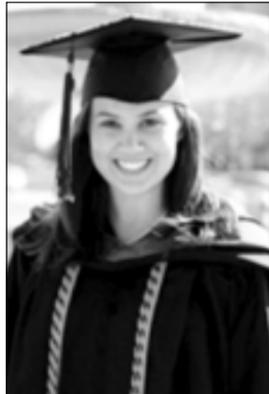
Pictured, from left, seated around the table are Courtney Smith and Lee Anne Wilde, of Galveston Bay Foundation; staff captain, Mal Bardsnes; Bob Stokes, GBF; environmental officer, Chris Collard; Charlene Bohanon, GBF; captain, Per Kristoffersen; Sharon Roark, GBF; and environmental officer, Manuela Louro.

BEST IN CLASS

Word graduates magna cum laude

Danyale Word, of League City, graduated magna cum laude during winter commencement ceremonies at Lamar University on Dec. 17.

To qualify for magna cum laude honors a student must maintain a grade-point average of 3.65 to 3.79.



Erin Nicole Hutchins

graduated with top honors from Texas Women's University in December.

Earning her master's degree in occupational therapy, Hutchins achieved a 3.9 grade-point average throughout the five year program. She is the daughter of Alan and Jan Hutchins of League City.

Gibson earns bachelor's

Lydia Gibson, of Friendswood received a Bachelor of Science degree in Exercise Science from Freed-Hardeman University at the winter commencement ceremony on Dec. 16.

Hutchins earns master's

Erin Nicole Hutchins

Hernandez finishes cum laude

Aryn Hernandez,

of Galveston, graduated cum laude during winter commencement ceremonies at Lamar University on Dec. 17. To qualify for cum laude honors a student must maintain a grade-point average of 3.5 to 3.64.

Students named to dean's list

Connor Davis, of Santa Fe, and Mark Garza, of Friendswood, have been named to the Fall 2011 dean's list at McMurry University. To be eligible for the dean's list, a student must have maintained at least a 3.5 grade-point average while taking 12 or more credit hours.

Trimarchi earns scholarship

Catherine Trimarchi, of Galveston, has received the Alan Alda Scholarship from the National Italian

American Foundation. Trimarchi attends University of Texas at Austin and is majoring in accounting. NIAF scholarship winners are selected based on academic merit with an average grade-point average of 3.95.

Guidroz named to dean's list

Kendall Guidroz of Santa Fe has been named to the dean's list at Southwestern University for the Fall 2011 semester.

To be selected, students must have at least a 3.6 grade-point average on a 4.0 scale with at least 12 graded hours and be in good standing with the university.

Norris named to dean's list

Lily Norris, of Hitchcock, was named to the Columbia College

dean's list for the August and October eight-week sessions.

To be named to the dean's list a student must have completed 12 semester hours in a 16-week period and achieved a minimum grade-point average of 3.5 on a four-point scale.

Yerrell makes honors list

Andrew Yerrell, of Santa Fe, made the Fall 2011 honors list for Concordia University. The top 25 percent of undergraduate students who completed at least 12 credit hours qualify for the honors list.

Pulliam makes president's list

Janae Pulliam, a Galveston home-school graduate, made the University of North Texas president's list, earning a



Janae Pulliam

4.0 for the Fall 2011 semester. Pulliam will be honored at a luncheon with the UNT president this month.

Fareed named to dean's list

Baheejah Fareed, of Galveston, was named to the dean's list at Bowling Green State University for achieving a grade-point average of 3.5 or better on a 4.0 scale. To be chosen for the dean's honor distinction, undergraduate students must carry no fewer than 12 letter-graded credit hours per semester.

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Deepwater Horizon Natural Resource Damage Assessment Trustee Council
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Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill
Draft Phase I Early Restoration Plan and Environmental Assessment
PUBLIC MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT
The Deepwater Horizon Natural Resource Trustees want to hear from you! A draft plan of proposed early restoration projects is available for public review and comment. **The Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill Draft Phase I Early Restoration Plan and Environmental Assessment** describes eight projects, two in each of these states: Alabama, Florida, Louisiana and Mississippi. The projects are intended to benefit injured marshes, coastal dune and nearshore habitats, oysters, and human uses (on water recreation).
The trustees will conduct one public meeting in Texas where you can learn more about the draft restoration plan and comment on it.
TEXAS PUBLIC MEETING
Jan. 26, 2012 6:00 – 7:00 PM Open House Meeting Texas A&M University Ocean & Coastal Studies Building #3029 on Pelican Island off Seawolf Park Blvd Galveston, TX 77553
To learn more about Early Restoration, review and comment on the draft plan, visit www.gulfspillrestoration.noaa.gov or http://www.tpwwd.state.tx.us/landwater/water/enviroconcerns/damage_assessment/deep_water_horizon.phtml. For more information about the Texas public meeting or NRDA process, please contact TXDWHNRDA@tpwwd.state.tx.us, or Nanciann Regalado, Dept. of the Interior, 678.296.6805.