

EDUCATION

Academy for Lifelong Learning to host open house

COMMUNITY REPORT

The Academy for Lifelong Learning at Lone Star College-Montgomery, a program for the 50-plus retired or semi-retired community,

will host an open house from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, upstairs in Building E on the Montgomery campus.

The public is invited, and

entertainment and refreshments will be provided, and the Instructor of the Year will be recognized.

The open house is a chance to learn about the

new and recurring ALL classes offered during the upcoming fall semester, as well as meet some of the class instructors, socialize with other academy mem-

bers, and register for classes.

ALL is a membership organization filled with lectures, seminars, and discussions with classes covering a variety of topics such as art, computer technology, personal growth, languages, history, travel and more. A

small annual membership fee of \$35 allows members to take academy courses free of charge or at a minimal rate.

For more information about ALL, call LSC-Montgomery's continuing education department at 936-273-7446 or visit www.LoneStar.edu/all-montgomery.

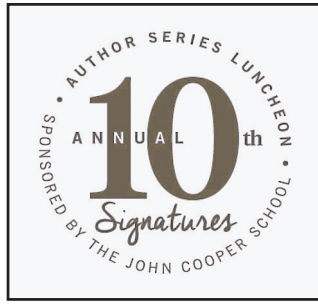
Local authors sought for Signatures event

COMMUNITY REPORT

The John Cooper School will host the 10th Annual Signatures Author Series featuring celebrity chef and author of eight books Tyler Florence Nov. 7 at The Woodlands Waterway Marriott Hotel and Convention Center. Florence is the host of several Food Network television shows, including "Food 911," "The Great Food Truck Race" and "Tyler's Ultimate."

As is tradition at the annual luncheon, the event will feature a diverse array of local authors who are selected through an application process.

The Signatures Executive Committee, chaired by Wendy Hammarstrom, will



offer the opportunity for local authors to participate in the Signatures event, sell their books and have the opportunity to engage with attendees at the luncheon, which sells out to around 1,000 attendees each year. Due to space constraints, only a limited number of booths are available, and authors will be selected from an application process. "Each year, we strive to put

together a well-rounded group of visiting authors who represent a variety of genres," said Anna McDonnell, who chairs the Visiting Author portion of the event. "Authors who participate are highlighted at the lunch and in pre-event publicity and will receive a table with signage where they can sell their books and visit with guests before and after the luncheon. This is a highly anticipated portion of our event and we look forward to shedding light on local authors."

The booth registration fee is \$150, and the deadline for application to participate is on or before Sept. 19. Some of the guidelines for Visiting Authors include: authors must have a newly published

book within a one- to three-year period; no self-published books; the author/illustrator should be the primary author/illustrator of the book; and a sample copy of the book to be sold at the event should be submitted with the application. Additional details and application forms are posted on The John Cooper School website at www.johncooper.org.

For additional information about the Signatures luncheon and sponsorship opportunities, call 281-367-0900, ext. 2326, or email advancement@johncooper.org. The John Cooper School is a PK-12 independent, college preparatory day school that has been serving The Woodlands area since 1988.



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and graduate degree in education and various education certifications, I will bring to the board a plethora of ideas to assist with upcoming issues our educational community may face," Hamilton said. "Although the board is doing a great job currently, with the fast growth our district is facing, my goal (will be) to not only ensure fiscal accountability, but also focus on the students of Conroe ISD by ensuring we continue to prepare them for future academic and career success."

As a board member,

Hamilton wants to focus on two main goals: helping the superintendent enhance the district needs by maintaining a balanced budget and ensure that reserves are maintained; and secondly, ensure the district has a rigorous curriculum that is academically appropriate for success.

Hamilton has lived in Montgomery County for eight years with her daughter, son-in-law and three grandchildren.

Two of her grandchildren will attend Snyder Elementary and Cox Intermediate this year.

"My inner light calls to serve children, and I know that by being elected to the

board, I can make a difference by ensuring we implement the best curriculum, hire the most qualified teachers, ensure student success through graduation and maintain our low tax rate," Hamilton said.

She plans to announce her Facebook page and website in

the coming weeks.

Also running are Melanie Bush and Kim LeJuene for Position 1, and CISD board president Ray Sanders for reelection to Position 2. LeJuene initially filed to run for Position 3 but switched this week.



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