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In Memoriam: Dawn Canty-Saunders

By Denise S. Navarro

On Monday, March 18, 2013, the world lost a truly wonderful person, Dawn Canty-Saunders. Dawn served as the customer service manager for the NASA/Goddard Space Flight Center (GSFC) Solutions for Enterprise Wide Procurement (SEWP – pronounced ‘soup’) Program Office.

I first met Dawn as a fellow colleague supporting NASA/GSFC, before the launch of Logical Innovations. During the company’s second month of operations, she became a client team member, one with whom I worked closely on the company’s first contract. As the project progressed, so did our friendship, developing into a sisterhood. Dawn was a true champion of Logical Innovations, and a dear friend to me.

We were still working together at the time of her passing, and I will miss her terribly. Her work ethic and commitment to her customer service team and the entire SEWP organization were admirable. She was always one to look out for the best interests of her team, making her a great leader. She and her team

helped pave the way for the high praises of SEWP customer service as it set the standard high for other similar organizations across the federal government.

Talking with members of the SEWP team just after her passing, I found her loss was felt not only by her team, co-workers, and management, but by SEWP customers and contract holders as well; everyone has a favorite Dawn story to share, whether it was how she helped them through a challenging SEWP issue, or just took the time to give that warm smile of hers and say hello at a SEWP function. Her reach was far; she made a difference, and personally, she made me a better person.

Logical Innovations and I were fortunate to have had Dawn as a colleague and client, but mostly as a friend. Although only a few members of Logical Innovations had the opportunity to know Dawn, I wanted to take this time to honor her and ensure that we will preserve her memory in our customer service processes, procedures and actions.

A photograph of the College of the Mainland campus. In the foreground, a large, rectangular concrete sign sits on a low concrete base, with the words "COLLEGE OF THE MAINLAND" engraved in bold, black, sans-serif capital letters. Behind the sign is a large, calm body of water. In the middle ground, a modern, multi-story brick building with large windows and a flat roof stands on a grassy area. A fountain with several jets of water is visible in the water behind the building. The sky is blue with some light clouds. The overall scene is bright and clear.

COLLEGE OF THE MAINLAND

LI² Establishes Scholarship with Community College

Beginning this spring, Logical Innovations, Inc. will be awarding a two year scholarship to attend College of the Mainland, a gulf coast community college located in Texas City, Texas. The scholarship is open to graduating Galveston County high school seniors.

The recipient will be awarded \$500 per semester to apply toward tuition and/or textbooks. To qualify, applicants must attend a Galveston County high school, have a financial need, score a minimum 2.5 high school GPA, enroll in at least 6 hours per semester, and maintain a 2.8 college GPA.

To apply for the scholarship, please visit the College of the Mainland Foundation website at <http://www.com.edu/com-foundation/scholarships.php>, and register with their Scholarship Tracking and Review System (STARS). Applicants will be required to upload two letters of recommendation, a degree plan and transcripts through the system.

The deadline for application is April 5. The scholarship will be awarded at the recipient's high school awards ceremony.

2013 JSC FOD Chili Cook-off set for April 13

The 35th Annual JSC FOD Chili Cook-off will be held Saturday, April 13 at the Gilruth Recreation Center picnic area from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Advance tickets are \$7 each, \$10 at the gate. To purchase tickets, contact Michael in the corporate office at 281.990.8560, via email at mjnavarro@logical-i2.com, or visit one of the Building 3 or Building 11 Exchange Stores.

Chili tasting begins at noon and the games begin at 1:30. If you are up to the challenge and wish to participate in any contest, please contact Michael in the corporate office.

Booth setup begins at 2 p.m. on Friday, April 12 and cooking preparations begin at 7 a.m. the day of the cook-off. We will accept all of the volunteers we can get and we hope to see everyone there. Doug York will serve as chief chef again this year. Our team colors are red and white; please wear your team shirt if you received one at last year's event. Team shirts will be provided to team members who haven't received one in the past.

2013 JSC FOD Chili Cook-off Schedule of Events

- 8:30 a.m. Space Trivia begins
- 11 a.m. Storefronts ready for judging
- 11:30 a.m. Team Skits
- Noon Chili ready for public tasting
- 1:30 p.m. Games begin
- 2 p.m. Turn in Judge's chili
- 4:30 p.m. Awards Ceremony





Breakfast with an Expert

LI² Director to Host Discussion Panel at University of Houston-Clear Lake



Estella Gillette

Logical Innovations Director of Government Programs, Estella Hernández Gillette, will be leading a discussion at the third annual “Small Talk Big Ideas: Breakfast with an Expert” event at the University of Houston-Clear Lake on Wednesday, April 10 from 7 - 9 a.m.

Gillette’s conversation, “Adapting Your Path to Success,” will discuss her voyage from secretary to senior staff member at NASA Johnson Space Center and how setting goals throughout your life can enable you to recognize and take advantage of opportunities on the path to creating success.

Nine other experts will be conducting a wide range of discussions covering professional, educational and cultural topics.

Admission to the breakfast is \$12 for UHCL alumni, students, faculty and staff and \$15 for all others. For more information, visit <http://www.uhcl.edu/smalltalkbigideas> or call the Office of Alumni and Community Relations, 281.283.2040.

A Message From the President



Happy 2013! I can't believe I'm still welcoming in the new year, but it has just flown by. Ever the optimist, I am looking forward to all that the year is bringing for Logical Innovations. And, it is proving to be quite a busy year, as we embark on many new pursuits, opportunities, and partnerships. I thank you all for your continuous great efforts in building our reputation. It is always so nice to receive all the kudos on all of you. I appreciate

your efforts in keeping our customers happy. To confirm this, we recently received feedback on an independent third party assessment of our customer satisfaction rating, where our customers anonymously provided feedback via an online survey, and we received a high score of 96%! Our highest marks came in the support we provide our customers, and the ease of doing business with us as a company.

Again, thank you for all you do, and we look forward to your thoughts and ideas for your newsletter.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Denise S. Navarro". The signature is fluid and cursive.

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LI² wins subcontract at NASA Goddard

Through our partnership with ADNET Systems, Inc., and Virginia based corporation, Logical Innovations, Inc. has been awarded subcontractor work in support of the Space and Earth Sciences Data Analysis contract (SESDA-III) at the NASA Goddard Space Flight Center.