



# LAMAR STATE COLLEGE-PORT ARTHUR



Report to the Community 2010 - 2011



**SAM MONROE**  
*President*

The 2010-2011 year was filled with challenges and opportunities for Lamar State College-Port Arthur. Enrollment surged to 2,731 in the fall and to 3,168 (including regular credit, co-enrollment, on-line and inmate instruction) a record, in the spring. The new on-line nursing program also grew as 430 enrolled and the program saw its first graduates. The Texas legislative session produced a balanced budget reducing expenditures to every state supported activity including higher education. Lamar-Port Arthur's appropriations were cut by 13% or \$1,000,000 per year causing a reduction in staffing mainly through attrition, reducing expenditures campus-wide and cutting the number of classes offered.

The campus community was filled with spirit as the Seahawks men's basketball team, under head coach Matt Cross, won the Region XIV Tournament for the first time and moved on to the National Finals in Hutchinson, Kansas, also for the first time. The team finished the post season nationally ranked by the National Junior College Athletic Association.

Students began using the Process Technology Lab and occupied the new Student Success Center following a ribbon cutting on August 22.

Campus leadership and faculty and staff committees continued to work toward the re-affirmation of the college's accreditation through the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. A peer review visiting committee will be on campus in the fall of 2012.

It is indeed a pleasure to report on these shared accomplishments. We look forward to working with you in the further development of Lamar State College-Port Arthur as it responds to the needs of our students and the community.



### COLLEGE PROFILE (2010-11)

	FALL 2010	SPRING 2011
Enrollment	2,374	2,519
Academic Majors	1,436	1,335
Technical Majors	938	1,184
Full-Time Students	1,158	1,450
Part-Time Students	1,216	1,069
In-State Students	2,334	2,490
Out-of-State Students	35	25

	FALL 2010	SPRING 2011
Foreign Students	5	4
Average Age	25	27
Male	826	847
Female	1,548	1,672
Faculty-to-Student Ratio	15:1	17:1
Degrees Awarded	51	100
Certificates Awarded	86	37

2010 Source: Certified CBM001 & in-house reports.  
 Degrees & Certificates awarded are from the Fall 2010 graduation only.  
 Note: Academic majors consist of academic declared & undeclared (1,118 & 318) respectively.  
 Technical majors consist of technical declared & tech prep declared (487 & 451) respectively.

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## Institutional Goals

- Offer freshman and sophomore general education courses which will transfer to traditional baccalaureate degree programs.
- Deliver instruction and related services that are flexible in scheduling, locations, delivery methods and content.
- Provide educational services in support of academic, technical and developmental curriculum.
- Offer educational programs that lead to eligibility for certification or licensure.
- Provide instruction and/or support services that will improve the potential for employment and/or occupational advancement.
- Provide a developmental education program to assist students to acquire the skills fundamental to academic and career achievement.

### STUDENT ETHNICITY 2010-11

White	46%
African-American	30%
Hispanic	15%
Asian	8%
Native American	1%
International	<1%

- Provide students with personal attention in a broad range of student service activities.
- Provide educational opportunities to meet the needs of employers in our South-east Texas region and Southwest Louisiana.

- Provide a core curriculum containing courses that:

*address multiple perspectives about the individual and the world in which he or she lives, provide opportunities to discuss and reflect upon the individual, political and social aspects of life,*

*require an exploration and understanding of the need for and ways to exercise responsible citizenship,*

*facilitate an understanding of the interrelationships of the disciplines,*

*provide the opportunity to acquire college-level competency in reading, writing, mathematics, public speaking, social/ behavioral science, natural science, humanities/fine arts and computer science.*

- Provide responsible support for physical, administrative and financial resources of the College.
- Nurture an inclusive, broad-based institution-wide planning and evaluation effort.
- Cooperate with community agencies in economic development, community partnerships, and programs.
- Provide cultural enrichment opportunities for the campus and surrounding communities – both on and off-campus – through various activities throughout the year.
- Continue and enhance institutional advancement efforts targeted toward the needs of our local communities.



**LAMAR STATE COLLEGE-PORT ARTHUR OPERATES IN THE BELIEF THAT ALL INDIVIDUALS SHOULD BE:**

- Treated with dignity and respect;
- Afforded equal opportunity to acquire a complete educational experience;
- Given an opportunity to discover and develop their special aptitudes and insights;
- Provide an opportunity to equip themselves for a fulfilling life and responsible citizenship in a world characterized by change.

## Total Commitment to Student Success

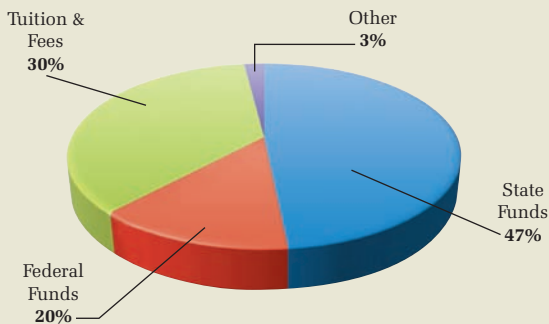
Lamar State College-Port Arthur is an open-access, comprehensive public two-year college offering quality instruction leading to associate degrees and a variety of technical certificates. The college has provided affordable educational opportunities to residents of Southeast Texas since 1909.

Lamar State College-Port Arthur embraces the premise that education is an on-going process that enhances career potential, broadens intellectual horizons and enriches life. The faculty, staff and administration share a commitment to a mission characterized by student learning, diversity and community service.

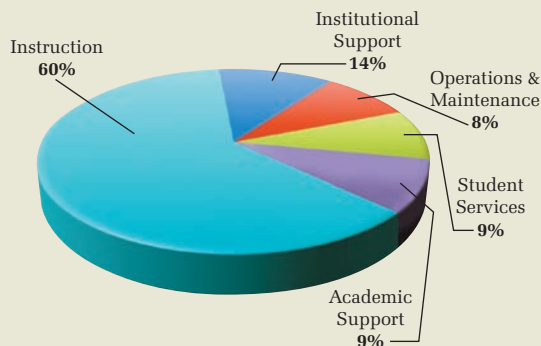
The foundations for student success include compensatory education programs designed to fulfill our commitment to accommodate students with diverse goals and backgrounds, technical education programs that provide for the acquisition of the skills and demeanor necessary for initial and continued employment, and a core curriculum that develops the values and concepts that allow the student to make a meaningful contribution in the workplace or community.

Student achievement is measured by the completion of courses and programs of study, successful performance following transfer to a baccalaureate program and the attainment of individual goals.

**REVENUE**



**EXPENSES**



# Focus on Success

What started out as an idea to help Lamar State College-Port Arthur students excel in the classroom became a reality as construction was completed on the Student Success Center.

The Success Center is a hub of activity as students seek out assistance in reading, writing and mathematics. Free tutoring services are provided by qualified faculty and student assistants, by online interactive learning systems in reading, writing and math, and by a library of course-related books, CDs and DVDs.

According to Sherry Steele, Department Chair of Developmental Education and the Director of the Student Success Center, the new location is also the site for incoming students to be tested for placement in college level classes, providing THEA, ASSET and COMPASS tests on demand throughout the year.

"It has been exciting to see the plans that were once in our heads, and then on paper, come to life," Steele said. "Students can go to classes, do homework and take tests all under one roof. Many of our students work full time while attending college and this new facility will be a time-saver for them."

The new Success Center, at 7,400 square feet, replaced the current location in the Madison Monroe Building, which was a cramped 1,900 square feet.

Among the many amenities in the new Success Center are 32 study carrels with computers, two computer lab classrooms, two testing rooms and four private or small group study rooms.



The LSC-PA Information Technology Department rolled out 104 new computer stations in preparation for the Center's opening.

"Over the past five years we have made changes in placement testing to more accurately place students," Steele explained. "We added a co-requisite lab for all first level developmental students, implemented MyLabsPlus, a web-based online learning system for delivering homework and tests in all developmental courses and added a study skills court for at-risk students."

Said Steele: "We have a teacher on campus who began her career at LSC-PA in first-level developmental math. She is one of our biggest proponents and swears that with the help and encouragement of this department, she was able to succeed quite well in college level math and go on to not only earn a bachelor's degree but a master's degree as well."



# Two-year Process Technology Associate Degree Available

Students who want to pursue a two-year associate degree in Process Technology can earn that degree now at LSC-PA.

This past year, in response to a rising demand from area industries for trained process operators, the college's Technical Division expanded its one-year Process Technology certificate program and now also offer a two-year associate degree in the fast-growing career field.

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While some industrial plants will hire certificate graduates, the associate degree is preferred by most companies, Hutchins said. "So, our process technology degree program will prepare students to step right into the workforce in a career field that needs lots of trained technicians. This is an excellent career for women, too."

Research by the National Science Foundation indicates that the average age of currently-employed process technicians is 50. About half of those employees could retire in the next five to 10 years, creating a huge demand for trained process operators in a field that pays between \$16-20 an hour for new employees and offers rapid advancement on the salary scale.

# Certificate in Entertainment

LSC-PA added a new certificate that will help those interested in a career in entertainment. Entertainment Business offers students an introduction into the business side of performing or working behind the scenes in the entertainment industry.

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## Student Activities



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Everyone's equal when the game begins. We're ready for Tuesday's tipoff and plan to come home with a national championship.

—MATT CROSS,  
*LSC-PA Men's Head Basketball Coach*





# Seahawks Making History



The Lamar State Seahawks were hoping to make history during the 2010-2011 basketball season.

They did that ... and so much more.

The Seahawks set several school records, both for the team and its individual players, en route to the school's first-ever trip to the NJCAA Tournament in Hutchinson, Kan.

The Hawks recorded a 21 win, 9 loss record during the regular season to set a new mark in the 7-year history of the program. Adding a 5-2 postseason record, the Seahawks finished 26-11 overall, another record.

And while those feats are impressive enough, Head Coach Matt Cross and his Seahawks didn't set those records by facing easy opponents.

No, LSC-PA took a trip to the NJCAA tournament with games against five nationally-ranked teams, beating them one-by-one. Among them were:

No. 1 Missouri State University-West Plains

No. 4 San Jacinto College

No. 9 Trinity Valley Community College

At the Region XIV Tournament, the Seahawks started out as the No. 7-seeded team. They were expected to do better during the 2010-2011 season but no one had predicted a breakout season ... except the Seahawks themselves.

Lamar State faced one of the scariest moments of the regional tournament in an overtime win over Kilgore in the first round. After that close call, the Seahawks got past Trinity Valley and Jacksonville to earn a berth to the championship game against No. 1 seed San Jacinto. In that game, the Hawks fell behind by 11 points at the end of the first half and trailed by 16 with about 17 minutes left to play in the game.

Lamar State wasn't ready to end its season, however. In the final 17 minutes, the Seahawks went on the attack, taking their first lead of the game on a Vonn Jones 3-pointer with 6:27 left in the game. From there, the Seahawks never looked back, taking the 72-67 win for a trip to the NJCAA Tournament in Kansas.

In their game against San Jac, the Hawks outscored their opponent 44-28 in the second half. They were led by Jones' 30 points while Keenen Coleman added 14 and Dion Waiters 13.

Jones was named the tournament Most Valuable Player and Cross was eventually picked as the Region XIV Coach of the Year. Coleman, Jones and Roman Vaughn were named all-conference.

Coleman was the Seahawks' single-game and two-year career scoring leader. Jones owns the single-season and career assists record. Vaughn broke George Williamson's single-season scoring record.

In their first appearance in the NJCAA Division I Tournament, the Seahawks opened with a loss to Monroe College. Monroe would eventually lose to the tournament champions from the College of Southern Idaho.

In the consolation bracket quarterfinals, Lamar State took a 69-62 victory over Missouri State but ended the season with a loss to Cape Fear 66-63.



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We are very proud of Valerie (Brown). She worked very hard and is deserving of this all-conference honor. With Valerie being a freshman and with other good players returning, that gives us a strong core to continue the success we are striving to achieve.

—VANCE EDWARDS,  
LSC-PA Head Softball Coach



## Touring the Campus

New students at LSC-PA had the opportunity to tour the campus during two orientation sessions. Representatives of many different departments on campus led students around LSC-PA's grounds, winding up in the Student Center where they enjoyed snacks and punch provided by the Student Government Association.

# Seahawks Look to Next Season

The Seahawks softball team might have struggled through the 2011 season but Coach Vance Edwards was able to take away several positive things from the campaign.

The year started with just two returning players and 15 freshmen but as the season progressed, so did the experience of those young players. By season's end it was evident the Seahawks would return a solid core with which to work on the 2012 season.

Among those is Valerie Brown, now a sophomore from Bridge City, who was selected Second Team All Conference as a Designated Player/Utility player.

She played third base, catcher and designated player. Brown had a .368 batting average with 4 doubles, triple and 2 homeruns. Brown also had 10 RBIs and scored 15 runs.

Brown and teammate Krista Mayer, of Nederland, participated in an all-star game recently, showing the early strength the team can count on when the first pitch goes out on the new season.

Mayer finished last season with a .243 batting average with six doubles, two triples, nine RBI and 13 runs scored.



## Seahawks Get New Mascot

The official Lamar State College-Port Arthur Seahawk mascot made its first public appearance at the 2010-2011 season-opening basketball game.

“Arthur” is part of the Seahawks Dance Team, a volunteer group that supports the college’s intercollegiate basketball and softball teams.

The person wearing the costume discovered quickly that it is very hot. An instructional video from the manufacturer said a wearer could lose more than 10 pounds during a long event. That is why the costumes come with their own cooling components that include an adjustable vest that hold 10 packets of frozen “blue ice.” The head also has a battery operated ventilating fan that draws in cool air and expels warm air.



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# Plenty of Entertainment

The LSC-PA Theater Department provided plenty of entertainment during the 2010-2011 session, producing four plays that were open to the public for their enjoyment.

In the Fall, Department Chair Dr. Keith Cockrell developed an original script entitled *Performing Arts High*.

In a small town the economy left behind, the local Performing Arts High School is being closed. The students are determined to save their school and decide, of course, to put on a show.

Reminiscent of *Fame* or that newer sensation, *Glee*, the students decide to use their talent to make a difference. Cockrell's new show has them preparing numbers for the big night, singing and dancing their hearts out. And, with a cast of 40, there is a lot of talent for them to showcase. From classic tunes from the 1940s to today's hottest Top 40 hits, the students perform them all, giving the audience a fast, fun show to watch.

Also during the Fall semester, LSC-PA drama students staged scenes from famous William Shakespeare plays

for a special performance titled *Voices from Shakespeare: What Will Heard at The Globe*, which includes pieces from *MacBeth*, *Hamlet*, *Romeo and Juliet*, *Taming of the Shrew* and *The Merry Wives of Windsor*.

Dr. Laura Stafford, an associate professor of speech and drama at the college, said Shakespeare's company of actors came from various parts of the British Isles. So, an evening at the Globe Theater would have sounded similar with cast members speaking Shakespeare's words in their own regional dialects.

In the Spring semester, the

department put together a production of *Shun the Heaven* by Alan Haenel.

In the play, Esther knows that God has a plan for everyone. She has assumed leadership of the family after her husband's death, and her older daughter has quit school to financially support them. But Esther remains unclear on the purpose of her two mentally-disabled daughters...until she discovers they display psychic abilities in which

they find what people have lost. While this gift brings happiness and hope to many, it also carries a curse. What will happen when the interests of individuals clash with the needs of the greater good?

In the College's annual summer presentation, which employs the help of community thespians through the Port Arthur Little Theater, the rainbow ended right at the doorstep of the school's theater.

*The Wizard of Oz* was met with sell-out crowds as word spread across Southeast Texas of the first-class rendition of the classic tale of self-discovery.



## Learn from the Pros

Six members of A Class Act, the student club for drama majors at LSC-PA, traveled to Houston to attend the Texas Educational Theatre Association Conference.

Michelle Caughlin, Joshua Fontenot, David Gillespie, Dylan Good, Dana Howard and Dylan Kilday joined LSC-PA theater technical director and staff assistant Lauren Frasier at the conference workshops and lectures, which covered all aspects of theater education in Texas.

The conference included interviews and performances from accomplished Broadway, film and television stars Chita Rivera, Jonathan Groff, Brian Stokes Mitchell and Carol Channing.

The students also toured The Alley Theatre in Houston to learn about the inner workings of a professional theater and what it takes to bring a professional production from the page to the stage.

## Faculty & Staff

### Associate Professor Wins Rogers Community Service Award

The late Beaumont philanthropists Ben and Julie Rogers placed great value on community service and used their wealth to create and support a wide variety of charitable enterprises. The couple also believed in recognizing the community service of others.

In 1979, the couple donated \$15,000 to the Lamar University Foundation to establish an endowment that would provide \$1,000 cash payment and a plaque for an award to honor the community service of a faculty or staff member of the Lamar University System, which was comprised of the four independent Lamar-named schools – Lamar University, Lamar State College-Port Arthur, Lamar State College-Orange and Lamar Institute of Technology.

Since then the endowment grew, and the annual Ben and Julie Rogers Community Service Award now is presented to a faculty or staff member from each of the four schools.

The 2010 award winner from Lamar State College-Port Arthur was Dr. Laura Stafford, an associate professor of speech and drama, who was selected for the honor for her work with area theater programs, schools, churches and civic groups.

Stafford has extensive training in performing arts as a dancer, actress, author and theater director. She used those talents to enhance many area community service projects.



### Professor Elected Secretary of State Teachers' Group



**DR. DAVID SORRELLS**

Dr. David Sorrells, an associate professor of English at Lamar State College-Port Arthur, was elected secretary of the Texas Community College Teachers Association, the largest organization of post-secondary educators in the state.

In 2010, Sorrells was elected treasurer of TCCTA, which includes teachers from every educational discipline, plus counselors and librarians from public and independent two-year colleges in Texas.

Sorrells started his leadership role in TCCTA as a member of the Association's Professional Development Committee, which ties in closely with his new position at Lamar State, where he recently was reassigned from teaching freshman- and sophomore-level English and literature courses to being the college's Assessment Coordinator and Faculty Development Coordinator.

### TSUS Council of Faculty Senates Elected Mavis Triebel President



**MAVIS TRIEBEL**

For the third consecutive year, the Faculty Senate of TSUS elected LSC-PA's Mavis Triebel to the office of President.

Her term will run from 2011 to 2013. The Senate was created to provide a forum to discuss faculty issues of common concern to the faculties of the system's member institutions with membership consisting of two representatives from each faculty senate body of the TSUS.

Other officers include Ferris Byxbe of Sul Ross State University-Alpine as Vice President and Patricia Nicosia of Sul Ross University-Rio Grande as Secretary.

## Coach of the Year

Lamar State College-Port Arthur head basketball coach Matt Cross was named the District 14 Coach of the Year after the 2010-2011 season.



**MATT CROSS**

Cross earned the accolade after his seventh-seeded Seahawks defeated three

nationally-ranked teams, including No. 4 San Jacinto College and No. 9 Trinity Valley Community College, on their way to capturing the Region XIV championship and a berth in the NJCAA Division 1 Tournament.

Sports writers across the country marveled at the postseason success of Lamar State, which won a school record 21 games in the regular season, followed by four victories in the conference tournament.

Phrases ranging from "shocking upset" to "improbable run" to "mind-boggling feat" to "uncharted territory" showed up in news stories and opinion columns about the Seahawks.

Cross doesn't see his team's record-setting accomplishment as a miracle. He sees it as the product of hard work, discipline and very tough defensive work by players he describes as "great kids who have tremendous character and tremendous heart."

That character and heart was tested often in the Region XIV Tournament. The Seahawks were 20 points down and nine and a half minutes from elimination in their first-round game against Kilgore College, before coming back to win in overtime.

When he was introduced as the Lamar State's third head coach in 2009, Cross talked about winning a national championship. Most observers thought that was nice oratory, but not very likely, especially on the short term considering that this is only Lamar State's seventh season of intercollegiate basketball and Cross' second year at the helm.

## Softball Team gets New Coach

Assistant coach Megan Rowe, a former all-conference pitcher at Louisiana State University-Alexandria, joined the Lamar State staff in 2010.



MEGAN ROWE

Rowe grew up in Jonesboro, Louisiana, where she had an illustrious high school career that included being the Northeast Louisiana strikeout leader for two years. She also was an All-State pitcher.

Rowe was a 1st Team All-District pitcher and won the District MVP award in each of her four high school years.

Rowe started her college pitching career at the two-year Louisiana State University-Eunice, where she earned a place on the NJCAA All-Region team.

Rowe transferred to LSU-Alexandria at the beginning of her sophomore year. She went on to be the team MVP for two years and set school records for wins, strikeouts, batters faced and innings pitched.

While she was at LSU-A, Rowe started her coaching career with high school summer travel teams. She also gave private pitching instruction and conducted pitching and hitting clinics and camps.

Rowe graduated from LSU-A with a bachelor's degree in General Studies with a concentration in Kinesiology.

## Seahawks Hire Sports Physician

Lamar State College Port Arthur named Dr. Jack C. Johnston, MD, to be the team physician for the Seahawk basketball and softball teams.

LSC-PA athletic director Scott Street made the announcement Nov. 4, 2010.

"I am excited to have someone with the expertise and reputation that Dr. Johnston has earned in the sports medicine community," Street said. "The addition of a team physician will continue to give our student-athletes the ability to compete at their greatest potential."

Johnston is a partner in the Beaumont Bone and Joint Clinic and has an office at 2501 Jimmy Johnson Boulevard in Port Arthur.

He earned an undergraduate degree at the University of Washington and received his medical degree Boston University.

Johnston, who is board certified by the American Board of Orthopedic Surgery and the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons, said, "I look forward to providing high quality, state of the art, sports medicine coverage and care for Lamar State College-Port Arthur student athletes."

## Good Samaritan

Lamar State College student Dwayne Gordon, a freshman automotive technology major from Orange, has a busy life that includes school and working at an auto parts store. But Gordon isn't too busy to notice someone who needs help.

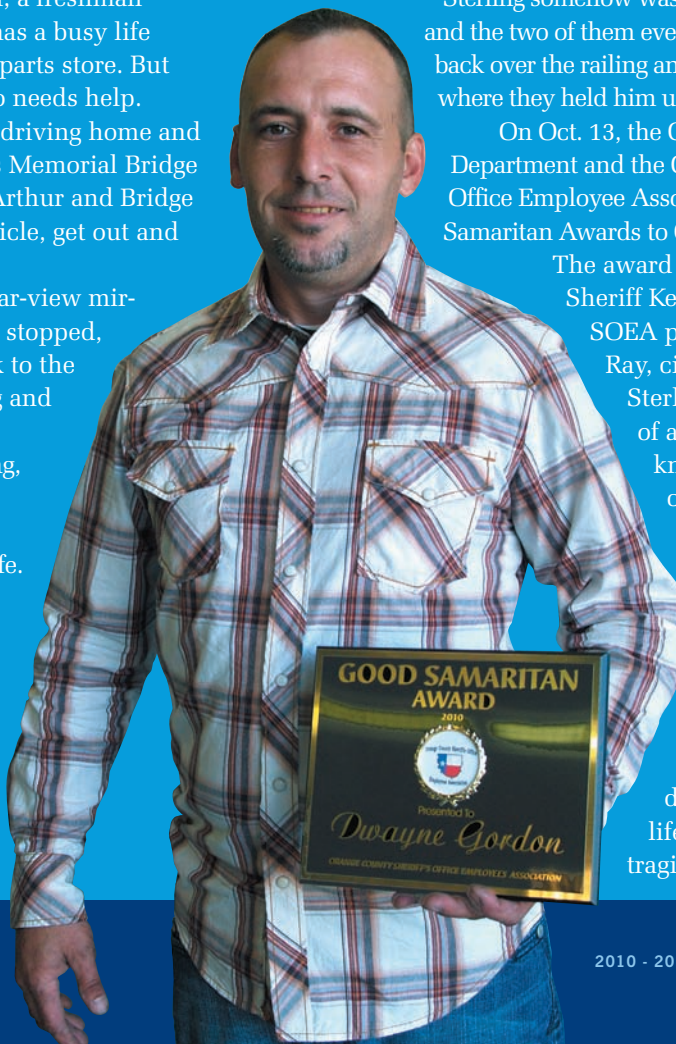
On Sunday, Sept. 26, 2010, Gordon was driving home and was near the top of the 143-foot-tall Veterans Memorial Bridge that crosses the Neches River between Port Arthur and Bridge City, when he saw a young man stop his vehicle, get out and go to the bridge railing.

Gordon watched the man through his rear-view mirror and sensed something was wrong. So, he stopped, got out and walked back close enough to talk to the man, who now was climbing onto the railing and holding on to some small guy wires.

Gordon soon was joined by Cheryl Sterling, a nurse, who called 911 from her cell phone. Gordon and Sterling spent several minutes pleading with the young man not to end his life.

Gordon said the young man did not speak or look at them, but finally turned his head and said, "If you don't want to see this, don't watch."

"I knew then he was going to jump," Gordon said. "I told the lady to hold my belt, she did, and I tackled his legs. As soon as I grabbed him, he let go of the wires and we both went over the railing."



Sterling somehow was able to hold Gordon, and the two of them eventually dragged the man back over the railing and onto the pavement, where they held him until police arrived.

On Oct. 13, the Orange County Sheriff's Department and the Orange County Sheriff's Office Employee Association presented Good Samaritan Awards to Gordon and Sterling.

The award citation, signed by Sheriff Keith Merritt and OC-SOEA president Lt. Thomas Ray, cited Gordon and Sterling for saving the life of a man they did not know. "Both of these citizens stopped their vehicles while many more just simply drove past," the citation reads. "Had it not been for the heroic efforts of Mrs. Sterling and Mr. Gordon, this distraught subject's life would have ended tragically."

## Community Interaction

### Students Compete to be Seahawk Superstar Scholars

Former students, faculty and staff of Lamar State College-Port Arthur were invited to return to the campus for a variety of activities and events during Homecoming Week, Nov. 15-20, 2010.

In conjunction with this year's Homecoming, current LSC-PA students were invited to apply to become one of two Seahawk Superstar Scholars, who will receive scholarships and other recognition.

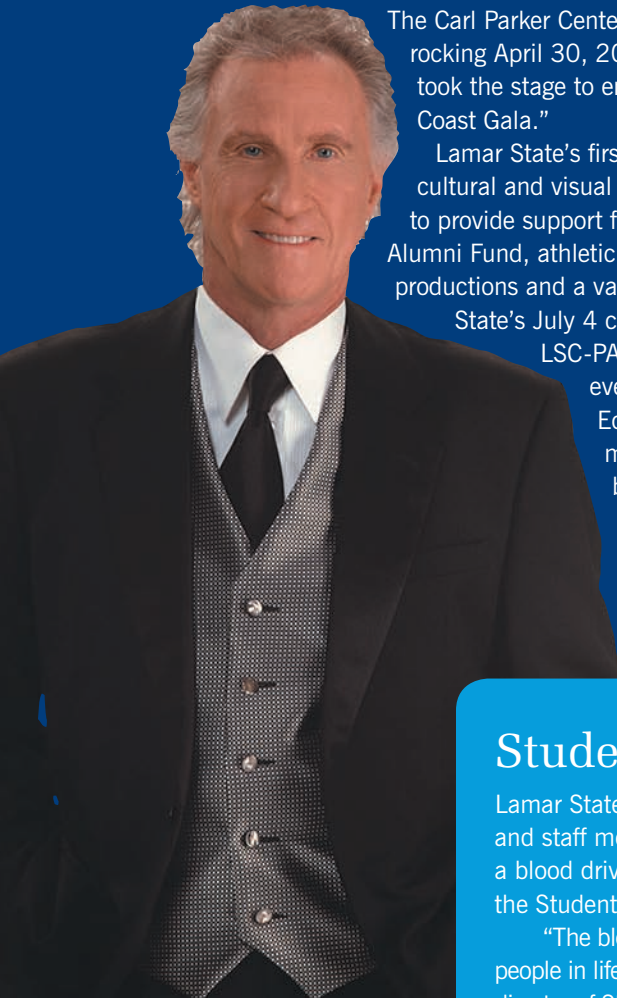
"This is a new event we're introducing to recognize outstanding Lamar State students," said Claire Thomason, director of Student Activities at the college. "The contest does

involve an election, but it's more than a popularity contest. There are several other criteria the judges will consider beyond the election results, including an essay the contestants will write and participation in creating posters for the annual food drive."

Candidates also must attend one event during Homecoming Week in addition to the Nov. 19 Homecoming Game.

The Superstar Scholars were invited to represent the college at various events during the school year, including riding on the Seahawk float in parades.

### Soul Singer Bill Medley Headlined 8th Annual 'Gulf Coast Gala'



The Carl Parker Center at Lamar State College-Port Arthur was rocking April 30, 2011 when legendary soul singer Bill Medley took the stage to entertain patrons of the eighth annual "Gulf Coast Gala."

Lamar State's first gala was developed in 2004 to benefit cultural and visual arts at the Museum of the Gulf Coast, and to provide support for the college's "Discovery" youth program, Alumni Fund, athletic scholarships, musical and theatrical productions and a variety of special projects, such as Lamar State's July 4 celebration and the Regional Citizen Bee.

LSC-PA president Dr. Sam Monroe said the event, co-sponsored by the Port Arthur Higher Education Foundation, provides support for many programs that "enhance career potential, broaden intellectual horizons and enrich the quality of life for people in the area."

The event included dinner followed by the entertainment.

### Students Donate Blood

Lamar State College-Port Arthur students, faculty and staff members donated 45 pints of blood during a blood drive sponsored by the Student Activities and the Student Government Association.

"The blood donated during this drive will help people in life-or-death situations," said Claire Thomason, director of Student Activities for the college.

### Beaumont Central HS Student Wins Regional Citizen Bee

Jessica Lavodor, a junior at Central Medical Magnet High School in Beaumont, took first place in the 21st annual Regional Citizen Bee at Lamar State College-Port Arthur, which included students from 14 public and private high schools. She also took a first-place finish at the state level of competition in Austin.

Griffin Gibson, a sophomore at Acorns to Oaks Academy in Damon, captured second place but later claimed a first place finish at the state level.

Nederland sophomore Ariana Akbari was third locally; Port Neches-Groves junior Carl McClain was fourth.

Honorable Mention went to Joseph Sigur from Monsignor Kelly Catholic High School in Beaumont.

Students compete individually in the Citizen Bee, which is a test of their knowledge of the U.S. Constitution and other important documents, people, issues, civic values and current events.

The event consists of one-hour private written examination, followed by oral questions in a public forum on the stage of the LSC-PA Performing Arts Center theater.

All of the questions and answers were available in the on-line study guide provided by the Bill of Rights Institute.



# First United Methodist Church sets up Scholarship Fund

Current and future students at Lamar State College-Port Arthur will benefit from a \$51,000 gift to the college from First United Methodist Church in the name of late PA resident Mary Skeff Schlesinger and her husband, A.W. Schlesinger, the founder of Schlesinger Geriatrics Center in Beaumont.

Mary Schlesinger died in 1992 at the age of 100. Her will designated that the church use the money to provide scholarships.

FUMC pastor Rev. Christie Hale said the membership of the church recently voted to donate the money to the college.

"The decision to endow the Mary Skeff Schlesinger and A.W. Schlesinger Scholarship Fund received a favorable vote

at the church's annual conference," Hale said. "We are comfortable knowing that through Lamar State College-Port Arthur, Mrs. Schlesinger's wishes will be honored in perpetuity."

First United Methodist Church's connection with Lamar State College-Port Arthur goes back to the college's beginning as Port Arthur College. The church originally was located in what now is the Ruby Fuller Building on the college campus.

Schlesinger's will stipulated that the scholarships should be awarded to Texas residents on the basis of financial need.

LSC-PA President Dr. Sam Monroe said, "We are grateful to First United Methodist Church for endowing this



From left, are LSC-PA Liberal Arts Department chair Dr. Barbara Huval, FUMC pastor Rev. Christie Hale, church member Walter Breaux and LSC-PA president Dr. Sam Monroe.

scholarship fund. It will be a fitting tribute to Mary and A.W. Schlesinger, who were great citizens of this community, successful business people and very generous philanthropists during their lifetimes."

**Annual Food Drive for Charities** Lamar State College-Port Arthur students, faculty and staff collected cans of non-perishable food for the college's annual food drive, which is sponsored by the Student Government Association and Student Services. Food collected during the drive, which ran November 1-19, 2010, was donated to area charities. Those charities included the United Board of Missions, the Port Arthur Rescue Mission, the Salvation Army and the Hospitality Center on Gulfway Drive.

## LSC-PA Lecture Series Features Wildlife Expert Jack Hanna



The March 22 Distinguished Lecture Series presentation at Lamar State College-Port Arthur featured Jack Hanna, one of America's most beloved naturalists and adventurers.

Jack Hanna is best known as the host of the hit television series *Jack Hanna's Animal Adventures*. Decades of television viewers also know him as a regular guest on shows such as *Good Morning America*, *The Late Show with David Letterman* and *The Maury Povich Show*.

Hanna grew up in Nashville, Tenn., and always had an interest in animals.

After majoring in business in college, Hanna and his wife, Suzi, started a pet shop and a petting zoo. He also worked for a wildlife adventure company and directed a small Florida zoo.

Hanna started getting national attention after he moved in 1978 to Columbus, Ohio, to be the director of the rundown Columbus Zoo, which he transformed into a model facility.

Hanna's 1989 biography, *Monkeys on the Interstate*, became a best-seller. He followed it with other books, such as *Let's Go to the Petting Zoo with Jungle Jack*, *What Do Zoo-Keepers Do* and *Jungle Jack Hanna's Safari Adventure*.

The natural progression for someone with Hanna's knowledge of animals and the wild, along with his media popularity, was to have his own show, *Jack Hanna's Animal Adventures*, which now reaches 95 percent of U.S. television households every weekend.

MONTGOMER PARK  
PHI THETA KAPPA  
ALPHA LAMBDA RHO

## Community Interaction



## Honor Society will 'Adopt' City Park

The Lamar State College-Port Arthur chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for students at two-year colleges, officially "adopted" Montgomery Park in Port Arthur on Oct. 25, 2010.

Members of the Alpha Lambda Rho chapter joined college and city officials for a ribbon cutting at the park, which is located on Atlanta Avenue, between 6th and 7th streets.

Faculty advisor Barbara Huval said the student club started planning the adoption during the 2010 spring semester.

"Marilyn Dartest, our immediate past-president, had the original idea and started working with the city to set up the adoption," Huval said.

Phi Theta Kappa members plan to repair and paint the picnic table, and pick up trash in the park, which is close to the Port Cities Rescue Mission.

"This is part of the club's on-going community service. We want the park to be well-maintained for children and families to use," Huval said. "In the future, the club may sponsor picnics for children who are at the mission."

## Petry Family adds to Scholarship Fund

Port Arthur businessman Roosevelt Petry Jr. and his wife, Marlene, a registered nurse, continue to demonstrate their belief that education is an important key to success in life.

In November 2007, the couple donated \$5,000 to Lamar State College-Port Arthur to set up an endowed scholarship for students who live in Port Arthur and intend to pursue a career in nursing or engineering.

The Petrys added \$5,000 to the scholarship fund in 2009 and recently made another \$5,000 donation.

Roosevelt Petry Jr. has a close connection to the college. He was Student Government Association president from 1995-96 and graduated in 1997 with an associate of arts degree. He later earned a bachelor's degree at Lamar University.

In a 1997 post to the college on-line guest-book, Petry wrote, "Thanks for the great start and the educational opportunities I received at Lamar State College-Port Arthur. I truly believe this college is a great place to start or earn a degree."

Petry said he and his wife created the scholarship fund "to help other people get the education that started my career in the right direction."



## Business Center Earns National Recognition

The Small Business Development Center at Lamar State College-Port Arthur received national re-accreditation through its connection with the University of Houston Small Business Development Center Network.

The 15-center network undergoes an accreditation examination every four years by the Association of Small Business Development Centers, which evaluates leadership, strategy development, customer and stakeholder focus, performance measurement, staffing and human resources, design and delivery of services and economic impact results.

The Lamar State College-PA SBDC provides no-cost, confidential management advice and affordable business skills training to entrepreneurs and small business owners in mid- and South Jefferson County.

## New 'Seahawks Athletics' website

Lamar State College-Port Arthur has a new website for Seahawks Athletics to provide better coverage and connection to its intercollegiate men's basketball and women's softball programs.

One of the features of the new website [athletics.lamarpa.edu](http://athletics.lamarpa.edu), is a live video feed.

Lamar State athletic director Scott Street said, "This is a vastly improved update of our previous pages on the college website. It really will help Seahawks fans follow our teams, and it lets them see the corporate sponsors that support Lamar State athletic teams."



## LSC-PA Lecture Series Features Author Jeannette Walls

Journalist and best-selling author Jeannette Walls was the speaker in the Oct. 21, 2010 Distinguished Lecture Series at Lamar State College-Port Arthur.

Walls' first book, the powerful memoir *The Glass Castle*, which has been on the New York Times Best-Seller list for more than three years, sold more than one million copies and was named one of the "Top 10 Books of the Decade" by Amazon.com.

The book is a moving account of Walls' life growing up in extreme poverty with three siblings and brilliant but unorthodox and irresponsible parents. It chronicles the family's travels from the deserts of the Southwest to the mountains of West Virginia to her parents' homelessness in New York City.

Walls' second book, *Half-Broke Horses: A True Life Novel*, was published in October 2009 and quickly made best-seller lists across the country.

Today, Walls is working on her next book while, at the same time, Paramount Pictures is developing a major motion picture about her life.

Distinguished Lecture Series presentations are free and open to the public.



## The Museum of the Gulf Coast had Another Eventful Year in 2010

The Museum hosted an impressive calendar of exhibits and associated events, drawing more than 13,000 local, national and international visitors to our site.

This challenge would not have been possible without the continued support of Lamar State College – Port Arthur and the City of Port Arthur as well as the Port Arthur Historical Society Board of Directors, members and loyal volunteers.

In all, volunteers donated 5,343 hours of their time to the continuous operation of the Museum and its mission at a value of \$114,073. Many thanks also go to the Port Arthur Convention and Visitors Bureau, the Southeast Texas Arts Council and a variety of television and print media for their support of tourism in the region.

The Museum staff, students and volunteers worked diligently to preserve, display, and interpret regional history and culture with an impressive array of exhibitions, educational programs, promotional endeavors and collections projects.

The Museum displays a wide range of exhibits which interpret the heritage of the Gulf Coast including history, natural history, fine and decorative art and popular culture. Highlights include the largest indoor mural in the Southwest depicting the history of the region from prehistory to the discovery of oil at Spindletop. Also featured are the original fresnel lens of the Sabine Banks lighthouse and two galleries devoted to notable musicians and athletes.

In 2010, the Museum hosted 11 temporary exhibitions including five major exhibitions in the Dunn Gallery and six smaller displays in the Museum foyer as well as a variety of special programs and events inspired by our wide scope of exhibits.

The Museum's educational outreach continued to enrich the community with an impressive attendance of more than 3,500. In addition, the Museum continued to serve as an archival resource for various academic, private and commercial researchers, publishers and media outlets.



## Symphony Club Gives Scholarship



Elora Michel and Mavis Triebel

The Port Arthur Symphony Club, an affiliate of the Federated Women's Clubs, presented a \$500 scholarship to Elora Michel. Elora Michel is a vocal performance major in the Commercial Music Department at Lamar State College-Port Arthur who is to graduate in the fall of 2011. She presented vocal selections at the Department Club of Port Arthur at its meeting at Rose Hill. The president of the Symphony Club, Carolyn Martinez, made the presentation.

Mavis Triebel, Scholarship Chairman of the Symphony Club, met with Dr. Kristel Kemmerer, Commercial Music Department Chair, in the selection of Elora for this scholarship. Jill Kares, instructor of vocal majors, accompanied Elora in her presentation.

The club has given a scholarship annually to a full-time female student at LSC-PA. If you are interested in joining The Port Arthur Symphony Club, contact Mavis Triebel [mavis.triebel@lamarpa.edu](mailto:mavis.triebel@lamarpa.edu)

## Total Refinery Adds \$70,000 to Scholarship Fund

Current and future students at Lamar State College-Port Arthur will continue to benefit from an endowed scholarship fund created with \$30,000 in 2009 by Total Petrochemical's Port Arthur refinery to honor the refinery's ongoing \$2 billion expansion project.

Total added to the fund Oct. 15, 2010 when Total-PA spokesperson Pat Avery presented a check for an additional \$30,000 to LSC-PA president Dr. Sam Monroe.

"Total added \$20,000 in January 2011 and another \$20,000 in May 2011 for a total scholarship fund of \$100,000." "The company intends to make further contributions in the future to help students pursue an education at Lamar State College-Port Arthur," Avery said.

"We certainly appreciate this very generous gift from Total. It will help students both now and far into the future," Monroe said.



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The U.S. Department of Education

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The Texas Department of State Health Services

The Texas Youth Commission

The Texas Workforce Commission

The Texas Health & Human Services Commission

The Texas Department of Licensing & Regulation

The Texas Department of Family & Protective Services

The Texas Board of Nursing

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