

LAMAR STATE COLLEGE-PORT ARTHUR

REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY 2011- 2012





SAM MONROE

President

The 2011-2012 year was an active one in the life of Lamar State College-Port Arthur. The enrollment (including regular credit, co-enrollment, on-line and inmate instruction) totaled 2,773 in the fall and 3,566 in the spring. Students began using the newly opened Student Success Center for classes, testing, and tutorial services.

Campus committees composed of faculty and staff made final preparations for a visiting committee review of the College in October as part of the accreditation re-affirmation process through the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, Commission on Colleges.

The on-line nursing program continued to expand with clinical facilities becoming available throughout Texas, and enrollment representing nearly 75 counties state-wide.

The campus celebrated its first Piper Professor Award as government instructor Mavis Triebel received this highly coveted state-wide award.

In partnership with the City of Port Arthur, new street lighting was installed in an eight block area along Procter from Augusta Avenue to Lake Charles Avenue and overhead lines came down this fall.

The men's basketball team and women's softball team both had winning seasons as the campus welcomed a new basketball head coach, Lance Madison.

The year saw a number of celebrities on campus for various functions including Jamaal Charles of the Kansas City Chiefs serving as Parade Marshal for the Mardi Gras Grand Parade; "Dancing With the Star's" winner, J. R. Martinez, as part of the Distinguished Lecture Series; the Gulf Coast Gala featured Frankie Avalon; the Commercial Music Department welcomed guest lecturer singer/songwriter Dickey Lee; and the Board of Regents of the Texas State University System, Chancellor, and Presidents of member institutions were on campus and were entertained by C. J. Chenier and the Red Hot Louisiana Band.

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.

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.
- Provide students with personal attention in a broad range of student service activities.
- Provide educational opportunities to meet the needs of employers in our Southeast 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.

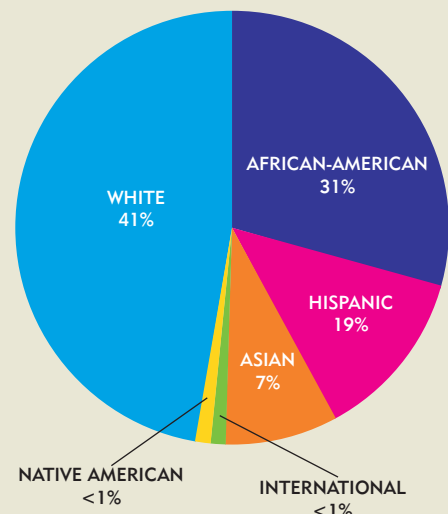
COLLEGE PROFILE 2011-2012

	FALL 2011	SPRING 2012
Enrollment	2,169	2,423
Academic Majors	1,242	1,185
Technical Majors	927	1,238
Full-Time Students	1,070	963
Part-Time Students	1,099	1,460
In-State Students	2,129	2,388
Out-of-State Students	33	29
	FALL 2011	SPRING 2012
Foreign Students	7	6
Average Age	25	27
Male	684	731
Female	1,485	1,692
Faculty-to-Student Ratio	14:1	15:1
Degrees Awarded	77	177
Certificates Awarded	107	31

2011 Source: Certified CBM001 & in-house reports
Degrees & Certificates awarded are from the Fall 2011 graduation only.
Note: Academic majors consist of academic declared & undeclared (1,130 & 112) respectively.
Technical majors consist of technical declared & tech prep declared (489 & 438) respectively.

2012 Source: Certified CBM001 & in-house reports
Degrees & Certificates awarded are from the Spring 2012 graduation only.
Note: Academic majors consist of academic declared & undeclared (1,111 & 74) respectively.
Technical majors consist of technical declared & tech prep declared (841 & 397) respectively.

STUDENT ETHNICITY 2011-2012



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.

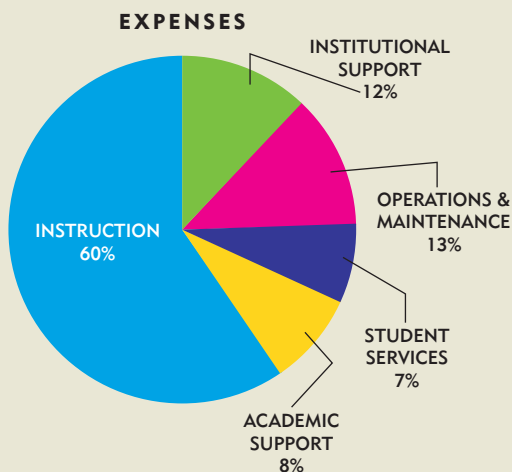
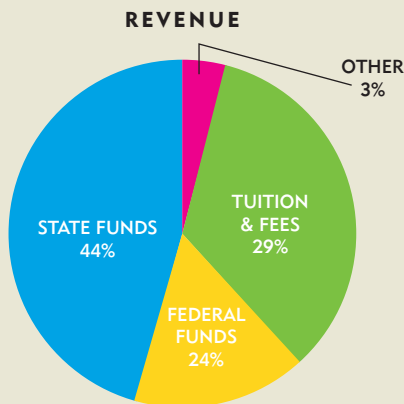
Lamar State College-Port Arthur embraces the premise that education is an on-going process that enhances career potential, broadens intellectual horizons and enriches life. The faculty, staff and administration share a commitment to a mission characterized by student learning, diversity and community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

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.



DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION

You only get one chance at a first impression and now, Lamar State College-Port Arthur is even more ready to impress than in years past.

In an ongoing effort to revitalize downtown Port Arthur, Lamar State College-Port Arthur, in tandem with Entergy Texas, cleaned the look of the campus along Procter Street as a project to move overhead power lines underground was completed in the Fall of 2012.

A pet project of LSC-PA President Dr. Sam Monroe, he was on hand to witness the removal of power lines and poles in front of the Madison Monroe Building in September. As the poles came down, one by one, the transformation was immediate.

The Downtown Improvement Program was undertaken by the City of Port Arthur and the Port Arthur Economic Development Corporation in 2009 and Lamar State has been an ardent supporter of the efforts to help return downtown to the splendor it once enjoyed.

Like a beacon shining from the abyss, Lamar State College has prided itself in its refined vision of what a college campus should represent. From its palm trees and trimmed hedges to buildings crafted to represent the strength of the college in the community, Lamar State has worked as a frontrunner in the revitalization of Procter Street and the downtown area of Port Arthur.





Dr. Sam Monroe, President of LSC-PA, right, and Tom Neal, Vice President for Student Services, left, join members of the Student Government Association and the campus Information Technology Department, for a grand opening ribbon cutting. Jaciel Lozoya, President of the SGA, cuts the ribbon, marking the opening of the new game room in the Student Center.

Get Your Game On

Earning a college degree is certainly not all fun and games ... but it just got a bit more entertaining at Lamar State College-Port Arthur.

The college held a grand opening ribbon cutting for its expanded and improved game room facility, located on the second floor of the Student Center, right in the middle of the campus.

The expansion was the brain child of Samir Ghorayeb, Director of Information Technology at Lamar State. "We saw this as an opportunity to give our students an enjoyable place to go and relax between classes," he said. "This gives our students a nice place to socialize and make friends that will last a lifetime."

The game room, located in a commons area on the second floor of the Student Center, had become a bit worn with a few pool tables that few students even knew about. After the ribbon cutting in late August, students found video games and pool tables that had been rejuvenated with new blue felt, in the spirit of the Seahawks' colors, blue and white.

The room features two wall-sized video display areas where students can play Playstation III games or Xbox 360 titles. On any given day, you can find students killing aliens, dancing with on-screen characters or running across the field of play as soccer, football or basketball players.

"We wanted this area to be as welcoming as possible and to provide students a chance to decompress and enjoy the on-campus life here at Lamar State," said Ghorayeb. "I think we accomplished that with our new game room."

The Student Activities Office oversees the use of the game room and helped decorate the facility with banners, murals and photos that enhance the school's Seahawks spirit.



Tobacco-Free Campus

In 2005, there were just 18 tobacco-free colleges in the United States. As of Jan. 2, 2012, there were 648.

As of June 1, Lamar State College-Port Arthur, along with other Texas State University System schools like Lamar University and Lamar State College-Orange, will become tobacco-free.



The tobacco-free movement by colleges and universities across the U.S. started in Southeast Texas when Lamar Institute of Technology initiated the policy on Jan. 1. LIT joined 17 other Texas colleges and universities to undertake the new policy forbidding the use of tobacco on campus property, in buildings or institution-owned vehicles.

According to the American Lung Association, more than 392,000 people die from tobacco-caused disease each year, making it the leading cause of preventable death. Another 50,000 people die from exposure to secondhand smoke.

"One of our primary concerns each day is the safety of our students, faculty and staff," said Tom Neal, Vice President for Student Services at LSC-PA. "This new policy has been sent down by The Texas State University System and impacts all campuses under the umbrella of that governing body. At the same time, this also speaks to our commitment to the safety and health of those who spend time at our campus."

A survey of students at Lamar State College-Port Arthur revealed an overwhelming support for a tobacco-free campus.

Students, faculty and staff will be informed of the policy change through campus announcements and posting of signs throughout the college grounds. A policy determined by each campus is also in place to enforce the no-tobacco policy. Administrative or disciplinary policies and procedures have been put in place to deal with non-compliance.

"This is a policy meant to improve the quality of life on campus," Neal said. "We are respectfully asking for cooperation from all those who call Lamar State College-Port Arthur their home away from home."



Entergy Texas Customer Service Representative Dan Williams, right, presents a rebate check to Lamar State Director of Physical Plant Operations Steve Arnold.

Entergy Texas Incentive

Lamar State College-Port Arthur has for many years worked to conserve resources in various ways. Most recently, the college installed energy-saving lighting and replaced an air-conditioning system cooler to best maximize the energy efficiency on campus.

Those efforts did not go unnoticed. Entergy Texas, Inc., presented an incentive check to Lamar State in the amount of \$23,906.

According to Entergy Texas, the incentive check is intended to help motivate energy efficiency upgrades within the college while also representing a fraction of what the total energy savings will be from those improvements.

Beyond the financial benefits of energy efficiency, the CitySmart Program helps Entergy Texas consumers improve the comfort and productivity of buildings, generate positive publicity within the community and help reduce the ecological and community impact of facility operations.

"This does a great deal in reducing greenhouse gases that affect the world around us," said Steve Arnold, Director of Lamar State's Physical Plant operations. "The changes that have been made here will impact the college and the community in a positive way financially as well as ecologically."

Every building on campus received upgraded lighting, but the main impact on the energy usage by the campus is the retrofit project of the central chilled water plant that cools a great portion of the campus. That single project represented an incentive amount of \$16,540 from Entergy Texas.

"The investment the college made in improving the chiller system and the lighting on campus will be repaid over time as we see increased savings in our energy costs," Arnold said.

Online Classes Anywhere, Anytime

As technology improves and expands, Lamar State College gets its running shoes on to keep up with the latest and greatest innovations.

The most recent of those improvements is the expansion of its online offerings to students who can take classes anywhere, any time and with the same outcome as any traditional college student can expect – a college degree.

Among the most popular additions is an online nursing program that allows students to elevate their certification from licensed vocational nurse to registered nurse, almost completely online.

"That's a new experience for this college," Lamar State President Dr. Sam Monroe said. "This online program takes away the barriers. These people are place-bound, so instead of bringing them here for instructions, we

take the instruction to them."

As of Fall 2012, more than 700 students were enrolled in the online nursing program offered to people across the state. The college has agreements with teaching hospitals in various cities across the state so students can do their coursework online and still get hands-on experience.

The college continues to consider expansion of its online offerings, expecting by 2013 to provide classes in business administration, criminal justice and the core academic curriculum.

"This is a wonderful opportunity for students who work fulltime or for parents at home with children fulltime," said Dr. Monroe. "When you can take classes at home on your computer, it opens up a whole new chance for improvement for that person."

Dr. Laura Stafford presents a finished copy of LSC-PA's SACS report to President Dr. Sam Monroe during a celebration ceremony in early 2012. The SACS report outlines the improvements that have been made or are planned to be made on campus.



SACS Report Three years' worth of work and research was culminated in a cake-and-punch party when the College's SACS Report final draft was delivered to President Sam Monroe.

Lamar State is seeking reaffirmation of accreditation from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges, which is the regional body for the accreditation of degree-granting higher education institutions in the Southern states. The Commission's mission is the enhancement of educational quality throughout the region and it strives to improve the effectiveness of institutions by ensuring that institutions meet standards established by the higher education community that address the needs of society and students.

The celebration was enjoyed by various members of the faculty and staff who served on the Compliance Committee.

New Men's Basketball Coach

Lance Madison is the Seahawks' new basketball coach after accepting the position offered by Lamar State College-Port Arthur Athletic Director Scott Street on Saturday, May 12.

Madison left Oklahoma City University where he served one year as assistant coach for the OCU Stars, members of the Sooners Athletic Conference in the NAIA Division I. This past season, the Stars finished with a 12-15 record, falling to national runner-up Oklahoma Baptist University in overtime in the Sooners Conference tournament.

He made his way to OCU after two seasons as men's basketball assistant coach at Hutchinson, Kan., for Steve Eck. The tradition-rich Blue Dragons finished 26-7, second place in regular-season league play and in the NJCAA Region VI semifinals in 2010-11. During Madison's first season in Hutchinson, the Blue Dragons were 27-6 with another second-place showing and semifinal finish.

Prior to Hutchinson, Madison spent two seasons at Cowley County, Kan. In two seasons at Cowley, Madison's record was 60-8, including a school-record 31 victories in 2007-08. Cowley won a pair of Jayhawk Conference East championships and appeared in two Region VI championship games.

Before Cowley, Madison was at the University of Texas-Pan American, an NCAA Division I program. During the 2006-07 season, Madison helped the Broncs improve from six wins in the previous season to 14 wins. The eight-win improvement was the biggest turnaround in the state of Texas for college basketball.

During 2005-06, Madison served on the coaching staff at the University of Texas at San Antonio. With the Roadrunners, he served as the recruiting coordinator of junior-college prospects

from the states of Kansas, Oklahoma, Missouri, Illinois and Iowa. In his lone season at UTSA, Madison helped the Roadrunners win the Southland Conference Tournament.



Prior to coaching at UTSA, Madison served three seasons as an associate head coach with Eck at Redlands Community College in El Reno, Okla. Madison helped the Cougars post a stellar 94-9 record in his three seasons with the program. Redlands advanced to the 2004 NJCAA Division I national championship game.

During his time at Redlands, he helped the program capture a trio of Bi-State West Conference Championships along with a pair of NJCAA Tournament appearances and Region II crowns.

Madison spent five seasons at Olney Central (Ill.), an NCAA Division II program, from 1996-2002 where he served as an assistant men's basketball coach. The Knights posted 20 or more wins all five seasons. He also guided the softball program.

He began his coaching career at Vincennes (Ind.), an NJCAA Division II program, during the 1992-93 season.

During his playing career, Madison was at Vincennes for two seasons, leading the team to an NJCAA Tournament appearance as a sophomore. He later transferred to Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis, where he was a two-year letter winner and team captain as a senior.

Setting School Records

At the start of the 2011-2012 men's basketball season at Lamar State College-Port Arthur, there were plenty more questions than answers.

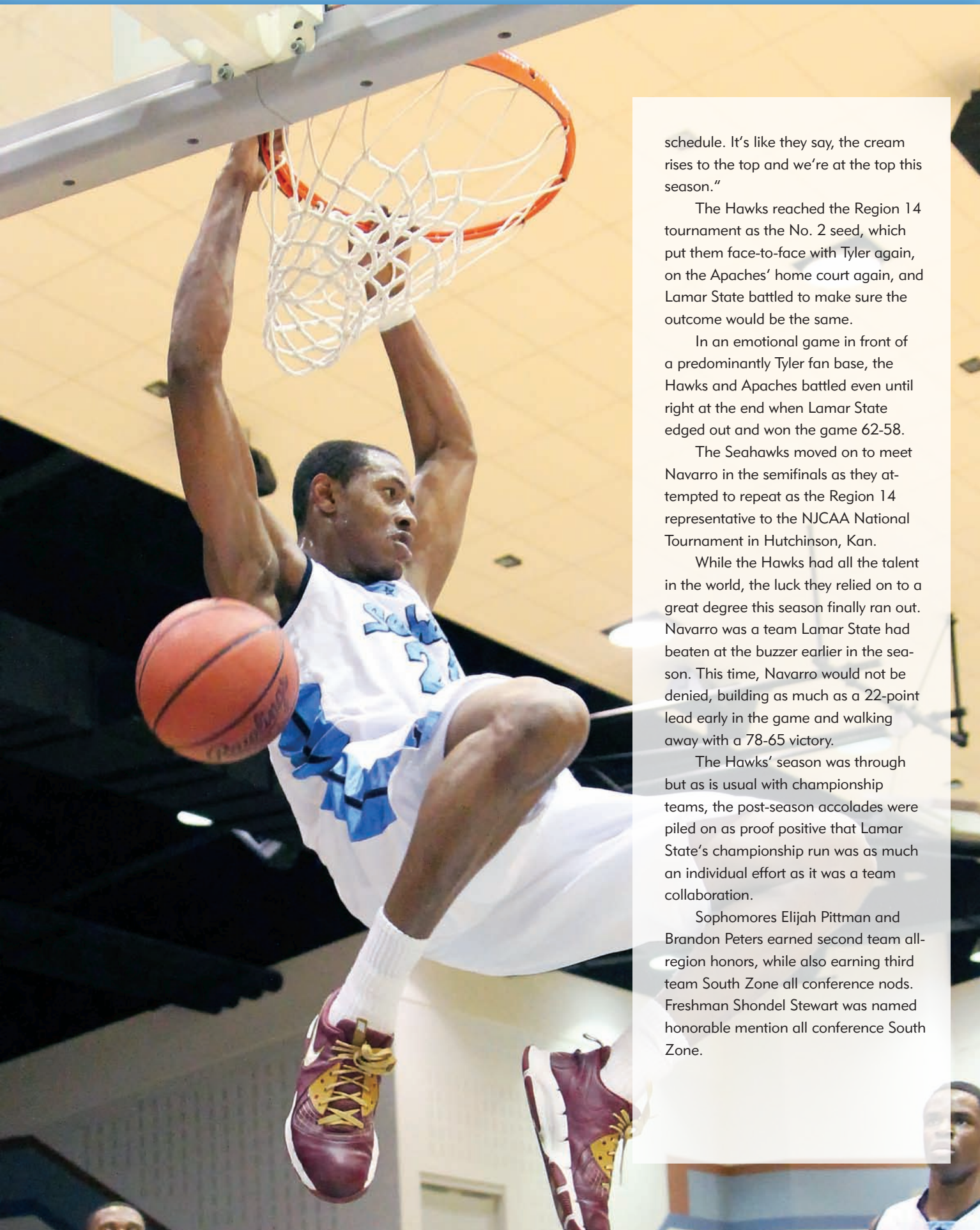
But as the season unfolded, a group of individual stars melded into a core team that led the college to yet another championship banner, earning the NJCAA Region 14 regular season championship for the first time in school history.

The Seahawks provided a constant flair for the dramatic, winning several of their late-season games by a point here and a point there. As the final game of the regular season arrived, a tilt against Tyler College, the Hawks found their backs to the wall as they sought another championship ring.

Beating the Apaches in Tyler with a championship on the line was a daunting task and the difficulty of that effort was seen in a 14-point deficit in the first half of that game. Even as the game wore on into the second half, Lamar State struggled, trailing by double-figures late.

But, as was the trend throughout the season, the Hawks managed an 11-0 run to retake the lead and held on for a 70-66 win and a share of the Region 14 championship with Paris College.

"To win back-to-back championships and to do that here in Tyler is really magical," former coach Matt Cross said. "To win the tournament last year was a huge thing for the program and the college. Winning the regular season championship is really more difficult because you have to play a 19-game



schedule. It's like they say, the cream rises to the top and we're at the top this season."

The Hawks reached the Region 14 tournament as the No. 2 seed, which put them face-to-face with Tyler again, on the Apaches' home court again, and Lamar State battled to make sure the outcome would be the same.

In an emotional game in front of a predominantly Tyler fan base, the Hawks and Apaches battled even until right at the end when Lamar State edged out and won the game 62-58.

The Seahawks moved on to meet Navarro in the semifinals as they attempted to repeat as the Region 14 representative to the NJCAA National Tournament in Hutchinson, Kan.

While the Hawks had all the talent in the world, the luck they relied on to a great degree this season finally ran out. Navarro was a team Lamar State had beaten at the buzzer earlier in the season. This time, Navarro would not be denied, building as much as a 22-point lead early in the game and walking away with a 78-65 victory.

The Hawks' season was through but as is usual with championship teams, the post-season accolades were piled on as proof positive that Lamar State's championship run was as much an individual effort as it was a team collaboration.

Sophomores Elijah Pittman and Brandon Peters earned second team all-region honors, while also earning third team South Zone all conference nods. Freshman Shondel Stewart was named honorable mention all conference South Zone.

Best Season Ever

For several seasons, the Lamar State College-Port Arthur softball team has been on the verge of a breakout season.

During the 2011-2012 campaign, it finally happened.

The Seahawks set several individual player records during the season but, more important, blew apart the previous mark of "most wins in a season" by compiling a 30-win run that fell just one win short of the school's first-ever postseason appearance.

The Seahawks, who finished the year 30-25, utilized a strong field of freshmen and an experienced cast of sophomores, including several transfers, to take the program to its highest level of performance. Leading the way was Region 14 All-Region outfielder Mallory Koschany.

Koschany, a graduate of Katy Taylor High School, transferred to Lamar State for her sophomore season from Sterling College in Kansas. She, along with three other Seahawks softball players, were named to the All-Conference team in the Region 14 South Zone. Koschany was the only Lamar State player selected to the coveted All-Region team, which included players from both the South and East Zones of Region 14, and was named to the First Team All-South Zone Team.

In her brief time at LSC-PA, Koschany set a new single-season school record for stolen bases with 68 out of 72 attempts. That breaks the mark of 31 set in 2008. Koschany also holds the school records for conference



Sophomore Mallory Koschany set several new school records during her one season at Lamar State.



stolen bases in a season with 26 out of 27 attempts.

Koschany was a fixture in centerfield with her success coming in her explosive jump on fly-ball offerings, the same thing that made her such a threat on the base paths this season.

"Mallory is a gifted athlete and one of the quickest on the bases I've ever coached," Lamar State Head Coach Vance Edwards said. "We were fortunate to have her here. She did everything we knew she could do."

Koschany led the Seahawks with a .444 batting average with five triples, 24 walks and 52 runs scored. She has signed to play for Lubbock Christian University next season.

Earning Second Team South Zone from Lamar State were sophomore Valerie Brown, and freshmen Melinda Leday and Allison Angelle. Leday and Angelle are among four returning starters from the 2011-12 squad.

Brown, who was honorable mention all-conference a year ago, played catcher for the Seahawks during her sophomore season. She finished the year hitting .312 with two homeruns and six doubles. She owned a .959 fielding percentage over 49 games played in 2012.

Melinda Leday, a graduate of Beaumont Ozen High School who stepped in at shortstop for the Hawks, finished the year as the team's walks leader with 29 bases on balls, a new school record. She hit .315 for the season with 12 doubles and two triples, picking up 25 RBI for the year.

Bridge City product Allison Angelle hit .327 for the Hawks this season with 11 doubles and six triples to go with five home runs. Angelle played first base for the Hawks.



Fall 2012 Welcome Week Pep Rally



Fall 2012 Orientation

SGA Officers Inducted

Jaciel Lozoya of Port Neches was inducted as the Student Government Association president at Lamar State College-Port Arthur during a ceremony at Novrozsky's Restaurant in Nederland.

Also picked during the two-day SGA elections were Vice President Shelbi Pellegrin, Secretary Binh Vo, and Senators Maria Mendoza and Ingrid Chicas.

Lozoya is a business administration major, while Pellegrin is a studio art major from Port Neches, and Vo is a medical office administration major from Port Arthur. Chicas is a business administration major and Mendoza a teaching major and both are from Port Arthur.

SGA is the official voice of student opinion in the overall policies and decision-making process of the college, said Student Activities Director Claire Thomason, who advises the legislative body.

SGA officers must have at least a 2.5 grade-point-average, be a full-time student (at least 12 course hours with at least nine of those hours on the LSC-PA campus), not be serving a sentence for a felony, not be on campus disciplinary probation and not owe any money to the college.

Each student organization officially recognized by the college sends a senator to SGA meetings on the second and fourth Monday of each month.

The group also spearheads the efforts to keep campus life active with festivals and other special events during the school year.



Outgoing SGA President Brandy Bill, left, inducts incoming President Jaciel Lozoya



Oliver!

If the 2003 production of *Oliver!* left you crying out for “MORE!,” then this past July, audiences got their wish.

Director Keith Cockrell revisited the classic musical for the Lamar State College-Port Arthur/Port Arthur Little Theatre summer musical.

Oliver! is based on the Charles Dickens novel *Oliver Twist*, written in 1838. The Lionel Bart musical is a fan favorite and

with this being the 200th anniversary of Charles Dickens birth, it was the perfect time to revive the show, Cockrell said.

“The characters are the most marvelous characters,” he said. “The Artful Dodger may be my most favorite character in all of literature. There’s Nancy and Bill Sikes, and, of course, Fagin.

“Also, the music is just wonderful. I don’t think Lionel Bart ever wrote another

musical, but it’s great — clever lyrics, wonderful melodies, songs that advance the show — it is so well done and so clever.”

After the success of last year’s production of *The Wizard of Oz*, Cockrell wanted another opportunity to work with the children.

“I had so much fun working with the kids in *The Wizard of Oz* that I thought, ‘I want them to keep going,’” he said. “That’s really why I am doing it. The kids really wanted to do another show and I thought, ‘I’ve done all the kids musicals,’ and if you do *Annie* you don’t really have any space for the little boys. There just aren’t that many shows with a lot of great kids.”

Cockrell said he didn’t want a show where the kids just parade across the stage for a few seconds.

“I want them to have something to do,” he said. “And in ‘*Oliver!*’ they have two or three songs and they are vital to the plot.”

The musical features such classic songs as *Where is Love*, *Consider Yourself*, *You’ve Got to Pick a Pocket or Two*, *Oom-Pah-Pah*, *I’d Do Anything*,” and many others.

Kiss Me Kate



Actors were busy learning their lines and set builders and costume designers scurried around behind the scenes as Lamar State College-Port Arthur undertook its most ambitious Fall theater presentation ever with the play *Kiss Me Kate*.

“This was the most ambitious production we had ever mounted in the Fall semester,” said Keith Cockrell, Director of the Theater Program at LSC-PA.

The presentation ran in November at the Performing Arts Center.

Dr. Laura Stafford, Professor of Speech and Theater, was both the director/choreographer and scenic/costume designer. A point of particular pride for her and the Theater Department is that 11 of the college’s 16 theater majors participated in on-stage and backstage jobs for “*Kiss Me Kate*.”



The students, who were part of Acting I and Theater Practicum classes, contributed to both costume and set construction as part of the learning experience. Damon Gengo, Technical Director, and his student crew built an impressive set that wowed audiences.

Kiss Me Kate is Cole Porter’s classic tale of the fortunes of The Baltimore Players, who are performing a musical production of Shakespeare’s *Taming Of The Shrew*.

The basic concept is that of a “show within a show,” with the action moving between the performance of the *Shrew* itself and the backstage relationships between the

various actors and actresses.

Of course, what happens backstage directly influences what happens on the stage, with misunderstandings and arguments in the dressing rooms resulting in serious changes to the script during the performance itself.

Musical numbers include *Why Can’t You Behave*, *So In Love Am I*, *Wonderbar*, *Tom, Dick or Harry*, *Were Thine That Special Face*, *Too Darn Hot*, *Brush Up Your Shakespeare*, *I Hate Men*, *Always True to You (In My Fashion)* and *Another Op’nin, Another Show*.



Theater students find experience, opportunity at conference

To be the best at make believe, learning the tricks of the real world is the best training of all.

For a group of theater students at Lamar State College-Port Arthur this past February, the "reality" of theater they found at the Texas Educational Theater Association TheaterFest 2012 was more than they could have imagined.

A handful of Lamar State students sought the opportunity to audition for a four-year university or preparatory theater program. The reality is that only a select few get the opportunity to perform in front of even one or two of the 44 renowned theater programs that had gathered at this past weekend's conference.

Lamar State, as an Organizational Member with the TETA, is given access for one student to the myriad of universities and preparatory schools on site. Those schools are looking for their next generation of actors to perform in their programs.

Representing Lamar State was Port Neches-Groves HS graduate and LSC-PA sophomore Heather Rushing.

"They say if you get two or three call-backs for auditions you are doing well," said LSC-PA Theater Instructor Damon Gengo. "If you get five or six, that's unheard of."

Rushing was called back 12 times

with one special call-back for the New York Conservatory.

"It's where I want to go and I was so excited to be able to audition for them," Rushing said. The Conservatory had initially taken a pass on Rushing because representatives there thought she was only interested in musical theater.

"They were looking for someone who can sing but is interested in acting. They don't offer musical theater but, once they realized I interested in acting, even though I do both, they took a chance on me," she said.

As the sponsored representative of Lamar State, Rushing had an open invitation to audition with the various schools on site. That wasn't the case for the other students on the trip from Port Arthur.

That didn't stop a very determined group of actors, however.

At the end of the weekend, Dylan Kilday of Silsbee and Dylan Good of Nederland had talked their way into three auditions as they sought the next step in their theater careers.

"This is what we do. This is what we are all about," Good said. "For many of us, this is our personal therapy. Acting is how we cope with things in our real lives. It gives us a chance to escape into another world. Being in theater is incredible. I can't imagine doing anything else."

Lamar State's Theater Program is entering its third year and is still an Organizational Member of the TETA. The goal is for the school to become an Institutional Member of the organization, which will provide the opportunity to audition for three students. The trip this past weekend was made possible by fundraising efforts in the Theater Department as well as funding from the Student Services Division at Lamar State.

"I am extremely proud of how our students represented themselves at this conference," said Gengo. "If you aren't our designated representative, then you have to get out there and talk to people, rub elbows with those who can get you an audition. Our students got in there and earned the right to audition. They represented the college in a mature and professional way."

Other students making the trip were Michelle Caughlin, Joshua Cuccio and Nick Bishop, all of Port Neches, David Gillespie of Port Arthur and Hailey Molina of Nederland.

In addition to the opportunity for students to find the next step in their theater careers, Lamar State also was able to entice other theater organizations to consider Port Arthur and the school's Performing Arts Center as a location for future events.

"We made some great contacts on this trip," Gengo said. "We not only have the chance to attend other theater festivals in the future but there is an opportunity for us to bring a festival to the college where high school students from across the state will see our facilities and experience what our program has to offer."

Though Gengo has attended the TETA conference for the past 10 years, this is the second year for Lamar State students to take the trip, but only the first time an LSC-PA student was chosen to represent our campus in auditions, making their success that much more incredible.

"This conference is such a great experience because the students not only get the chance to see the open audition experience but they get to meet some great people in the theater world," said Gengo. "The contacts they made this weekend will go a long way in helping them in their careers in theater."

Triebel Earns Prestigious Piper Award



Mavis Triebel, who is celebrating her 25th year as an educator at Lamar State College-Port Arthur, has been awarded the prestigious Minnie Stevens Piper Foundation

Piper Professor recognition for 2012.

Triebel, a government professor in the Liberal Arts Department at Lamar State, is one of 10 across the state of Texas who earned the annual recognition that includes a gold pin and a \$5,000 honorarium. The award is among the most sought-after by college and university educators in the state of Texas. She was honored during a reception Wednesday at the Carl Parker Multipurpose Center with members of the Lamar State faculty and her family on hand.

The Piper Foundation, headquartered in San Antonio, was established in 1958 and annually recognizes 10 Texas professors for outstanding academic, scientific and scholarly achievement and dedication in the field of teaching. Each two- and four-year college and university may submit one nominee each year. A selection committee from the academic community reviews nominations and choose the professors to be honored.

"I've worked with at least five Piper Professors at two other colleges and know several others pretty well," Dr. Gary Stretcher, Vice President for Academic Affairs at Lamar State, said. "Each of those people truly possesses accomplishments and attributes that have set them apart. Mavis is no exception to that. Mavis has

never indicated an interest to be a department chair or dean. Teaching, working with students, and promoting this college are her passions."

Other schools with Piper Professors this year include the University of Houston, Texas A&M University, the University of Texas at Austin, Texas State University-San Marcos, the University of Texas-El Paso, Sam Houston State University, the University of Texas at San Antonio, McLennan Community College, and the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor.

Triebel has been active for many years as a member, officer and president of the campus faculty senate. She has served as president of the Texas State University System Council of Faculty Senates for eight years and vice president of the Texas Council of Faculty Senates.

Each of the past 16 years, she has spearheaded the Texas Citizen Bee contest and has, through that activity, raided more than \$80,000 to support the annual campus event.

Her record of community service and recognition includes; Board member and chair of the Regional Red Cross Chapter, Past president and member of the Port Arthur ISD Board of Trustees, Julie and Ben Rogers Community Service Award winner, President of the Symphony Club of Port



Arthur, Port Arthur News Woman of the Year, President of the Port Arthur ISD City PTA Council

"I know that students and department chairs hold her in the highest regard," Dr. Stretcher said. "She has received three Teaching Excellence Awards, two Faculty Merit Awards and seven Student Government Association Service Awards. She teaches days and evenings ... summer, spring and fall. She sponsors a student organization and is active with other groups. She has chaired every significant faculty committee on the campus."

Mavis and her husband, Walter Harry, a retired chemical engineer, have three daughters, three granddaughters and one great-granddaughter.

"I teach for the love of sharing and having a life that is fulfilled," she said. "Teaching is exciting, with every day new and a challenge. Students are a stimulant and allow me to grow mentally every day."

President Monroe Honored By Texas Governor

Governor Rick Perry has recognized Lamar State College-Port Arthur President Sam Monroe as the longest-serving president of a Texas higher education institution. Gov. Perry presented Dr. Monroe with a certificate of recognition.

Dr. Monroe was elected president of Port Arthur College by the Board of Trustees in 1974 and a year later proposed a merger between Port Arthur College and Lamar University to create Lamar University-Port Arthur. The merger was approved by both governing boards and funded by the Legislature in 1975. Dr. Monroe was named director of the campus and later dean, provost, and finally president. The institution was renamed Lamar State College-Port Arthur in 1999.

During his tenure at LSC-PA, Dr. Monroe has overseen the expansion and modernization of the 40-acre campus to include, most recently, a Student Success Center which houses the college's tutoring and developmental education programs.

Governor Perry's certificate of recognition reads, "Over your 38 years of leadership at Lamar State College-Port Arthur, you have helped thousands of students achieve their academic goals and discover a bright future for themselves and their families. Your commitment to education and service to the Port Arthur community will inspire those around you for many years to come."



Members of the Lamar State College-Port Arthur family, many of whom are past Rogers Community Service Award winners, join Janet Hamilton (front in red) for a photo after the 2011 ceremony.

Hamilton Wins Rogers Award

Janet Hamilton, an assistant professor with Allied Health at Lamar State College-Port Arthur, was one of four honored at a special reception for the 2011 Julie and Ben Rogers Community Service Award.

The Lamar University Foundation Inc. hosted a program and reception Wednesday, Nov. 30, to honor the four recipients.

Regina Rogers, representing the Rogers family, presented the awards during a program in the Dr. Richard L. Price Auditorium of the John Gray Center in Beaumont.

Aside from Hamilton, Rogers also presented awards to; **Antoinette Mays**, administrative assistant, Office of Alumni Affairs, Lamar University, **David Mosley**, institutional effectiveness and grants coordinator, Lamar Institute of Technology, **Jackie Spears**, director of business and technology, Lamar State College-Orange.

The Rogers family established the award in 1979 to encourage Lamar faculty and staff members to volunteer their services and talents to benefit the community. The Lamar University Foundation maintains an endowment that provides for the award.



Area High School Students Earn Drama Scholarships

Lamar State College-Port Arthur offered \$61,450 in scholarships to 84 area high school seniors who participated in UIL One-Act Play Contest at the college.

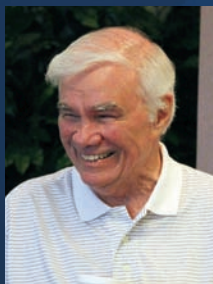
"In 2009, we started a two-year associate degree program in drama, and these scholarships will help the students who want to come to Lamar State," said Dr. Laura Stafford, who teaches in the program. "Students learn about all aspects of theatrical production from staging and scenery to lighting, sound and performance. In addition to staging a theater production each semester, they also may take courses in acting, voice and stagecraft."

Stafford said the scholarship amounts vary depending on placement in the UIL contest.

Rock & Roll Legend Dickey Lee Speaks

Legendary singer-songwriter Dickey Lee visited Lamar State to speak to students and followed that with a free concert.

Lee made his first recordings in his hometown of Memphis for Tampa Records and Sun Records in 1957-58. He achieved his first chart success in 1962, when his composition *She Thinks I Still Care* was a hit for George Jones. Later that year, *Patches*, recorded by Lee for Smash Records, rose to



No. 6. It sold over one million copies and was awarded a gold disc. Lee had a No. 14 hit in 1963 with *I Saw Linda Yesterday*. In 1965, he returned with *Laurie (Strange Things Happen)*.

He co-wrote the 1994 Tracy Byrd hit *The Keeper of the Stars*, and has written or co-written songs for a number of other prominent country artists, including George Strait, Charley Pride, and Reba McEntire. He was inducted into the Nashville Songwriters Hall of Fame in 1995. Lee is included as co-writer and singer on singer-songwriter Michael Saxell's 2005 album *Wonky Windmill* on the song *Two Men*.

Seahawk Scholars

Brandy Bill and **Juan Rodriguez** were named the 2011-12 Seahawk Scholars at LSC-PA. Each student will receive a \$600 scholarship for their efforts in winning this second annual campus competition which included participation in the campus food drive. Brandy and Juan are pictured with Claire Thomason, Director of Student Activities, and Tom Neal, Vice President for Student Services.

Providing Scholarships

The Port Arthur Higher Education Foundation, which administers endowed scholarship funds, two trust funds and the Port Arthur Industrial Scholarship funding for the college, provided \$306,800 for scholarships to more than 500 students during the 2011-12 academic year.

The non-profit foundation was created in 1973 to promote the arts, sciences and programs of Port Arthur College, the forerunner of Lamar State College-Port Arthur.

The foundation also helps the college acquire real estate in the campus master plan area. During the past year, the foundation purchased one parcel of land that was added to the campus.

The foundation-administered permanent endowment scholarship fund grew to more than \$4.5 million in the past year.

A 15-member board of directors

comprised of community and education leaders oversees the foundation. Officers include board chairman and president Jack Verret, vice chairman A. Morris Albright and secretary Floyd Marceaux.

The college receives applications for the foundation's scholarships, which may be awarded based on academic merit, financial need or both.

Students Earn Statewide Academic Honor

Two members of the Phi Theta Kappa honor society at LSC-PA were named to the All-Texas Academic Team.

Vicki Cleland-Day of Pasadena and **Dinh Vo** of Port Arthur represented Lamar State in Port Arthur and were honored at an awards ceremony recognizing this year's members of the All-Texas Academic Team.

Day was a member of the 2011-2012 Seahawks softball team and earned her associates of applied science degree at Lamar State. She carried a 4.0 grade point average and now attends Schreiner College in Kerrville where she is seeking a degree in veterinary medicine.

Vo, who graduated from Lamar State in December 2011 with an associate degree in fine arts, is planning to continue her pursuit of a bachelor's degree in fine arts.

Seventy-one honorees representing 44 community colleges were recognized at the Austin event.

Honorees at Lamar State were nominated for inclusion on the team by Dr. Barbara Huval and selected by Phi Theta Kappa, an international honor society for students from two-year colleges. Nominees were evaluated on several criteria, including academic achievement, community service, leadership and expression. Nominations are based on outstanding academic performance and service to the college and community.

All-Texas Academic Team honorees received a medallion and a certificate commemorating their achievement.

The All-Texas Academic Team awards are sponsored by the Texas Association of Community Colleges, the UT System, Austin College, Baylor University, Midwestern State University, the University of the Incarnate Word and the University of North Texas. The All-Texas Academic Team program was established in 1991.



Frankie Avalon Headlines 9th Annual 'Gulf Coast Gala'

The Carl Parker Center at Lamar State College-Port Arthur was rocking April 28 when 50s heartthrob Frankie Avalon took the stage to entertain patrons of the ninth 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.

Avalon is a veteran of more than 30 movies and two dozen hit records including *Venus*, *Bobby Sox to Stockings* and *Why*.

LSC-PA president Dr. Sam Monroe said the event, which is 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 gala has grown each year. We've had some wonderful entertainers," Monroe said. "And we're really looking forward to an exciting performance from Frankie Avalon at this year's gala."

Avalon's first song, *De De Dinah*, became a smash hit and his recording of *Venus* was one of the biggest selling hits of the 1950s. He had many follow-up hits such as *Bobby Socks To Stockings*, *Gingerbread*, *Just Ask Your Heart*, and *A Boy Without A Girl*. He is credited with having the last No. 1 hit of the 50s with *Why*, reaching that status in December 1959.

In addition to his popularity as a top recording artist, Avalon became a motion picture star, appearing in over 30 movies, starring with Alan Ladd in *Guns of Timberland* and John Wayne in *The Alamo*. Other film credits include *Voyage To The Bottom Of The Sea*, and the hit musical *Grease*. His biggest popularity in movies came when he started in the classic beach movies *Beach Party*, *Muscle Beach Party*, *Beach Blanket Bingo* and *Bikini Beach*, among others.

Rock & Roll Show Pays Tribute To Johnny Preston

Johnny Preston has always been known as a great friend ... to those people who knew him best, to Port Arthur and Southeast Texas, and to the world of rock and roll. In his remembrance, his friends returned the favor.

The annual Solid Gold Rock and Roll Show featured "A Tribute to Johnny Preston" with four history-making artists taking the stage this past November.

As in the past, when Preston led the effort to put on the Solid Gold Rock and Roll Show, all proceeds from the event benefited The Museum of the Gulf Coast and Lamar State College-Port Arthur Commercial Music scholarships.

Preston passed away in March 2011, leaving behind a legacy of great music and tradition. His smash hit *Running Bear* sold three million records and reached No. 1 in 1960. Preston was discovered by then-Baumont radio disc jockey J.P. Richardson, also known as "The Big Bopper." Richardson wrote *Running Bear* and also had a 1958 hit *Chantilly Lace* before he died in a tragic plane crash with legendary singers Buddy Holly and Richie Valens.

Joining together on stage in Preston's tribute were four of his contemporaries: Johnny Tillotson, Chris Montez, Dickey Lee and Jivin' Gene.

Activities Keep Gulf Coast Museum Hopping

The Museum of the Gulf Coast was bustling with activity this past year with new exhibits and programs that involved all ages from the community.

The Museum has stepped up its efforts to not only preserve and make more available its historical photograph collection. During the summer months, the Museum loaned 1,000 photos to the University of North Texas for digitization. Of the 1,073 images, more than half are available to be viewed online at the Portal to Texas Cultures website, <http://texashistory.unt.edu/explore/partners/MGC/browse/>.

The Museum's new Education Coordinator, Stephanie Harren, implemented several youth education programs, including the always-successful EnviroKids camps as well as a variety of hands-on programs for the public and private groups, and a teen camp.

During the Spring of 2012, the Museum enjoyed the traveling exhibition "Roscoe and the Pelican Rescue" and a variety of school tours and hands-on programs. The 2012 Gulf Coast Gala, featuring 50s heart-throb Frankie Avalon, was the most successful to date with the proceeds benefiting various community programs supported by LSC-PA, including the Museum.

"Mysteries of the Museum" featuring Ami Kamara of TMOGC, premiered on The Travel Channel and featured the Museum's Karen Silkwood exhibit and collection. Kamara is also working with various permanent exhibits, including a new one for the Music Hall inductees "The Clique" and the addition of a stainless steel rub-board donated by Tee Don Landry in the Clifton Chenier exhibit.

Total Donates Another \$20,000 To Scholarship Fund

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

Total added to the fund in October 2010 when Total-PA spokesperson Pat Avery and Gail LaBath presented a check for an additional \$30,000 to LSC-PA President Dr. Sam Monroe. "Total added \$20,000 in January 2011, \$20,000 in May 2011, and now an additional \$20,000 in April 2012 for a total scholarship fund of \$120,000. We certainly appreciate this very generous gift from Total. It will help students both now and far into the future," Monroe said.

Music student Warren wins Symphony Club Scholarship

Halley Warren, a Commercial Music student at Lamar State College-Port Arthur, is the winner of a \$200 scholarship presented by the Symphony Club of Port Arthur.



Each May, the Symphony Club presents a \$200 scholarship to a female music student enrolled in at least 12 hours for that fall.

Warren was selected by Dr. Kristel Kemmerer, director of the Commercial Music Department at LSC-PA.

Kay Miller, LSC-PA vocal music teacher, accompanied Halley to the luncheon at Rose Hill Manor recently where the duo presented a program of various types of music. Warren is pursuing a career in gospel music. She will graduate in Fall 2012 with an associate degree in Commercial Music.

The scholarship was presented by Carolyn Martinez, President of the Symphony Club. The Symphony Club is affiliated with the Department Club of Port Arthur, a group over which Lamar State Professor Mavis Triebel presides.



Pictured, from left, are Dr. Ben Stafford, Conrad Cooper and Linda Tait.

Small Business Development Center Aces Certification

If perfection was the goal of the staff of the Small Business Development Center at Lamar State College-Port Arthur, then they passed with flying colors ... literally.

All three members of the SBDC staff made a perfect sweep of the Certified Global Business Professional certification, a feat of near-impossibility. In the region served by the University of Houston, which includes the Port Arthur SBDC, 72 percent of those who tested for the certification passed the exam. The average pass rate for the State of Texas is a mere 50 percent.

"We worked very hard as a staff to prepare for this exam," said Linda Tait, Director of the SBDC. "We dedicate ourselves to doing this and other things of this nature to best prepare to help the business people of our community. We want to offer Port Arthur and the surrounding communities the best resource possible in helping build business."

The LSC-PA group includes Tait and Business Consultants Dr. Ben K. Stafford and Conrad Cooper. They received their certifica-

tion from the North American Small Business International Trade Educators group. The NASBITE Certified Global Business Professional certification provides a benchmark for competency in global commerce. The CGBP designation demonstrates the ability of the individual to conduct global business.

The trio of business professionals at the Port Arthur SBDC spent nearly six months studying to prepare themselves for the three-hour certification exam.

"Passing this test means that we are prepared to help our local owners open their business to a world stage," said Tait. "If you can sell your goods or your services on a worldwide platform, you can imagine what opportunities for success exist."

The Small Business Development Center is an economic development organization serving businesses in Port Arthur, Nederland, Groves, and Port Neches. The center is a service to the business community and is dedicated to the economic growth of the local area through small business development and growth.



Instructor Donna Cathey and her junior cosmetology students from Lamar State College-Port Arthur went to Oak Grove Nursing Home in Groves on Feb. 13. The students gave free manicures to the residents and helped them all to celebrate Valentine's Day and Mardi Gras. "We had fun visiting with the residents and getting to know each of them," Donna said.

Distinguished Lecture Series

J.R. Martinez takes a moment before the 2012 Spring Distinguished Lecture Series to speak to members of the local media. Referring to himself as a “survivor” rather than a “victim,” Martinez told of his harrowing story of a near-death incident while serving in the Army in Afghanistan.



After winning the television competition “Dancing With The Stars,” Martinez has hit the road to offer a motivational approach to life. He visited LSC-PA in March.

Alina Fernandez, visited the campus to tell her story of growing up in the shadow of a man she knew as her father, and a man she would grow to hate in time.

Fernandez, the daughter of Cuban leader Fidel Castro, lived under her father’s regime from the time she was born until 1993 when she disguised herself as a tourist from Spain in order to escape what she considered the oppressive society Castro had fostered for decades.



Fernandez took her audience on a trip back to her childhood days where, as the illegitimate child of Castro, it was more common for her to see her father on television than in person. Just a toddler when Castro overthrew the Batista government during the 1959 Cuban Revolution, Fernandez would see her father when he would appear in her home at night. Together they would play, only to have Castro leave for months at a time before another visit.

The young Alina grew up as one of Cuba’s elite, mostly unaware of the turmoil and heartache being experienced by Cuban citizens.

In the 1980s, however, as Alina became a young woman, her attention was drawn to the hardships suffered by Cubans at the hand of her father. She became part of the political dissident movement on the island. By 1993, she was forced to flee Cuba, doing so in disguise as a Spanish tourist. She was granted asylum in the United States, where she still lives today.

She continues her efforts at seeing Cuba reformed into a land of opportunity and happiness as she spreads her message of hope during her lecture tour.



Regional Citizen Bee Winners, Advances To State

Zachary Defrancis, a senior at Sabine Pass High School, took first place in the 22nd annual Regional Citizen Bee at Lamar State College-Port Arthur, which included students from 10 public and private high schools.

Defrancis then advanced to the state competition where he represented the region well in spite of coming up short of a Texas title.

Griffin Gibson, a junior at Acorn to Oaks Academy, captured second place; Nederland High School junior **Adriana Akbari** was third; Orangefield High School senior **Constance Ingram** was fourth; honorable mention went to senior **Carl McClain** from Port Neches-Groves High School.

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.

The region, represented by the competition at Lamar State, has had several state winners in past years. The State Bar of Texas, Education Foundation, along with the Hatton Summers Foundation, funded the event at the State Capitol of Texas where the contest was held in the Senate Chambers



Gail Labath, chair of the Community Involvement Committee at Total Port Arthur Refinery presented a \$5,000 check to Lamar State College-Port Arthur for its annual Citizen Bee Southeast Texas regional competition. Total has made a donation to the annual event for the past 19 years. Labath is joined by Dr. Charles Gongre, left, Dean of Academic Programs, and Mavis Triebel, Director of the Citizen Bee and an instructor at LSC-PA.

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DEGREE AND CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

ASSOCIATE OF ART

Academic Studies
Business Administration
Criminal Justice
Drama
Kinesiology
Studio Art
Teaching – EC-8
Teaching – EC-12 Art
Teaching – EC-12 Theatre Arts
Teaching – EC-12 Music
Teaching – EC-12 Physical Education

ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE

Administrative Assistant
Commercial Music/ Performance
Commercial Music/Sound Engineering
Cosmetology Instructor
Cosmetology Operator
Instrumentation Technology
Medical Office Administration
Network Specialist
Paralegal
Process Technology
Software Developer
Surgical Technology
Upward Mobility Nursing

CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

Administrative Assistant
Automotive Service Technician
Automotive Technology
Computer Programmer
Cosmetology Instructor
Cosmetology Operator
Entertainment Business
Esthetics
Medical Office Assistant
Multi-Media & Design (55+ Program)
Network Specialist
Process Technology
Receptionist
Surgical Technology
Vocational Nursing

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