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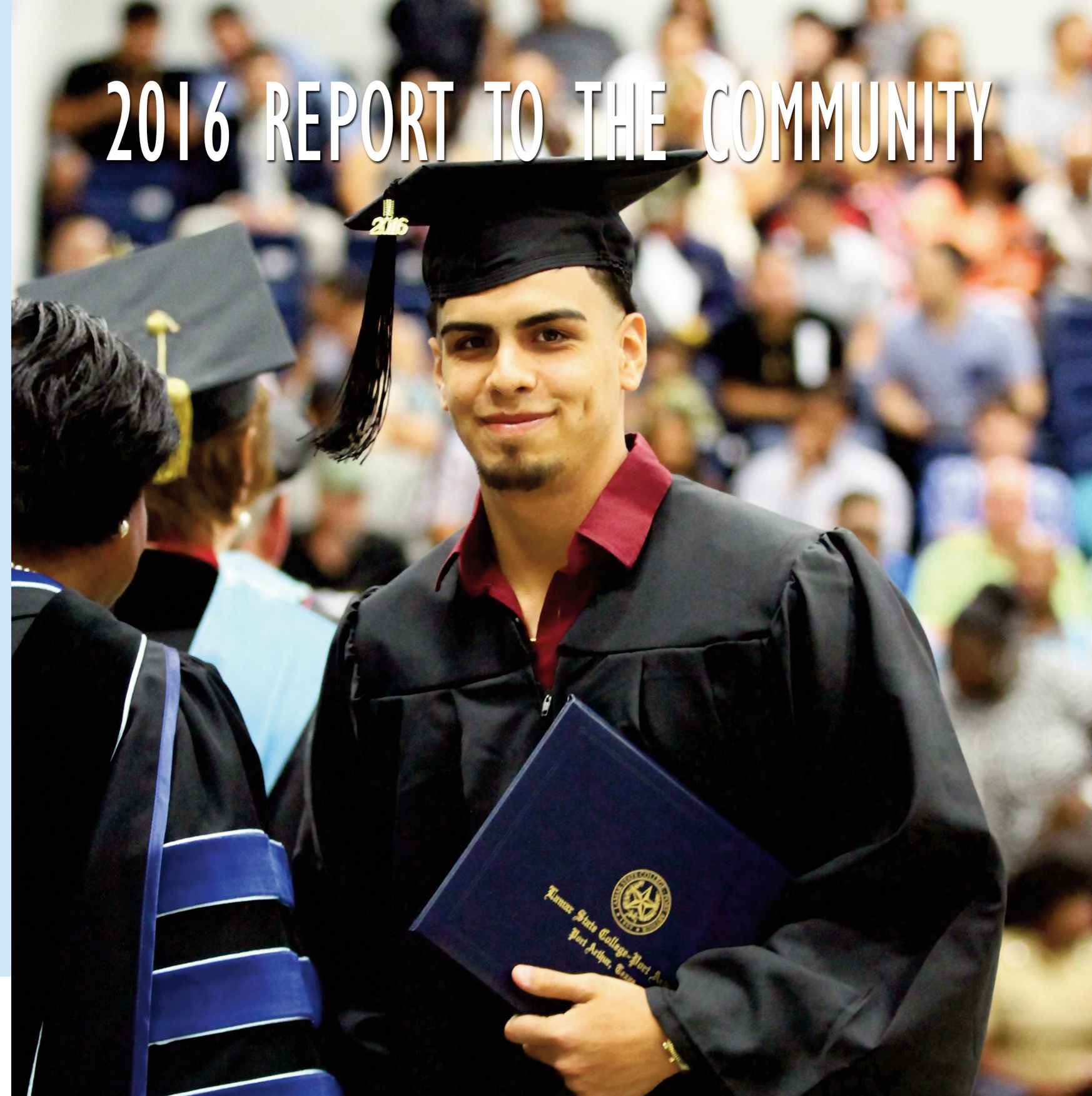
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DEGREES AND CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

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

- > Accounting
- > Administrative Assistant
- > Audio Visual Production
- > Commercial Music/Performance
- > Commercial Music/Sound Engineer
- > Cosmetology Instructor
- > Cosmetology Operator
- > Drug and Alcohol Abuse Counseling
- > Graphic Design
- > Instrumentation Technology
- > Medical Coding Specialist
- > Medical Office Administration
- > Network Specialist
- > Paralegal
- > Process Technology
- > Software Developer
- > Surgical Technology
- > Upward Mobility Nursing

TECHNICAL CERTIFICATE

- > Accounting Assistant
- > Administrative Assistant
- > Automotive Service Technician
- > Automotive Technology
- > Commercial Music (Performance)
- > Computer Programmer
- > Cosmetology Instructor
- > Cosmetology Operator
- > Entertainment Business
- > Esthetics
- > Graphic Design
- > Instrumentation
- > Medical Coding
- > Medical Office Assistant
- > Network Specialist
- > Nurse Aid Certificate
- > Process Technology
- > Receptionist
- > Surgical Technology
- > Vocational Nursing

ACCREDITATIONS

Lamar State College Port Arthur is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) to award degrees at the associate level. Contact the Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097 or call (404) 679-4500, at <http://www.sacs.org> for questions about the accreditation of Lamar State College Port Arthur.

The College is approved by the Texas Education Agency for training veterans under all classifications. The College is also a member of or approved by the American Bar Association, the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP), the Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services, the Texas Certification Board of Addiction Professionals, the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation, the Texas Board of Nursing, the Accreditation Review Council on Education in Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting (ARC/STSA), the U.S. Department of Education and the Veterans Administration.

Lamar State College-Port Arthur is an equal opportunity/affirmative action educational institution and employer. Students, faculty and staff members are selected without regard to their race, color, creed, handicap, age, sex or national origin, consistent with the Assurance of Compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; Executive Order 11246 as issued and amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. Inquiries concerning application of these regulations should be referred to the Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dr. Gary Stretcher, by phone (409) 984-6209 or by mail at P.O. Box 310, Port Arthur, TX 77641-0310.

GOALS

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Provide educational opportunities that are flexible in scheduling, location, delivery method and content for institutional programs.

GENERAL EDUCATION/CORE CURRICULUM

Offer freshman and sophomore general education/core curriculum courses, which will transfer to traditional baccalaureate degree programs, with opportunities to acquire higher order intellectual skills in inquiry, problem solving and critical thinking.

INFORMATION LITERACY

Provide opportunities to acquire information literacy skills, common to all disciplines, that allow a student to recognize when information is needed; to have the ability to locate and evaluate information; to establish the authenticity, validity, and reliability; and to effectively use needed information.



PRINCIPLES

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; and,
- Provided an opportunity to equip themselves for a fulfilling life and responsible citizenship in a world characterized by change.

EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT

Provide instruction and/or support services that will improve the potential for employment and/or occupational advancement as well as meet the needs of employers.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT

Provide students with personal attention in a broad range of student service activities, educational support services for instructional programs, and provide responsible oversight of the College's physical and financial resources.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Continue and enhance institutional advancement efforts targeted toward the needs of local communities, cooperate with community agencies in economic development and community partnerships, and provide cultural enrichment opportunities, both on and off campus.

CORE VALUES

- Shared commitment by faculty, staff and administration to a mission characterized by student learning, diversity, and community involvement.
- General education/core curriculum that develops the values and concepts that allow the student to make a meaningful contribution in the workplace or community.
- Academic and technical programs designed to fulfill our commitment to accommodate students with diverse goals and backgrounds, using a variety of delivery methods, on and off campus.
- Technical education programs that provide for the acquisition of the knowledge, skills and behavior necessary for initial and continued employment.
- Student achievement characterized by attainment of individual goals and measured by successful accomplishments and completion of curriculum.
- Co-curricular opportunities that develop social, financial and civic acuity.

INSTITUTIONAL

ABOUT THE COLLEGE

Founded in 1909 as Port Arthur Business College. Became Port Arthur Collegiate Institute in 1911. Merged with Lamar University in 1975 as part of the Lamar University System. In 1995, the Texas Legislature dissolved the Lamar University System and the college joined the Texas State University System. The school was officially renamed Lamar State College Port Arthur in 1999.

Accreditation

- > Accreditation Review Council on Education in Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting
- > Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs
- > Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges

Approving Organizations

- > American Bar Association
- > Texas Board of Nursing
- > Texas Certification Board of Addiction Professionals
- > Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services
- > Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation
- > Texas Education Agency
- > Texas Workforce Investment Council
- > Veterans Administration

SCHOLARSHIPS

Lamar State College Port Arthur offers nearly 150 scholarships for students who attend the college. Some of these scholarships are awarded to students in specific programs but most are general in their scope.

\$220,724

Fall 2015 Scholarships

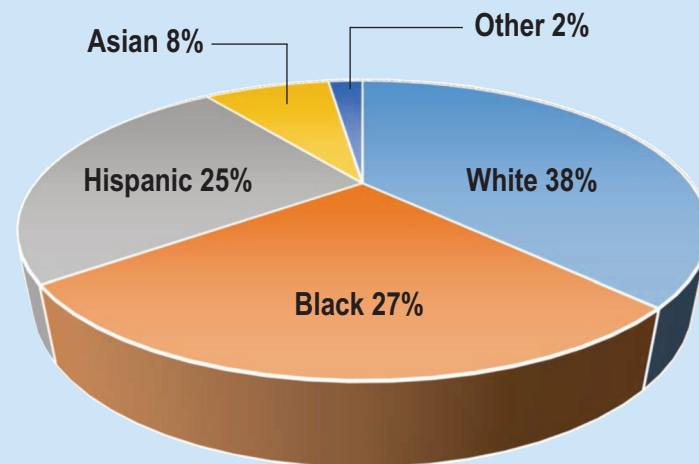
\$179,995

Spring 2016 Scholarships

THE NUMBERS

	Fall 2015	Spring 2016
Enrollment	1,802	1,755
Academic Majors	1,101	1,002
Technical Majors	701	753
Full-Time Students	741	685
Part-Time Students	1,061	1,070
In-State Students	1,771	1,718
Out-of-State Students	21	29
Foreign Students	10	8
Average Age	24	25
Male Students	703	665
Female Students	1,099	1,090
Degrees Awarded	93	112
Certificates	83	25

Student Ethnicity



2015 Source: Certified CBM001 & In-house reports. Degrees & Certificates awarded are from the Fall 2015 graduation only.

2016 Source: Certified CBM001 & In-house reports. Degrees & Certificates awarded are from the Spring 2016 graduation only.

Office of the President

Lamar State College Port Arthur is a reflection of the communities it supports, resilient and collaborative. We continue to be hard at work to provide the best resources possible and help students accomplish their dreams.

This year's Report to the Community heralds new programs, building projects and student opportunities that have arisen from cooperative efforts with the area's industry, business and public education. We are proud to be a partner in the success of Southeast Texas and Southwest Louisiana through our innovative approach to education.

Dual credit students from Nederland and Port Arthur crossed the commencement stage at the conclusion of the Spring 2016 Semester, receiving associate degrees and certificates in various programs of study. Many earned these honors before they had graduated from high school. On the cover of this year's report is Port Arthur Memorial High School student Marco Lora, who earned a certificate in welding from LSCPA.

In that same spirit, the college has partnered with Port Arthur ISD to create an Early College High School. Students entering high school this fall will attend classes at the renovated Woodrow Wilson education facility, taking an enhanced curriculum that will lead to an associate degree and high school diploma by the time they graduate as the Class of 2020. That head start ensures that our greatest commodity – our youth – will learn more, do more and see much greater accomplishment in their lives.

If you have visited the campus within the past few months, you likely noticed the newest addition to our physical presence in the heart of Port Arthur, Seahawk Landing. The student housing facility broadens the college's impact far beyond the city limits to, literally, the world. The Landing welcomes its first residents for Fall 2016 and will serve as home to approximately 100 students once it reaches its capacity. The College offers several programs that are unavailable anywhere within the region. Students will now be able to move here for the educational opportunities and potentially become permanent residents of the area once they realize the career opportunities that exist right here in Southeast Texas.

And when students attend Lamar State College Port Arthur, the odds are in their favor for success whether they decide to pursue a bachelor's degree at a four-year university or accept a workforce position. The most recent statistics show that 94 percent of our students either continue their education or take a step toward career fulfillment.

The 2015-2016 school year was exciting and fruitful. The upcoming year is full of possibilities. I look forward to sharing our successes with you in the next 12 months.

Dr. Betty J. Reynard
President, Lamar State College Port Arthur



COMING FALL 2017



Process Technology, Instrumentation, Drafting and Heating, Ventilating and Air Conditioning (HVAC) students will be housed in the new facility with enough space to accommodate future industrial programs.

Process Technologists in high demand in Texas

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the state of Texas is a hotbed of opportunity for those with training in the field of Process Technology. Based on the most recent statistics, workers enjoy an average hourly salary of \$28.52, or an average annual salary of \$59,320. Texas and Louisiana offer more jobs in the petrochemical industry than all other states combined.

INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY CE



Seahawks win Region 14 South Zone, five earn scholarships to next level

The men's basketball team set new records during the 2015-2016 season with a NJCAA Region 14 South Zone championship and an All-American honor for its top player.

The Seahawks finished with a 22-10 season record, 13-6 in Region 14 play, advancing to the semifinal round of the postseason tournament before finishing its season.

Among the nine team members, five received offers to continue their collegiate playing careers at four-year universities. Weisbrod and Christian Albright will play for Lamar University, Jordon Harris is going to the University of Louisiana-Monroe, Freddie Williams Jr. will play for St. Mary's University in San Antonio, while Mambi Diawara heads to the University of Calgary in Canada.

Sophomore Rebecca Hernandez



Softball Superlatives

Three freshmen and a sophomore have earned first-team all conference honors after a vote of the NJCAA Region 14 South Zone coaches.

Alexis Perez and Anessa Sanchez, both of Corpus Christi, and Kayla Sheridan of Sulphur, La. – all freshmen – earned top conference honors, while sophomore Rebecca Hernandez of Baytown also was selected first team.

The Seahawks reached the NJCAA Region 14 post-season tournament for the second consecutive season in 2016.

Foundation presents \$50,000 grant

During the annual Scholarship Banquet held in December 2015, the Port Arthur Higher Education Foundation presented a \$50,000 matching grant to the LSCPA Athletics Department. The college's athletics department has spent the past year collecting donations to meet the first \$50,000 allotment from the PAHEF, which was presented by President Dr. Sam Monroe to LSCPA President Dr. Betty Reynard during the luncheon.

A second installment for \$50,000 has been set aside by the PAHEF as LSCPA works to raise the matching funds. Pictured during the check presentation are, from left, PAHEF Board Member Brian McDougal, Dr. Monroe, PAHEF Chairman of the Board A. Morris Albright, Dr. Reynard, PAHEF Secretary/Treasurer Ed Boone, PAHEF Vice Chairman of the Board Floyd W. Marceaux, and Board Member Jeff Hayes.



Sophomore
Freddie
Williams Jr.



Technical Education expanding, improving with new facility

Over the next year, Lamar State College Port Arthur students and Port Arthur residents will see more expansion of the campus with the new Technical Education Center.

Construction of the Technical Education Center begins in 2016 with completion set for Fall 2017.

This state-of-the-art facility will house Process Technology, Instrumentation Technology, Drafting and Heating, Ventilating and Air Conditioning (HVAC) programs. As the college expands its industrial technology programs, they too will find a home in the new facility.

This beautiful new addition will become an architectural focal point in the middle of the campus. And existing technical program facilities will be repurposed for other classes and programs.

“The Technical Education Center is another exciting opportunity for Lamar State College Port Arthur to make a positive impact on its students, the area’s industrial industry and the success of the community as a whole,” said LSCPA President Dr. Betty Reynard. “As we continue to expand our physical presence, our main goal is to create an atmosphere that caters to the needs of the various industries in the region, but particularly the petrochemical industry.

“The new facility will stand out as a jewel in our already beautiful campus,” she said. “It represents our future, one we are eager to take hold of and pursue for the sake of the success of Port Arthur and Southeast Texas.”



SKYLER PORRAS

Virtual reality leads to real-world results

If Skylar Porras has his way, the future of education will reside in a virtual reality where students from around the world converge in a magical hands-on learning experience.

Porras, an Academic Studies major, is something more than just a dreamer whose idea of education leaves the boundaries of the tangible. The sophomore student at Lamar State College Port Arthur now has the backing to make his dreams come true. He was recently awarded the Dean’s Scholarship at Ringling College of Art and Design in Sarasota, Florida, the preeminent school on graphic electronic design. The scholarship is \$10,000 a year for four years.

“This is an incredible opportunity,” Porras said. “It’s a dream come true. I had always hoped I could pursue a career in education, but I wanted to do something new, something inventive.”

Porras, a 2010 graduate of Port Neches-Groves High School, will pursue a Computer Animation degree at Ringling College. His purpose is to learn how to create true-to-life representations of objects that can then be used to train students through a virtual reality classroom.

“The future of computer technology is limitless. There have been advancements in the field of virtual reality that already make it a viable educational solution,” Porras said. “I’m hoping to take that to the next level.”

Porras submitted a portfolio of his artwork along with letters of recommendation. When the news came of his scholarship, he was ecstatic.

“This is an opportunity of a lifetime,” he said.

Photo courtesy Focus Pocus, Port Arthur



LSCPA broke ground on its newest construction project, the Seahawk Landing Student Housing facility, on Wednesday, April 6, 2016. Dr. Betty Reynard, President of Lamar State College Port Arthur, joined several dignitaries in a ceremonial groundbreaking at the site of the housing facility, located on Lakeshore Drive. Pictured, from left, are LSCPA Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Gary Stretcher, President and CEO of Itex Inc. Chris Akbari, Texas House Rep. Dade Phelan, Texas State University System Chancellor Dr. Brian McCall, TSUS Regent David Montagne, Dr. Reynard, Port Arthur EDC Board Member Richard Wycoff, and Port Arthur Mayor Bobbie Prince.

SEAHAWK LANDING



Colton Weisbrod breaks school records, named All-American

Sophomore Colton Weisbrod broke school records en route to the school's first-ever NJCAA All-American First Team selection. He was also named National Player of the Week during the year.

Weisbrod set school records for Points in a Season (685), Points in Conference (391), Rebounds in a Season (346), Rebounds in Conference (213), Double-Digit Games in a Season (31), Per-Game Scoring Average (21.4 points per game), and Double-Double Games (22). His best scoring performance came against Houston Community College on Nov. 11, 2015 with 39 points, while his best Region 14 showing came against Lee College in the regional tournament when he scored 36. He was named to the Region 14 All-Tournament Team.



Jason Laday wins state talent contest

Port Arthur's Jason Laday has dedicated his life to dance and in his heart, he knew he wasn't second best. The problem was he just couldn't prove it ... until now.

The Lamar State College Port Arthur Drama major won first place in a statewide talent competition during the recent Texas Educational Theatre Association convention in Houston. It's the first time Laday has won first in any competition.

"Winning awards isn't really how I want to define myself," Laday said. "But I had all these second place awards and nothing to really say I am as good as I think I am. I guess this is some validation for the hard work I've put into becoming as good a dancer as I can be."



HOME AWAY FROM HOME

Student residence hall opens for Fall 2016 Semester

After years of planning and work, the construction of a student residence hall at Lamar State College Port Arthur became reality.

The Port Arthur City Council and Jefferson County Commissioners approved tax abatements on the project and the Port Arthur Economic Development Corporation provided a \$1 million grant and \$1 million no-interest loan, allowing The Itex Group, LLC, to go forward with construction in late Spring 2016.

The Jefferson County Commissioners Court approved a tax abatement for five years at 100 percent for \$3.9 million during a meeting on Tuesday, February 16. City Council in Port Arthur, likewise, approved a tax

abatement for \$17,700 over 10 years. The abatements were the final hurdles needing to be crossed for the project to go forward.

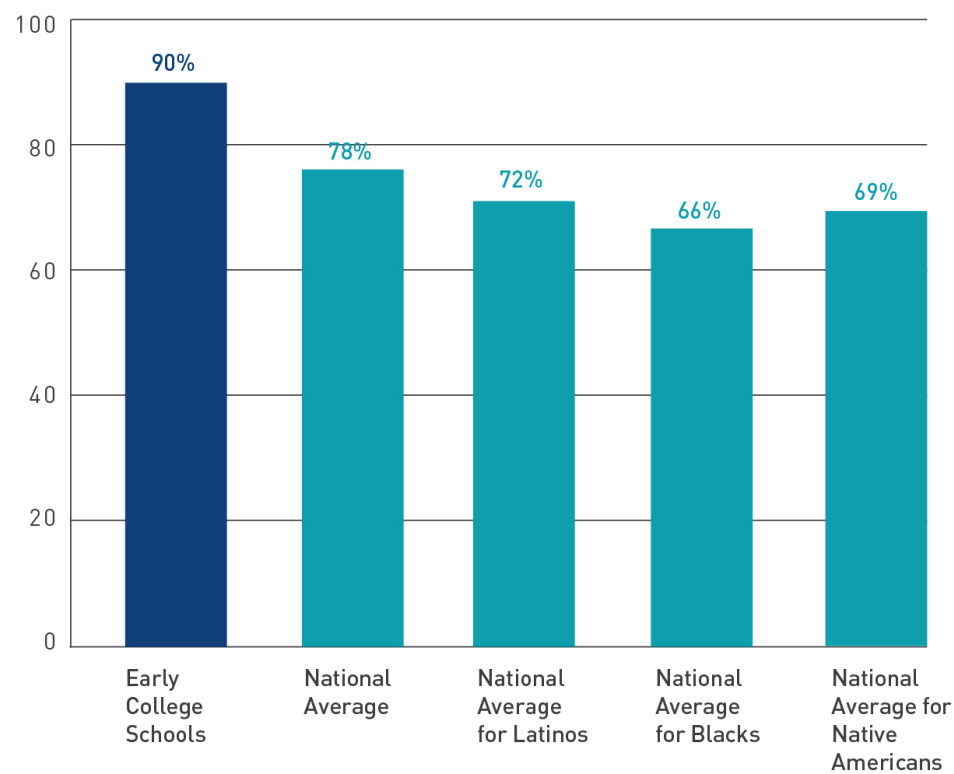
"Lamar State College Port Arthur has long been considered a 'commuter campus' but now that's changing," LSCPA President Dr. Betty Reynard said. "Having student housing on campus brings the college into a new era. We will be able to serve students from, really, anywhere, who are looking to take advantage of our academic and technical program offerings."





WOODROW WILSON CAMPUS

FOUR-YEAR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION RATES



STATISTICAL SOURCES: Early College High School Initiative Student Information System, Jobs for the Future; U.S. Census Bureau; and National Center for Education Statistics.



Dr. Mark Porterie, superintendent of Port Arthur Independent School District, and Dr. Betty Reynard, president of Lamar State College Port Arthur, took time out for a photo to celebrate the new partnership creating the Early College High School on the LSCPA campus.



Kayla Sheridan wins prestigious TSUS Kuempel scholarship

Kayla Sheridan, a freshman softball player, has earned the prestigious Edmund P. Kuempel Scholarship from the Texas State University System Foundation.

Sheridan, who maintained a 4.0 grade point average in her first year at LSCPA, was one of just five students selected to receive the scholarship. The scholarship is for \$5,000, split equally over the Fall 2016 and Spring 2017 semesters.

Kayla, a 2015 graduate of Sulphur High School in Sulphur, La., is the daughter of Wade and Trisha Sheridan.



Jessica Jones

Student Government names new officers

The Student Government Association inducted its newest class of officers and senators during a ceremony in May 2016.

President Jessica Jones, a Medical Office Administration major from Vidor was elected for a second term. Also taking office during the ceremony were Vice President Bradley Fant, a Business Administration major from Port Arthur, and Secretary Natasha Barker, a Business Administration major from Groves.

Senators who joined the SGA during the annual ceremony were Keilah Baaheth, an Academic Studies major from Groves; Antonio Banda, a Teaching, Emphasis in Art, major from Port Arthur; Kayla Kay, a Commercial Music Sound Engineer major from Nederland; and Jessica Terrell, a Medical Office Administration major from Bridge City.

GABRIELA GHORAYEB

Academic Excellence, National Recognition

Gabriela Ghorayeb, a sophomore at Lamar State College Port Arthur, has been named to the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society All-Texas Academic Team.

Ghorayeb, a General Studies major at LSCPA, is president of the college's chapter and former vice president of the honor society group.

A 2014 graduate of Port Neches-Groves High School, Ghorayeb is hoping to pursue Psychology after graduating with her associate's degree at LSCPA.

"I want to help people and psychology is an important field," she said. "I'm excited to take the next steps in my education and see where life leads me."

Ghorayeb, the daughter of Samir and Melissa Ghorayeb, has been active in Phi Theta Kappa since coming to LSCPA. She has also been active in the campus' "Gamers United" organization, serving as that group's vice president this year. She graduated magna cum laude in the Spring 2016 commencement.

"Gabby is a terrific student and a wonderful representative for this college," said Dr. Barbara Huval, LSCPA's coordinator for Phi Theta Kappa. "She works very hard and deserves the success she has had in the classroom and in life."



LSCPA, PAISD partner to offer chance to earn college degree

Port Arthur Independent School District students are on the precipice of an exciting new opportunity that will not only provide them with a high school diploma, but also 60 hours of college credit, all at no charge to the students.

PAISD and Lamar State College Port Arthur partnered to provide an Early College High School program that starts Fall 2016.

Early College High Schools are innovative campuses which allow students to obtain a high school diploma while earning an associate's degree (60 college credit hours) toward a bachelor's degree.

"This is an opportunity that has been in the works for quite some time and we are so excited to partner with Lamar State College Port Arthur to assist in providing students with a seamless transition from high school to college," Port Arthur ISD Superintendent Dr. Mark Porterie said. "There has been an overwhelming response to this program from the public and we look forward to having our students set foot on their new campus in the fall. We want all of our students to be successful and the ECHS is another way to provide our students with the education they will need to be successful."

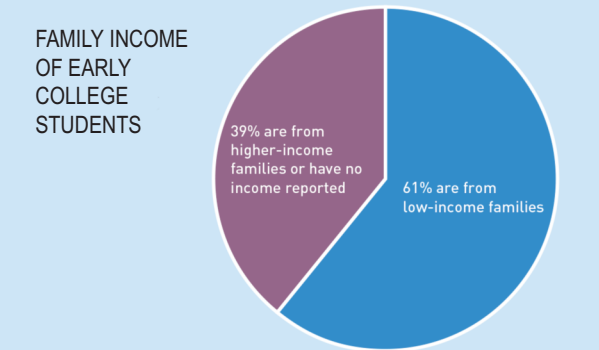
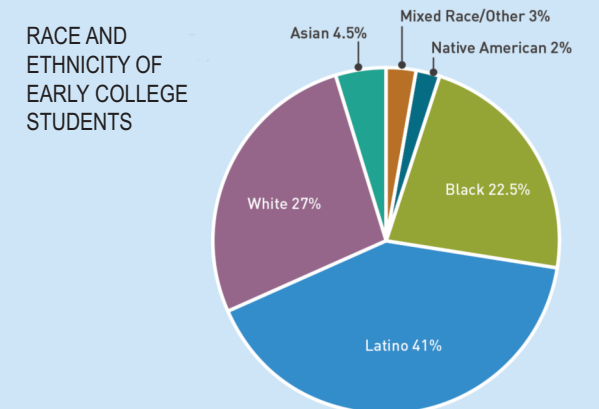
Students entering their freshman year this Fall have the opportunity to take part in the program, starting a process that will continue over the duration of their high school experience. Once they successfully complete the four-year process, students would be able to enter a four-year university as a junior with just two years remaining in a bachelor's degree plan of study or enter the workforce.

"A college degree is important to a student's future and is as equally important to the success and prosperity of our community," LSCPA President Dr. Betty Reynard said. "This is an opportunity to offer the young people of Port Arthur the chance to pursue a college education when in many instances, this opportunity might not exist otherwise."

The ECHS will be housed in the renovated Woodrow Wilson facility on Lakeshore Drive right in the midst of Lamar State College Port Arthur's campus. Students will receive academic and social assistance through counseling and tutoring, helping to ensure a long-term success for each individual in the program.

WHO DO EARLY COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOLS SERVE?

Early college high schools are committed to serving students from backgrounds traditionally underrepresented in higher education.



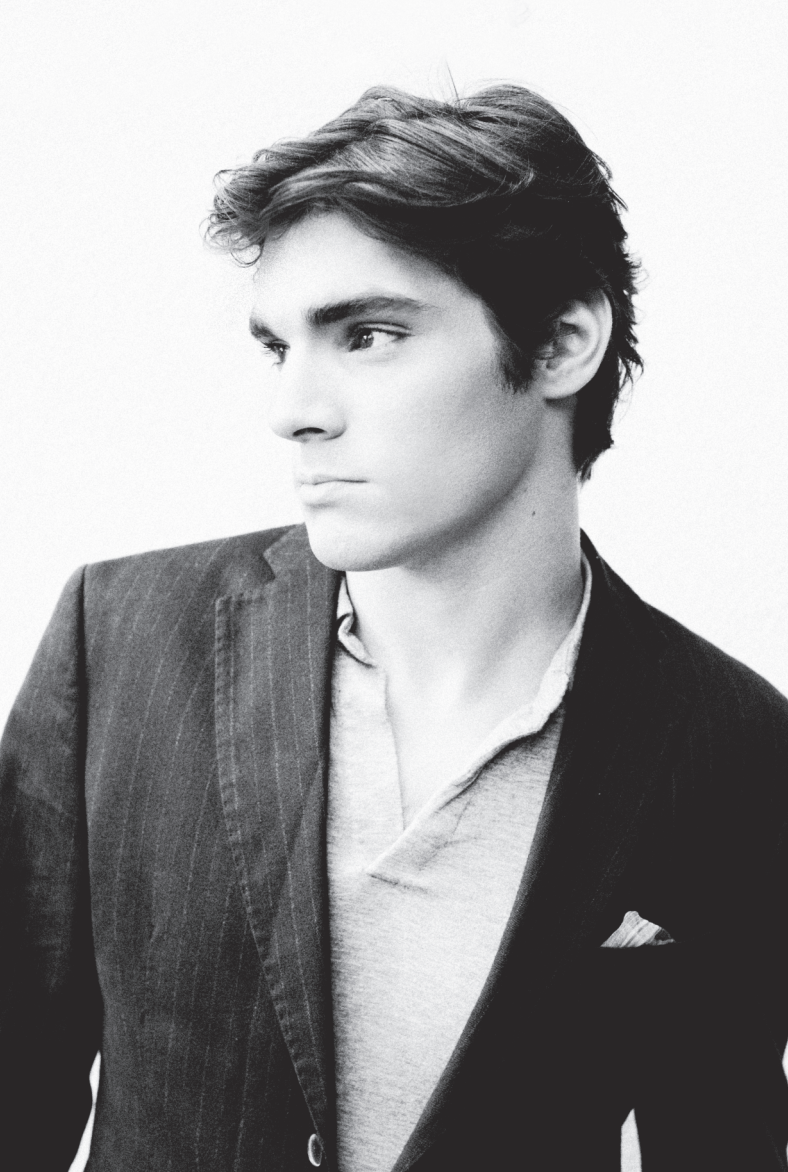
ECHS STUDENTS GRADUATE AND ATTEND COLLEGE AT HIGHER RATES

90 PERCENT of early college high school students graduate high school vs. the national rate of 78 percent.

30 PERCENT of graduates at early college high schools have earned an Associate's or college certificate along with their high school diploma.

71 PERCENT of graduates enroll in college vs. the national rate of 68 percent.

THE AVERAGE GRADUATE earns 38 college credits, saving 30 percent off a Bachelor's degree, or 60 percent off an Associate's degree.



Distinguished Lecture Series: RJ Mitte

RJ Mitte, known for his work on the television series “Breaking Bad” and “Switched at Birth”, was the keynote speaker at the LSCPA Distinguished Lecture Series in March 2016.

Mitte played Walt Jr., the son of the cancer-stricken science teacher-turned-drug manufacturer Walter White (played by Bryan Cranston) on the Emmy-winning AMC drama Breaking Bad. Like his character on the show, Mitte has cerebral palsy, although his is a milder form of the disability. In 2014, Mitte began a recurring role on the Peabody Award-winning ABC Family drama, Switched at Birth, as Campbell, a pre-med college student paralyzed by a snowboarding accident who works at the free clinic.



Ronnie Milsap, one of the most popular and influential performers of the 1970s and 80s, was the headline act for the 13th Annual Gulf Coast Gala at LSCPA in April 2016.

The 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.



Amanda Smith named Rogers Community Service Award winner

Amanda Smith, director of Cosmetology at LSCPA, proves that her field of expertise involves far more than a clip and cut. It involves a big heart as well.



Amanda Smith

Smith has dedicated herself and her Cosmetology program to the betterment of the community. For her efforts, she was named the 2015 Ben and Julie Rogers Community Service Award winner. The annual award recognizes exemplary effort in community service by one faculty or staff member at Lamar University, Lamar Institute of Technology, Lamar State College-Orange and Lamar State College Port Arthur.

Many of Smith’s contributions to the community came with the help of her students in the LSCPA Cosmetology program. Among those were manicures for residents of Oak Grove Nursing Home and Port Arthur Community Retirement Home.

The group also donated Christmas toys to the Kiwanis Club, Blue Santa and The United Board of Missions, while cutting hair at Nederland Stadium for Relay for Life, Nederland High School’s Back-To-School Cut-a-Thon to give free haircuts as well as accompanying LSC-O to its Back-To-School Cut-a-Thon to give free cuts.

Smith implemented the “Be the Match Registry” at LSCPA Cosmetology with a representative of that group speaking to students about becoming a bone marrow donor. Smith, in fact, has registered herself to be added to the bone marrow registry. Another service organization, “Cut It Out,” was introduced to LSCPA Cosmetology students via Amanda’s interaction. This group helps students identify physical abuse and how to direct customers in trouble to those who can help.

Other organizations benefiting from Amanda’s help are the Baptist Student Ministry, American Cancer Society, Southeast Texas Food Bank, Port City Rescue Mission and The Garth House.

Amanda works with area schools, serving twice as a judge for Skills USA annual competitions at Taylor Career Technical School.

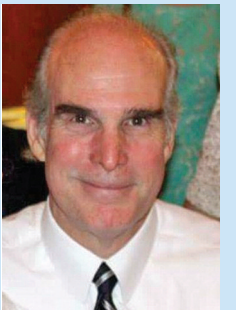
LSCPA adds three to administration

During the past year, the LSCPA administration has seen three new additions to its roster.



Deborrah Hebert

Joining the staff were Dean of Student Services Dr. Deborrah Hebert and Dean of Technical Programs Sheila Trahan. J. Mark Knowles, who has been with LSCPA since the early 1990s, was promoted to Director of Institutional Effectiveness.



Mark Knowles

Dr. Hebert supervises Admissions, Advising, Enrollment Services, Financial Aid and Student Activities.



Sheila Trahan

In his capacity, Knowles collects information and data from national, state and campus sources for analysis and evaluation. He then reports the results to campus administrators, staff and faculty to facilitate better decision-making opportunities.

Trahan works with the many technical programs on campus, helping to coordinate continued growth and success. Among those programs are Process Technology, Instrumentation, Cosmetology, Automotive Technology, Office Administration, Graphic Design, Accounting, Medical Coding Specialist, and Software Developer.



Student Orientation takes on fun-filled approach

The days of sitting in a darkened theater watching stale video of how to be a college student are long-gone at LSCPA with the advent of new interactive student orientation sessions.

The orientations, four of which take place before each long semester, include music, food and fun tours, coupled with opportunities for individual sessions with the many departments on campus. It's a face-to-face opportunity to meet program directors, instructors, student organization leaders and even Arthur, the Seahawk mascot.

"Starting college should be one of the most exciting times in a person's life and that's how we are approach-

ing orientation," said Felicia McAdams, director of advising. "We have group meetings, then break down into smaller groups so students have a more intimate experience in learning how to be a new college student. We even have a group get-together for parents."

The events take place at the Carl Parker Multipurpose Center where people are met with the opportunity for their first "selfie" as a college student, then led to the main gym where dozens of tables are set up for the various programs at the college.

"College is fun. We want our students to know that this is just the beginning of that great time," McAdams said.



FOURTH OF JULY

The annual Fourth of July celebration at LSCPA took on a new look and feel in 2016 with the event moving from the Carl Parker Center to the grassy park adjacent to the Gates Memorial Library along Lakeshore Drive.

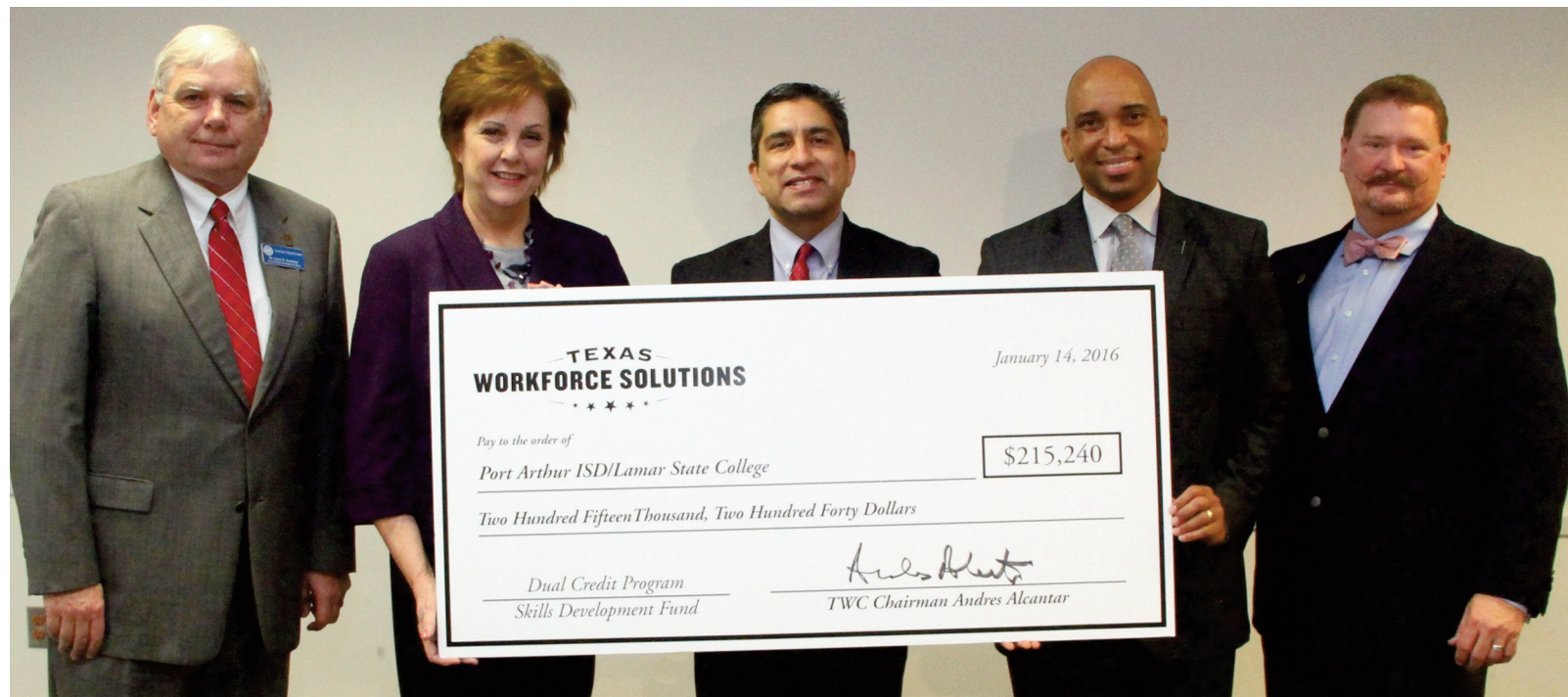
The event included music, a patriotic-themed bike and wagon parade, an apple pie baking contest and plenty of food and games. The event drew a large crowd leading up to the always-anticipated fireworks show over the Intercoastal Canal.

The event was also sponsored by Motiva and the City of Port Arthur.



MARDI GRAS '16

POINTS OF PRIDE



On Jan. 14, 2016 TWC Chairman Andres Alcantar (center) presented a \$215,240 Dual Credit Program check to representatives from Lamar State College Port Arthur (LSCPA) and Port Arthur ISD (PAISD). Pictured from left: LSCPA Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Gary Stretcher, LSCPA President Dr. Betty Reynard, Chairman Alcantar, PAISD Superintendent Dr. Mark Porterie and LSCPA Dean for Workforce Training and Continuing Education Dr. Ben Stafford.

Workforce Commission provides \$215,240 training grant

In January 2016, Port Arthur Independent School District partnered with Lamar State College Port Arthur to offer Career and Technical Education programming to junior and senior high school students using a \$215,240 Skills Development Fund grant from the Texas Workforce Commission.

Collaborative efforts involved various partners including Motiva Enterprises, BASF Total Petrochemicals and Workforce Solutions Southeast Texas.

This grant supports dual-credit curriculum development focused on occupational areas of process technology which will prepare students to become process techni-

cians in the refining, petrochemical, power generation, oil and gas production and food industries. Students will be eligible for industry-recognized credentials such as Level I Certificate for Process Technology.

This dual-credit grant is an expansion of the Skills Development Fund to support certain joint-credit courses offered by school districts in partnership with public junior colleges, public state colleges or public technical institutions.

Individuals seeking more information about the Skills Development Fund may visit the TWC website at www.texasworkforce.org/skills.

Workforce Training, Continuing Education at work in SE Texas

Here are some of the programs currently being offered by the office of Workforce Training & Continuing Education at LSCPA.

Online Classes by Ed2Go
 Commercial Drivers License
 Dental Hygiene Training Austin
 Dental Hygiene Training Bay Area
 Dental Hygiene Training College Station
 Dental Hygiene Training Midland
 Dental Hygiene Training North Houston
 Fork Lift / Man Lift Class
 Intermediate Welding Certificate

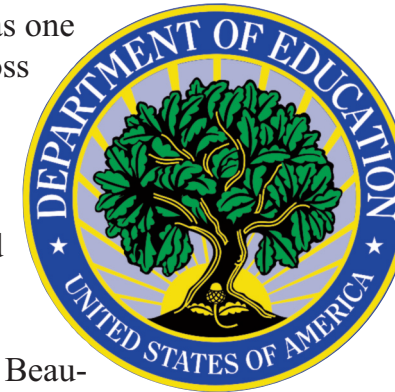
Live Sound Workshop I
 Live Sound Workshop II
 Live Sound Workshop III
 Microsoft Excel 2013
 Qualified Rigger Signal Person
 QuickBooks Basics
 Teaching Unprepared Students
 Current Topics In Title VI And Title IX
 True Growth Model Leadership Training

Second Chance Pell Grant Program offers chance to thrive after incarceration

Lamar State College Port Arthur was selected as one of 68 institutions of higher education from across the U.S. to take part in the Second Chance Pell Grant program.

The Second Chance Pell Grant program allows incarcerated individuals to apply for federal aid to help complete college and university certificates and degrees. LSCPA works with students housed in the Federal Correctional Complex in Beaumont and the Stiles Unit of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. The college serves about 1,400 students at those facilities and is now one of just 6 two-year schools participating in the Second Chance Pell Grant program.

“The evidence is clear. Promoting the education and job training for incarcerated individuals makes communities safer by reducing recidivism and saves taxpayer dollars by lowering the direct and collateral costs of incarceration,” said U.S. Secretary of Education John B. King Jr.



Seahawks featured in national magazine

Chase Rutledge, a member of the Seahawks basketball team, lifted a young boy so he could reach the rim and “slam dunk” a ball during the team’s YMCA Basketball Camp in Port Arthur this past season.

The chance encounter was captured in a photograph which was published on the cover of the nationally-published NJCAA Review. The Review is a monthly publication of the National Junior College Athletics Association which features “Champions for the Community” each year where editors spotlight community service by junior college athletes across the country.



College records 94 percent placement rate

Graduates of Lamar State College Port Arthur are a direct reflection of the superior level of education that students receive and the school’s reputation opens the door to both higher education and employment opportunities.

The most recent statistics show a 94 percent placement rate among graduates. With a degree or certificate from Lamar State College Port Arthur, 9 out of 10 graduates either continue their education at a four-year university or follow a path to career fulfillment.

“As a two-year institution, our focus is to provide students the opportunity to pursue a career or to complete a four-year degree after graduation from LSCPA,” said Dr. Gary Stretcher, Vice President for Academic Affairs. “We are proud to provide our area industries, and beyond, this caliber of talent and expertise.”



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Arts program ranked among the best in Texas

For some, “art” means paint on canvas. For others, art is a dramatic soliloquy at center stage. And there are those who express art from behind a microphone with a guitar in hand.

Whatever the definition, Lamar State College Port Arthur serves as muse and mentor for those seeking artistic enlightenment. And a 2016 ranking of Fine Arts schools in Texas says LSCPA is among the best.

Online fine arts information source, best-art-colleges.com, ranks LSCPA 75th among all colleges and universities in the state for its programs, which features programs and degrees in Theater, Commercial Music and Art.

“We offer a personal touch in the education of our students,” said Theater instructor Damon Gengo. “This is

true of every department on campus. Many of our students get to perform in a band, put their visual artworks in front of the public and take the stage, acting frequently.”

John Freyermuth has led an impassioned life of everything that is music. He arrived at LSCPA in 2012 to take over as director of the Commercial Music program, coming from Massachusetts originally. He said LSCPA’s dedication to fine arts and music, in particular, drew him to Port Arthur.

“Our students show up to class ready to become better artists and performers and because of their drive and dedication it allows the faculty to push to reach higher potential,” he said.

Workforce Training offers broad career opportunities

The Workforce Training and Continuing Education Department at Lamar State College Port Arthur offers training designed to provide educational opportunities that maximize workforce performance, career development, and self-enrichment.

The goal of the Workforce Training and Continuing Education Department is to assist individuals, businesses, industries, and the community meet their training and education needs. All training events are intended to enrich, strengthen, and support participating students.

Based upon community interest and need, training helps students upgrade their skills, increase their knowledge, learn a new hobby, advance their careers, solve problems, and stimulate their minds.

The office of Workforce Training and Continuing Education brought more than 1,100 new faces to campus in the past year.

We added training in Industrial Safety, CDL Class B, Certified Medication Aide and Certified Nurse Aide while also opening doors to opportunities for continuing education for employees in areas such as the petrochemical and medical industries.



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Flint Hills donates equipment to Process Technology

In its ongoing relationship with Lamar State College Port Arthur, Flint Hills Resources (FHR) Port Arthur has donated a specialized piece of training equipment to be used in the college's Process Technology program.

Flint Hills Resources Port Arthur has had a long-standing relationship with LSCPA, having donated more than \$90,000 in scholarships through the Port Arthur Higher Education Foundation for students attending classes at the school.



Paralegal program re-approved

The American Bar Association recently confirmed its seven-year re-approval of the program as the school's Paralegal Program continued its unbroken 14-year string of approval through the ABA.

LSCPA's Paralegal Program is among thousands available across the United States, but share the accolade of being one of only about 300 that are ABA-approved. The ABA's comprehensive re-approval process takes place every seven years.

Spring features co-enrollment graduates

Graduation is always an exciting time as students celebrate their accomplishments in full commencement regalia. The Spring 2016 semester brought a new experience, though, as several students picked up their degrees and certificates more than a week before even graduating high school. The dual credit program allows students to take college classes while attending high school, leading to a quicker route to a college degree.



New logo, website add new personality

As part of the ongoing efforts at LSCPA to move boldly into the future, the college revealed a new logo and website design, updating the look and feel for students, faculty and staff.

The website, www.lamarpa.edu, and the new logo were conceived by Yoodle, a software solutions and management consulting company in Overland Park, Kansas.

The website was created with input from key administrative, faculty and staff members in the fall of 2015 with the unveiling taking place in January 2016.

"The new logo provides a unique, high impact, eye-catching, and unforgettable impression for current and future endeavors," said LSCPA President Dr. Betty Reynard. "The logo and a new web site design are helping Lamar State College Port Arthur secure a solid, recognizable face in the community for years to come."



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