



What Success Looks Like at LSCPA

**2017 REPORT
TO THE COMMUNITY**

SUCCESS COMES IN MANY FORMS

DEGREES AND CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

ASSOCIATE OF ART

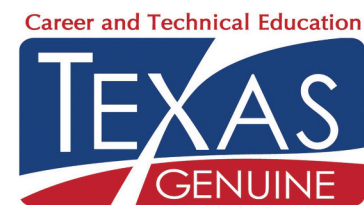
- > Academic Studies
- > Business Administration
- > Criminal Justice
- > Drama
- > Kinesiology
- > Studio Art
- > Teaching (EC-8)
- > Teaching (EC-12 Art)
- > Teaching (EC-12 Theatre Arts)
- > Teaching (EC-12 Music)
- > Teaching (EC-12 Physical Education)

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
- > 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

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THIS IS WHAT SUCCESS LOOKS LIKE ...

...WHEN WE ALL WORK TOGETHER

Success can be defined in a myriad of ways. Success can be the attainment of a very personal goal or it can be an institutional milestone.

One of the greatest aspects of education is watching as our students reach their personal goals thanks in great part to Lamar State College Port Arthur reaching its institutional goals.

The 2016-17 school year was one of great success for LSCPA. From the completion of the Sheila McCarthy Umphrey Industrial Technology Center to the announcement that the college was once again named among the top in the country by the Aspen Institute, the year is one to remember.

As always, our successes directly impact the ability of our students to succeed and become the great citizens Southeast Texas and Port Arthur need to maintain a positive forward momentum.

Sheila McCarthy Umphrey made history with the largest single donation ever made to LSCPA, and in doing so helped create more opportunity for students to find success among the technical programs offered at the college. Thanks to her donation, and contributions from Total Petrochemical & Refining USA, the Port Arthur Industrial Group, Golden Pass LNG, BASF Total Petrochemicals LLC, and Flint Hills Resources, students now enjoy a state of the art facility that houses four programs: Heating, Ventilation & Air Conditioning, Drafting, Process Technology and Instrumentation.

And while success can certainly be defined by the grand accomplishments the college has seen in the past year, it can also be seen in the individual acts of support and sacrifice we saw during the Hurricane Harvey floods.

In the face of one of the most devastating moments in the history of Port Arthur, neighbors came together to support one another.

The humanity that we saw during the floods that left 80 percent of the community devastated is perhaps the success with which we can be most proud.

Thank you for your continued support of the college and its endeavors. Without the support of our community, whether it is business and industry or civic and religious groups, we wouldn't be able to succeed.

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

LSCPA named Top 150 in the nation ... again

The Aspen Institute College Excellence Program named Lamar State College Port Arthur among the top 150 colleges in the United States for 2019, the second time in consecutive awarding periods the college has earned this honor.



LSCPA was selected from more than 1,000 colleges originally considered for the bi-annual recognition. The Prize is the nation's signature recognition of high achievement and performance among America's community colleges and recognizes institutions for exceptional student outcomes in four areas: student learning, certificate and degree completion, employment and earnings, and access and success for minority and low-income students.

"At Lamar State College Port Arthur, we aspire to improve how we impact the lives of students as they pursue degrees and certificates," LSCPA President Dr. Betty Reynard said. "The greatest measure of how we are doing is in the growing success of our students. Being named an Aspen Prize winner twice is especially exciting for our faculty and staff and is a public validation of all the hard work we've put in on behalf of our students' futures."

LSCPA ranked No. 1 in the nation in the category "Credentials Awarded per 100 FTE Students." The college posted a figure of 81.6 degrees or certificates earned per 100 FTE.

THIS IS WHAT SUCCESS LOOKS LIKE ...

...WHEN A BENEFACTOR COMES HOME
TO IMPACT A GENERATION OF STUDENTS

SHEILA McCARTHY UMPHREY

Thomas Jefferson High School graduate

Sheila Umphrey has spent a lifetime in support of education and community expansion and progress, and her philanthropy came home to Port Arthur last year.

Umphrey made a landmark donation of \$500,000 to Lamar State College Port Arthur, the single largest gift of its kind in the school's more than 100-year history. In response, LSCPA named its new Industrial Technology Center the "Sheila McCarthy Umphrey Industrial Technology Center."

"Sheila is a native of Port Arthur and today she is giving back to her community again as she presents this monumental gift to the college," LSCPA President Dr. Betty Reynard said. "We are thrilled to acknowledge her donation with the naming of the newest addition to our campus, the Sheila McCarthy Umphrey Industrial Technology Center. We are proud that this new building will carry her name because of what she represents to our community and to education in general."



SHEILA McCARTHY UMPHREY INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY CENTER

Opened September 11, 2017



PROJECT DONORS

Sheila McCarthy Umphrey
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Port Arthur Industrial Group
Total Petrochemicals & Refining USA, Inc.

HURRICANE HARVEY FLOODS -- SEPTEMBER 2017



Associated Press/Gerald Herbert

THIS IS WHAT SUCCESS LOOKS LIKE ...

...WHEN NEIGHBORS COME TOGETHER



As an institution, Lamar State College Port Arthur survived Hurricane Harvey with a minimal amount of damage. The school was very fortunate. But for our students, faculty and staff, the devastation was widespread.

During the flood, residents from across the city were evacuated and housed temporarily in the Carl Parker Center, which was set up by the City of Port Arthur as a shelter. As the waters receded in the days following the storm, the campus continued to be used as a place to live for first responders, and displaced faculty and staff.

During the first weeks after the storm, help came in many forms. Aside from city, state and federal first responders, the American Red Cross, FEMA, and local civic and religious groups, assistance came from many different places. Colleges as close as Texas and as far away as Missouri sent care packages to assist in Port Arthur and Southeast Texas recovery efforts.



One of the most important aspects of disaster recovery is having state representatives in the community. Rep. Dade Phelan, Sen. Brandon Creighton and Rep. Joe Deshotel have been in Port Arthur and the surrounding region making sure residents are receiving all the help possible in the recovery effort. (ABOVE) While in the community, Rep. Dade, right, along with his Chief of Staff Zach Johnson, left, stopped by the college for a visit with LSCPA President Dr. Betty Reynard to make sure everything was going smoothly in the post-Harvey recovery.



State Fair Community College, Sedalia, Missouri



South Texas College, McAllen, Texas



Hurricane Harvey Heroes

- Among the first calls received by LSCPA was the offer of help from State Fair Community College in Missouri. The college collected 22 pallets full of water, cleaning supplies, bedding, toiletries and various other sundries. That truckload was delivered free of charge by Ditzfeld Transfer, Inc.
- South Texas College delivered a trailer full of supplies. Students helped unload water and other supplies for students, faculty and staff. Dr. Ben Stafford of LSCPA accepted the donations on behalf of the college.
- Other groups or individuals who contributed to the Harvey recovery effort at LSCPA included: Barnes & Noble Bookstore, Alaine LaBauve Advertising & Marketing, Subway Restaurants of Warsaw, Missouri on behalf of the State Fair Community College Foundation, Scholarship America National Disaster Relief Fund, Rep. Dade Phelan, Sen. Brandon Creighton, Rep. Joe Deshotel, Hillcrest Baptist Church Women's Group, Jasper, Inceptia-a division of NSLP, Patricia Holmes, Sempra LNG & Midstream, Port Arthur Higher Education Foundation, National Council for Marketing & Public Relations, McGraw-Hill Education, and Facility Programming & Consulting.

THIS IS WHAT SUCCESS LOOKS LIKE ...

...WHEN, IN THE FACE OF A DISASTER,
YOU KEEP YOUR GOALS IN FOCUS

FELICIA McADAMS

LSCPA Director of Advising and Retention

Doctoral candidate at Sam Houston State University

In the late hours of Tuesday, August 29, Felicia McAdams' life would forever change.

No one expected, nor could they have prepared for, the impact Hurricane Harvey would have on Southeast Texas and those who lived there. When it was all through, they called it a "1,000-Year Flood."

Felicia called it "terrifying."

"I lost everything," she said in a Facebook post after the event, "my house, my car, my sense of me. I'm a blank slate."

But even as she escaped the rising waters that devastated her home, she clung to one of her biggest goals, a doctoral degree.

"The first thing I did was save my dissertation files," she said. "I bagged them, then put them in the China closet."

Months after Harvey's departure, Felicia is recovering her day-to-day life.



She has a new car to drive and her home has been stripped of dripping debris, ready for reconstruction.

Her sorority, colleagues, and friends have been there to help in the aftermath. She is a lifetime member of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. SHSU Graduate Studies provided a new laptop computer so Felicia could continue her doctoral work. She is still on target to receive her EdD degree in Developmental Education Administration from Sam Houston State University this December.

"What I went through after the storm, I would never, ever want to go through that again in my life," she said. "Every day, even now, is a struggle but in some ways, I can say that the experience has made me a stronger person. I've faced one of the most difficult moments in my life and I've been able to come through the other side thanks to determination and a lot of help from good Samaritans and friends."

THIS IS WHAT SUCCESS LOOKS LIKE ...

...WHEN YOUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS IMPACT
STUDENTS' LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

KENNETH Q. TURNER

LSCPA Commercial Music Instructor

Voting member of National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences

Sitting in the audience at a recent GRAMMY Awards ceremony, Kenneth Turner was enveloped in the surreal situation where he found himself rubbing elbows with his heroes.

“You see these people who you idolize, the entertainers who create the music that inspire you,” Turner said. “It’s an incredible experience.”

And while Turner might humbly hold up his musical heroes, he has established himself as a man of talent and ability. He brings those qualities to his classroom, offering his teachings to the students of Lamar State College Port Arthur.

“Creating and performing music is a passion,” said Turner, who is a drummer by trade. “Passing along my love of music to young people is a special opportunity. It’s an opportunity to leave a mark in such a big way.”

Turner has been a voting member of the National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences since 2007, participating in the GRAMMY Producers and Engineer’s Wing. He has a special love



of gospel music, serving as coordinator of choirs at Emmanuel Baptist Church in Beaumont.

His professional resume’ reads like a wish list of experiences: producer and senior engineer with EMF Productions in Lake Charles, La., member of Black Rock Coalition, drummer with Peace and the Chaos, while touring regionally and nationally with award-winning bands.

He was selected as one of the top 20 producers in 2003-04 by Worldwide Producers’ Listen and Exchange.

“I’m living my dream every day,” he said. “Not only do I get to produce and perform but I get to teach others who have the same passion.”



In March 2017, the City of Port Arthur hoisted a new elevated water tank that helped to boost local water storage as well as the pressure of the Pleasure Island distribution system. Emblazoned on one side of the tank is LSCPA's new logo, giving a public face to the important relationship between the City of Port Arthur and the College. The tank is located in the west side of Port Arthur near the Martin Luther King Jr. bridge leading to Pleasure Island. The project was funded by Cheniere LNG and Motiva. The side opposite the LSCPA logo bears the United States Coast Guard logo.

CELEBRATING OUR SUCCESSES

Instructor Grace Megnet wins state-wide writing recognition

It is an ironic world in which Grace Megnet lives. She has spent her adult life as a champion of the English language. In fact, this December she will receive her master's degree in English and she recently won first place for nonfiction in the annual Texas Association of Creative Writing Teachers (TACWT) competition.



Yet she says her accent betrays her to those who don't really know her well enough. Often, she said, people believe she is less educated, less valuable, simply because of the Swiss German accent she's carried since childhood.

"There's a barrier that exists when you speak with a strong accent," she explained, tears rimming at the edge of her eyes. "Some people automatically presume you can't speak English. They consider you to be a second-class citizen, someone who is less worthy."

That unfair perception has driven Megnet's ownership of the English language. She writes for the love of writing, but she also writes in self-defense of her immense ability to convey emotion through words on a page.

"There are times I've felt handicapped because of my accent," she said. "That has driven me to learn the language better than those who are native to this country. "When I write, people don't hear an accent," she said.

She attended the TACWT awards ceremony in September 2017 where she read aloud her winning entry. This was her third first-place award in the organization.

"Nothing makes me happier than finding the right words," she said. "I love my job, I love teaching. But with art, I feel like I'm dancing in the wrong shoes. When I'm writing, I feel like I'm doing what I'm supposed to be doing."



Guidry named 2017 Player of the Year

Savana Guidry spent her sophomore season at LSCPA collecting one softball honor after another, capped by the most impressive, the NJCAA Region 14 Player of the Year award, voted on by the league's coaches.

Guidry came to LSCPA after a season at Houston Baptist University. Through the regular 2017 season, Guidry set new school records in batting average (.510), hits (101), doubles (27), and runs scored (59).

Guidry earned NJCAA Region 14 National Player of the Week earlier in the season and was selected Fast Pitch News Player of the Week, another national honor. She signed to play for NCAA Division I program Lamar University starting with the 2018 season.

Seahawks Athletics Milestones

- Men's basketball coach Lance Madison recorded his 100th career head coaching victory with an 86-75 win over Coastal Bend College on February 4, 2017. Madison has spent his entire head coaching career at LSCPA.
- Freshman John Comeaux set a single-game school record with 47 points in a game against Panola College on Jan. 7, 2017. The Seahawks won the game 97-95 on a last-second basket by Comeaux.



The Clifford Antone Foundation awarded LSCPA a scholarship donation to be used in the College's Commercial Music program. Clifford Antone grew up in Port Arthur before moving to Austin where he opened the legendary rock and blues concert venue, Antone's, on Sixth Street in the capital city. Antone's gave birth to such stars as Stevie Ray Vaughan, Jimmie Vaughan and Gary Clark Jr. Gerald Farha, left, stopped by the College with a check, which he presented to President Dr. Betty Reynard and Commercial Music Program Director John Freyermuth.



Jacqueline Robinson, once the captain of the LSCPA dance team, was named one of the newest members of the Houston Rockets Power Dance Team in 2017. Robinson worked her way through three preliminary auditions before competing at the Toyota Center in Houston for a spot on the team. She was selected for one of just 13 spots and will represent the Rockets for the upcoming season.

Robinson graduated in Spring 2016 with an associate's degree in Academic Studies. She is now a student at the University of Houston.

Paralegal instructor McPherson named Pro Bono Attorney of Year

During one week in October of each year, pro bono attorneys are publicly heralded for the contributions they make to their communities. For Michelle McPherson, pro bono work is a daily dedication.

McPherson, an adjunct paralegal instructor at Lamar State College Port Arthur, was named the 2016 Pro Bono Attorney of the Year by the Jefferson County Bar Association. She is an attorney with the MehaffyWeber Law Firm in Beaumont.



"Every client is unique and every story is important," McPherson said. "From the simple routine divorces that allow people to move forward to the demanding cases with complex child custody issues, property, or retirement issues—every person deserves to have help if he or she cannot afford it."

Pro bono, or legal representation at no cost for those who qualify, is a passion for McPherson, who started her education at LSCPA as a paralegal student before earning a bachelor of applied arts and sciences at Lamar University in 2002.

She received her degree to practice law at South Texas University School of Law. She joined MehaffyWeber in 2006, returning to LSCPA at the same time as an adjunct professor in the paralegal program. She teaches Paralegalism, Business Law, Civil Litigation, Torts, Interviewing and Investigation, and Advanced Legal Document Preparation.

McPherson is a member of the State Bar of Texas and the Bar Associations of Jefferson and Orange counties. She is a member of the Grace Lutheran Church where she serves on the Board of Disciple Development. She has also worked with the Salvation Army and St. Paul United Methodist Church in Bridge City during the Hurricane Katrina fundraiser, PAWS of Bridge City, the Gift of Life-Julie Richardson Procter Run/Walk, Habitat for Humanity and Back to School programs in Orange County.

CELEBRATING OUR SUCCESSES

Coordinating Board awards LSCPA \$196,031 nursing innovation grant

In an intensive care unit, split-second decisions can mean life or death and it takes the highest quality of hands-on experience to make sure ICU nurses are prepared to make those critical care choices.



Now, Lamar State College Port Arthur will offer that extra level of critical care clinical experience after being awarded a \$196,031 grant from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

“This is a very important step for the school and for the students we serve,” Shirley MacNeill, Director of Allied Health at LSCPA, said. “This allows our students to be on equal footing with any student from any school producing registered nurses.”

The grant will be used to purchase simulation equipment that will include a critical care patient, intensive care bed, crash carts, defibrillator and ventilator, all of which create a real-life situation for nursing students. Up to 50 percent of a student’s clinical experience can be undertaken in a simulation lab with the remainder occurring in area medical care facilities.

LSCPA is one of 17 colleges state-wide that received the Nursing Innovation Grant, which was established to help fill the growing need for registered nurses across Texas. The college offers a stepping-stone approach for students who can advance from certified nurse aide to licensed vocational nurse and finally the Associate Degree in Nursing that allows students the opportunity to take the state licensure exam. From there, students are prepared to step directly into a Bachelor of Science in Nursing program.

Surgical Tech students earn fifth 100% results

Students from the Surgical Technology Program at Lamar State College Port Arthur achieved a 100 percent pass rate on National Board Exams for the fifth straight year.

“Because we are the only Surgical Technology program of this type in the region, that means we are well known to our area hospitals and have a history of producing quality graduates over the past nearly 20 years,” said Certified Surgical Technologist Brandon Buckner, director of the LSCPA Surgical Technology program. “When hospitals, surgery centers and doctors’ offices need to hire, they know exactly where to look for employees.”

Students in the LSCPA program are supervised in clinicals by adjunct instructor Truman Hare, Certified Surgery Technologist, at most hospitals in Southeast Texas, including Baptist, Christus St. Elizabeth and St. Mary, The Medical Center of Southeast Texas and Beaumont Bone and Joint. Hospitals serving as a clinical site get a first-hand look at students while they are in training.

“They get to pick the cream of the crop and often offer jobs to students in the program as orderlies or in the sterile processing area where they may make \$10 to \$12 dollars an hour while they are still in school,” Bucker said. “The surgical staffs at these facilities play a major role in our pass rates and student success. The doctors, nurses, techs and orderlies are just as big a part of our students’ education as lab and lecture time. They are the professionals we try to emulate.”

Champagne named Rogers Award winner

Adriane Champagne, an instructor at LSCPA, was named the 2016 Rogers Community Service Award winner during a ceremony in December 2016.

Champagne has been an active volunteer for the American Cancer Society Relay for Life organization for eight years, serving on the Event Leadership Team for the past three years. The event in 2016 raised more than half a million dollars for the Cancer Society.

Adriane is a longtime instructor at LSCPA, working with the Business and Technology Department.



THIS IS WHAT SUCCESS LOOKS LIKE ...

...WHEN YOU CELEBRATE A LIFETIME
OF DEDICATION & ACCOMPLISHMENT

DR. BARBARA HUVAL

Director of Inmate Instruction/Liberal Arts

Retired after 35 years at Lamar State College Port Arthur

As a 30-something housewife with three children, Barbara Huval found herself standing at the clothes dryer folding socks. It was at that moment she asked herself a life-defining question: “Do I still want to be folding socks 35 years from now?”

The decision she made to pursue education as a career has impacted more than herself and her family. Generations of students have since passed through Dr. Huval’s English classes or programs over which she directed.

The lives she helped change are countless.

In October 2017, she said farewell to her career and Lamar State College Port Arthur as she retires with 35 years of dedicated service behind her.

“There was never a question that education was where I would go,” she said.

She started as an instructor in the mid-1980s and over the next several decades, she became director of the Liberal Arts



Department and ultimately took over the Inmate Instruction Program.

“Over the years, there have been so many stories of students who left the prison with an education and they didn’t look back,” she said.

After more than three decades of working at LSCPA, she explained that not coming to the college each day will be difficult.

“This has been my life and I will miss it dearly,” she said of LSCPA. “My kids wanted me to retire years ago. So it’s time for me to retire and enjoy the fruits of my labor.”

SEAHAWK LANDING STUDENT APARTMENTS

Students find new home on campus

Among the most visible signs of change on campus in 2016 came in the form of new student apartments at the Seahawk Landing housing project.

Located on Lakeshore Drive, the new facility offers a new opportunity for quick and easy access to all aspects of campus life. The apartments depart in design from the old idea of dormitory living, rather offering an apartment setting with a full kitchen and living room. Outside are a basketball court, barbecue pits and sand volleyball court, while inside students have access to a commons area with full kitchen fixtures, a study room and computer lab.

A year ago, Seahawks basketball player Petar Radojicic lived in apartments off campus, traveling to campus by van for classes and practice each day. Now, Radojicic lives in Seahawk Landing.

“I like that the entire basketball team is together and that we share a living space. We have become better friends off the court. We are never lonely,” said Radojicic, a native of Serbia. “This is one of the best things the school has ever done.”

The facility was completed and opened in August 2016 with 100 beds ready for students attending LSCPA. The construction of Seahawk Landing was a collaboration of the college, the City of Port Arthur and the Port Arthur Economic Development Corporation. The building was constructed by The Itex Group.



Lamar State College Port Arthur hosted a ribbon cutting for the newest addition to the college, the Seahawk Landing student housing facility. The construction of Seahawk Landing was a collaboration of the College, the City of Port Arthur and the Port Arthur Economic Development Corporation. The building was constructed by The Itex Group. Pictured, from left, are Chris Akbari and Cheryl Akbari of The Itex Group, Texas State University System Chancellor Dr. Brian McCall, Port Arthur Mayor Derrick Freeman, LSCPA President Dr. Betty Reynard, former LSCPA President Dr. Sam Monroe, and Port Arthur City Manager Brian McDougal.



THIS IS WHAT SUCCESS LOOKS LIKE ...

...WHEN YOU ACT ON YOUR PASSION
AND CHANGE A STUDENT'S LIFE

BRANDON BUCKNER

Surgical Technology Program Director

As a young man, Brandon Buckner had the itch to travel, to see something more than he had experienced growing up in Silsbee, Texas. The military was the answer, though it led him down a path he hadn't originally planned to follow.

"I had signed up in the Army and was planning to be an x-ray technician," Buckner said. "They told me the program was full and I could either pick something else or wait a year to join. I was ready to get my life started, so I picked something else."

Surgical Technology caught his interest and before long, he found himself elbow-deep in a career that would carry him through the next 25 years.

Buckner earned his Certificate of Training in 1993 from the U.S. Army Academy of Health Sciences and collected an Associate of Applied Science in Surgical Technology in 2001 from LSCPA.

"Surgical Technology has taken me places I never considered," he said. "My family is full of teachers and so, naturally, I



found myself with that interest and I found myself here at Lamar State College Port Arthur. I've not regretted a moment of my time here."

Buckner, whose daughter Jessica is one of his current students, came to LSCPA in 2000 and has since provided a how-to guide to running a successful Surgical Technology program. Just this year, Buckner's students all passed the state surgical technologist certification exam, the fifth consecutive class to do so.

"I remember when laparoscopy seemed like new technology and now we have robotics and lasers," he said. "When you sit back and look at it over 20 years, it's amazing the changes and the advancements.

"It's exciting to work with the newest trends and then relay that information to our students. Our students are among the best prepared anywhere."

SUCCESS THROUGH DIVERSITY, VISION & GOALS

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 Skill Development Board
- > 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.

\$381,701

Fall 2016 Scholarships

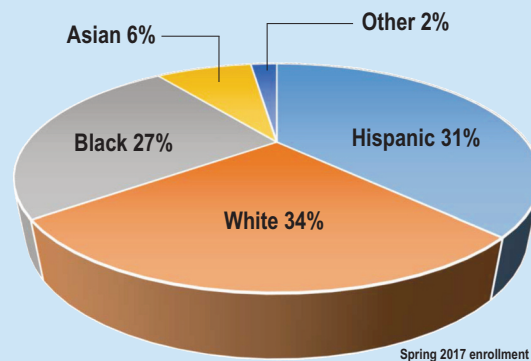
\$235,589

Spring 2017 Scholarships

THE NUMBERS

	Fall 2016	Spring 2017
Enrollment	2,051	2,072
Academic Majors	1,226	1,155
Technical Majors	825	917
Full-Time Students	820	728
Part-Time Students	1,231	1,344
In-State Students	2,023	2,044
Out-of-State Students	20	20
Foreign Students	8	8
Average Age	23	24
Male Students	813	885
Female Students	1,238	1,187
Degrees Awarded	118	101
Certificates	76	79

Student Ethnicity



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

2017 Source: Certified CBM001 & In-house reports. Degrees & Certificates awarded are from the Spring 2017 graduation only.

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.

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.



MISSION

Lamar State College Port Arthur provides learning experiences that prepares students to continue their education or enter the workforce.

VISION

Lamar State College Port Arthur strives to enhance lives by expanding opportunities through quality education.

VALUES

We value our students’:

- Educational achievements
- Personal enrichment

We value our employees and their:

- Contribution to student success
- Commitment to improve
- Integrity and honesty

We value our community and its:

- Legacy of support
- Diversity

LEADERSHIP

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