

2019 LAMAR STATE COLLEGE PORT ARTHUR
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HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2018-2019

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2018

INTERNATIONAL SHOW

CANEDO-GONZÁLEZ PERFORMS
IN SOUTH AMERICAN THEATER

Blas Canedo-González, a voice instructor at LSCPA, brings with him to the stage and the classroom a lifetime of experience to go along with a pure, unadulterated love of singing. Canedo-González works to influence others through his professional performances as well as his time in the classroom. In September 2018, Canedo-González struck one of the high points of his career after taking the stage for the Teatro Mayor Santo Domingo, one of the most prestigious theaters in South America in its production of “Der Rosenkavalier”.



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REYNARD HONORED

LSCPA PRESIDENT NAMED 'PACESETTER'
BY NATIONAL MARKETING ORGANIZATION

LSCPA President Dr. Betty Reynard was named the National Council of Marketing and Public Relations Pacesetter of the Year District 4 winner. Dr. Reynard, who joined LSCPA in fall 2014, was selected to represent NCMPR District 4, which includes Arkansas, Colorado, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas, and Wyoming. NCMPR is a nation-wide organization that helps support two-year colleges in their marketing and public relations efforts.

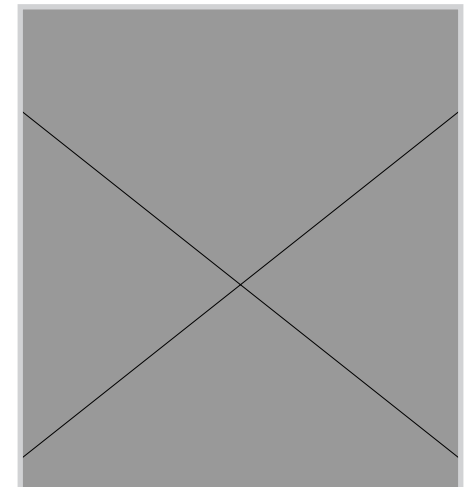


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\$1.6M GRANT

FUNDS CREATE LNG TRAINING UNIT;
AT LEAST 900 NEW JOB ANTICIPATED

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NICO SHARES HIS 'VOICE'

LSCPA ALUM MAKES NATIONAL TV SPLASH ON TELEVISION SINGING COMPETITION

Former LSCPA Commercial Music program student De'Andre Nico sang his way to national attention on the NBC show "The Voice." Nico, a Port Arthur resident, earned a four-chair turn in the initial blind audition after performing an intense cover of Bruno Mars' "When I Was Your Man." He then chose superstar Adam Levine as his coach for the remainder of the competition. Nico made it to the Top 10 Elimination Round before being controversially ousted short of the show's finals.

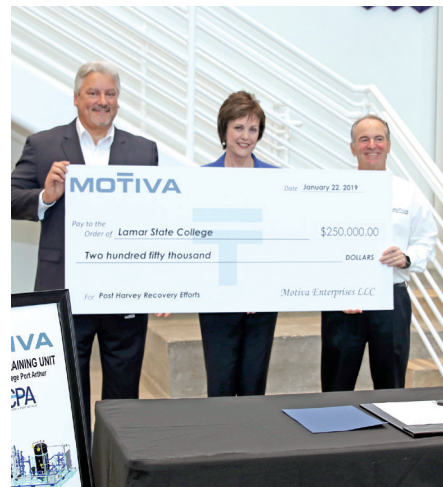


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MOTIVA DONATES \$250K

INDUSTRIAL PARTNER CONTRIBUTES TO COMPLETION OF LNG TRAINING UNIT

Motiva donated \$250,000 to enhance the LSCPA Process Technology Program and support a \$2 million grant that will go to the construction of a glycol processing training unit at the college. The processing unit will provide a hands-on environment for students to grow their skills and be competitively positioned for jobs. LSCPA President Dr. Betty Reynard said, "The unit is going to be greatly beneficial to our students, as it provides real-world work to give them more experience that they can use in their future careers."



LIFETIME AWARD

GARY STRETCHER HONORED FOR CAREER OF LEADERSHIP, IMPACT

Dr. Gary Stretcher, longtime Vice President for Academic Affairs and current Director of External Learning Experiences, received the Lindle Grigsby Leadership Award winner, an honor bestowed upon an individual who demonstrates the highest levels of service and leadership among community colleges in the state of Texas. It is awarded during the annual Texas Community College Instructional Leadership conference. The award came just weeks before Dr. Stretcher announced his intention to retire after nearly 30 years at LSCPA.



BEST IN THE NATION

INSTRUCTORS HONORED FOR CAREER EXCELLENCE IN THE CLASSROOM

The National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development (NISOD) honored four LSCPA instructors for going above and beyond in the classroom. Earning recognition were Michelle Askew (mathematics), George Bohn (Instrumentation Technology), Adriane Champagne (Office Technology), and Brandon Buckner (Surgical Technology). NISOD's Excellence Awards recognize men and women each year who have demonstrated an outstanding commitment and contribution to their students and colleagues.



LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

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Betty Reynolds

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PIPER PROFESSOR GRACE MEGNET

When Grace Megnet came to America from her home in Switzerland, she had very little money in her pocket but lots of big dreams on her mind. Now, two decades later, Megnet has won one of the biggest awards possible for a college professor.

Megnet, who teaches Art at Lamar State College Port Arthur, has been named a 2019 Minnie Stevens Piper Professor, an award given to just 10 higher education professors from across the state of Texas.

“I considered the Piper Professor Award as unattainable,” Megnet said. “It still seems unreal, a dream from which I will wake up any minute ...”

In fact, Megnet has worked more than a minute to reach this apex of teaching recognition. Megnet’s voyage from Switzerland to Port Arthur has taken her down many varied paths. With little more than the clothes on her back, she arrived in Texas pursuing a dream that would include art, literature and education ... lots of education.

“I got into teaching by accident but once I experienced the classroom,” Megnet said, “I often wondered why I should be paid for it because it was so much fun.”

When she came to the U.S., she taught Fine Arts at a Catholic school, opened an art gallery, earned a Masters of Fine Art in painting, and pursued a career as an artist. She joined LSCPA in 2005 and became a full-time assistant professor in 2009. She recently completed a second master’s degree in literature.

Grace Megnet, an art professor at Lamar State College Port Arthur, was also selected as the 2018 Texas State University System Board of Regents’ Teacher Award winner. The announcement came during the TSUS Regents Quarterly Meeting in Lost Pines, Texas in August 2018.

WORKING WITH MOTHER TERESA

Grace studied at the University of Berne and at the Sorbonne then became a teacher. She prepared gifted children for gymnasium for four years at a Swiss school, then joined Mother Teresa in her charitable works. Grace opened three new foundations, including one with a school for refugee children.

INTERNATIONAL ARTIST

Grace has displayed art in exhibitions around the world and her work is on permanent display at the Swiss Embassy in Madrid, Spain, the Museum of Corme in Spain and in Beaumont, Texas at the Art Museum of Southeast Texas and Lamar University.

Building for the Future

When students train for instrumentation and process technology at Lamar State College Port Arthur, they'll be working with the real deal.

The U.S. Economic Development Administration announced recently that LSCPA is the recipient of a \$1.6 million Disaster Supplemental Funding Grant. With a \$400,000 match provided by LSCPA, the total project cost is \$2 million.

The anticipated impact is the creation of 900 jobs.

"This is a fantastic opportunity for Lamar State College Port Arthur to grow our petrochemical-related career training," LSCPA President Dr. Betty Reynard said. "This new facility will provide a much more real-life learning experience to those seeking careers in the industry."

The EDA investment will fund a Process Technology Training Unit Project, which will provide state-of-the-art industrial training equipment for a complex located outside and adjacent to the existing Sheila McCarthy Umphrey Industrial Technology Center on the LSCPA campus.

The training center will assist students employed in the regional petrochemical and chemical industries, which will increase the quality and quantity of the Port Arthur area workforce, especially helping aid the recovery from Hurricane Harvey while establishing resiliency for future natural disasters.

"The relationship between the college and the petrochemical companies in the region has been a strong one and this new project helps solidify that bond of education resulting in a qualified and well-trained workforce," Dr. Reynard said.

The goal of the Process Technology Training Unit Project is to provide state-of-the-art training equipment for students enrolled in the Process Operating and Instrumentation programs, while also providing customized training for individuals currently employed in the regional petrochemical and chemical industries.

The equipment complex will consist of three major sections including a distillation unit, a 'HOT' distillation unit, and skids for each unit.

The Distillation Unit is a functional, large-scale, realistic, industrial process system that provides 'real world' training in operations regularly undertaken by process operators and instrumentation technician within the refining, petrochemical and oil and gas industries relating to a distillation process.

A binary mixture of glycol and water is used as the feedstock for the unit. The distillation process yields 99 percent pure water and glycol.

The "HOT" Distillation Unit provides a functional, large-scale training environment that provides realistic hands-on training in the functionality of a complete distillation process. The unit includes a 32-foot high, 12-inch diameter functional distillation column. The device allows for distillation with pressure manipulation through vacuum, feed rate changes, and experimentation with, or manipulation of, different feed composition mixtures, temperatures and reflux ratios. Activities focus on common tasks and formal procedures undertaken on a daily basis by operators in many industries.

Economic Development grant paves way for Liquefied Natural Gas training unit at LSCPA

"This proven, full-size tool will make training more memorable, effective, and realistic for both existing workers, students and trainees. Individuals who utilize the Process Technology Training Unit will have a more realistic workplace experience, making them more valuable to potential employers."

Dr. Betty Reynard, LSCPA President

LANE GLAZE

CHOOSING TO WIN AS HE FACES LIFE'S CHALLENGES

It was only a few years ago that Lane Glaze started using a wheelchair. As his body began to betray him in the face of a neurological disease, the young Port Neches resident faced a life challenge that for many might serve as a defeat.

Instead, Glaze proved to others something he already knew about himself: he will continue to win at life no matter what.

While the progressive disease has taken his ability to walk and limited the use of his hands and arms, Glaze utilized graphic design programs as a student at Lamar State College Port Arthur and developed a logo that recently won the Port Arthur Transit logo contest. Glaze placed first in the contest, earning a \$500 award, while Haley Broussard and Irene Iju James were runners-up.

"I'm able to do whatever I need on computers, it just takes me a little bit longer," he said after learning of his win during a ceremony at the LSCPA Student Center. "This is exciting, knowing that my logo will be seen all over Port Arthur. I'll be able to look up and see my work passing by on the streets all over the city."

The logo contest was the brainchild of Port Arthur Transit Manager Ivan Mitchell. In cooperation with the college, the PAT sought a new look for replacement buses that will be traversing the city in the coming years.

"The contest seemed like a great idea because it worked as a partnership between the city and the college," said Dr. Ben Stafford, Dean of Workforce and Continuing Education, who coordinated the contest at the school. "This is a relationship we're always happy to foster and in this case, it helped lift up a remarkable student who serves as an inspiration to us all."

Glaze suffers from Friedreich's ataxia, a neurological disease that causes the abnormal metabolism of iron in his system. Though the problem was identified early in his life, it wasn't until he was 16 years old that his condition forced him into a wheelchair.

"Not many people know what it is," he explained. "My body can't release iron properly, so it builds up. It throws off my balance and coordination and it's starting to affect my speech."

It doesn't affect his positive approach to life, however.

"It just takes me longer to hit the keys," he said of working with the graphic design computer programs. "I want to get into 3-D printing and graphic design goes hand in hand with that. My goal is to get into some sort of manufacturing process."



Graphic design student Lane Glaze, above center, won the Port Arthur Transit logo contest. Glaze, a resident of Port Neches, is pictured with, from left, Brad Coleman and Alvin Abrams of the City of Port Arthur Transit, LSCPA Dean of Workforce Training and Continuing Education Dr. Ben Stafford, State Rep. Dade Phelan (R-Beaumont), and LSCPA President Dr. Betty Reynard.

Less than a month after graduating from the Graphic Design program in Spring 2019, Makaela Sattler took a job as marketing and public relations director of Cogill Construction.



THEY'VE GOT MAD SKILLS!

SOFTWARE DEVELOPER/GAME DESIGN PROGRAM BRINGS HOME GOLD AT STATE SKILLSUSA COMPETITION, TAKE SHOT AT NATIONAL FAME



Members of the Lamar State College Port Arthur Software Developer/Game Design SkillsUSA team are Madison Blanton, Kaeden Jenkins, Greyson Fortner, Lee Thomas and XXXXX. Sarita Medhekar is sponsor and program director.

The Lamar State College Port Arthur Software Developer and Game Design Program is stepping onto the national stage after winning gold at the recent SkillsUSA state competition.

Madison Blanton of Nederland and Kaeden Jenkins of Port Arthur teamed up to win gold medals in the Interactive Application and Video Game Design competition at the Texas SkillsUSA meet held earlier in April in Waco, Texas.

With that first-place victory, Blanton and Jenkins advanced to the SkillsUSA 55th Annual National Leadership and Skills Conference in Louisville, Ky.

Greyson Fortner of Beaumont and Lee Thomas of Port Arthur teamed to win the

bronze in Web Design at the 2019 state meet. This is the second year LSCPA's Software Developer and Game Design Program has participated in the SkillsUSA competition. A year ago, Crystal Anderson of Port Neches and Michael Richard of Lumberton brought home silver medals for their work in 3-D Visualization and Animation.

"From being able to participate and win silver in our first year to winning gold and bronze this year and making it to national stage provides unique opportunity for building our program and getting students more involved," Sarita V. Medhekar, Coordinator of Software Developer and Game Design at LSCPA. "More students are showing an interest in competing

and being a part of our program outside the classroom. This is great for teaching students to work together. This provides unique opportunity to learn things in real-world applications. And, it is very valuable for enhancing their programming skills and experience as they go out in the future to seek careers in this field."

Medhekar also served as tutor and trained LSCPA's students for SkillsUSA competition.

Interactive Application and Video Game Design focuses on creating interactive applications and/or video game design and development as occupational objectives. In the Web Design competition, teams complete a series of challenges focusing

on website usability and accessibility, with at least one challenge related to scripting. Teams are also evaluated on the process they use to meet the challenges and how well they work as a team.

SkillsUSA's national championships is a showcase of career and technical education students with more than 15,000 people, including students, teachers and business partners, participating in the weeklong event. More than 6,300 outstanding career and technical education students — all state contest winners — will compete hands-on in 103 different trade, technical and leadership fields. Contests are run with the help of industry, trade associations and labor organizations, and test competencies set by industry.



Tevin Baker, pictured with LSCPA President Dr. Betty Reynard, drew national attention during Hurricane Harvey when his pleas for help for he and his mother via Twitter were picked up by NBC and broadcast across the U.S. In spite of losing everything in the Harvey floods, Baker finished with a 4.0 grade point average, winning the John C. Huval Memorial Award for Academic Excellence. After two seasons with the Seahawks basketball team, Baker earned a scholarship to play for East Texas Baptist University.



A new Culinary Arts and Hospitality program will offer two certificates and an Associate of Applied Science degree starting in Spring 2020. The program will be offered at a new location in downtown Port Arthur, with start-up equipment and facility costs funded through an EDA Grant in partnership with the Port Arthur Economic Development Corporation. With some of Port Arthur's major industries investing in renovating several downtown buildings, this program's location will offer an opportunity to showcase the College in a revived part of the city.



The LSCPA Allied Health Department has recently recorded two major milestones. The Upward Mobility LVN to ADN program has been working under "Initial Approval" awarded by the Texas Board of Nursing in 2015. In January 2019, the TBON acknowledged LSCPA for "Full Approval" status. In order to maintain full TBON approval, the College's Upward Mobility program must maintain at least an 80 percent pass rate on state licensure exams. Going above and beyond, as the Allied Health Department is apt to do, 100 percent of the 37 students from the Fall 2018 graduating class passed their licensure exam.



SEAHAWKS ATHLETICS



Madison named national JUCO Coach of the Week

Lamar State College Port Arthur men's basketball coach Lance Madison has been named the HoopDirt.com national junior college Coach of the Week for Week 14 of the 2018-19 season. Madison, in his seventh season as head coach of the Seahawks, was named the JUCO Coach of the Week after two weeks of adversity, followed by two huge NJCAA Region 14 wins.

Madison missed a conference game scheduled Feb. 2 against Coastal Bend College as he flew home to attend his mother's funeral. The team traveled to the game in his absence but one of the school's vans was rear-ended in an accident on Interstate 59, ultimately forcing a postponement of the Seahawks' game. After Madison returned to the sideline, he and the Seahawks were able to orchestrate back-to-back league victories with an 87-81 win over Lee College and a 78-73 comeback win over Blinn College.



Darion Chatman returns to play for the Seahawks in 2019-20 after scoring 7.5 points a game as a freshman. Chatman and Jamyus Jones were part of the state championship team at PA Memorial High School who decided to join their hometown college team.

Pitcher Hunt earns top softball honors

Freshman Britni Hunt was named one of the top 98 players in NJCAA Division I softball by the National Fastpitch Coaches Association after the Seahawks' 2019 campaign. Hunt, a graduate of Port Neches-Groves High School, appeared in 29 games in 2019, collecting an 11-10 record on the mound. She had a 3.71 earned run average with 119 strikeouts. She also won NJCAA Region 14 All-Conference honors alongside freshmen Brooke Smith and Rebecca DeLome and sophomore Bailey Crorey.





GINA LINTON, 2009 graduate
owner, DeLuxe Sheveux Salon, Beaumont, Texas

From the very beginning, Gina Linton had a dream to someday own her own beauty salon. After years of education and practical work experience, the Port Arthur native's dream became a reality.

Linton is a 2009 graduate of Lamar State College Port Arthur's Cosmetology program. A decade after receiving her certificate, Linton points to the discipline she learned from her LSCPA instructors as one of the keys to her professional success.

"I need discipline in order to succeed," said Linton, who now lives in Beaumont. "I heard about the disciplined program at Lamar Port Arthur and I knew that's where I needed to be."

Linton passed her state practicum and written exams on her first try and immediately began to do cuts and color as an independent stylist. After about a year and a half, she moved to Ulta Beauty and then Beauty Surprise. She worked for Studio 77 for several years before going out on her own as a salon owner.

"Once I had that experience of working booth rental, I knew I was strong enough to go out on my own," she said.

That's when De Luxe Cheveux Salon came to life.

"The biggest thing about having your own salon is that you have the opportunity to give back to your community," she said. "You have your name and you represent that name with the work you do as a stylist. But it's even more important to represent yourself as someone who cares about your neighbors."



JUAN RODRIGUEZ, 2012 graduate
reporter, KVUE TV, Austin, Texas

Juan Rodriguez always knew there was a higher purpose for his life, something that would impact his community in a positive way.

As a television reporter, he tells the stories of those who would otherwise be anonymous victims of circumstances often beyond their control.

Juan has an interesting story to tell about his own life and the struggles he and his family faced as immigrants from Mexico.

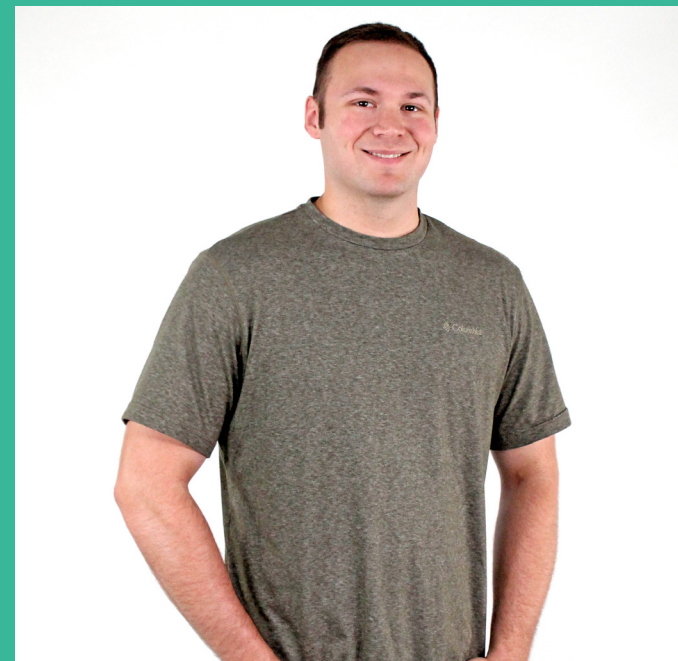
Rodriguez was born in the city of Cotija de la Paz in Michoacán, México, immigrating to the U.S. with his family as a young boy.

He was raised in Port Arthur, graduating with honors from Memorial High School in 2010. He earned an Associates of Arts degree from Lamar State College Port Arthur before finishing his Bachelor of Arts degree in Broadcast Communication and Modern Language at Lamar University in 2015.

After joining KBMT 12News in Beaumont as a reporter, Juan quickly became a popular fixture, earning recognition as one of the Top 40 Under 40 Professionals in Southeast Texas.

After his coverage of Hurricane Harvey, Juan started getting calls from TV stations across the nation.

In June 2018, he moved to KVUE, one of the top 50 TV markets in the U.S.



GARRETT GUILLOT, 2018 graduate
Process Operator, Lucite International,
Nederland, Texas

**"EGIT, ACRUM SEDIIS ALICITIL HUIT, SPECTUIT NORE, PATI SEREI
IGNATUS. IGLICATAM TAN, QUI PRI NON ALICITIL CAE TANDEF-
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FULL-TIME VS. PART-TIME



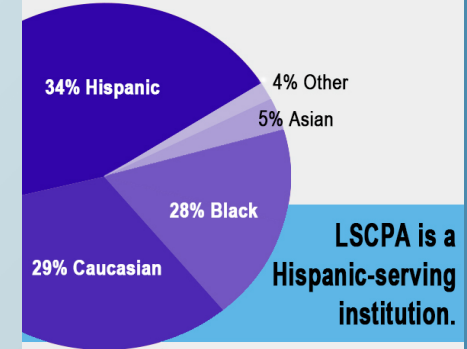
For the 2018-19 school year, LSCPA saw an **8.82 percent increase** in its part-time enrollment numbers as compared to the 2017-18 session, with a **14.4 percent increase** in full-time students over that same period of comparison.

WHERE OUR STUDENTS LIVE



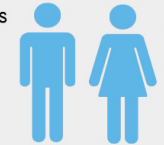
The continued success of the Seahawk Landing Student Apartments has allowed for the growth of student population from outside the Port Arthur area. There has been an **9.7 percent increase** of in-state student population, while the increase in out-of-state students is a **whopping 42 percent** in 2018-19

Lamar State College Port Arthur works diligently to address the diversity of its student body, faculty and staff.



Fall 2018 Enrollment: 2,413 | Spring 2019 Enrollment: 2,352

MALE STUDENTS
Fall 2018: 978
Spring 2019: 986



FEMALE STUDENTS
Fall 2018: 1,435
Spring 2019: 1,366

MAJORS



During the 2018-2019 school year, 2,675 students declared their major as Academic, while 2,100 declared as Technical majors.

For the Academic programs, that was an **11.6 percent increase** over the 2017-18 school year, while the campus saw a **10.6 percent increase** in the number of Technical program students over that same period.



For the 2018-19 school year, LSCPA presented **225 associate degrees** and **126 certificates** for its various technical and academic programs.



DEGREES VS. CERTIFICATES



**STUDENT TO
TEACHER
RATIO AT LSCPA**

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