



2021

# REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY

LAMAR STATE COLLEGE PORT ARTHUR



## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

It would be easy to recount all the challenges the students, faculty and staff of Lamar State College Port Arthur have faced over the past year. It is so much more satisfying to count the successes.

We have stood together in the face of a pandemic and natural disasters, accomplishing our goals, both individually and collectively.

The Ruby Fuller Building and the Culinary Arts Center have been completed and opened to students at the start of the Fall 2021 semester. The Fuller Building is resplendent, featuring a modern interior along with the most beautiful aspects of the original historic church. The stained glass windows are breathtaking.

The former Port Arthur News building hit some snags in its reconstruction but as is true of Port Arthur and its people, those problems were overcome and now a new facility offers opportunities for generations of LSCPA students to come. The new Culinary Arts and Hospitality degree and certificate program will no doubt start many food artists on the path to personal and career success.

The Title V Grant continues to support our growing Hispanic student population, as well as the general student body. The grant bolstered the college's ability to tutor students one-on-one or remotely through online assistance. The goal is to make sure our students graduate. We won't stop working for that key goal until we reach 100 percent success.

The Workforce Training and Continuing Education Department has defined success at LSCPA. The department's most recent successes have resulted in the largest industrial craft training center in our region and the largest commercial driver's examination center in the state of Texas.

Dale Carnegie once said "Most of the important things in the world have been accomplished by people who have kept on trying when there seemed to be no hope at all."

I am proud of our students and grateful for faculty and staff who never give up. They have proven that tough, driven people can overcome anything.

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



# LSCPA TOP 10 NATIONAL 'INFLUENCER'

Lamar State College Port Arthur has been ranked among the Top 10 community colleges in the United States by Academic Influence, a new college rankings method that uses artificial intelligence technology to search massive databases and measure the impact of work by individuals who've been affiliated with colleges and universities throughout the world.



LSCPA is part of Academic Influence's first-ever ranking of the best 50 American community colleges, those two-year schools that award associate degrees along with a variety of shorter-term certificates. The rankings were derived from an initial list of 839 community colleges in the U.S. that met three key conditions: they were fully accredited, enrolled at least 1,000 students, and primarily provided two-year associate degree programs along with certificate credentials in most cases.

The Academic Influence list takes into account the impact and influence created by faculty, staff, and alum. Using a search method that covers the past 10 years, Academic Influence pores over open-source data looking for papers, chapters, books and citations to individuals worldwide. Collectively, these databases contain billions of continuously updated data points about millions of achievements.

"This is scientifically-driven data that shows a degree or certificate from Lamar State College Port Arthur is a life-changing investment," LSCPA President Dr. Betty Reynard said. "This ranking tells the story that our graduates go on to be successful, impacting their family, their community and the world. LSCPA graduates are an influencing factor in how the world operates."



# RESPONDING TO OUR STUDENTS' NEEDS

## STATE, FEDERAL FUNDS ASSIST STUDENTS, COLLEGES IN ERA OF COVID

The COVID-19 pandemic has changed the world in many ways. The way we live, communicate, interact, and learn have all been affected. If you look closely, though, you'll see a glimmer of a silver lining behind the dark cloud.

### RESKILLING GRANT

The COVID Skills funding focused on preparing a struggling workforce with new skills, even as it seemed the world was at a standstill. The Texas Reskilling Support Fund Grant Program provided \$300,000 to help students return to college if their education was interrupted by the pandemic. Lamar State College Port Arthur was one of just 49 institutions in Texas selected by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to receive this money.



### BUY ONE, GET ONE

Additional funding led to the popular "Buy One, Get One Free" campaign that took place over the Summer and Fall semesters in 2021.

Students who paid for one three-hour class would receive an additional three-hour class free, while the Fall 2021 semester offered up to six free credit hours with the purchase of six credit hours. That allowed someone to attend classes with a full-time schedule for half price.

"The pandemic has affected us all to different degrees and this is a way that we're able to help our community come out the other side better than where we started," LSCPA President Dr. Betty Reynard said.

### RETURN TO FACE-TO-FACE INSTRUCTION

Even with the COVID Delta variant in the summer of 2021, the college was able to return to face-to-face classes for the Fall semester. Online classes were also still available for those who chose a remote experience.

"Whether a student takes classes on campus, in a classroom or on a computer at home, they will receive one of the best educational opportunities in the state of Texas," Dr. Reynard said. "Our dedication to students and their success, especially through this pandemic, has never wavered."

### PARITY FUNDING FOR LOWER TUITION, FEES

Thanks to Texas Speaker of the House Dade Phelan and former Speaker Dennis Bonnen, additional funding was put in place to decrease the cost of tuition and fees at Lamar State College Port Arthur as well as the other Lamar State institutions resulting in a combined 47 percent decrease.

**47%** Tuition Reduction

The cost of a 15-hour course load at LSCPA was \$2,165.55. After the Parity Funding from the state, the cost of that same schedule dropped to \$1,170. With the Buy One, Get One promotion, a 15-hour load for the Fall 2021 semester was only \$1,062.

"As one nursing student explained to me, it will lighten the load that she carries on her shoulders. This could be the difference between a student going to college or not," said Dr. Reynard.

# GETWOOD WINS PAISD BOARD SEAT



In May 2020, Taylor Getwood earned both an associate degree from Lamar State College Port Arthur and a high school diploma from Port Arthur ISD's Early College High School.

Almost exactly a year later, he took on an unlikely role in the Port Arthur public school district. Getwood, 18, won a seat on the PAISD school board, making him the youngest person ever to hold that office in the city.

"My goal as a Port Arthur ISD trustee is as simple as this," said Getwood, who is pursuing his bachelor's degree at Texas State University. "I want to make sure that every decision that the board makes has been thought about from a student, parent, and district employee perspective."

Although Getwood's political focus is on Port Arthur ISD, he hasn't forgotten his Lamar State College Port Arthur roots.

Ahead of the Fall 2021 semester, Getwood participated in the college's Summer Bridge program, which helps high school graduates get a solid start in their college careers by showing them the ropes well before the start of their first semester as college students.



Dr. Sandra Krebsbach, Executive Director of the American Technical Education Association, visited LSCPA in August 2021, making a stop at Chevron Phillips Chemicals while in Southeast Texas. Pictured, from left, are CP Plant Manager Andy Woods, LSCPA President Dr. Betty Reynard, CP Operations Manager Bryan Kubsch, Dr. Krebsbach, and CP Community Relations Director Vicki Derese.

## REYNARD TO LEAD NATIONAL TECHNICAL ASSOCIATION

Lamar State College Port Arthur President Dr. Betty Reynard has been appointed first vice president of the American Technical Education Association, putting her next in line for president of the organization in 2024. Dr. Reynard's appointment runs from 2021 to 2023. Her installation took place virtually during the ATEA's annual meeting on April 29, 2021.



"This is an honor that truly represents what Lamar State College Port Arthur pursues as a leader in technical education in the United States," Dr. Reynard said. "Providing world-class technical education not only makes for better lives for our students, but sustains the goals of our community in the areas of growth and prosperity for the future."

# RUBY FULLER RENOVATION

## NEW FACILITY GIVES HOME TO STUDENTS' SUCCESS

The newly-renovated Ruby Fuller Building is the culmination of a year-and-a-half of construction thanks to a \$6.32 million special Legislative appropriation in 2019.

Now, the Title V Program, funded by a \$2.87 million U.S. Department of Education Grant, has a home of its own, including a special place for its "Excelencia Center."

Lamar State College Port Arthur has been designated as an Hispanic Serving Institution, qualifying the college for the five-year award.

"We're able to have a more deliberate outreach to Hispanic students as well as first generation students, providing them with the necessary information about accessibility and the importance of education," Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Pamela Millsap said.

The Fuller Building was flooded by Hurricane Harvey in 2017, leading to the appropriation of money by SB 500 in the 86th Texas legislative session.

The facility also houses Enrollment Services and space for tutoring and student success coaching.



Trenida Lewis, above center, is director of the Title V Excelencia Center, located in the Fuller Building.

### WHAT'S INSIDE FULLER BUILDING?

The Fuller Building was renovated with student services in mind. The Title V Program helps all students but focuses its efforts on the college's Hispanic population. LSCPA received a nearly \$3 million grant after being designated a Hispanic Serving Institution.

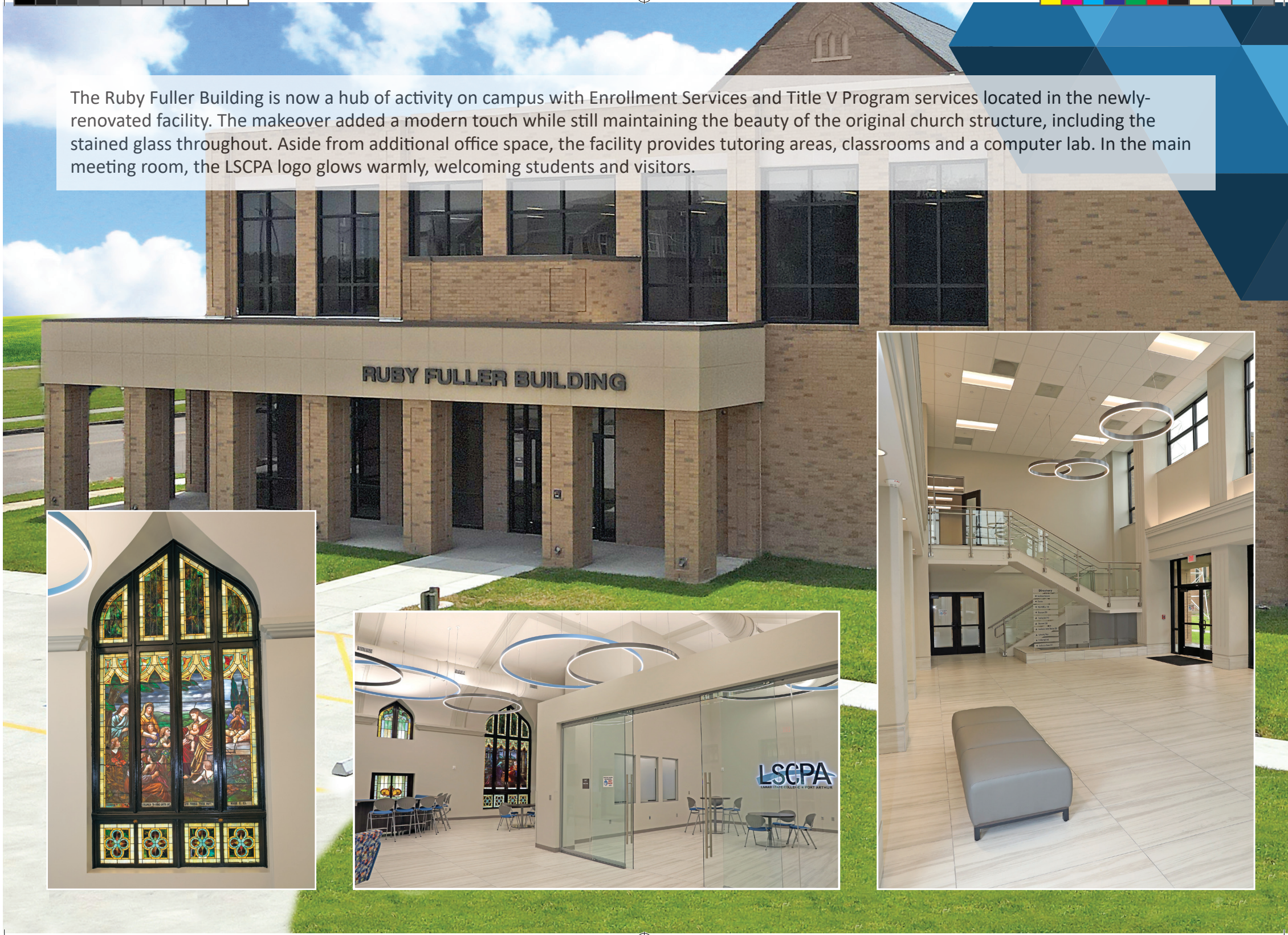
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| <b>Excelencia Center</b>  | <b>Enrollment Services</b> |
| <b>Tutoring Labs</b>      | <b>Academic Advising</b>   |
| <b>Success Coaches</b>    | <b>Computer Labs</b>       |
| <b>Grand Meeting Hall</b> | <b>Study Areas</b>         |



Title V Grant Director  
Dr. Lona Alexander-Mitchell



The Ruby Fuller Building is now a hub of activity on campus with Enrollment Services and Title V Program services located in the newly-renovated facility. The makeover added a modern touch while still maintaining the beauty of the original church structure, including the stained glass throughout. Aside from additional office space, the facility provides tutoring areas, classrooms and a computer lab. In the main meeting room, the LSCPA logo glows warmly, welcoming students and visitors.



RUBY FULLER BUILDING



# WORKFORCE TRAINING & CONTINUING EDUCATION

## GRANT LEADS TO TEXAS' LARGEST CDL TESTING CENTER

The U.S. Department of Commerce announced in 2020 that Lamar State College Port Arthur was the recipient of a \$4.3 million Economic Development Administration CARES Act Recovery Assistance grant.

This grant, part of a \$19.3 million statewide investment, will fund the construction of a commercial driver education and examination center. The project is being matched with \$619,000 in local investment, including the donation of 20 acres of land along U.S. 69 by Jefferson County.

“As our nation responds to the worst pandemic of modern day, commercial transport provides the link between field and market,” LSCPA Vice President of Workforce Training and Continuing Education Dr. Ben Stafford explained. “Without commercial transport, goods would cease to flow and our society would grind to a halt.”

LSCPA is a certified third-party skills examination provider for the Texas Department of Public Safety and the only third-party commercial driver skills examination center in Southeast Texas.

Construction on the new CDL training and testing center is expected to begin

in early 2022 with completion set for late 2022.

The project will cover more than 20 acres of land in CDL examination lanes, covered testing and practice areas, a new commercial driver training building, parking lot and retention ponds.

“Students work hard to receive training to become CDL drivers. The idea of having to wait months to start their new career is just disheartening,” LSCPA President Dr. Betty Reynard said. “This grant award is the culmination of months of hard work by Dr. Stafford and his department. This is a proud day for our Workforce Training office and for the college.”





# ARMORY COMES TO LIFE AGAIN WITH CRAFT TRAINING CENTER

The cavernous three-story building on Lakeshore Drive alongside the LSCPA softball field has stood mostly vacant for nearly a decade. The occasional welding class and dressing rooms for the Seahawks softball team have made the building home.

The Armory, so named because it was once used by the U.S. military prior to being donated to the college, has already started construction on a state-of-the-art craft training facility that will provide education opportunities to help local residents get well-paying jobs quickly. The grant's intent is to serve as a job catalyst to support the economic recovery in an area impacted by Hurricane Harvey. The project is expected to create 167 jobs.

“Craft training differs from degree programs in that it focuses on short-term training designed to bring a student quickly into the workforce at a profitable wage,” Dr. Ben Stafford, Vice President of Workforce Training and Continuing Education and author of the



**Dr. Ben Stafford, Vice President of Workforce Training and Continuing Education**

grant, said. “This center will train craftsmen for all of the local expansion projects.”

The facility will include classrooms, labs, office space and will continue to be home to the school’s softball program. Construction on the upgrades began in 2020.

The City of Port Arthur’s Economic Development Corporation is contributing \$1 million toward the matching fund requirement. With the initial grant, the total investment will be \$6 million.

“In 2018, EDA made \$587 million in Congressional supplemental appropriations available to eligible grantees in communities impacted by natural disasters in 2017,” said U.S. Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development Dr. John Fleming.

## CRAFT TRAINING CENTER COURSES

- Welding
- Scaffold Building
- Pipefitting
- Rigging
- Structural Steel
- Electrical
- Instrumentation
- Carpentry
- Concrete Work

# CULINARY ARTS & HOSPITALITY

## FORMER PORT ARTHUR NEWS FACILITY NOW HOME OF LSCPA'S NEWEST PROGRAM

At one point in its long life, the old Port Arthur News building in downtown smelled of printer's ink and cigarette smoke. These days, though, you're more likely to catch a whiff of freshly-baked croissants or a savory roast beef.

A partnership between Lamar State College Port Arthur and the Port Arthur Economic Development Corporation has resulted in the new Culinary Arts and Hospitality program at the college. The aim is to give local students with an interest in the culinary arts the opportunity to make that their choice of profession.

"It's a lot like what you would see on TV," Dr. Melissa Armentor, Dean of Technical Programs at LSCPA, said. "The students can see exactly what the instructor is doing and then they get the opportunity to demonstrate skills themselves."

The old PA News building, now called "The Press Building," had stood empty for a long time before LSCPA and the EDC came together to create a classroom area where students and teachers could interact successfully.

"We wanted a space where students were comfortable and teachers could best demonstrate skills in an open environment," Armentor said. "The EDC was very accommodating in letting us develop the space in the way we want."

Students can earn a progressive series of certificates for culinary arts foundation and culinary arts specialist or a two-year applied science degree.



**Ashley Taylor, Culinary Arts & Hospitality  
Program Director**



**Culinary Arts students  
Mary Clark, left, and  
Albany Wagner in the  
LSCPA Bistro, located in  
downtown Port Arthur.**

# ALLIED HEALTH



## PREPARING FOR A PANDEMIC WORLD

The LSCPA Licensed Vocational Nursing Program had 74 graduates who celebrated their graduation from the program with a special pinning ceremony at the Carl Parker Multipurpose Center in August 2021.

## ALLIED HEALTH PROGRAMS SINCE 2016

**647**

STUDENTS  
ENROLLED

**490**

PROGRAM  
GRADUATES

**89%**

PASSED STATE  
BOARD EXAMS

## SERVING ON THE FRONT LINES

### LSCPA GRAD RICHARD LOVES CAREER IN SPITE OF PANDEMIC

Joey Richard went into nursing to help people. It's all he ever really wanted to do. Now, in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, he wishes there was a way he could help more.

"This is more than just a job or a career," Richard said. "This is a decision about helping others."

Richard earned his Vocational Nurse license in 2017 and continued his education at Lamar State College Port Arthur, earning his Registered Nurse status in the college's Upward Mobility Program.

"When I was working to become an LVN, we weren't preparing for a pandemic. What's happening right now is really something you couldn't envision," he said. "Our instructors worked to prepare to go out and conquer the world but how do you prepare for something like COVID-19?"

Richard is working as an RN in the Baptist Hospital Emergency Room. He also works part-time in a local hospice center.

"I wear full PPE (Personal Protection Equipment) every day ... N95 mask, surgical mask, face shield, surgical gown ... it's not comfortable but it's what we



Joey Richard graduated from LSCPA as an RN in December 2020. He currently works as an Emergency Room nurse at Baptist Hospital in Beaumont.

have to do to protect ourselves and those around us."

Richard said he has not seen his family for almost two months since the new COVID Delta variant has reared its head.

"The end of the pandemic is going to be a gradual process," he said. "It won't just happen one day. And it's going to take people working together, wearing masks and maintaining safe distance. We have to care enough about each other to do the right things."

As for the future, Richard is looking forward to the day when the world returns to a sense of normalcy.

"As long as I'm able to help someone emotionally or physically, I feel satisfied with what I'm doing. I don't regret at all choosing nursing as my career," he said.

# ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

## DUAL CREDIT STUDENT POPULATION GROWS 25%; BOB HOPE SCHOOLS NEWEST ECHS ADDITION

As Hilda Billups thumbs through a stack of papers on her desk, the pride and excitement are evident. These are statistics showing the growth and success of Lamar State College Port Arthur's Dual Credit Program.

"We're up almost 25 percent over the past three years," she said, a smile across her face. "We're opening up new opportunities and pathways here. Every student in high school should be participating in some form of dual credit."

Dual Credit education allows high school students to take college-level credit courses that apply to their college certificate or degree. Early College High School takes that a step further, enabling students to finish their high school diploma and an associate degree at the same time. "When they enter university, they already know the ropes," Billups said. "We've been able to show them a college experience while still in high school. That way, there are no surprises when they take that next step after high school graduation."

And while an academic route might be the perfect opportunity for some students, others might be more inclined to pursue a technical certificate instead.

"We have you covered on that too," Billups

said. "Two-thirds of our Dual Enrollment students are not part of the Early College High School program. And some of those students are pursuing Level I Certificates."

Those certificate programs include Cosmetology, Welding, Drafting, Medical Coding, and Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning.

As for the ECHS program, Wilson ECHS celebrated its second graduating class this Spring with 46 students earning a high school diploma and an LSCPA associate's degree.

And now, Bob Hope Schools has joined LSCPA with its first cohort of ninth graders taking ECHS classes this fall.

"Bob Hope Schools approached us and we were thrilled for the opportunity," Billups said. "We started out with 63 ninth graders this year. These students were on campus for a Summer Bridge program that helped give them an idea of what college is about."

"Competitive students want challenges," she said. "Early College High School provides a rigorous pathway for those students who are seeking that challenge."



Hilda Billups

## LSCPA: HOME OF THE HONOR GRADUATE

Some of the region's top high school students are part of the LSCPA's Dual Enrollment program and Early College High Schools. "Competitive students want challenges," said Director of Dual Credit Hilda Billups. "They want the most rigorous high school pathway possible and we can offer that opportunity." The graduates below are the top students from Spring 2021:

### NEDERLAND ISD

Valedictorian Fayza Dholasania  
Salutatorian Adeel Sumar

### PORT ARTHUR ISD

Valedictorian Nam Luu  
Salutatorian Mia Wells

### BOB HOPE SCHOOL

Valedictorian Eric Barragan  
Salutatorian Tammy Gallardo



Nam Luu

## LSCPA DUAL ENROLLMENT AGREEMENTS

Bob Hope Charter School  
East Chambers Independent School District  
Nederland Independent School District  
Port Neches-Groves Independent School District  
Port Arthur Independent School District  
Tekoa Academy of Accelerated Studies STEM School



# STROKE OF ART

LSCPA Graphic Arts Program Director Maurice Abelman is well-known in Southeast Texas as a sculptor, graphic designer and multi-media artist based at The Mont Creative Studio in Beaumont. He was selected to work on a project in downtown Beaumont, bringing to life a world of fantasy and introspection for passersby to enjoy. Abelman is owner of Mont Creative Studio in Beaumont and was given the chance to use a wall in the back alley of a building at Orleans and Liberty streets. He's using the space as a super-sized sketch book, allowing him to explore various techniques and ideas. "Most murals are one big concept, but since this is a sketch wall, I'm thinking about multiple concepts that come together to create one bigger concept. I'm kind of letting it happen organically," he said.

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# NATIONAL RECOGNITION

## SHIN EARNS LEADERSHIP AWARD

What did you do during the COVID-19 lockdown?

For Dr. Yumi Shin, coordinator of reference and access services at Lamar State College Port Arthur, it was research, write reports and get recognized.

Dr. Shin was recently named winner of the 2021 Community College Learning Resources Leadership Award by the Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL).

The award recognizes significant achievement and leadership in advocacy of learning resources/library programs that are associated with the mission of community, junior or technical colleges.

“Winning this was quite a surprise, actually,” Dr. Shin said just outside her office at LSCPA’s historical treasure, Gates Memorial Library. “This is a national award given to just one person a year and I’m in a small college in a small city. Last year, the award went to somebody from the Borough of Manhattan Community College in New York City.”

In 2019, Dr. Shin won the Texas Library Association’s Vivian Greenwood Award, which came with a \$1,500 grant for library supplies designed to help motivate and teach LSCPA’s 600-plus dual-credit high school students to visit and use the library.

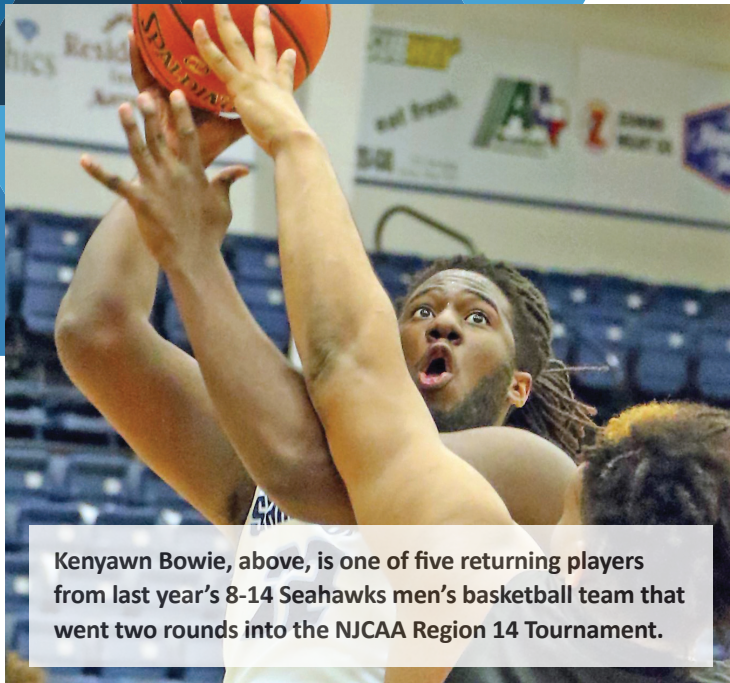
That preceded her study, “Impact of Library Instruction Class on Student Writing at the Two-Year College Level,” proving the value of library instruction classes for those students, which was published and won another award.

And the entire process went into this latest award: “Shin was selected for her commitment to leadership both within her library and in the library community, and her efforts in pursuing a grant to explore ways to get dual-credit high school students involved in their college library through new technology and services,” the American Library Association said in announcing the award by ACRL.

**Griselda Espinoza** had already earned one degree from LSCPA and is working on a second one. It’s that dedication that caught the eye of the Coca-Cola Foundation and earned her a national scholarship. The Coca-Cola Academic Team program named Espinoza among the 2021 Bronze Scholars, which resulted in a \$1,000 scholarship and a commemorative medallion. The award is given in partnership with the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society. Espinoza is vice president of the LSCPA PTK chapter. Espinoza, a Nederland resident, graduated this past Fall with an associate degree in Process Technology and she returned in the Spring semester to work on an Academic Studies degree.



# ATHLETICS



Kenyawn Bowie, above, is one of five returning players from last year's 8-14 Seahawks men's basketball team that went two rounds into the NJCAA Region 14 Tournament.

## MAKING SOFTBALL HISTORY

Before this season, Lamar State College Port Arthur's softball program had never won a regional tournament game. In 2021, the Seahawks nearly won the whole thing.

LSCPA finished as the runner-up in the NJCAA Region 14 South Zone Tournament after sweeping through the bracket to meet San Jacinto College-South in the championship game at Sterling High School in Baytown. "We've been on the verge of this kind of success all season," LSCPA Head Coach Vance Edwards said.

Cameron Niedenthal, a Port Neches-Groves High School graduate who was named to the NJCAA Region 14 South Zone first team, led the Seahawks through the tournament in the pitcher's circle and at the plate.

The Coyotes stopped the Seahawks 7-2 in the championship game but were limited to just six hits by Niedenthal who threw 12.1 innings over the two games Monday for the Hawks. Just two of those seven San Jacinto runs were earned as Niedenthal had two strikeouts and two walks in the effort. At the plate, Niedenthal had an in-the-park two-run home run.

The Seahawks finished their history-making season 21-27 overall.



Cameron Niedenthal

## NEW SEAHAWKS TRAINER ANJIMA ADDS AN INTERNATIONAL FLAIR



From Kyoto to Los Angeles, to Flagstaff, Tucson and Peoria, to Nashville and Port Arthur, the new athletic trainer and strength and conditioning coach at Lamar State College Port Arthur has been almost everywhere, man.

Kento Anjima has been a busy traveler on the way to joining the Seahawks athletic department and he likes what he's found in Southeast Texas.

"My time in the United States has been mostly on the West Coast," said the native of Kyoto, Japan, a former collegiate swimmer there. "Since the weather in Japan is more like the Texas weather, hot and humid everywhere, for some reason

I feel like home."

LSCPA Director of Athletics Scott Street says Anjima is "a good fit" for the Seahawks.

"Kento is not only a board-certified athletic trainer but he's also a certified strength and conditioning specialist by the National Strength and Conditioning Association," Street said.

"The two roles fit nicely together. When we interviewed Kento, he did a great job. We asked him some hard questions and he had great answers. We thought he was a good fit for Lamar State College Port Arthur."

# CONTRIBUTIONS



## PORT ARTHUR INDUSTRIAL GROUP

The Port Arthur Industry Group donated \$60,000 to LSCPA's Workforce Training program to help residents of Port Arthur earn a CDL license. Pictured, back from left, Dr. Ben Stafford, Vice President of Workforce Training and Continuing Education for LSCPA; Claire Jackson, Community Affairs Manager for Motiva; Ashley Joseph, Communications Specialist for BASF Total Petrochemicals; and John Lycan, Site Manager for BASF Total Petrochemicals; and front from left, Jerome Delafosse, Director of Human Relations for Valero; and Dr. Betty Reynard, LSCPA President.



## << ALLIED HEALTH

Longtime friends of LSCPA, Joe Tant and wife Dabeyva Durant-Tant presented a \$1,000 Allied Health scholarship on behalf of the SETX Educational Development Foundation. They are pictured with LSCPA President Dr. Betty Reynard and Director of Athletics Scott Street.



## GOLDEN TRIANGLE EMERGENCY CENTER

Golden Triangle Emergency Center (GTEC) is a long-time friend of LSCPA, awarding two scholarships each year to an Upward Mobility nursing student and a Licensed Vocational nursing student. Pictured above left, UM student Odeth Bahena and, above right, LVN student Nikki Dearbonne. They are joined by Shirley MacNeill, left, Chair of LSCPA's Allied Health Department; third from left, Stephanie Massey, Director of Nursing for GTEC, and Breanne Furlough, right, GTEC Marketing Coordinator.



## << COAST GUARD

Joe Tant and wife Dabeyva Durant-Tant, representing the Port Arthur Education Foundation, present Dr. Reynard with a check for \$1,000 for the Coast Guard Scholarship.

## SEAHAWKS ATHLETICS >>

Retired PA Police Lt. Martin "Bubba" Blich made a donation of \$5,500 toward athletic scholarships. Blich, center, is a well-known face around the campus. He is pictured with LSCPA President Dr. Betty Reynard, left, and Director of Athletics Scott Street.





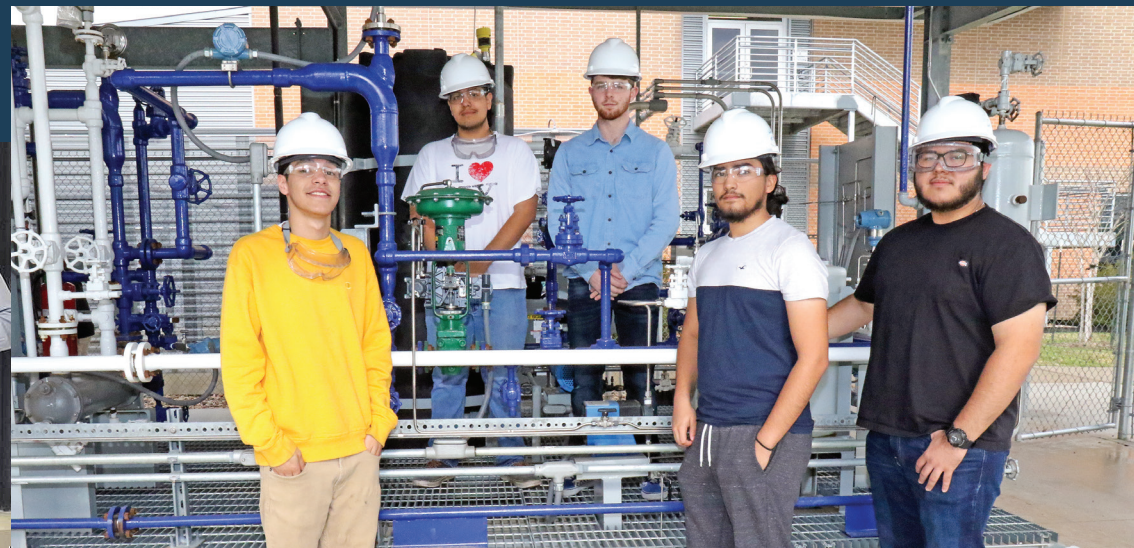


## << SABINE SHOWDOWN GOLF TOURNEY

The team from MCT Credit Union took first place in the first-ever Sabine Showdown Golf Tournament, held at Babe Zaharias Golf Course in Port Arthur. The event raised money for LSCPA scholarships and general use. This is one of two major tournaments the college hosts each year. The Sabine Showdown Saltwater Fishing Tournament is held each September.

## SETX EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION >>

The SETX Educational Development Foundation prides itself in raising funds which are then allocated to student scholarships. During the 2020-2021 Lamar State College Port Arthur All-Sports Banquet at the Carl Parker Center, the Foundation presented a check for \$13,000 to benefit the college and its programs and scholarships.



## << GALE FOUNDATION FUNDS \$125,000

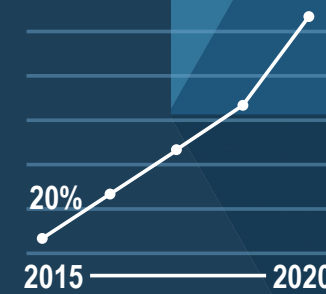
Lamar State College Port Arthur received \$125,000 from the Gale Foundation to fund scholarships for students seeking degrees or certificates in one of the 20 career technical areas offered by the college. The donation funds 50 scholarships of \$2,500 with 25 awarded each Spring and Fall semester, covering tuition, fees and books.

**50+** ASSOCIATE DEGREE AND CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

**\$588,210**  
SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED DURING 20-21 SCHOOL YEAR

**ΦΘΚ**  
PHI THETA KAPPA HONOR SOCIETY  
3-STAR CHAPTER

**45.9%**  
6-YEAR GRADUATION RATE  
State rate is 32%



**35%**  
HISPANIC ENROLLMENT

The percentage of Hispanic students has grown from 20% to 35% since 2015, qualifying LSCPA for \$2.8M Department of Education Title V grant!

34% FULL-TIME STUDENTS 66% PART-TIME STUDENTS  
**STUDENT BODY MAKEUP**  
53% ACADEMIC MAJORS 47% TECHNICAL MAJORS

**38%** ★★★★★ OF STUDENTS ARE FIRST GENERATION



**FINALIST** BEST CAREER TRAINING/ TECHNICAL CENTER IN SETX  
**FINALIST** BEST COLLEGE IN SETX

**2,566**  
FALL 2020 ENROLLMENT



**18:1**  
STUDENT-TO-FACULTY RATIO

DUAL CREDIT ENROLLMENT: **895**

# DUAL ENROLLMENT

HAS INCREASED BY

**25%** OVER THE PAST 3 YEARS

**94%** OF LSCPA GRADUATES FIND WORK OR TRANSFER TO A UNIVERSITY

**47%** OF STUDENTS RECEIVE SOME FORM OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

**\$18,538**

AVERAGE STUDENT LOAN DEBT AFTER EARNING DEGREE

**12%**

OF LSCPA STUDENTS COME FROM OUTSIDE JEFFERSON COUNTY

## THE TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

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### 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
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