

Lamar State College Port Arthur Report to the Community



A woman with short brown hair, wearing a dark blue blazer over a patterned scarf, is seated at a wooden desk. She is smiling and has her hands clasped on the desk. The background consists of tall bookshelves filled with books, with a dark sculpture on a shelf to the left.

Message f

Dr. Betty J. Reynard
President

from the President

Babe Ruth, the legendary baseball player, once said “It’s hard to beat a person who never gives up.”

What a great way to describe Southeast Texas, its residents and the business and industry that are the financial lifeblood of our community.

Hurricanes, pandemics, and unwieldy inflation ... Southeast Texans have flourished and succeeded in the face of all these challenges.

So, as we celebrate another year in the books, let’s give credit where it is due. We call attention to all those who wake up early, work in the heat, stay late at the office, and toil each day with the goal of creating something better for themselves and their communities.

We see these folks a lot at Lamar State College Port Arthur.

They are our students, many of whom are

first generation, or among the most financially challenged in our community. They seek out an education in the trades so they can pursue a lucrative career in health care, the petrochemical industry, business, or any number of other vocations.

This past May, LSCPA celebrated its largest graduating class in more than a decade. Graduates walked across the stage with dozens of different certificates and degrees. And with those credentials, they’ll go out and get jobs ... well-paying, upwardly mobile jobs that will impact their future and the futures of their families.

Lamar State College Port Arthur is fortunate to have highly engaged partners in the community with petrochemical, healthcare, business, and trades employers offering internships, cooperative education, and apprenticeships. These relationships create opportunities for students to gain practical experience and build valuable connections

with potential employers.

During a three-year span from 2019 to 2022, LSCPA worked with local business and industry to provide 141 different intern opportunities in a wide array of areas, including Accounting, Culinary Arts, Paralegal, Process Technology and Instrumentation, among many others.

LSCPA’s long-established mission is clear: “(to) provide learning experiences that prepare students to continue their education or enter the workforce.”

Like doting parents, the College is proud of its many alumni and the successes they have earned both in great paying jobs and higher academic degrees.

So as we glance back at our successes, our sights are firmly set on bigger, better, and more lucrative opportunities in the coming year.

Allied Health & Sciences Building



RNCareers.org ranks LSCPA's Allied Health ADN Program No. 9 in the State of Texas and 149th in the United States.

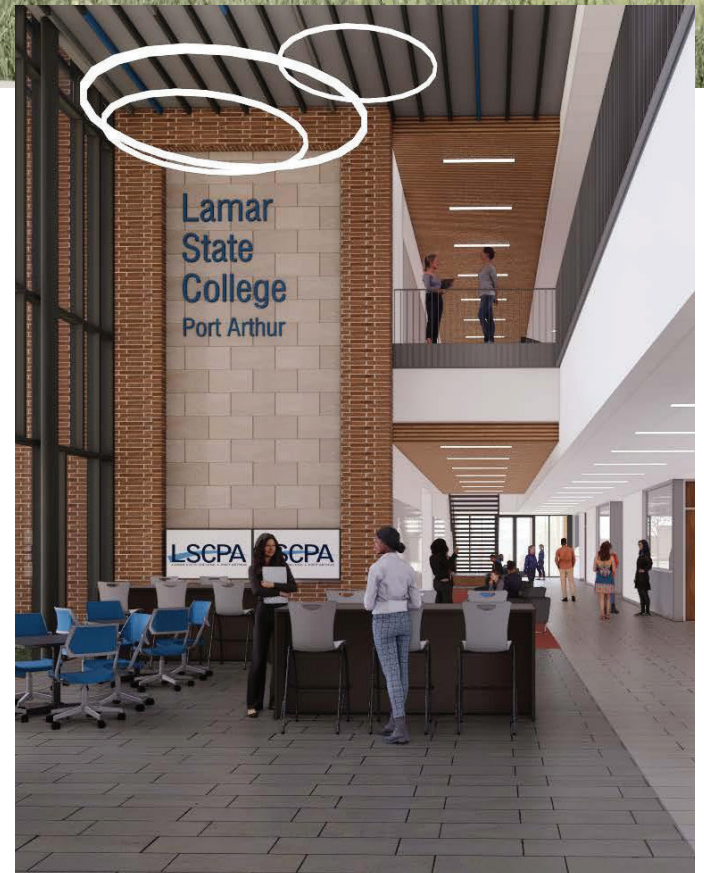
LSCPA received a \$37.4 million Tuition Revenue Bond after Texas Gov. Greg Abbott signed Senate Bill 52 in October 2022.

At LSCPA, that money will fund the construction of an Allied Health and Sciences Building. Plans are to situate the new facility along Procter Street near the center of campus, adjacent to the existing Allied Health facilities.

The building will contain modern instructional skills labs and simulation spaces for the Allied Health department, a suite of state-of-the-art science labs, nursing simulation labs, and classroom spaces. The building will house all sciences, nursing programs, and the Surgical Technology program.

Currently, the building is proposed to be 31,900 assignable square feet which translates to approximately 51,400 gross square feet with a projected total project cost of approximately \$37.4 million.

Estimated completion date for the project is March 2025.



CDL Education & Examination Center



Celebrating the grand opening of the LSCPA CDL Education & Examination Center in August 2023 are, from left, Vice President of Workforce Training and Continuing Education Dr. Ben Stafford, Texas State University Vice Chancellor and Chief Financial Officer Daniel Harper, T.L.L. Temple Foundation Chief Executive Officer Dr. Wynn Rosser, President Dr. Betty Reynard, Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives Dade Phelan, U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration Regional Director Jorge Ayala, EDA East Texas Representative Angela Bonner, and Jefferson County Court Commissioner Michael S. Sinegal.



LSCPA celebrated the opening of its Commercial Driver Education and Examination Center in July 2023 with dignitaries from federal, state, and local leadership who helped make the project a reality.

Contributions from the U.S. Economic Development Administration, the State of Texas, Jefferson County Commissioners, the T.L.L. Temple Foundation assured the project would succeed financially.

The CDL center is the largest of its kind in Texas with the training facility including a large fleet of 12 trucks and eight trailers ranging from tanks to box and flatbed trailers.

The Center is expected to train and test up to 20,000 new CDL drivers each year.



T.L.L. TEMPLE FOUNDATION
EST 1962
BUILDING A THRIVING DEEP EAST TEXAS



Industry Training Facility



The College invited the community to an Open House in June 2023 as LSCPA showcased its new Industry Training Facility.

Built at the site of the historic 1924 Armory Building, the story of the training facility is one that Vice President of Workforce Development and Continuing Education Ben Stafford credits to local officials with the City of Port Arthur, the Port Arthur Economic Development Corporation and LSCPA leadership.

The Armory renovations and training facility construction was made possible by a \$5 million federal grant, which was matched by \$1 million in local funds and appropriations from the Texas Legislature in 2019, Stafford said.

With 33,000-square-feet of space and a 36-foot high ceiling, the site allows students to train in industrial fields, like welding, scaffolding and pipefitting. This is a facility in which students can get real-life experience, like working on a three-story scaffold or welding materials while hooked up to rigging 30 feet in the air.



2022-2023 Quick Notes

In December 2022, LSCPA received the results of its Application for Reaffirmation from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. LSCPA's reaccreditation was fully reaffirmed in June 2023 with no further action required.



The Surgical Technology Program application to the Accreditation Review Council on Education in Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting (ARC/STSA) was approved. The Pharmacy Technology Program has applied for and is awaiting results from the American Society of Health System Pharmacists accreditation.



The Texas Skill Standards Board approved associate degrees in Medical Office Administration, Medical Coding Specialist, and the Instrumentation Technology Program. The Pharmacy Technician Program was approved by the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board.



Software Developer/Game Design students won bronze awards at the State SkillsUSA competition. One team won bronze for web design; the other team won bronze in Interactive Game Design. One of our student troubleshooting teams in Process Technology is advancing to the national North American Process Technology Alliance competition.



LSCPA paid post college debt for forty-eight stopped out students in the amount of \$40,582.00. Funds were provided by the Texas Completion Repayment Grant.



Cheniere LNG donated \$70,000 to LSCPA to provide scholarships and finalized a plan to establish apprenticeships for LSCPA graduates.



Members of the College's Process Technology Program competed in the Sixth Annual North American Process Technology Alliance Troubleshooting Skills Competition. One team from LSCPA, the Oilers 409, advanced to the Finals Competition Round.



READING WITH ARTHUR

A community outreach program featuring mascot Arthur the Seahawk was sponsored by LSCPA's Pathway to Excellence program. Arthur and college faculty and staff went to local elementary schools to read to school children in kindergarten through second grades. Above, LSCPA English Instructor Caitlin James, left, helps out Arthur with the day's reading lesson.



BASF APPRENTICE PROGRAM

Mason Sampson, Instrumentation and Electrical Apprentice, and Jayden Jones, Analyzer Apprentice, started work at BASF TotalEnergies Petrochemicals in Port Arthur as Summer 2023 apprentices while finishing their degrees at LSCPA.



SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY RECOGNITION

The City of Port Arthur recognized National Surgical Technologists Week in September 2022 in partnership with LSCPA's Allied Health Department. Pictured are, from left, LSCPA VP for Academic Affairs Dr. Pamela Millsap, Surgical Technology Director Brandon Buckner, Port Arthur Mayor Thurman Bartie, Dean of Academic and Technical Programs Dr. Melissa Armentor, and Allied Health Director Shirley MacNeill.

QUOTABLES



TOLITHA JACKSON

2021 LSCPA ALUM/OWNER LEMONADE LOGISTICS

“Women aren’t just in the office, they’re outside, and they’re not just working for trucking companies, they’re owning trucking companies.”



BRIAN BABIN

U.S. CONGRESSMAN, 36TH DISTRICT OF TEXAS

“I’m extremely excited about the possibilities for Lamar Port Arthur’s CDL testing center in East Texas. We will make some calls and follow up on potential funding sources.”



JOHN LYCAN

BASF PORT ARTHUR VP OF OPERATIONS

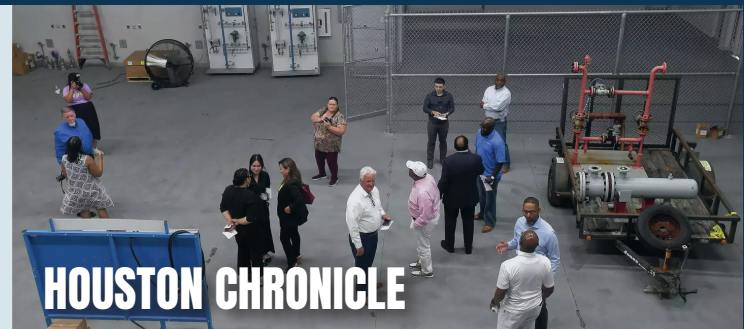
“This apprenticeship program will provide opportunities for people in Port Arthur to consider meaningful careers in manufacturing that pay well and offer steady work.”



TERRY STOKES

PORT ARTHUR EDC EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

“(The Industry Training Facility) will bring good-paying jobs that leads to putting food on the table, affording a home, and offering the means to educate the next generation.”





Lamar State College Port Arthur alum Jennifer K. Bradberry was recognized as the 2023 Officer/Detective of the Year Award by Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2775 of Orange. The award was presented in recognition of Bradberry's exceptional work in special investigations, primarily in the area of child sex crimes, child abuse and child exploitation as part of the Orange County Sheriff's Office. Bradberry holds an associate of arts degree from LSCPA and a bachelor of science degree in criminal justice from Lamar University.



LSCPA finalist for national Bellwether Award

LSCPA was named among 30 finalists from across the nation for the Bellwether Award in the Planning, Governance & Finance category, one of three awarded by the Bellwether College Consortium. LSCPA's entry was based on its Commercial Driver Academy and Examination Center which, at the time, was under construction on FM 3514.

The rigorous award competition is an integral part of the Community College Futures Assembly where the 30 Bellwether Finalists are invited to present their program in a final round of competition among selected peer institutions.



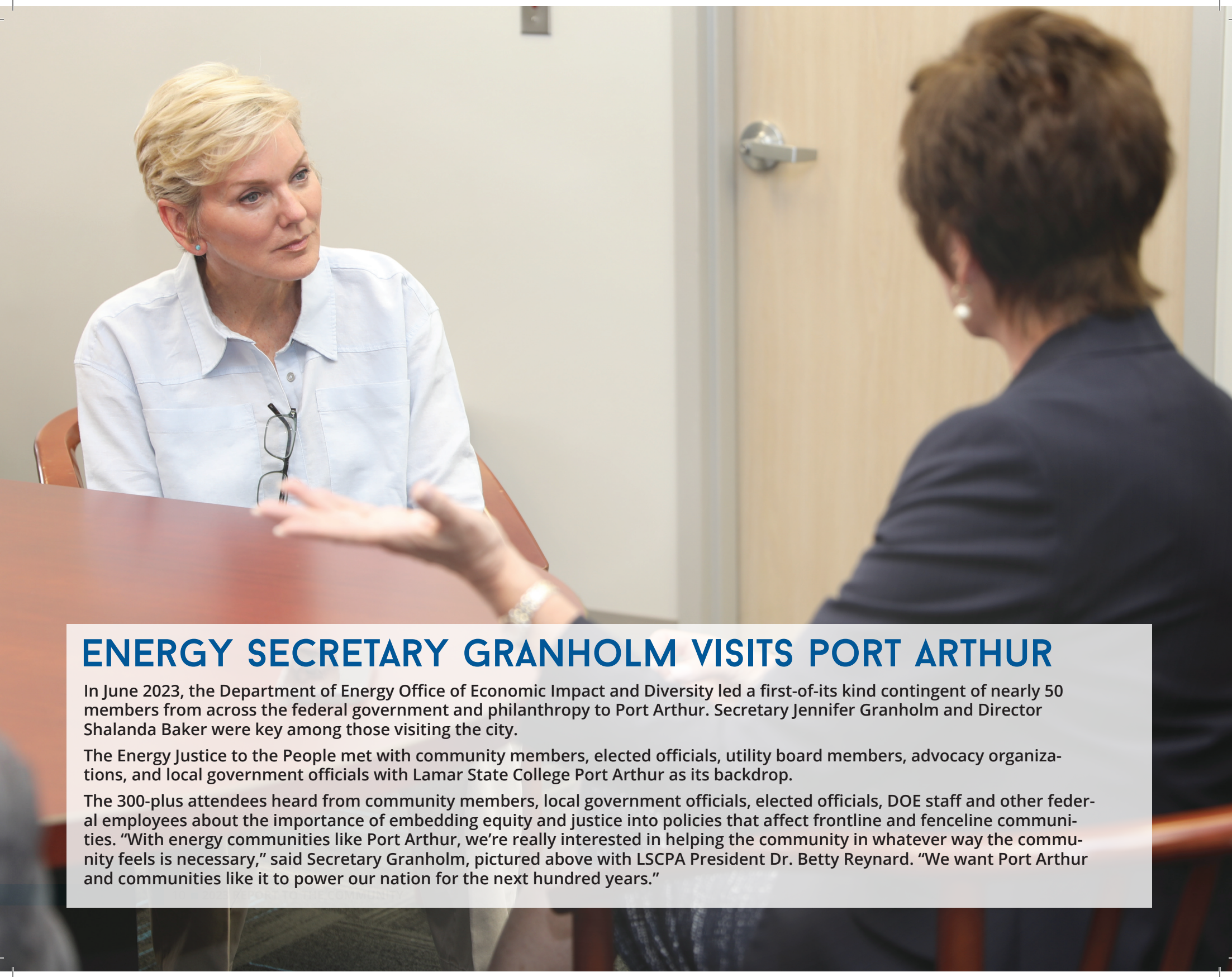
Cheniere presented a check for \$70,000 to the college to develop and support an apprenticeship program for process technology and instrumentation. Pictured, from left, are Sheila Guillot, Chair of Business and Industrial Technology; Dr. Melissa Armentor, Dean of Academic and Technical Programs; Dr. Betty Reynard, President; Chad Dearien and Amy Miller of Cheniere, and George Bohn, Program Coordinator of Instrumentation and Process Technology.

\$562,350 JET GRANT

LSCPA received two Jobs and Education for Texans Grants in February 2023. A grant for \$251,734 helped purchase technical education equipment. Another \$310,616 purchased equipment for the Licensed Practical and Vocational Nurse programs.



The Gay D. and William F. Scott Family Foundation donated \$180,000 towards the modernization of the Grand Room inside the Gates Memorial Library during 2023. Bill Scott is a Texas State University System Regent. The Library update includes a refinished ceiling, new LED lighting and flood lights, and enhanced ceiling trim.



ENERGY SECRETARY GRANHOLM VISITS PORT ARTHUR

In June 2023, the Department of Energy Office of Economic Impact and Diversity led a first-of-its kind contingent of nearly 50 members from across the federal government and philanthropy to Port Arthur. Secretary Jennifer Granholm and Director Shalanda Baker were key among those visiting the city.

The Energy Justice to the People met with community members, elected officials, utility board members, advocacy organizations, and local government officials with Lamar State College Port Arthur as its backdrop.

The 300-plus attendees heard from community members, local government officials, elected officials, DOE staff and other federal employees about the importance of embedding equity and justice into policies that affect frontline and fenceline communities. "With energy communities like Port Arthur, we're really interested in helping the community in whatever way the community feels is necessary," said Secretary Granholm, pictured above with LSCPA President Dr. Betty Reynard. "We want Port Arthur and communities like it to power our nation for the next hundred years."

Recognitions



DR. BEN STAFFORD
VP for Workforce Training

Appointed by the Texas Workforce Commission as a member of the Adult Education & Literacy Advisory Committee.



DR. BETTY REYNARD
President

Installed as president of the American Technical Education Association, a national organization that supports technical program curriculum in higher education.



DR. TESSIE BRADFORD
Dean of Student Services

Joined the Board of Directors for Samaritan Counseling Center of Southeast Texas, responsible for fundraising and growing donors.



Dr. Blas Canedo-Gonzales was recognized by the Texas House of Representatives for his achievements and service and by NISOD for his excellence in teaching, learning, and leadership at community and technical colleges. House Resolution No. 2365 was introduced by Rep. Christian Manuel in July 2023.

In the resolution, Canedo-González was recognized for having distinguished himself as a dedicated music educator and skilled vocalist. He currently serves as a full-time faculty member in the Commercial Music, Visual, and Performing Arts Department, and his many responsibilities include teaching and advising students as well as directing musical productions. He is involved in the Faculty Senate, Phi Theta Kappa student honor society, and several committees.

Dr. Canedo-González has performed in more than 50 large-scale musical productions for orchestra and vocalists, including international operas; in April 2023, he sang with the Houston Grand Opera in a performance for the city's homeless community. He holds a law degree from Universidad Externado in Bogota, Columbia, and a doctorate in musical arts, voice performance, voice pedagogy, and voice science from the University of Houston. He has also completed a graduate certificate in vocology from Lamar University.

Bruce Hodge



RUNNING THE BOSTON MARATHON

Dual Credit Success Coordinator Bruce Hodge competed in the 127th running of the Boston Marathon in 2023. He finished the 26.2-mile race with his best-ever Boston time of 3 hours, 14 minutes, 21 seconds in the 2023 event, nearly five minutes faster than his 2022 time (3:19:21) and almost two minutes faster than his 2021 time (3:16:39).

Port Arthur Ironman

Seahawks Athletics Trainer and Strength & Conditioning Coach Kento Anjima participated in the Ironman Texas “The Americas Championship” in The Woodlands in April 2023.

The Ironman Texas triathlon leads athletes along a 2.4-mile swim, 112-mile bike and 26.2-mile run throughout The Woodlands.

Anjima, who is originally from Kyoto, Japan, turned in a personal best by an hour and finished the race in an impressive 13 hours and 27 minutes. He is sponsored by First Response Urgent Care.



Benitez, Scherbakov, Staton



Seahawks trio invited to join Theta Chi Alpha

Three Lamar State College Port Arthur athletes who played during the 2022-23 seasons were named to Theta Chi Alpha, a national two-year college athlete honor society. Sophomore softball players Jasmin Benitez and Sydney Staton, and sophomore basketball player Adam Scherbakov received the honor after earning a higher than 3.40 grade point average.



Kento Anjima

Sophomore Harlie Collier, was named to the 2022 National Junior College Athletic Association's All-Academic 1st Team. To earn first-team honors, students must maintain a 4.0 grade point average. Harlie played catcher for the Seahawks softball team and graduated Summa Cum Laude with a degree in Drafting Technology.



Seahawks men's basketball coach Lance Madison celebrated his 100th NJCAA Region 14 win against Jacksonville College with a 74-70 victory on January 18, 2023.



**2024
SOFTBALL
SCHEDULE**



**2023-2024
BASKETBALL
SCHEDULE**



The Sabine Showdown Fishing Tournament saw a record number of anglers vying for more than \$15,000 in prize money in September 2022.

The Showdown Golf Tournament packed Babe Zaharias Golf Course in Port Arthur with a capacity crowd in March 2023. Proceeds from the events benefit college programs and student scholarships.

Since their inception, both events have raised a net revenue of about \$250,000.

In the history of the two tournaments, more than 2,000 people have taken part, including competitors traveling from around the Golden Triangle and as far away as New Orleans, Baton Rouge, Lafayette, Lake Charles, Houston, Dallas, San Antonio, Montana, and California.



Thinking About The Big Picture

Art Student Muralists Adorn Little Theater



Students and instructor Maurice Abelman worked on a series of murals during the Fall 2022 and Spring 2023 semesters. One project had the group adorning the Tacos La Bamba restaurant in Beaumont. Another had them working on the exterior of the Port Arthur Little Theatre depicting each of the Theater's scheduled performances for the Spring 2023 season. Students in Abelman's advanced graphic design class created the mural as part of their classwork.

New Programs



TWO-SEMESTER CERTIFICATE

Barbering

The new Barber Certificate⁺⁺ program at LSCPA is aimed at providing students with the skills and knowledge necessary to become licensed barbers.

This new program covers a range of topics including hair cutting and styling, facial hair grooming, and sanitation and safety practices. Students will also take a class in barber law and shop management as well as a preparatory class for the Texas Licensing Examination.

The program offers hands-on training in the College's cosmetology lab, which provides services to the community during the school year.



TWO-YEAR DEGREE

Social Media & Digital Communications

The Social Media and Digital Communications Management⁺ degree will provide students with the knowledge and skills necessary to be employed in the innovative, engaging and fast-growing world of marketing in a digital environment.

Students will explore the unique requirements for communicating messages to consumers via social media and other online branding platforms.

Graduates will be equipped to pursue careers as social media managers, social media specialists, digital marketing coordinators, and content creators.



ONE-SEMESTER CERTIFICATE

Emergency Medical Service Technician

The Emergency Medical Service Technician⁺⁺ program prepares students to offer in-the-field care in critical medical situations.

The program teaches the basic knowledge and skills necessary to stabilize and safely transport patients ranging from non-emergency and routine medical transports to life threatening emergencies.

EMTs function as part of a comprehensive EMS response system, under medical oversight, performing interventions with the basic equipment typically found on an ambulance.

2022-2023 Ethnicity



Juana Alvarez, Winnie,
Major: Nursing

37% HISPANIC

Joseph Wiltz, Breaux Bridge, La.,
Major: Academic Studies



28% BLACK



Kyleigh Gulledge, Cypress,
Major: Business Administration

27% WHITE

Bao Vo, Port Arthur
Major: Pre-Nursing



7% ASIAN, OTHER

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CAMPUS STATISTICS 2022-2023

	FALL 22	SPRING 23
Enrollment	2,698	2,586
Academic Majors	1,428	1,385
Technical Majors	1,108	1,201
Full-Time Students	737	750
Part-Time Students	1,961	1,836
Average Age	23	23
Male Students	1,062	1,083
Female Students	1,636	1,503
Degrees Awarded	108	220
Certificates Awarded	85	170
In-State Students	2,665	2,553
Out-Of-State Students	27	28
Foreign Students	6	5
Student-Faculty Ratio	18:1	16:1

Source: Certified CBM0C1 & In-house reports. Degrees & Certificates awarded are from the Fall 2022 and Spring 2023 graduations.

DUAL ENROLLMENT HAS INCREASED BY

104% OVER THE
PAST 3 YEARS

**23 PERCENT
INCREASE**

Student enrollment jumped 23% from Summer I 2022 to Summer I 2023.

HOT SUMMERTIME!



FIVE-STAR REVIEW

This college is amazing! It has great staff and professors who are engaged. They have resources that provide help to students if they ever need it. If we ever have problems, there is always a way to find help. I am happy to be part of this college.

NICHE.COM STUDENT REVIEW

100 high school students completed degrees or certificates in May 2023.



IN SPRING 2023 ...

\$6,416,961

Grant funds received
by the College during
FY2022 & FY2023.

TOP 25 HISPANIC-SERVING COLLEGE IN TEXAS

Education website niche.com ranked LSCPA among the top Hispanic-Serving 2-year colleges in the State of Texas.

NO. 1 IN TEXAS

LSCPA was ranked as the Most Focused College by website CollegeFactual.com:

- ◆ Cosmetology
- ◆ Music Performance
- ◆ Physical Science Tech
- ◆ Substance Abuse Counseling
- ◆ Accounting
- ◆ Chemical Technology
- ◆ Drafting & Design
- ◆ Paralegal

51% ★★★★★
OF STUDENTS ARE
FIRST GENERATION

47% OF STUDENTS RECEIVE
SOME FORM OF
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

STUDENTS SAVED \$431,181

More than 90% of students say that the Seahawk Book Bundle textbook program made their college experience more convenient and saved not only time but money during the 2022-2023 school year.

31% 
6-YEAR GRADUATION RATE

INTERNSHIPS RULE

Since Fall 2019, students participated in nearly 200 internships involving local business and industry.

THE LARGEST GRADUATING CLASS IN NEARLY A DECADE
CROSSED THE STAGE, A 13% INCREASE OVER SPRING 2022.



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