The 2013-2014 year has been an active time for Lamar State College-Port Arthur. The enrollment has remained steady with 2,721 in the fall semester and 2,377 in the spring (including regular credit, co-enrollment, online, and inmate instruction at the Federal and State Prisons).

The campus housing project advanced with the Port Arthur Economic Development Corporation providing an incentive package of $1,000,000 as a grant and $1,000,000 loan. The package was approved by the City Council. The Texas State University System Board of Regents approved a pre-development agreement with ITEX Corporation of Port Arthur the successful developer. Other steps lie ahead, but the target date for opening is the fall of 2015.

The campus hosted television journalist Dan Rather and CNN’s Peter Bergen as a part of the Distinguished Lecture Series.

Martin Field, home of the Seahawks softball team received a $220,000 upgrade funded by the Port Arthur Economic Development Corporation and the City in the amount of $110,000 as a grant which was matched by gifts, Seahawks Booster Club funds, and labor and material donations. The volleyball program hired head coach Jessica Callahan and she has recruited a team which will compete this fall for the first time. The women's softball team was only one win away from making the regional tournament and the men's basketball team did make the tournament.

The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools-Commission on Colleges reaffirmed institutional accreditation following a campus visit and subsequent report.

As you may have noticed from press reports, I have announced my retirement as of August 31. It has indeed been a privilege to serve in this position and work for an organization dedicated to providing education, training, and opportunity for people. Chancellor Brian McCall has named, with the Regent’s approval, Dr. Betty Reynard as President of the College. She is a longtime resident of Southeast Texas and has been serving as Vice President for Academic Affairs at the Lamar Institute of Technology. She comes to the position with a distinguished record of service and we look forward to working with her in the further advancement of the College.

**SAM MONROE**

President
INSTITUTIONAL GOALS

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES
Provide educational opportunities that are flexible in scheduling, location, delivery method and content for instructional 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 of information, 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
Continues and enhances 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, a member of The Texas State University System, is an open-access, comprehensive public two-year college offering quality and affordable instruction leading to associate degrees and a variety of certificates.

The College embraces the premise that education is an ongoing process that enhances career potential, broadens intellectual horizons and enriches life.

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

PRINCIPLES
Lamar State College-Port Arthur operates in the belief that all individuals should be:
- treated with dignity and respect,
- afforded equal opportunity to acquire a complete educational experience,
- given an opportunity to acquire a complete educational experience,
- provided an opportunity to equip themselves for a fulfilling life and responsible citizenship in a world characterized by change.

COLLEGE PROFILE 2013-2014

Fall 2013  Spring 2014

Enrollment 2,721 2,377
Academic Majors 1,376 1,203
Technical Majors 1,345 1,174
Full-Time Students 950 834
Part-Time Students 1,766 1,543
In-State Students 2,685 2,346
Out-of-State Students 27 23
Foreign Students 9 6
Average Age 28 28
Male 776 702
Female 1,945 1,675
Faculty-to-Student Ratio 19:1 16:1
Degrees Awarded 324 351
Certificates Awarded 98 46

STUDENT ETHNICITY 2013-2014

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STUDENT ACTIVITIES

While looking to build a sense of “home” for the young men and women who enroll in classes, student activities at Lamar State-Port Arthur also work hard to build responsible adults ready to do their part in the 21st Century world. In the past year, a campus-wide Thanksgiving canned food drive netted thousands of meals to be dispersed by the Port Cities Rescue Mission; a number of students took part in the Seahawk Symposium leadership conference while more were active in campus honor societies Alpha Beta Gamma and Phi Theta Kappa, which held recognition and award ceremonies in May. Almin “Ronnie” Thakkar, top left, was elected to Alpha Beta Gamma’s national student advisory committee. It wasn’t all work, though, as Spring Fling presented four days of fun at the Student Center, time was made to celebrate the October birthday of school mascot “Arthur” and bands from the Commercial Music Department played monthly concerts.
One of the best in the state, the Theater Department at Lamar State College treats audiences to performances at two quite different venues, the intimate Black Box Theater and the Performing Arts Center’s 400-seat Main Theater. This past year, fans were treated to student productions of “Bat Boy” and “Rumors,” while the college’s annual summer offering, a co-production with the Port Arthur Little Theater, was Mel Brooks’ “The Producers.”
Sophomore Anthony Allen, No. 32, continued his “Block Party” for another year, rejecting 191 opposition shots to lead the nation in blocked shots for the second year in a row. He was listed as the No. 1 junior college recruit when he signed with Oklahoma State, becoming one of six Seahawks to sign with a four-year school after a 25-7 season that saw the team come within one win of a trip to the NJCAA national tournament. Other season highlights included William “Tre” Bennett being named All-American after leading the team with 20.8 points per game, “Wear Your Pink Night” in January and “Wayback Wednesday” on the eve of Halloween.
ATHLETICS

Anticipation was high in 2014 for Lamar State College-Port Arthur’s softball team. But despite the leadership of six sophomores, the emergence of shortstop Ricki Gilbert and the pitching of Marci West, who turned in the second no-hitter in the program’s 10-year history, the Seahawks just missed qualifying for the regional tournament. A nice consolation was the grand re-opening of Martin Field.

Volleyball officially became the College’s third intercollegiate sport with the January hiring of Jessica Callahan as coach. The team opens play this fall.
COMMUNITY INTERACTION

A good neighbor, LSC-PA is there for the surrounding community. The college takes special efforts to involve the community in events on and off the campus, such as Mardi Gras, an annual Fourth of July celebration and a community art show. This past year, the Seahawks dance team judged dancer tryouts at Thomas Jefferson Middle School, the Seahawks basketball team put on a clinic for youngsters at the YMCA and the Seahawks softball squad helped out at the Southeast Texas Food Bank.
COMMUNITY INTERACTION

Former CBS news reporter and anchor Dan Rather was one of two TV newsmen appearing as part of LSC-PA’s semi-annual Distinguished Lecture Series. In the spring, CNN’s Peter Bergen was the speaker. 60s rocker Johnny Rivers entertained at the 2014 Gulf Coast Gala before being presented an honorary membership to the Music Hall of Fame at the Museum of the Gulf Coast.

The past meets the future at Lamar State College-Port Arthur as Dr. Sam Monroe, retiring this summer after nearly 40 years as college president, meets with incoming president Dr. Betty Reynard.
Employees reaching career milestones with the college were recognized during a May 2014 awards ceremony. Dr. Charles Gongre, Dean of Academic Programs and Continuing Education, was saluted for 40 years of service and Sally Byrd, Liberal Arts Instructor, celebrated her 35th anniversary with the college.

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ASSOCIATE OF ARTS
- Academic Studies
- Business Administration
- Criminal Justice
- Drama
- Kinisiology
- Studio Art
- Teaching (EC-12 Art)
- Teaching (EC-12 Theatre Arts)
- Teaching (EC-12 Music)
- Teaching (EC-12 Physical Education)

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

TECHNICAL CERTIFICATE
- Accounting Assistant
- Administrative Assistant
- Automotive Service Technician
- Automotive Technology
- Commercial Music (Performance)
- Computer Programmer
- Cosmetology Instructor
- Cosmetology Operator
- Entertainment Business
- Esthetics
- Graphic Design
- Instrumentation Level 1
- Medical Coding
- Medical Office Assistant
- Multi-Media & Design (55+ Program)
- Network Specialist
- Nurse Aide Certificate
- Process Technology
- Receptionist
- Surgical Technology
- Vocational Nursing

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- Texas Board of Nursing
- Accreditation Review Council on Education in Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting (ARC/STSA)
- U.S. Department of Education
- Veterans Administration

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