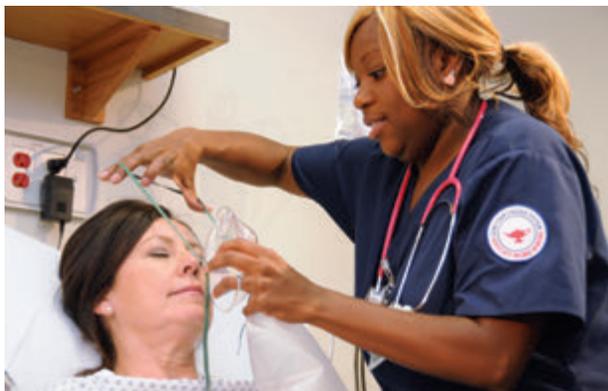


2014 BOND REFERENDUM AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTION

Plan for the Future



The 2014 bond referendum includes funding for new health care instructional facilities – Lone Star College and community colleges like it train 60 percent of all area nurses and other health care workers.

To help address the extraordinary growth in the communities it serves, the Lone Star College System Board of Trustees voted on Aug. 7 to place a \$485 million bond referendum before voters in November.

The bond funds will be used to address the increasing number of students attending LSC by adding instructional space and Advanced Technology Centers, as well as enhancing campus security and improving technology infrastructure –

all with no tax rate increase for taxpayers.

Population forecasts for the LSC service area indicate it will continue to grow at unprecedented rates. In the past four years alone, the region added 176,000 people, more than 39 U.S. states

Lone Star College adds

\$3.1 billion

in economic impact directly into the local community.

added during the same time period. An additional 242,000 people are expected to increase the region's population to 2.55 million by 2019.

LSC growth mirrors that of the community – LSC has experienced a 68 percent increase in student enrollment, adding 33,565 credit students from fall 2007 to fall 2014.

LSC Chancellor Stephen C. Head pointed out that a major focus of the bond referendum is addressing the need for "middle-skill" workers. The

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Tax exemption, freeze remain in place for 65+, disabled

Residents age 65 and older, along with disabled residents, will continue to receive tax exemption allowances and tax freezes for 2014 from Lone Star College.

The LSCS Board of Trustees voted in June to continue these benefits for residents who qualify. That means all residents who live in the LSC taxing jurisdiction and who are homeowners continue to be eligible for a \$5,000 homestead exemption allowance (or 1 percent, whichever is greater).



Disabled residents and those over 65 years of age residing in the LSC service area are also eligible for the system's \$75,000 property tax exemption. Taxpayers who are eligible will also automatically qualify for the tax freeze, where the actual dollar amount owed is frozen as of the date the taxpayer qualifies for the exemption – even if the property value increases.

Any resident who already had an over-65 or disabled exemption on file with their county appraisal district will automatically receive the 2014 exemption and tax freeze.

bond proposal includes funding for new Advanced Technology Centers.

“Many industries are facing critical shortage levels, including energy, transportation and IT—there just aren’t enough trained workers available,” said Chancellor Head. “There’s a huge supply and demand gap and Lone Star College can help address that need.”

The Greater Houston Partnership anticipates 74,177 job openings each year in middle-skills occupations between now and 2017 in the Houston area. It is also estimated that by 2018, 63 percent of all jobs will require education or training beyond high school, and many of these are technical jobs.

The bond referendum calls for adding 686,000 square feet of learning space with no tax rate increase. In fact, LSC has been able to lower the tax rate six out of the last 10 years, while keeping administration costs at 11.4 percent, well below the national average.

LSC also maintains a tax rate freeze in place for seniors and the disabled.

PLAN FOR THE FUTURE

- New instructional and support buildings: 686,000 sf
- Renovations to existing facilities: 362,000 sf
- Increase parking: 3,300 spaces
- Improve campus safety and security
- Enhance and upgrade technology infrastructure
- Improve traffic flow and campus access

FUTURE NEEDS: NEW ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY CENTERS

- 1. Computer Information Technology & Visual Communications (LSC-CyFair)**
 - Classroom space with high level computing infrastructure (50,000 sf)
- 2. Industrial/Commercial Construction & HVACR (LSC-North Harris)**
 - High bay area (50,000 sf)
- 3. Process & Lab Technology (Oil/Gas/Water) (LSC-Kingwood)**
 - Significant workforce training area (50,000 sf)
- 4. Transportation & Logistics Institute (LSC-North Harris)**
 - Land, classroom building, and space for 18 wheeler cabs and trailers (15,000 sf)

5. Drilling Platform Training Center (LSC-Tomball)

- Rig for drilling, hydraulic fracturing and engineering technology (15,000 sf)

6. Workforce Certification Assessment Center (LSC-University Park)

- Build-out floor (25,000 sf)

NEEDED RENOVATIONS TO CURRENT WORKFORCE EDUCATION FACILITIES

- CNC Machining (LSC-Cypress Center and LSC-Conroe Center)
- Dental Hygiene (LSC-Kingwood)
- Diesel Technology (LSC-North Harris)
- Law Enforcement Academy (LSC-University Park)
- Live Entertainment Technology (LSC-Montgomery)
- Nursing/Surgical Technology (LSC-Tomball)
- Paramedic/EMS (LSC-North Harris)
- Welding (LSC-Cypress Center and LSC-Conroe Center)

DID YOU KNOW?



84%

of EMERGENCY FIRST RESPONDERS

—fire, police, EMS—
are trained at a two-year
community college like
Lone Star College.

PROJECT BREAKDOWN BY CAMPUS

LSC-CyFair: New instructional building, along with renovations to existing facilities, expansion to Central Plant and additional campus parking.

LSC-Kingwood: New healthcare instructional building, expanded student services, renovations to existing buildings and increased parking.

LSC-Montgomery: New Magnolia satellite center, expansion of the LSC-Conroe Center, new student services building, renovations to existing facilities and additional campus parking.

LSC-North Harris: Advanced Technology Workforce Center, new instructional building, expansion of LSC-Victory Center, renovations to existing buildings and increased parking.

LSC-Tomball: Build-out of the Health Science Building, new student services building, Central Plant expansion, renovation to existing facilities and additional campus parking.

LSC-University Park: New instructional science and instructional arts buildings, renovations to existing buildings and increased parking.

System-Wide Support Projects: Campus safety and security improvements, technology infrastructure upgrades, program management and land acquisitions, and renovations to LSC-System Office facilities at Research Forest and University Park campuses.

#1 Choice for High School graduates

Which college do more students choose after graduating from area high schools? You may be surprised to learn it's Lone Star College.

In fall 2013, LSC welcomed over 5,800 area high school May graduates; more than attended Texas A&M, the University of Texas, Sam Houston State, University of Houston, Texas State, Stephen F. Austin and Texas Tech combined!

LSC students receive a quality education when choosing to attend Lone Star College, with access to top-notch faculty, a strong student service support network and plenty of activities outside the classroom for that total college experience.

MEET OUR NEW CHANCELLOR

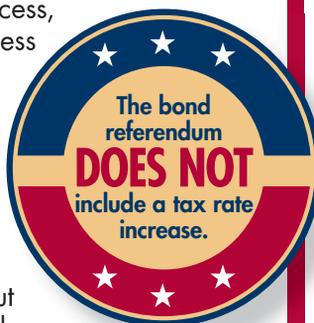
Stephen C. Head, Ph.D., was appointed as the fourth chancellor of Lone Star College in July after a 30-year history of high-level positions at LSC including president of LSC-North Harris, executive vice chancellor, acting chief executive officer, interim president at Montgomery College (now LSC-Montgomery), and president of Kingwood College (now LSC-Kingwood).



Chancellor Head's focus is on student access, equality, success

and completion; academic quality; workforce programs; and collaborative agreements with educational, business and local civic organizations.

Chancellor Head is also the chief executive officer of LSC and is charged with carrying out the policies and procedures of the LSCS Board of Trustees.



VOTING

- Registered voters living in the following ISDs within the Lone Star College service area are eligible to vote in this election: Aldine, Conroe, Cy-Fair, Humble, Klein, Magnolia, New Caney, Spring, Splendora, Tomball, Willis.
- All registered voters in the Lone Star College district are able to cast votes for the 2014 bond referendum.
- Lone Star College System Trustees are elected by single member districts. Voters residing within a trustee district may vote in that trustee election. A district map and complete list of voting precincts for each trustee district can be found at LoneStar.edu/Election.

All precincts will include the bond referendum on voter ballots.

Early voting is from Oct. 20 – Oct. 31. On Tuesday, Nov. 4, polls are open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

To receive a ballot by mail, requests must be sent to your County Clerk's office – Harris, Montgomery or San Jacinto Counties – by Oct. 24.

I am over 65. Are my taxes frozen?

Yes, in September 2006 the Lone Star College System Board of Trustees voted to freeze taxes for the disabled and residents 65 or older, which continues today.

Learning at any age!

Learning doesn't have to end at any age! That's why Lone Star College offers the Academy for Lifelong Learning (ALL), geared to active adults in the LSC community who are looking to expand their horizons with people who have similar interests.

ALL includes more than 600 free and low-cost classes, events and activities scheduled for this fall covering a vast array of interests: arts and crafts, gardening skills, photography techniques, health and wellness, technology, genealogy, Tai Chi, Yoga, literary discussion groups, and many more. An annual ALL membership fee is nominal – starting at \$20 – and there are no prerequisites for attending classes or events.



The Academy for Lifelong Learning offers over 600 free and low-cost classes, events and activities scheduled for this fall, including hands-on classes held outdoors, like gardening, natural landscaping and more.

- **Who Was Sam Houston?** Learn more about the fascinating man who was president of a country, an U.S. congressman and U.S. senator of two different states, and governor of two states.

Find out more about what ALL can offer you at LoneStar.edu/ALL.



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of area nurses are trained at two-year community colleges like Lone Star College.

Whether you're interested in attending lectures, or taking part in social activities, ALL has a program just for you. Class examples:

- **Newbie's Guide to Computing**
Get grounded in computer terminology and Windows basics while learning how to properly use your keyboard and mouse and how to protect your body through ergonomics.
- **Retirement: Making Your Money Last**
This seminar is designed for people who are thinking about retiring or have retired recently.

Candidates by position on ballot

District #3

1. Alton Smith

District #4

1. Art Murillo

District #9

1. Ken E. Lloyd
2. Lamar Casparis
3. Dom Bongiorno



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