OPENING DOORS TO A BETTER COMMUNITY

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Careers. Not just jobs.
Lone Star College is the largest institution of higher education in the Houston area and one of the fastest-growing community colleges in the nation. Not only is it great in size, LSC is a key driver and growing contributor to the local and regional economy with an annual economic impact of $3.1 billion.

Students rely on Lone Star College for Associate Degrees, certifications for work in high-demand industries, and credits that enable them to transfer anywhere. In fact, LSC provides more than 180 programs of study close to home. No wonder more than 90,000 students choose Lone Star College!

**Tradition of Excellence**

Lone Star College opened its doors in the fall of 1973 when a 16-member staff welcomed 613 students to the first classes held at Aldine High School, serving residents in the Aldine, Humble and Spring Independent School Districts. The college was then known as North Harris County College. Today, Lone Star College has grown to six colleges, seven centers and two University Centers. Over the years, eight additional ISDs have joined the district which now includes 11 ISDs: Aldine, Conroe, Cypress-Fairbanks, Humble, Klein, Magnolia, New Caney, Splendora, Spring, Tomball and Willis.

With almost 83,000 students in credit classes, and a total enrollment of more than 90,000, Lone Star College has been opening doors to a better community for more than 40 years.

**Lone Star College Makes a Difference in Everyone’s Life**

**Lone Star College is the college of choice**

- 1 in 4, or 25%, of May graduates from area high schools attend LSC in the fall.
- 8,000+ high school students take dual credit courses, earning simultaneous high school and college credit, to accelerate their college completion.
- Associate Degree graduates earn, on average, 25% more than high school graduates.
- 78% of Texas bachelor’s degrees are awarded to students that attended a community college like LSC.

**Our graduates help keep our community safe**

- We graduate 84% of all emergency first responders (fire, police, EMS).
- We train 63% of all health care workers.

**Lone Star College provides the education and training to meet area employer’s needs**

- By 2018, 63% of all jobs will require postsecondary training. A strong workforce equals a strong community.

**LSC provides educational programs for all ages**

- Academy for Lifelong Learning for residents 50+
- Discovery College summer programs for youths

**Affordable Access**

LSC understands the balance between work, family and completing an education — that’s why it offers the most affordable, high-quality higher education option in the region, close to home, at a fraction of the cost of a four-year university like UT.

**The Numbers Say It All**

Attending LSC is more affordable than other state institutions.

Attending **LSC saves students, and their families, thousands per semester.**

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**Opening Doors to a Better Community**

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EXTRAORDINARY GROWTH

Lone Star College serves an area of more than 1,400 square miles with a population of 2.1 million including some of the fastest-growing communities in the state. In the past four years alone, the LSC service area has grown by 176,000 people, more people than 39 U.S. states 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.

The workforce in the LSC area has grown by 9% in the past five years.

From fall 2007 – fall 2014 LSC added more than 33,000 credit students — a 68% increase.

CHOICE OF MORE STUDENTS

LSC is the choice of area high school graduates – 5,848 high school graduates attended LSC in fall 2013, 10 times the number of students choosing the University of Houston; six times the number who selected Texas A&M University.

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LSC is the choice of more students:

- **10x** more than U of H
- **6x** more than Texas A&M

More than all of these combined!

PROVEN FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

LSC is fiscally responsible and maintains a AAA Bond Rating from Standard & Poor’s Rating Services – enabling LSC to borrow money at lower interest rates. The credit rating was increased eight times in the last 10 years. In addition:

- LSC maintains administrative operating expenses under 12%, which is one of the lowest in Texas. (Source: Texas Association of Community Colleges)
- The LSC tax rate of 10.81 cents/$100 value is lower than it was 15 years ago. And the Board of Trustees has lowered the tax rate 6 of the last 10 years.
- LSC has received a Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting recognition each year since 2004.
- LSC maintains a tax freeze for 65+ and/or disabled which means the actual dollar amount owed will never increase, even if the property value increases.
More than **90,000** students (Fall 2014, credit + non-credit)

Added 33,565 students from 2007 – 2014, a **68% increase**

**180+** programs of study

Top 10 Degree Producer, ranked **4th** in the U.S.

Train **84%** of area first responders and **60%** of area nurses

**91%** of students stay in the community after attending

**8,000** high school dual credit students

**6,000+** employees (full-time/part-time)

2.1 million population

**2.55 million by 2019**

**$3.1 billion** annual economic impact

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