Lone Star College-Montgomery Launches Advancement Initiative for First-Time-in-College Students

Major grant will fund new opportunities and support through AIM program

CONROE (November 20, 2020) – Lone Star College-Montgomery has announced the launch of a new program to support the academic success of first-time-in college students and those with disabilities. The Advancement Initiative for Mavericks, or AIM, program provides personalized support services to students in need, helping them succeed in college and transfer to a 4-year university. The TRIO Student Support Services grant, funded by the U.S. Department of Education, was awarded to the Lone Star College System in August. Lone Star College-Montgomery received $1.3 million dollars to create this new initiative.

The AIM program will provide academic advising, financial aid literacy and support, career counseling, academic major exploration, transfer and admissions planning, mentoring opportunities, tutoring, and cultural enrichment opportunities.

Lone Star College-Montgomery President Dr. Rebecca Riley explained the importance of the grant for students. “Lone Star College-Montgomery is pleased to be able to increase services to students through the TRIO SSS grant. The grant will enable us to create an academic and student support center for students needing extra support to succeed in college. I am grateful that we will be able to help more students reach their goals through this program. It is a win-win for students, the community, and the college!”
Funds from the grant will provide for a dedicated staff, technology support, and special events and services. The program focuses on support for low-income, first-time-in-college students, and students with disabilities. Students must apply program and meet certain criteria to be accepted into the program. The initial goal is to recruit 140 students into the first AIM cohort.

“At LSC-Montgomery, we are dedicated to helping every student be successful”, says Interim Vice President for Student Success Cami Keitel. “We are so excited that this program will help us provide additional assistance to students that want a strong mentoring relationship with campus staff to navigate the many challenges that college brings.”

For more information, or to apply for the Advancement Initiative for Mavericks program, visit the website,  [https://www.lonestar.edu/trio-montgomery.htm](https://www.lonestar.edu/trio-montgomery.htm)

Lone Star College offers high-quality, low-cost academic transfer and career training education to 99,000 students each semester. LSC is training tomorrow’s workforce today and redefining the community college experience to support student success. Stephen C. Head, Ph.D., serves as chancellor of LSC, the largest institution of higher education in the Houston area with an annual economic impact of nearly $3 billion. LSC consists of six colleges, ten centers, two university centers, Lone Star Corporate College and LSC-Online. To learn more, visit LoneStar.edu.

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