Laredo College held Grand Opening of the Harold R. Yeary Library and Executive Conference Center

The Laredo community now has access to state-of-the-art facilities and technology with the construction and renovation of multiple campus facilities to accommodate our institution's fast-paced growth. On April 10, Laredo College was proud to announce with an opening ceremony that one of these constructions, the Harold R. Yeary Library, has reopened its doors with an important addition, the Executive Conference Center. The Yeary family traveled from around the country to visit the renovated facilities and celebrated along honored guests and community members. LC has been renovating this building for over two years to provide the most upgraded services to our student population and the community. The library has 16 spacious study rooms available, around 4,000 e-books, more than 8,000 print books, periodicals and catalogs, a computer lab with 34 devices, a bibliographic instruction room, a Palomino Café and comfortable, modern furniture that accommodates students' needs.

The learning center has also been relocated to this building where students will be able to receive tutoring services for multiple subjects, personalized services, advising for TRIO, testing center services and much more. Now, not only students, faculty and staff can enjoy the multiple services provided at this Ft. McIntosh Campus library, but also the community.

The newest additions to this renovated building are the Executive Conference Center and the IMPACT Innovation Center. These spacious rooms, which include the Falcon Bank Executive Conference Room, will cater to local businesses, companies and organizations, and offer the equipment needed to host conferences, seminars, trainings, meetings and much more.

The IMPACT Innovation Center will offer guidance and resources for students. It will have a transfer credit station, a career placement station, an office for training and financial resource station, employment recruitment office and it will implement the Cybersecurity Analyst Certification Program and the Lean Six Sigma Green Belt Certification Program. Neighboring the IMPACT Innovation Center will be the University Transfer Center, a location that will offer the necessary tools for students interested in seeking a four-year degree in any university of the United States.

Laredo College hosted Men's and Women's Student Leadership Summit

Laredo College celebrated student leadership and empowerment at the first-ever Men's and Women's Student Leadership Summit on Saturday, April 6, at the college district's historic Ft. McIntosh Campus. The summit welcomed more than 100 students from Laredo ISD, United ISD and LC. The event served as an opportunity to promote leadership skills among our students and to equip them with the resources needed to be successful in their collegiate careers.

Students enjoyed presentations from various keynote speakers, including CEO of Speak Performance International Ovidillo D. Vasquez, who spoke about empowering self-leadership, as well as a presentation by Nsleaa Ward on her story about hard work and persistence, “The color of leadership.” Ward is an internationally recognized female pioneer. She conducts trainings and research focused on the Black Lives Matter movement, the Me Too movement, the ecosystem, resilience in devastation and other important topics. She has been named the Nation of Islam's and Colorado's Entrepreneur of the Year, and founded the What a Superhero Looks Like movement.

The former attorney was one of this year’s keynote speakers. She possesses a unique story and passion filled with encouragement for others. She also discussed her experience working with the largest organization for women in the world. Vasquez, our other honored guest, is a best-selling author known as the most relevant speaker for the youth. He was raised in a village located in Central America, but his dream of getting an education got him into the Harvard Business School online. He currently collaborates with University and helps thousands of students nationwide by providing scholarships. Vasquez has also worked for many global corporations such as Apple, Tesla, Salesforce and Uber, making him a role model for first-generation college students. After the morning-long keynote speeches, conference attendees separated into different sessions that covered key topics such as tips for a career, success stories, scholarships. Vasquez has also worked for many global corporations such as Apple, Tesla, Salesforce and Uber, making him a role model for first-generation college students. After the morning-long keynote speeches, conference attendees separated into different sessions that covered key topics such as tips for a career, success stories, scholarships.

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Laredo College Star Student Earns Full-ride Scholarship to Prestigious College

As the higher education pioneer in our community, Laredo College has produced successful businesspeople, public servants, healthcare providers and all-around accomplished leaders.

One prime example of this is 20-year-old Abigail De Leon, an LC student whose outstanding academic record and civic involvement recently earned her a full-ride scholarship to Sweet Briar College in Virginia. A social butterfly both on and off campus, De Leon wears many hats as a full-time student, part-time worker and a member of multiple student organizations. She is the Senator Pro Tempore of the LC Associated Student Organization, Secretary for the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society and a member of the Presidential Student Ambassador Program. She will be pursuing a Bachelor’s Degree in Biology at Sweet Briar College and her ultimate goal is to earn her Ph.D. in Physical Therapy.

Recounting the story of how she was selected to be the recipient of this full-ride scholarship, De Leon thanked Laredo College President Ricardo J. Salis.

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“Laredo College was my gateway to higher education,” De Leon said. “Thanks to the persistence and perseverance of our president, LC has presented me with a once in a lifetime opportunity that would have otherwise been unattainable for me.”