

## LLUSCBA financial award to benefit LC students

The Laredo College Economic Development Center has been awarded a generous donation of \$3,000 by the Laredo Licensed U.S. Customs Brokers Association (LLUSCBA) that will be geared for scholarships in trade industry programs.

A check presentation was held to celebrate the collaboration between both entities. LC Board Vice President Jorge “JD” Delgado, LC President Dr. Ricardo J. Solis, LLUSCBA President Monica Salinas and other members were present to demonstrate how appreciative the college is for this annual donation.

For more than 17 years, the association has partnered with the Laredo College Economic Development Center (LC EDC) to provide scholarship opportunities for students to progress. It is essential for our institution and the association to ensure adequate access to education to fulfill our community’s dynamic needs.

Delgado expressed his gratitude for the substantial donation. He was honored to continue the collaboration with LLUSCBA. Their generous gift contributes to the development of quality education.

In order to help advance and aid prospective students, funding will be geared for enrolled students who wish to complete trade industry training certifications within the LC EDC as well as to directly support the economic development efforts of the LC EDC.

Salinas mentioned that through the collaboration between the LC EDC and LLUSCBA, students would have the opportunity to interact with U.S. attorneys, Customs and Border Protection agents and other agencies to discuss important subjects involved in trade via webinars and presentations.



“These scholarship opportunities will help in our mission to enhance the economic growth and global competitiveness in the South Texas region,” Dr. Solis said. “Educational initiatives that provide all the necessary means to help students advance in their career impacts thousands of lives.”

To culminate the delighting occasion, Senior Director of External Affairs Michael Gonzalez spoke about how important it is to invest in students’ futures through programs such as the ones offered by the Economic Development Center. These scholarships help improve our growing economy by providing professional growth to Laredoans.

## UTSA and LC renew agreement to help students earn degrees

Laredo College’s longstanding partnership with the University of Texas at San Antonio (UTSA) was reinforced with the renewal of a general articulation agreement, which will help LC students earn their bachelor’s degrees at UTSA by facilitating a smoother transition process.

UTSA alumna and Laredo College Provost/Vice President of Academic Affairs Dr. Marisela Rodriguez Tijerina worked alongside UTSA Associate Vice Provost for Undergraduate Studies Dr. Mark Appleford and a committee representing their respective campuses to renew the agreement.

“This articulation agreement is just the beginning of a long-term partnership,” Dr. Rodriguez Tijerina said. “Our goal is to continue this partnership so that we formulate transfer pathways that will assist students to transfer seamlessly into UTSA. This will help students stay on track and prevent them from taking unnecessary credits that will adversely impact their financial aid and graduation timeline.”

Laredo College is a learner-centered institution transforming students’ lives through educational programs and services to fulfill the dynamic needs of its local, regional and global community. An award-winning Hispanic-Serving Institution, LC was recently named the #1 community college in Texas by BestColleges.com. The college’s primary goal is to ensure students have adequate access and support that leads to the success, completion and achievement of their educational goals. Additionally, it is important to maintain strong institutional partnerships that help students transition to a university setting.



“UTSA admits many excellent students from Laredo College,” Dr. Appleford said. “This articulation agreement will ensure that we continue to remove barriers for our Laredo College transfer students to encourage student success and college graduation.”

UTSA has continued to enhance support of transfer students and has a full-time dedicated Transfer Admissions Team to assist students with the transfer admissions process. In addition, a Transfer and Transition Student Success Office was established to support and assist transfer students before, during and after their transfer to the university by providing timely, accurate information and facilitating a seamless transition.

UTSA is a Hispanic-Serving University that advances knowledge through research and discovery, teaching and learning, community engagement and public service. UTSA embraces multicultural traditions and serves as a center for intellectual and creative resources as well as a catalyst for socioeconomic development and the commercialization of intellectual property.

## LC, L.I.F.E. and Texas Community Bank join forces to create scholarship fund

Laredo College has teamed up with the Laredo International Fair & Exposition (L.I.F.E.) and Texas Community Bank to launch the Jerome Jordan L.I.F.E. Rancher of the Year Scholarship Fund.

L.I.F.E. and Texas Community Bank contributed \$11,000 toward the fund and the Laredo College Education Foundation matched this amount, bringing the total to \$22,000. The funds will benefit Laredo College students that actively participate in L.I.F.E. event activities and are passionate about ranching.

On Friday, March 26, Laredo College Board President Lupita Zepeda and Laredo College President Dr. Ricardo J. Solis welcomed Mr. Jordan and members from the L.I.F.E board and Texas Community Bank for a check presentation ceremony and personally thanked each of them for this generous donation and for making a positive impact in the lives of Laredo College students.

