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Port Arthur ISD Partners with Lamar State College for \$215,240 Dual-Credit Training Grant

AUSTIN – Port Arthur Independent School District (PAISD) has partnered with Lamar State College - Port Arthur (LSC-PA) to offer Career and Technical Education programming to junior and senior high school students using a \$215,240 Skills Development Fund grant from the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC). Collaborative efforts involved various partners including Motiva Enterprises, BASF Total Petrochemicals and Workforce Solutions Southeast Texas.



On Jan. 14, 2016 TWC Chairman Andres Alcantar (center) presented a \$215,240 Dual Credit Program check to representatives from Lamar State College Port Arthur (LSCPA) and Port Arthur ISD (PAISD).

Pictured from left: LSCPA Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Gary Stretcher, LSCPA President Dr. Betty Reynard, Chairman Alcantar, PAISD Superintendent Dr. Mark Porterie and LSCPA Vice President for Workforce Training and Continuing Education Dr. Ben Stafford.

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Training Grant

This grant supports dual-credit curriculum development focused on occupational areas of process technology which will prepare students to become process technicians in the refining, petrochemical, power generation, oil and gas production and food industries. Students will be eligible for industry-recognized credentials such as Level I Certificate for Process Technology.

“TWC is proud to support this innovative partnership between Port Arthur ISD, Lamar State College and industry partners which will provide area students with valuable dual-credit training to accelerate their college and career goals,” said TWC Chairman Andres Alcantar. “Collaborative efforts like these are a valuable investment and benefit the Texas economy.”

This dual-credit grant is an expansion of the Skills Development Fund to support certain joint-credit courses offered by school districts in partnership with public junior colleges, public state colleges or public technical institutions. Funding is made available to further support the creation and expansion of dual-credit career and technical educations in Texas schools that are highly technical in nature, addressing local area demands for high-skill, high-demand and high-wage industries. Individuals seeking more information about the Skills Development Fund may visit the TWC website at www.texasworkforce.org/skills.

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