Texas A&M International University
2011 President's Report

A Year of Growth and Challenge, Initiative and Achievement

TAMIU students are “Intelligent Investors”

Legacy of Life & Love: The Helen Richter Watson Gallery

Faculty Researcher Targets Atrophy Prevention

On a Journey of a Lifetime: Cambodia
It’s a long way from Painted Butte, Alberta, Canada to TAMIU – and it’s a march into history too.

That’s because TAMIU student Jordan M. Gibson, from Painted Butte, made history in his first semester at TAMIU as the 7000th student of a record-breaking 7,039 student enrollment this Fall. Gibson is a member of the TAMIU Men’s Golf Team, which placed sixth overall in the Heartland Conference Golf Tournament.

Jordan was joined by new Texas A&M University System Chancellor John Sharp in cutting a special cake boasting the number 7000.

Sharp, who became Chancellor Sept. 6, was touring the System’s 11 universities, seven state agencies and comprehensive health science center.

Go here for more pictures and information on this Fall’s record enrollment.
If April is the cruelest month, December inspires deepest reflection. A year we now know well is about to pass away forever; one we can as yet only imagine will soon begin. In his last speech, near the end of Goethe’s immortal epic, Faust proclaims the beauty of years remembered:

Then, to the moment I might say: Abide, you are so fair! The traces of my earthly days No aeons can impair. One moment and all the moments of earthly days: “You are so fair!”

And by many measures, 2011 has been a very fair year at Texas A&M International University. Our enrollment reached an all-time high at 7040. (Jordan Gibson, our 7000th student and a Canadian, proudly adorns the cover of this report.) Our facilities have never shone more brightly, enriched immeasurably by the opening of the Helen Richter Watson Gallery. Student commitment to life on campus and to our community has never been more expansive. Our athletic teams began another year of conference championships. Our first cohort of systems engineers graduates this spring, and a campus-wide program in leadership becomes part of the academic program in the second semester.

At the same moment the University marks many historic achievements, deep cuts in funding from the State present unprecedented challenges. We began classes in September, 2011.
with our State appropriation down 18% from the last biennium. For the fall of 2011, our support from the State was very nearly the same as fall of 2005. Circumstances are greatly altered, however. Since the fall of 2005, enrollment has grown 64%.

As State appropriations have decreased and enrollment increased, we have had to raise tuition and fees. At the same time, federal support or Pell grants have not increased as expected, and Pell funds no longer cover summer classes. Students are paying a larger portion of the cost for their education. Now more than ever, our Laredo youth need our help to finance their studies. I can assure those of you who have established endowed scholarship funds that now, more than any time in recent memory, your investment opens the door to new life.

The lingering question for us and all Texas public universities concerns the 2013 legislative session and the new biennium beginning in September, 2013. Will the present reductions, 18% for TAMIU, become what many are calling “the new normal?” That we cannot know what the next two years will bring cannot hobble our work today.

The momentum of a decade and a half of unstinted growth continues to propel us forward into this biennium. We continue to pursue new strategies for preserving the quality of this experience, including enhanced use of technology, more intrusive advising and counseling, and a consistent push for timely graduation.

We continue to imagine the American dream, our shared view of what this country offers humankind. Education opens the path to that dream, and we in Laredo are keenly positioned to show the way. We have been blessed to receive, from the State and from private philanthropy, a magnificent institution of higher learning. We are now asked to preserve what we have been given and use these gifts in ever more creative ways to put the American dream in reach of all committed to pursuing it.
US News Gives TAMIU a Thumbs Up
TAMIU was ranked by *US News and World Report* in its 2012 Best Colleges Rankings. [Find out more here.](#)

TAMIU Saluted as ‘Military Friendly’
*G.I. Jobs*, a premier magazine for military personnel transitioning into civilian life, awarded TAMIU the designation of “Military Friendly School” as part of its “2012 Military Friendly Schools List” honoring the top 20 percent of colleges and universities. [Go here to learn more!](#)

CNN Top Ten Cites TAMIU for Affordability
TAMIU was cited by CNN in its Top Ten Most Affordable Colleges in the U.S., based on information provided by the National Center for Education Statistics. [Learn all about it here!](#)

TAMIU One of Fastest Growing in Higher Ed

TAMIU a Top Producer of Degrees for Hispanics
*Diverse Issues in Higher Education* ranked TAMIU 36th among the nation’s top baccalaureate degree producers for Hispanics based on US Department of Education reports. [Learn all about it here!](#)

Student Survey Says...
On the 2011 National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE), 91% of First Year TAMIU students gave TAMIU a favorable image and 85% of TAMIU seniors said they’d choose TAMIU again if they could start their college career over. [Go here for more information.](#)

In our blessings and in our work, we are very like Emily Dickinson’s bee:

His labor is a chant,
His idleness a tune;
Oh, for a bee’s experience
Of clovers and of noon!

We have lived for more than a decade invigorated by both the clovers and noon of happy work and dramatic expansion. As Americans, we will all recover our momentum and inhabit a new landscape, held aloft by the warm memory of what we have done and a clearer commitment to what is now required.

Dr. Ray Keck, III
A small group of TAMIU students is learning to research and make decisions about corporate investments through an innovative student organization, “The Intelligent Investor Group.” Dr. Andrés Rivas-Chávez, A. R. Sanchez School of Business associate professor of finance and sponsor, said students wanted to learn more about finance and founded the organization in 2010. It's open to all students interested in learning how to use the School’s Bloomberg database system, which accesses 7.3 million world securities. Becoming Bloomberg database proficient gives students a competitive edge in the marketplace. The organization hopes to soon find corporate sponsors that would permit students to manage part of their own investment funds.
Autism Center
Meeting Growing Need

The Autism Interventions Center is providing much-needed diagnostic and evidence-based intervention services for persons with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD).

The Center was founded in 2010 by the College of Education with federal funding support. Its mission provides access to diagnosis and professional opportunities for growth in Autism education.

This year, the Center hosted three successful fund-raising efforts: the “Swing for Autism” Golf Tournament, a Wine Tasting and a “Rockin’ for Autism” benefit. All enabled the Center to offer a Summer School program and award partial or full scholarships to nine students and individual sessions to children.

To learn more about the work of the Center and how you can help, go here.

Future is Close-Up at TAMIU

The image appears, looking like a surreal planet with mountains, plains and odd “plants” spiking up everywhere.

It’s actually the outside of a minute spore brought to much-larger life through a new Scanning Electron Microscope (SEM) that affords rare study and research opportunities for TAMIU faculty and students.

“This opens new horizons for faculty and student research. It elevates science programming, providing opportunities usually only available at much larger universities. It enhances student competencies for further graduate or doctoral study,” said Dr. Pablo Arenaz, provost and vice president for Academic Affairs.

The SEM is funded by Graduate Retention Enhancement at TAMIU (GREAT), a Title V PPOHA Program of the U.S. Department of Education.

It’s bringing little-seen worlds and futures into sharper focus at TAMIU.
Just Don’t Call him Dummy: ‘SIM Man’ Lends Nursing Students Helping Hand

One would expect high tech gadgets in a science lab, but College of Nursing and Health Professions’ Dr. F. M. Canseco School of Nursing students find using state of the art equipment helps them learn critical thinking and prioritization skills.

“The Simulation Lab was set up to provide experiences using simulation before students enter hospital settings,” explained Natalie Burkhalter, associate professor of Nursing.

Students use “SIM Man,” a high fidelity manikin which has hemodynamic monitoring and mimics intensive care or emergency room patients with life-threatening injuries. The manikins breathe, have a pulse, have a measurable blood pressure and simulate life-threatening events.

“There’s also a manikin that delivers a baby,” noted Burkhalter.

For more information, click on tamiu.edu/cson

TAMIU Research Reveals Possible Prevention for Atrophy

New TAMIU research indicates that acupuncture with herb medicine could prevent atrophy, a decrease in muscle size, of skeletal muscle.

Dr. Sukho Lee, associate professor of education, said muscle atrophy is a major concern accompanying microgravity, aging, neuromuscular disease or injuries.

“Acupuncture and herbs have been used predominantly as therapeutic interventions of muscle atrophy,” he said, “However, little was known about the effects of these on the skeletal muscle mass and function.”

Lee has submitted his study to the American College of Sports Medicine for consideration at its annual Conference in February.
A Journey of a Lifetime: from TAMIU to Cambodia

“Every day...surprises and life-changing experiences.”
That’s how TAMIU student Evelyn F. Richardson described her time in Cambodia as part of the “Reading the Globe” Study-Travel Program, Spring Break 2011.
Evelyn and 14 TAMIU classmates joined fellow travelers from West Texas A&M University for the historic 9,300-plus mile journey.

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They see a world of change. More importantly, they see themselves leading that change.
TAMIU Student Shares His ‘Milagro’

It started as a student film project and morphed into a 91-minute independent film that profiles the life of a bright and kindhearted young woman trapped in a chaotic household.

“Milagro,” (“Miracle”) a Soha Producciones film by TAMIU senior José Luis Montoya, premiered to a packed house at the Center for the Fine and Performing Arts Recital Hall in November. The film was filmed in Spanish and subtitled in English.

Montoya, a psychology major, wrote and directed the film and shot it using high definition video with Dolby digital 5.1 surround sound in Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas, México.

The story is a combination of heartbreaking and uplifting scenes that weave a profound message: strength to surmount adversity lies within each of us.

The film was created with the support of young aspiring actors (some TAMIU classmates) and friends. Other young visionaries shared talents in cinematography, editing and music to bring to life a shared message: kindness begets kindness and culture creates more culture.

Montoya hopes that his future will include additional opportunities to write and perhaps create more films...and more milagros.

Students selected for the rare study opportunity were Arturo James Crake, Marcos Roel Cruz, Karen Cristina De La Garza, Olinda Victoria Domínguez, Amanda Michelle Garza, Oscar Eduardo Leyva, María Andrea Martínez, Javier Mendoza, Vanessa M. Navarro, Phillip Quach, Richardson, Carolina Yvette Salazar, Erika Salazar, Reymundo Salinas and Luis Alberto Vela.

From Phnom Penh, the group visited Kirirom National Park, stayed with local families and learned about Cambodia’s environment and wildlife. They visited the storied Tuol Sleng Genocide Museum and the Killing Fields. They learned about social business ventures, studied affordable water solutions and sampled dance and cuisine. A highlight was a visit to the mystical temples of Angkor Wat.

The students were selected based on an application, interview and essay about 2011’s “Reading the Globe” text, Somaly Mam’s “The Road of Lost Innocence: The True Story of a Cambodian Heroine.” Mam visited TAMIU in advance of their journey. To read more of Richardson’s essay with fellow student Vanessa Navarro, visit TAMIU Spotlight here!

You’ll also find photo galleries, essays and blogs of the Cambodia trip and “Reading the Globe” travels to Poland and Ghana.

This December, a new Reading the Globe group travels to Chile to experience its own life-changing experiences.
TAMIU Students: Leading Latinos

Ivy covers the walls and leaders walk every hall at Harvard University. Standing shoulder-to-shoulder with them this summer was a select group of TAMIU students named to the Latino Leadership Initiative (LLI) at the Harvard Kennedy School’s Center for Public Leadership (CPL).

The six: Miriam Abrego, Marcos Dimas, Joel Alexis Jurado, Connie Berenice Lerma, Laura Méndez, and Carlos Pacheco, took part in LLI’s second collaborative class.

They joined other rising seniors from around the nation for the weeklong conference. This is the second TAMIU LLI student group.

LLI director David Gergen, professor of Public Service and former White House advisor to four presidents, visited TAMIU last year, meeting with LLI participants.

To learn more about TAMIU’s remarkable Latino leaders of tomorrow, click here.
Dr. Haruna conducted nation-wide research on connecting good governance ideals and principles to professional public service education and training in a cross-cultural setting.
An impressive report submitted by a TAMIU Fulbright Scholar detailing his Fulbright research and teaching at the Ghana Institute of Management and Public Administration (GIMPA) in Accra, Ghana has led to his selection as a three-year member of the Fulbright Regional Award Review Committee for the African Sub-region.

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TAMIU Faculty Receive Awards, for Service, Excellence

TAMIU’s gifted faculty received awards celebrating their University contributions.

Dr. Ken Hung, professor and chair, A. R. Sanchez School of Business -- 2010 Faculty Scholar of the Year Award.

Dr. Jacklyn Jeffrey, associate professor, College of Arts and Sciences -- Teacher of the Year for 2010; Minnie Stevens Piper Award, 2010.

Dr. Kimber Palmer, instructor, director of AACSB Assessment, A. R. Sanchez School of Business -- Distance Educator of the Year Award, 2010.

Dr. Peter Haruna, associate professor, director of MPA Program, College of Arts and Sciences -- International Faculty Award recipient, 2010.

Dr. Jerry Thompson, Regents Professor, College of Arts and Sciences -- Zaffirini Medal for Leadership, 2010.

Dr. Haibo Wang, associate professor, A. R. Sanchez School of Business -- Faculty Scholar of the Year, 2011.

Dr. Bernice Sánchez, assistant professor, College of Education -- Teacher of the Year, 2011.

Dr. Deborah Blackwell, associate professor, College of Arts and Sciences, director of the University Honors Program -- Zaffirini Medal for Leadership, 2011.

Dr. Miroslava Vargas, associate professor, College of Education -- Minnie Stevens Piper Award, 2011.

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Dr. Peter Fuseini Haruna, associate professor of Public Administration and director of TAMIU’s Master of Public Administration program, was one of five Committee members selected. He completed his research during the 2010-2011 academic year in Ghana.

At GIMPA, Africa’s internationally recognized institution of higher learning, Haruna taught undergraduate courses and graduate seminars on public administration. He also conducted nationwide research exploring how to connect good governance ideals and principles to professional public service education and training in a cross-cultural setting.

Previous TAMIU Fulbright Scholars include Dr. Rafic Bachnak, Dr. Stanley Green, Dr. Susan Berdahl and retired TAMIU professor of history Dr. José Roberto Juárez.

America’s flagship international educational exchange program, The Fulbright Scholar Program is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. It was created by Senator J. William Fulbright. Fulbright recipients are selected on the basis of academic or professional achievement, as well as demonstrated leadership potential in their fields.
Texas A&M International University (TAMIU) Regents professor and author Dr. Jerry Thompson was selected as the 2011 Clotilde P. García Tejano Book Prize winner for his latest book, “Tejanos in Gray: Civil War Letters of Captains Joseph Rafael de la Garza and Manuel Yturri.” It traces the Tejano Civil War experience through period letters.

Released by The Texas A&M University Press (2011), the 160-page cloth-bound book compiles 41 letters and letter fragments written by two Mexican Texans, Captains Yturri and de la Garza. Dr. Thompson said the letters reveal the intricate and intertwined relationships that characterized lives of Texan citizens of Mexican descent in the years leading up to and including the Civil War.

The Clotilde P. García Tejano Book Prize is awarded to books about Tejano heritage that bring attention to the history and contributions of Tejanos.

Dr. Mitchell Named 2010-2011 Regents Professor

TAMIU dean of the College of Arts and Sciences Dr. Thomas R. Mitchell was named a 2010-11 Regents Professor by The Texas A&M University System Board of Regents.

Established by the Board in 1996, the Regents Professor Award program recognizes employees that hold a record of distinguished teaching combined with accomplishments of research or other scholarly activity, making exemplary contributions to their university or agency and to the people of Texas.

Dr. Mitchell is president of the Nathaniel Hawthorne Society and a nationally recognized scholar on Hawthorne. He wrote Hawthorne’s Fuller Mystery (Amherst: University of Massachusetts Press, 1998). He joined the TAMIU faculty in 1998. He is a member of Sigma Tau Delta and was charter president of the TAMIU chapter of Phi Kappa Phi.

Dr. Mitchell joins Dr. Jerry Thompson and Dr. Juan Lira as the third TAMIU faculty member to be named a Regents Professor. Only 144 A&M System faculty members have been recognized with the Regents Professor Award.
TAMIU volleyball team along with WINGS of Laredo has raised over $6000 for breast cancer research over the past six seasons. In addition, the Dustdevils were able to pull off one of the biggest upsets of the year, knocking off the eventual Heartland Conference Champions Arkansas Fort-Smith in five sets.

On the field or in the classroom, TAMIU student-athletes are champions of uncommon dedication.
2010 was a banner year for TAMIU’s burgeoning athletics program. The Dustdevils brought home conference championships in three different sports, establishing TAMIU as one of the top athletics programs in the region.

Men’s soccer, led by Head Coach Claudio Arias got the ball rolling, finishing with a conference record of 7-1, capturing TAMIU’s first Heartland Conference Title since making the move to NCAA Division-II Athletics. The Dustdevils put a league high seven players on the All-Heartland Conference Team and had two players named to the Daktronics All-Region Team.

The men’s basketball team, under the direction of Head Coach Shane Rinner, earned a share of the regular season conference title, captured the team’s first Heartland Conference Tournament Championship and earned the team’s first birth in the NCAA Division II Tournament. In addition, the team won the Heartland Conference Scholastic Award for highest team GPA (3.10 on 4.0 scale). “We’ve had so much positive change in such a short amount of time,” said Coach Rinner, “As a coach, I’ve celebrated a lot of victories in the past, but I think last year ranks up there as one of the highlights of my coaching career.”

With the original six playing in their final year for the TAMIU Softball Team, 2011 provided a storybook
TAMIU’s Athletics Department sponsored a campus and community-wide Veterans Appreciation Initiative for the fourth straight year in 2011. The three components of the initiative were a Veterans Appreciation Breakfast, an Adaptive Sports Experience (ASE) and a screening of the documentary “Warrior Champions.”

The ASE is a U.S. Olympic Committee sponsored event that brought three wounded warriors from Brooks Army Medical Center to campus to promote the benefits of adapted sports. Over 60 fitness and sports majors along with physical education teachers from throughout the community attended. Sitting volleyball was the featured sport during the inaugural ASE and there are already plans to feature additional sports during next year’s event.

World War II veterans were honored at the Veterans Appreciation Breakfast attended by several community veterans from all wars as well as TAMIU student veterans. Over 100 TAMIU students and community members attended the “Warrior Champions” screening. The award-winning documentary “tells the emotional and inspiring story of a group of severely wounded American Soldiers, as they fight to turn nightmares of war into Paralympic dreams.”

In addition to these events, the TAMIU Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) once again conducted a fund raiser to benefit the TAMIU Student Veteran Text Book. The 2011 SAAC fund raiser generated $2,250.
A Legacy of Art and Love Comes to TAMIU

A legacy of art and art education converge in a new home at TAMIU's Helen Richter Watson Gallery, which opened this summer.

The light-filled aerie in the Sue and Radcliffe Killam Library embraces the empathic spectrum of the Laredo-born artist’s profound influence as both artist and educator. It cleverly replicates her welcoming Houston Street studio, which openly mixed works of art within her home setting, creating an inspiring gathering space. In her studio, Helen Richter Watson celebrated, lived and worked her art daily. 

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Building Legacies
The Helen Richter Watson Gallery at TAMIU recreates that celebration, life and work with its impressive array of her works and others by colleagues, friends or artists she collected.

The Gallery, a gift of legacy and love, was made possible by the Dolly Richter Watson Foundation. Foundation and family members gathered to celebrate its opening in early June.

Project architects were Frank Architects, Inc. of Laredo and Pfluger Associates of San Antonio. Construction was by Alpha Construction of San Antonio. Gallery consultant was Ethel Shipton.

Visit the Helen Richter Watson Gallery website here and learn more about the artist, and her historical significance. You’ll also be able to enjoy a look at the magical opening night in a dedicated image gallery.

The new partnership affords TAMIU students, faculty and community remarkable new opportunities, especially in the realms of digital storage, publication, and preservation of research, scholarship and teaching materials.

The Killam Library will be participating in TDL’s digital repositories, an electronic thesis and dissertation submission and management system and a variety of scholarly communication services including online journals and blogs and scholarly conference management software.

The Library has impressive special collections and archives assets that can now be more readily shared with larger audiences and researchers through digital repositories. The electronic thesis and dissertation system is highly useful to graduate students. The scholarly communications suite helps researchers to move print journals online and develop focused scholarly conferences.

The TDL began in 2005 as a partnership between the State’s largest universities: Texas A&M University, Texas Tech University, the University of Houston and the University of Texas. Collectively, its 15 members represent more than 250,000 students, 50,000 graduate and professional students and more than 20,000 faculty members.

For information on Library hours and services, visit library.tamiu.edu
Students, faculty, staff and visitors can now enjoy delectable dining experiences at the newly remodeled and expanded TAMIU Student Center Food Court.

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A year in the making, the expansion accommodates about 950 – 1,050 customers daily.

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The Texas A&M University System, the Coordinating Board, and the State of Texas continue to look closely at four performance measures: growth, retention, graduation rates, and sponsored research. Record high enrollment figures make us proud. Retention rates increased from last year, graduation percentages show steady progress and sponsored research remains a top priority. State budget cuts reduced the University’s budget by 18%, or $9.2 million, creating a broad range of challenges for the coming biennium. The University has been blessed by the partnerships afforded by community philanthropy and will continue to aggressively seek this support.

State Appropriations $80,999,965.64

Instruction and Academic Support $43%

Scholarships $17%

Student Service and Auxiliary Services $16%

Research/Public Service $6%

Institutional Support and Maintenance Operations $18%

Governmental Grants and Cohorts

Philanthropic Giving: $7,393,034.92
### President's Circle ($10,000.00 +)

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- Canseco Foundation
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- Killam Family Foundation Trust
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- Laredo Medical Center Gift Shop
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- Elysian Social Club
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- Laredo Area Community Foundation
- Laredo Daybreak Rotary Club
- Laredo District Dental Society
- Laredo Federal Credit Union
- Laredo Salsa’s Restaurant and Sushi Grill
- Dolly and Dr. Julio F. Madrigal
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- Glenn Omatsu
- Rosa L. and Dr. Trace Pirtle
- Dr. Rosemary K. Plank and Gary E. Walker
- Popeyes Chicken and Biscuits
- Dr. Bonnie A. Rudolph
- Nancy and Dr. Tagi Sagafi-Nejad
- Tony Smith
- TAMU Army ROTC
- Transpotes FEMA
- Mary T. ’72 and Ernest Treviño, Jr.
- Union Pacific Railroad
- University of Texas at El Paso
- USTA Texas Section

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- Tina A. ‘80 and Dr. Alfredo Treviño, Jr.
- Laredo Asian Association
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As the United States moves toward economic recovery, one of the primary forces driving that recovery will be the increased availability of talented engineers and scientists.

A new federally funded TAMIU Program, SYSTEM (Serving Youth in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics), targets reaching 6500 Hispanic and low income local and area high school and community college students to increase the number of highly competent and well-qualified engineers and scientists.

The US Department of Education, Title III Hispanic Serving Institutions, provided funding totaling $4,349,955 to help encourage these students to earn Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) degrees. A $250,000 allotment is available for student scholarships if matched by individuals in the community in an effort for the program to accomplish its goals.

SYSTEM is directed by Dr. Dan Mott, TAMIU College of Arts and Sciences associate dean, chair and associate professor. Learn more here.
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AutMus Fest Rocks TAMIU, Scholarships

AutMus Fest, Laredo’s most eclectic outdoor live music festival returned to TAMIU for its seventh time this past October.

With over 6,500 attendees, AutMus Fest was a night to be remembered as one of the most sizzling nights in Texas. This year’s headliner was none other than double-platinum recording artist Fuel.

Other live performances included Alpha Rev, featured on VH1’s Bands You Oughta Know Artists on the Rise, and Broken Vision, Erebus, La Mata, Umano Ache, and Somewhere In Between. All AutMus Fest proceeds support TAMU student scholarships.

For more go to www.autmusfest.com
TAMIU Celebrates ‘Thank You Day’

TAMIU students expressed gratitude to University donors, the Laredo community and Texas during “TAMIU Thank You Day,” this November.

A huge “Thank You” note was hung in the Student Center Rotunda so students could sign it, thanking those making a generous difference in their education.

“Tuition only covers 23% of the cost of students’ education here. The other 39% is covered by gifts to TAMIU through the ‘ALL4TAMIU’ fundraising drive from alumni, faculty, staff and friends, grants research and contracts. The other 38% is provided by support from the State of Texas,” said Rebecca García, director of development and donor relations.

To find out more about how you can help support student scholarships, go here.

Binational Center Launches Scholarship Fund

TAMIU’s Binational Center focuses on enhancing relationships between the U.S. and other countries by promoting civic and social organizations and institutions through research, education, leadership, and public service.

The Center hosted a benefit to initiate its Binational Scholarship Fund for Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas, México students.

“Mi Novia La Tristeza: The Life and Music of Agustín Lara,” featured live piano music and conversations with Mexican authors Guadalupe Loaeza and Pável Granados about the famed Mexican composer.

Go here to learn more about the Binational Center’s activities and mission.
Federal Grants Enable Powerful TAMIU Collaborations

Federal grants awarded to TAMIU this fall may impact over 60,000 students throughout South Texas.

Grants for the University’s Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR-UP IV); Serving Youth in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (SYSTEM) and a High School Equivalency Program (HEP) total over $49.6 million.

Helping the University to successfully secure funding was TAMIU alum (MBA ’82), Henry Cuellar, US Congressman.

“With the help of scholarships such as those afforded to students through these programs, I was able to earn my advanced degrees,” Cong. Cuellar noted.

Go here to learn more about other recently funded or granted programs at TAMIU.

Killam Library Grows

TAMIU’s Sue and Radcliffe Killam Library benefited from generous donations by famed Cuban poet José Kozer and the Laredo Pan American Round Table (PART).

The Laredo Table, the second oldest in the nation, bequeathed an impressive archive of historic scrapbooks tracing its storied history—from welcoming the late First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt, dedicating the first Pan American Marker at International Bridge I and helping young Laredoans with scholarships for study here.

The archive includes photos, newspaper clippings, official correspondence and chapter records.

The Library also acquired more than 600 autographed books written by important Latin American poets and authors from Kozer’s personal library. The Kozer Collection will help serve scholars and readers interested in Latin American poetry.

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