

LAREDO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE STUDENT MEMBERSHIPS

TAMIU and the Laredo Chamber of Commerce have partnered up to offer chamber memberships to current TAMIU students. The fees are \$50 per year and \$25 per semester.

"This partnership between TAMIU and the Laredo Chamber of Commerce is a great way to provide networking opportunities to students at a reduced rate," said Yelitza Howard, Director of Alumni Relations.

For more information regarding student memberships please contact Career Services at 326-HIRE (4473).



What are some of the genres you would like to see at AutMus Fest 2013?

[CLICK HERE](#) and let us know!

Interested in joining the AutMus Fest Committee? Please attend our first meeting of the year on **Tuesday, February 12, 6:30 p.m., at TAMIU's Western Hemispheric Trade Center Room 125.**

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

The new TAMIU men's basketball team 2012-2013 started winning back-to-back games although they lost eight seniors from the last championship team. Afterwards, they lost four of their next five games. However, they are now more inspired and energized because they are gaining more experience. "It takes a while to instill in these players what it takes to win at this level," said Coach Weakley. "A lot of players come in and try to rely on their athleticism and it takes so much more than that." Their important victories have maintained them in fourth place at the conference standing.



Meanwhile, the women's team is on the edge of getting a playoff spot. Although the records may show something else, most of the games have been decided in the last minute. "I'm constantly trying to teach our girls that each conference game is huge and can really have a drastic effect on the final standings," said Coach Bento-Jackson. "The positive is that we have put ourselves in a position to win a lot of games. As much as we are familiar with our opponents, our success in the second half of the season will depend on the changes we make within ourselves. We haven't had good awareness of different game situations and that is an area we need to improve."

Join the TAMIU Alumni Association in cheering on our Dustdevil basketball teams as part of TAMIU's Spirit Week **Thursday, February 7**. The women's and men's games start at **5:30 p.m.** and **7 p.m.**, respectively.

THE LAREDO PORTRAIT PROJECT

A Man for all Seasons: The Many Faces of George Washington

From **February 5-25**, the national traveling exhibit, produced by Mount Vernon and The Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History, will be shown for the 2013 WBCA festivities at TAMIU's Sue & Radcliffe Killam Library, on Mondays to Fridays from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and on Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Attendees will be able to see "The Many Faces of George Washington" through color graphics of paintings, photographs, and iconic objects as it examines Washington's leadership across seven themes: Virginia Childhood, Risk Taker, Realistic Visionary, Wise Decision Maker, Impassioned Learner, Visionary Entrepreneur, and At Home at Mount Vernon.

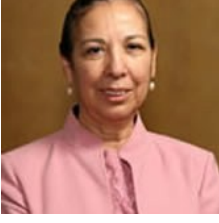


Gilbert Stuart Original 1798 "Athenaeum" Portrait of George Washington
Gilbert Stuart's (1755-1828) widely known portrait of George Washington, "Athenaeum," began in 1796 and left it incomplete. However, he used it as a model to create at least 70 replicas, each one an original work of art in its own right. Get to see one of its original portraits! The portrait unveiling and presentation reception will be at TAMIU's Sue and Radcliffe Killam Library in **Tuesday, Feb. 12 at 6:30 p.m.** and visitors may view the portrait until **February 14, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.**

WBCA Presents American Historical Theatre "Portrait of a Patriot"
The original play, "Portrait of a Patriot" will make its national premiere in Laredo. John Lopes will portray President Washington, while Bib Gleason will represent portrait artist Gilbert Stuart. The play explores George Washington's life as seen through his artist. A question and answer segment will follow the performance. The performance will be **Wednesday, Feb. 13** in the Recital Hall in TAMIU's Center for the Fine and Performing Arts at **7 p.m.**

Alumni on the Look!

Dr. Norma E. Cantú '73



Dr. Cantú, retired Professor Emeritus of the University of Texas at San Antonio, accepted a position as Professor of Latina/o Studies at the University of Missouri in Kansas City. Congratulations on her new position!

She holds a Bachelor of Science in Secondary Education in English with a Minor in Government from Texas A&I University At Laredo.

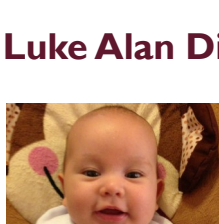
Emanuel J. Rojas, '07



After graduation from TAMIU, Emanuel pursued a Management program at Harvard Business School. He is currently working for Laureate Education Inc. as Senior Project Manager. He is stationed at the headquarters located in Washington with several offices around the globe.

Emanuel earned a Master in Business Administration.

Luke Alan Dickinson, '25



Meet Luke Alan Dickinson, baby of Rosie A. Dickinson '97, '01, sporting his new TAMIU bib!

Rosie earned a Bachelor of Arts with a double major in Psychology and Sociology and a Master of Science in Information Systems.

New Degree? New job? New accomplishments?

Married? New additions to the family?

Let us know how you are doing!

E-mail your accomplishments or stories you'd like to share with the TAMIU community!

[Share your News!](#)

TAMIU GEAR UP IV

In September, TAMIU's GEAR UP (Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs) hosted their first Student Leadership Conference-GEAR UP IV Prep Rally, at the Laredo Energy Arena, with nearly 10,000 local and regional area 8th and 12th graders.



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The event, "Today's Learners, Tomorrow's Leaders," helped prepare teens become interested in post-secondary education and opportunities for their futures. The event held representatives from federal, state and local levels. It included of the nation's top motivational speakers and success trainers, Aric Bostick and music by MOSAIC (Mosaic).

"If we are to resolve the employment challenges and build the creative capital needed to fuel our State and country's economic recovery, we must raise the level of education of the children of South Texas. We must create sustainable systemic educational reform to provide our children with the academic preparation that will ensure them and Texas a brighter future," said Dr. Rick Moreno said, director of TAMIU's GEAR UP IV program.

The GEAR UP program was funded by the U.S. Department of Education to provide grants to states and partnerships to deliver services at high-poverty middle and high schools. TAMIU initiated its own GEAR UP Program in 2000.

You got benefits!

TAMIU graduates are entitled to numerous benefits and privileges.

Some of them are:

- Lifetime E-mail Account
- Library Services
- Check Out Books
- Access to Computer Labs
- TAMIU Bookstore Discounts
- TAMIU Alumni One Card
- Free Parking
- Free Entrance to Regular Season Athletic Events
- Entry to REC Center (Small Fee Associated)

Additionally, the Office of Career Services offers

FREE services to our alumni, including:

- Resumé Writing
- Career Counseling and workshops
- Information on Job Openings
- Access to Dusty Works
- Mock Interviews
- Participation in the Annual Job Fair/Opportunities to meet recruiters.

Download the **TAMIU app** for TAMIU news, events, images, directory access, social media, maps, faculty, shop, audio, and tools are available for smartphones and iPad.

Visit the Alumni Relations Office KL 262 or e-mail alumni@tamiu.edu for more information.



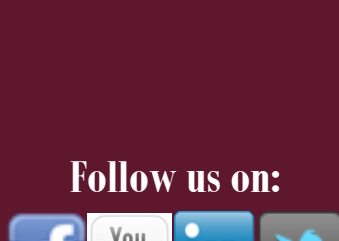
WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

AS ALUMNI, YOU ARE PART OF OUR LEGACY.

CONTINUE EMPOWERING YOUR COMMUNITY AND FUTURE GENERATIONS!

E-mail your accomplishments or any other news you would like to share with the rest of the growing TAMIU community.

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For Planetarium show times, please click here >>

