Laredo hospitals have provided solid support to TAMU’s Dr. F. M. Canseco School of Nursing since it opened its doors in 1994. Nursing students perform their clinical rotations at Laredo Medical Center, Doctor’s Hospital, Laredo Specialty Hospital, and other locations. For the past four years, the three hospitals have provided combined gifts totaling $345,000 for full faculty support. This in turn helps TAMU admit more students to the nursing program.

A partnership between TAMU and the Laredo Theater Guild International provides University students an opportunity to perform in a theatre production while the community experiences musicals and dramas such as “Man of La Mancha,” “The Sound of Music,” “The Taming of the Shrew” and “The Best Man” at the University’s Center for the Fine and Performing Arts Theatre. Founded by Joe Arciniega, Sammy Johnson, Hortense Offerle and TAMU President Dr. Ray Keck, the LTGI has helped TAMU become an arts and cultural destination for Laredo.

Pictured from left to right are Joe Arciniega as Don Quijote and Raul Staggs as his squire Sancho Panza.
Partnerships

Engineering Connection

A partnership between Texas A&M International University and the Texas A&M University Dwight Look College of Engineering allows students who major in engineering to take the first two years of required courses at TAMU and transfer to Texas A&M in their junior year. Students attend a one-week summer camp in College Station between their freshman and sophomore year. Instrumental in setting up this connection was Henry “Bartell” Zachry, a 1954 graduate of Texas A&M in civil engineering and chairman of Zachry Construction Corp. He also donated $50,000 for the summer camps and challenged others to match it. The first to do so were philanthropists Carroll Summers, Gary Leyendecker, and Blackstone Dilworth. Providing tuition and fee scholarships to 10 students each year is the A. R. and Maria J. Sanchez Family Foundation.

World-Class Concerts on Campus

The innovative collaboration linking TAMU with the Laredo Philharmonic Orchestra and Laredo Community College allows the University community and visitors alike to enjoy world-class concerts at the University’s Center for the Fine and Performing Arts. Season after season, the LPO reaches new heights of success and audience following under the direction of Brendan Townsend, TAMU associate professor of music, and a 2007 ASCAP Award winner for Innovative Programming.

Message from the President

For poets and philosophers, historians and intellectuals, momentous experiences come in units of forty. A quick survey of Famous 40s suggests which experiences demand the storied number. Testing one’s strength and cleansing the soul can take forty days—Jesus’ time in the wilderness before beginning public life—or forty years—the Hebrews’ time in the desert before entering the Promised Land. “Los cuarenta días” teach patience to married couples following the birth of a child. To ensure adequate preparation, both Advent and Lent contain forty days.

The number may also imply lots of time passing: forty days and forty nights of rain to float Noah’s arc and eliminate everything else. And forty (or successive groups of forty) can signal moments of fulfillment, of maturity, of readiness for a new awakening: Muhammed was forty when he received the first revelations from the angel Gabriel. Moses was forty when he fled Egypt to live in the land of Midian, eighty when he saw and heard the burning bush, one hundred twenty when he died on Mt. Nebo in sight of the promised land.

Texas A&M International University (then Texas A&I University-Laredo) opened its doors in September, 1970, the first upper-level institution in the State. How did these first forty get going? Evolve? Where are we now? When in 1973 he put our story together for the accreditors, former president Dr. Billy F. Cowart imagined change as our primary goal, our license to continue into the future, writing:

We... intend the tale to go on as long as we can help to produce useful change in the thinking, the knowledge, the behavior, and the feelings of the students in South Texas.

When in February, 1994 she came to break ground for our first building, Governor Ann Richards envisioned an institution preparing our young people “for any challenge and any change that comes their way.” At that time, Lieutenant Governor Bob Bullock reminded us of how far we have come and how bright the future, saying: “No longer are the young people of South Texas shackled with an outdated and outmoded system of higher education.”
Dr. Cowart, Governor Ann Richards, and Lieutenant Governor Bob Bullock were not offering cheerful mellishments without strategies for battle. Each inaugurated succeeding eras of herculean effort. The most recent fruit of those continuing labors came on September 9, 2010, as Lieutenant Governor David Dewhurst joined Senator Judith Zaffirini to cut the ribbon for our newest building, the University Success Center.

The Senator recounted how during his seven years as Lieutenant Governor, Mr. Dewhurst has consistently championed growth and expansion for the University in building, the University Success Center.

Senator Judith Zaffirini to cut the ribbon for our newest 2010, as Lieutenant Governor David Dewhurst joined fruit of those continuing labors came on September 9, 2010, as Lieutenant Governor David Dewhurst joined. Each inaugurated and brushes in the hands of young South Texans.

Funding for the University Success Center, our Senator painted with the dreams of its children.” In securing the future holds for Laredo’s university, Senator Zaffirini speaks for all of us when she says: “We have just begun!”

Forty years have passed. The burn brights, the angel beckons. Like Moses and Muhammad at forty, our University has now come of age, equipped to fulfill the aspirations of those who first laid out and saw it through the first decades of robust growth. When asked what the future holds for Laredo’s university, Senator Zaffirini speaks for all of us when she says: “We have just begun!”

Our story begins as one of vast imaginings: challenge, change, new life. For many of these first forty years, lawmakers and citizens have lifted us forward, confident in the promise that expanded education brings expanded life. Today, as we look around the campus, as we read in U.S. News and World Report how highly fellow teachers and counselors value this University, we realize that we are now fully formed. We will grow much, much more. Programs such as engineering will expand our offerings; badly needed new buildings will continue to rise. But a walk on these grounds leads visitors through a campus stunningly beautiful, intelligently planned, wisely cared for, in the first bloom of youthful maturity.
On the Agenda:

- Expand on-campus housing
- Enhance the Athletics Complex
- Build a tennis complex and multi-purpose pool
- Enlarge the Sue and Radcliffe Killam Library
- Erect a building with large classrooms
- Add research facilities for the sciences
- Develop a radio and TV communications studio
- Cultivate partnerships with government and non-governmental organizations
- Establish the Institute for Border Security
- Add new programs:
  - Engineering
  - Communication Disorders
  - Sports Management and Kinesiology
  - Expand the Arts Curriculum to include a BFA and MFA

What’s Next for TAMIU?

During the past 40 years, Texas A&M International University has turned dreams into reality at an unequaled speed. Over 16,000 graduates from all over the world have made their higher education investment here at TAMIU and our momentum only continues to gain strength.

The University will continue its mission of excellence in South Texas.

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Impacting our community and world.

Through far-ranging inquiries that

Incorporate relevant, public health, child

Obesity and more, our researchers

are helping to improve knowledge

and quality of life here and beyond.

Their tireless research, involving

years of data collection and rigorous

observation, is yielding important

results. As TAMU forges ahead, our

research commitment will continue

to inspire insight and innovation that

targets better lives for all.
Whether it is unlocking answers to fundamental evolutionary questions or studying child and youth obesity, TAMU researchers are helping to enhance humanity’s quality of life. In this picture: Oneida Ibarra is a student pursuing a master’s in biology and a recipient of the Lamar Bruni Vergara assistantship.

The dignitaries joined TAMIU President Dr. Ray Keck in a special dedication ceremony, which also celebrated TAMIU’s enrollment growth over the last 15 years.

The USC, made possible by State funding initiated by Sen. Zaffirini in the 2006 Legislative Session and approved by Lt. Gov. Dewhurst, centralizes essential student services areas under one roof.

Dr. Kyung-Shin Park, assistant professor of education, conducted an eight-week Weight Control Summer Camp at Texas A&M International University this summer for a study that may contribute to reducing obesity issues for children and youth in Laredo.

The Camp was designed to manage campers’ body weight, introduce a healthier lifestyle and eventually prevent obesity permanently. Among 26 campers aged 8 to 16 years, 21 students participated in data collection and followed a program that included martial arts, recreational activities, aerobics and strength training as well as lectures focusing on nutrition and living a healthy lifestyle.

It was found that an eight-week camp significantly reduced the percentage of body fat, waist and hip size. Additionally, it improved flexibility, muscle strength, and cardiovascular function, Dr. Park said.

“Previous studies reported that children gain most extra weight during summer break due to physical inactivity and an increase in food intake,” he explained.

“Results of this summer camp study may contribute to reducing obesity issues in Laredo,” Park said. “Blood samples collected will be analyzed to investigate changes in lipid profile, markers of obesity and pro-inflammatory cytokines. To see how long campers can maintain changes, a one-year follow-up data collection will be held in next year,” he said.

Dr. Michael Kidd, assistant professor of biology, is answering one of the most fundamental evolutionary questions: How do females choose a mate? The cichlid fishes of Africa’s Great Lakes provide a prime opportunity to study this process. Dr. Kidd is studying how hormones alter gene expression, causing females to overwhelmingly
Dr. David Beck, assistant professor of microbiology, is bridging the gap between scientific research and public health by partnering with the Laredo Health Department to determine the prevalence of tick-borne diseases in Webb County. *Amblyomma cajennense*, Dr. Beck’s research focus, is the dominant tick in South Texas. It feeds aggressively on humans, he explained. *A. cajennense* is known to be a vector of numerous diseases. Very little is known about the disease prevalence of *A. cajennense* in the United States, but Dr. Beck’s research has already detected several bacteria species in tick samples collected over five years.

His research is supported by the University Research Development Award.

Pictured are Dr. David Beck (left) and three of his students that assist him with his research.
Cultivating Leadership

Study abroad in Singapore. Leadership seminars at Harvard. Collaborative research awards. Real-life business expositions. Meeting the authors featured in the “Reading the Globe” campus read. These opportunities for Texas A&M International University students help all to explore community and leadership in their field of study. Students can participate and excel in activities that provide life-altering experiences focused on applying the knowledge they’ve acquired. Working closely with their professors on campus and around the world, they are better able to cultivate leadership for a world eager for their engagement.

New and upcoming buildings that include Tess Center, the Helen Richter Watson Art Gallery and more prioritize higher education excellence.

In 15 years, TAMU has seen a rapid expansion of its north Laredo campus through five busy construction phases. Its latest addition: the $25 million University Success Center. As TAMU continues to experience record-breaking growth in student enrollment every year, new buildings are necessary to keep up with the number of students that invest their future in the University.
Magnificent, state-of-the-art facilities anchor every corner and frame every walkway of Texas A&M International University’s campus. They stimulate faculty to teach and conduct research, students to learn and lead, staff to contribute and encourage innovation. Campus expansion is strongly linked to exponential student enrollment growth and impressive performance on state measures that help secure vital State funding. The campus’ growth will continue to build opportunities for the multiple communities TAMIU proudly serves.

Whether traveling the country or the globe, the University SuccAMIU students are ready to lead, experience and suggest changes to advance society.

TAMIU takes its mission to prepare students for leadership roles seriously and so do students. From traveling in Africa to presenting award-winning papers, students balance learning and fun while finding ways they can contribute to the betterment of the global community.
Texas A&M International University’s baseball program took a major step forward with the dedication of the Jorge Haynes Baseball Field May 1. The biggest crowd of the season attended to pay tribute to the late community leader and Laredo baseball coach Jorge Haynes. His family was invited to watch the Dustdevils end their 2010 campaign with a doubleheader against Heartland Conference rival St. Mary’s.

The Jorge Haynes Baseball Field provides bleacher seating for 600 fans with a contemporary press box. It is already considered one of the finest baseball facilities in the Heartland Conference.

Pictured are (left to right) Juvenal J. “J.J.” Haynes, Jorge Haynes, Roberto L. Haynes, Cynthia Haynes Ramírez, Chad Porter, TAMIU Men’s Baseball Coach, and Larry Haynes.

Texas A&M International University junior men’s soccer player Alejandro “Alex” De la Fuente has worked hard to meet the ideal definition of student-athlete. Besides being a key member of the TAMIU soccer team, De la Fuente’s dedication in the classroom has led to some exciting opportunities.

De la Fuente was one of six TAMIU students, and the only student-athlete, to participate in the Latino Leadership Initiative (LLI) at Harvard University this summer. The LLI was hosted by the Center for Public Leadership at the Harvard Kennedy School.

Established to help develop the next generation of Latino leaders, the LLI offered classroom sessions, presentations from distinguished leaders and networking opportunities.

Pictured from left to right: Claudio Arias, TAMIU Men’s Soccer Coach and Alejandro De la Fuente.
Texas A&M International University’s Athletics Department was awarded a 2010 National Association of Collegiate Marketing Administrators (NACMA)/Division II Community Engagement Award in recognition of its sponsorship of a Veterans Appreciation initiative that included a Veterans Appreciation breakfast and documentary film screening. TAMU Athletics first sponsored the Veterans Appreciation initiative in 2008 and is committed to continuing its sponsorship in the future. The initiative is intended to honor student veterans as well as community veterans for their military service to our nation.

In June, a group of six Texas A&M International University students participated in a highly selective Latino leadership program organized by the Center for Public Leadership at Harvard University’s John F. Kennedy School of Government. The Harvard Latino Leadership Initiative brings young Latino student leaders from across the country to Harvard University for an intensive, week-long leadership experience designed to develop the rising generation of Latino leaders.

TAMIU students who participated in the Initiative were (left to right): Alejandro De la Fuente, Cynthia De La Miyar, Andrea Beattie, José Ramón Lara, Jennifer González and Arlyn Martínez.

Collins Okafor and Nacasius Ujah, both Ph.D. students in International Business, received awards for their paper presentation, titled, “Unleashing the Cracken: Does Internet Financial Reporting Matter in Africa?” at the Academic World International Conference 2010, in Nashville, Tenn., in May.

Also, 157 TAMIU students vied for academic honors and prizes at TAMIU’s Lamar Bruni Vergara and Guillermo Benavides Z. Academic Conference in April. Graduate Grand Prize winner of $500 was John Praska and Undergraduate Grand Prize winners of $300 were Christine Rojas, Kimberly Hill and Diana Carreón.

Pictured from left to right: Collins Okafor and Nacasius Ujah.
Exemplifying Excellence

Gifted Texas A&M International University faculty members inspire, engage, and challenge students. Whether in the classroom, conducting field research, or leading studying abroad initiatives, TAMIU professors help students nurture their strengths to become citizens of the global community. The faculty’s dedication and leadership is regularly recognized by “The Texas A&M University System Teaching Excellence Awards,” various faculty teaching and research awards and the support of Fulbright Scholars. A gifted and global faculty energetically champions the excellence of each and every TAMIU student.

Gifted faculty at TAMU Athletics is committed to building a premier Arts and Sciences NCAA Division II program that meets a philosophy of life and balance.

Student-athletes at TAMU are dynamic, giving and studious. They are second to none when balancing academics and athletics. What’s more, the University and philanthropists support their efforts with full force. Pictured here are baseball athletes at the newly dedicated Jorge Haynes Baseball Field.
Gifted professors from every college and school impart valuable knowledge through a student-oriented curriculum that promotes excellence in learning, active participation and global awareness. Pictured is Dr. Thomas Mitchell, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and newly elected president of the Nathaniel Hawthorne Society.

Championing Sports

The presence of 11 sports programs at Texas A&M International University provides opportunities for student-athletes to participate in NCAA Division II as full members of the highly competitive Heartland Conference. Student-athletes compete on the field and in the classroom through a well-balanced program that champions “growth opportunities through academic achievement, learning in high-level athletics competition and development of societal attitudes in service to community.” University student-athletes are champions on and off field.
Texas A&M International University (TAMIU) made the short list of best regional universities in the country as ranked by the 2011 edition of U.S. News & World Report's highly anticipated and sometimes controversial college rankings.

TAMIU, along with West Texas A&M University and Texas A&M University Corpus Christi, are the only Texas A&M University System schools to appear in the “Regional Universities – West (all schools).”

In the “Regional Public Universities – West” category, TAMIU was ranked No. 25 and 71 in the “Regional Universities – West (all schools).”

“Regional Public Universities – West” includes all the regional public universities in 15 states. “Regional Universities – West (all schools)” includes public and private universities.

Exceptional faculty members have traveled from and are visiting Texas A&M International University as part of the Fulbright Scholar Program.

Travelling TAMIU faculty members were Dr. Peter Fueini Hasuna, associate professor of Public Administration and director of the Master of Public Administration program, and Dr. Rafic Bachnak, professor and chair of the College of Arts and Sciences’ Department of Engineering, Mathematics and Physics. Dr. Haruna is teaching at the Ghana Institute of Management and Public Administration in Ghana, and Dr. Bachnak returned in July from teaching at Notre Dame University in Lebanon.

Faculty members visiting here are Ala’eddin Khaled Alqatanani from Jordan and Caroline Benedetto from France. Alqatanani is teaching Arabic and Benedetto, French.

### Teaching Excellence at TAMIU

In July, a total of 10 TAMIU faculty members were announced winners of “The Texas A&M University System’s 2010 Teaching Excellence Awards.” The Awards were initiated by Chancellor Michael D. McKinney in 2008 in honor and financially reward the System’s top teachers as selected by students. TAMIU faculty winners were among 161 outstanding faculty winners throughout the System, awarded a combined total of $526,000. Greeting Dr. McKinney (second from right) and pictured from left to right are: Dr. José Martínez Samos, assistant professor, Department of Language and Literature; Natalie Burkhalter, associate professor, Dr. F.M. Cornejo School of Nursing; Jessica Zamanripa, adjunct instructor, Department of Teacher Preparation; Dr. Jennifer Coronado, assistant professor, Department of Curriculum and Instruction; Dr. Ronald Anderson, associate professor, Department of Teacher Preparation; Patricia Proa, adjunct instructor, Department of Engineering, Mathematics and Physics; Dr. Jyotsna Mukherji, associate professor, Division of International Banking and Finance Studies; Dr. Deborah Blackwell, associate professor, Department of Social Sciences; Dr. Lynda Brown, assistant professor, Department of Language and Literature; Dr. Jaclyn Jeffrey, associate professor, Department of Social Sciences; and Zaffirini Medal for Leaders – Dr. Jerry Thompson, Regents Professor, Department of Social Sciences.

#### TAMIU 2010 Faculty Awards Recipients

- Faculty Scholar of the Year - Dr. Ken Hung, chair and professor, A.R. Sanchez, Jr. School of Business, Division of International Banking and Finance Studies
- Teacher of the Year – Dr. Jaclyn Jeffrey, associate professor, Department of Social Sciences
- Zaffirini Medal for Leaders – Dr. Jerry Thompson, Regents Professor, Department of Social Sciences

### Leading 500 in ‘Logo Walk’

This Fall, Dr. Trace Pittle, associate professor of counselor education at Texas A&M International University and diplomat in logotherapy, led close to 500 participants in Logo Walk 2010. The 5-K walk at TAMIU was designed to bring awareness to the alarming rate of suicide in the United States and the world and to the fact that life has meaning under all circumstances, even unpleasant ones. Organized by TAMIU’s Master of Science in School Counseling Program, Logo Walk was held in observance of National Suicide Prevention Week and National Remembrance Day.

### TAMIU Ranks Among the Best

Texas A&M University System schools to appear in the “Regional Universities – West (all schools)” includes public and private universities.

### Active Fulbright Scholars

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