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A partnership between TAMIU 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 TAMIU President Dr. Ray Keck, the LTGI has helped TAMIU become an arts and cultural destination for Laredo.

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



A Theatre Scene at TAMIU



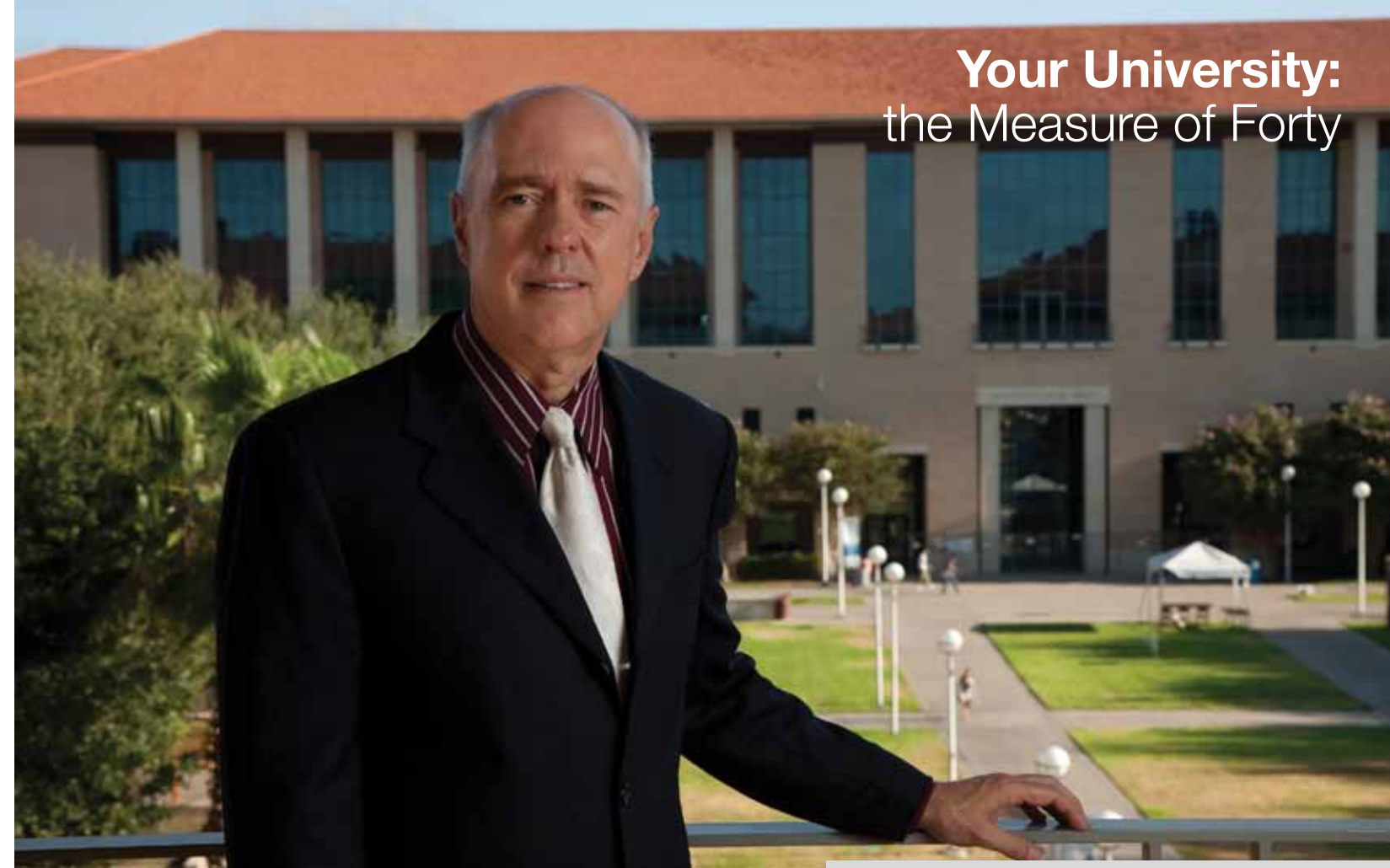
Laredo Hospitals Support TAMIU

Laredo hospitals have provided solid support to TAMIU’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 TAMIU admit more students to the nursing program.



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 TAMIU 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.



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.”



World-Class Concerts on Campus

The innovative collaboration linking TAMIU 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, TAMIU associate professor of music, and a 2007 ASCAP Award winner for Innovative Programming.

Heritage Society Cumulative Giving 1979-2010

Dr. Cowart, Governor Ann Richards, and Lieutenant Governor Bob Bullock were not offering cheerful meliorisms 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 Laredo. And Mr. Dewhurst repeated the poetic vision he articulated at the time he was named Mr. South Texas: "I want to see the landscape of South Texas painted with the dreams of its children." In securing funding for the University Success Center, our Senator and our Lieutenant Governor place a color-rich palette and brushes in the hands of young South Texans.

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.

Forty years have passed. The bush burns brightly, the angel beckons. Like Moses and Muhammed at forty, our University has now come of age, equipped to fulfill the aspirations of those who first laid it 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!"



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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.

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

Inspiring Innovation

Research at Texas A&M International University is impacting our community and world. Through far-ranging inquiries that include evolution, 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 TAMIU forges ahead, our research commitment will continue to inspire insight and innovation that targets better lives for all.

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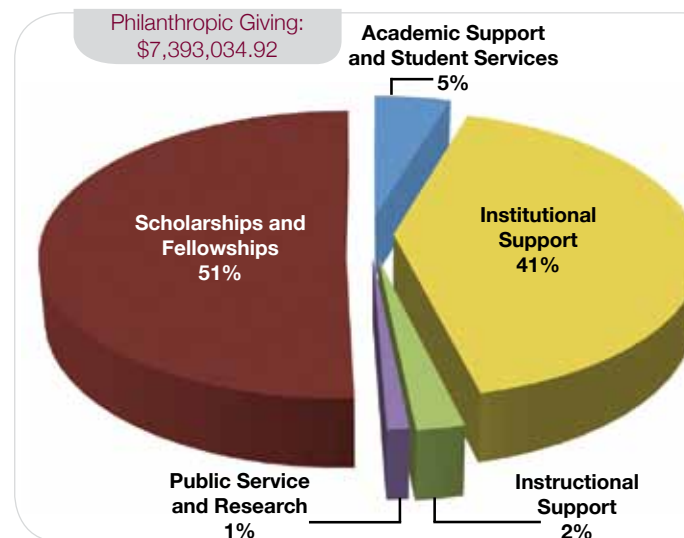
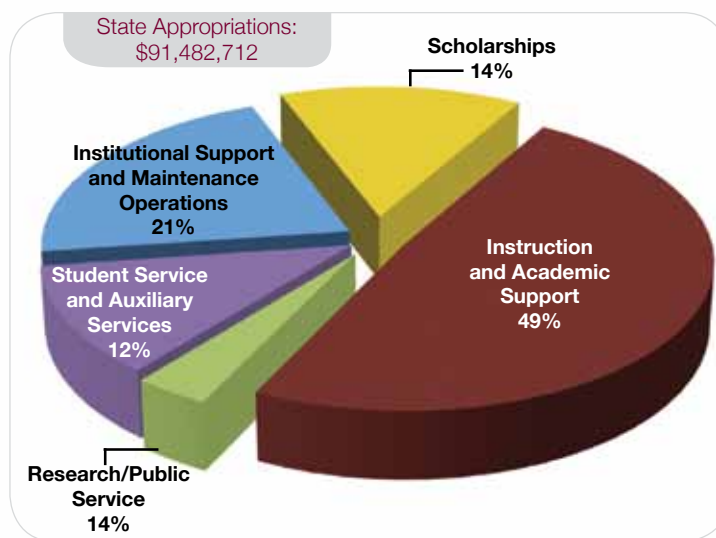
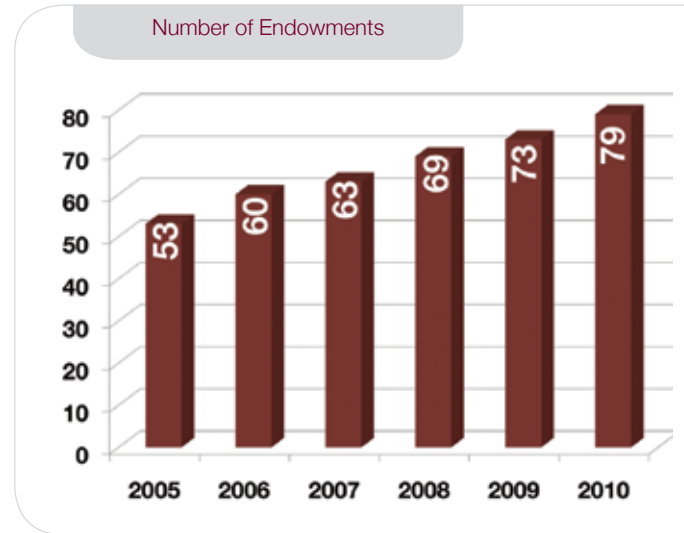
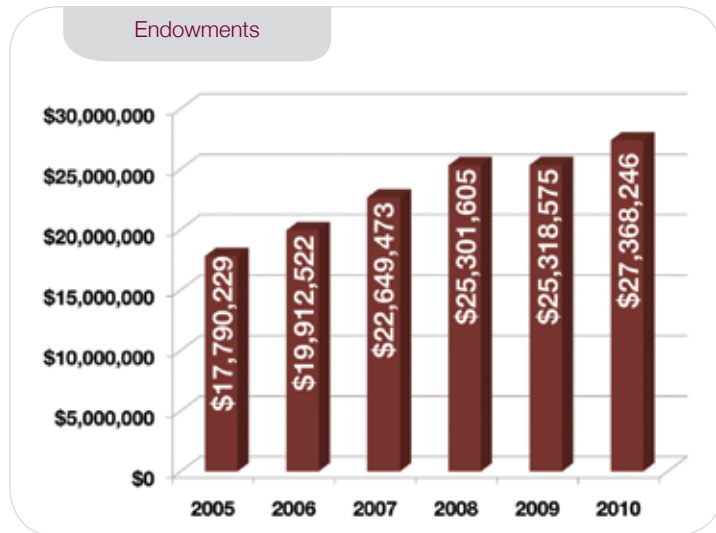
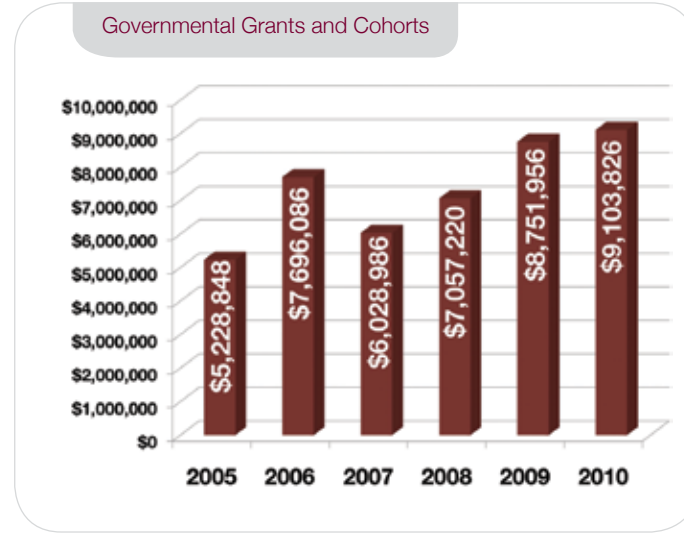
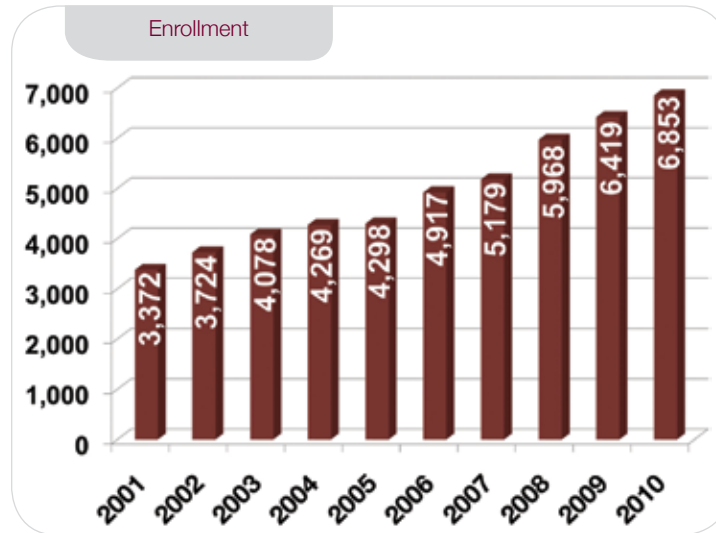
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RESEARCH at TAMU has increased dramatically at 10 years, allowing researchers to help enhance knowledge and improve lives.



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.



Summer Weight Control Research Camp May Contribute to Reducing Obesity Issues in Laredo

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



Lt. Gov. Dewhurst, Sen. Zaffirini, Dignitaries Dedicate TAMIU's USC

Texas A&M International University gave a Texas-sized welcome to Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, Sen. Judith Zaffirini and Texas A&M University System Chancellor Michael McKinney as they visited the University in September to dedicate its new, \$25 million University Success Center (USC).

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.



Loop Around Campus

Juan Castillo, vice president for finance and administration, left, meets with Richard Gentry, Physical Plant director, and Albert López, Physical Plant associate director, center, to discuss progress on the 1.6-mile road construction that will complete a loop surrounding the campus. This addition will offer the TAMIU community easier access to parking lots and various buildings.



The Helen Richter Watson Art Gallery: A True Legacy

The late Laredo-born artist and educator Helen Richter Watson's legacy and love for her community will be permanently celebrated through The Helen Richter Watson Art Gallery, a magnificent glass structure that will soon encase the two-story breezeway under Texas A&M International University's Sue and Radcliffe Killam Library.

The Helen Richter Watson Art Gallery, which will showcase the late artist's monumental ceramic work, is being constructed thanks to a generous gift of \$1 million from the Dolly Richter Watson Foundation.

Pictured left to right are Foundation trustee James Jones; Dr. Ray Keck, TAMIU president; Julia Watson Jones, sister of Helen Richter Watson; and Foundation trustee Jonathan Watson.



Campus Dining Expansion



Students approved a Student Center fee increase that will be used to expand the dining area in the Student Center. The new Dusty Diner and Food Court will grow to 17,200 square feet to accommodate more students at peak times.

Bridging the Gap Between Science and Public Health

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.



Molecular Basis of Mate Choice

choose to spawn with larger males. Dr. Kidd's lab has also found that males increase sexual displays the day prior to spawning, suggesting the ability to detect female ovulation. His work will help to address important questions relating to vertebrate evolution and most importantly, to human health and well being.



International Studies of Leadership and Entrepreneurship

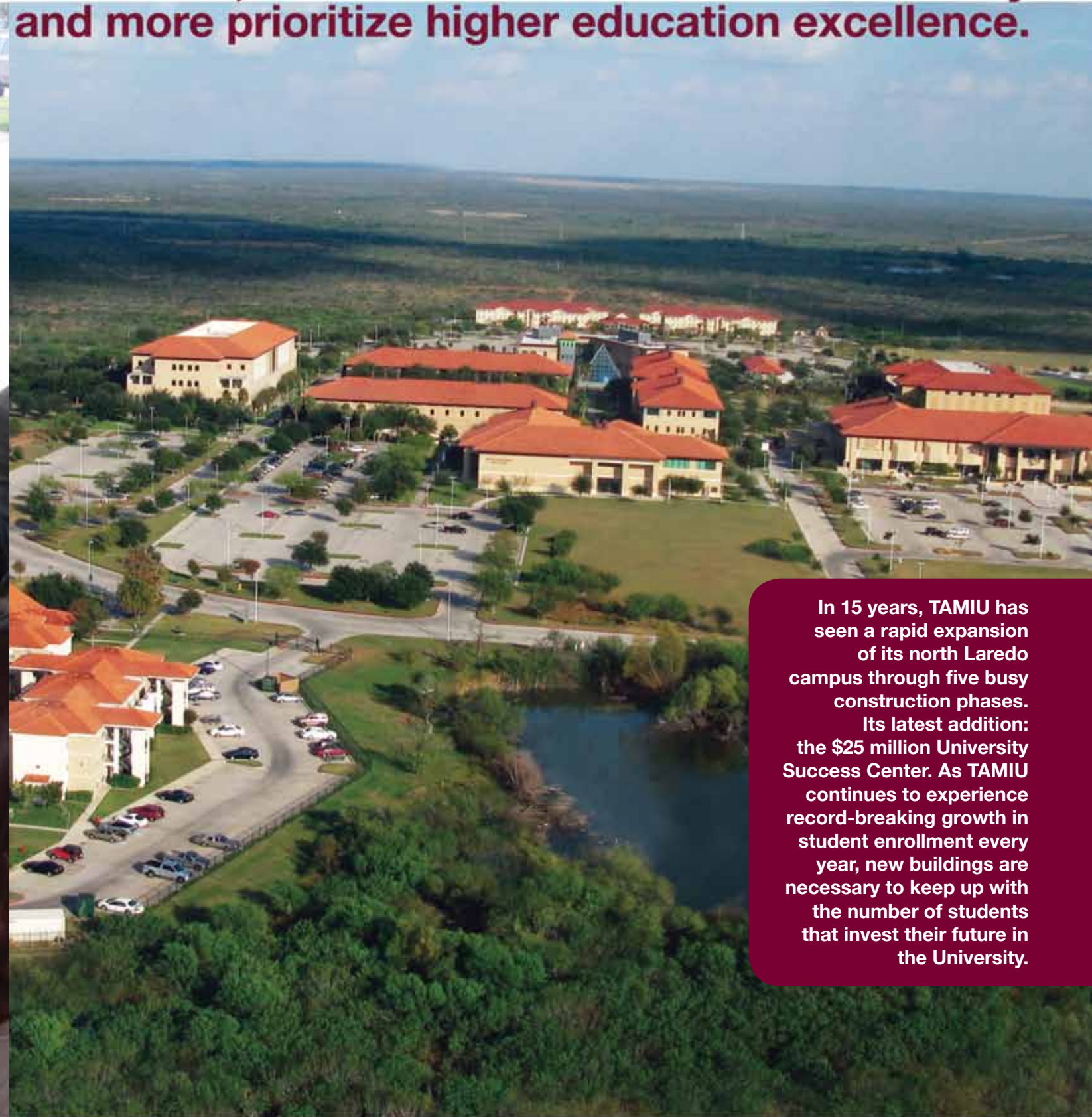
Dr. Leonel Prieto, assistant professor of management, is currently conducting research on leadership and entrepreneurship to determine universal and contextual leadership behaviors in an international framework and the interplay between individual and contextual factors in entrepreneurial activity. In order to do so, he collects and analyzes data using multiple methodologies from the U.S., México, China and other countries. Dr. Prieto's research will help train future leaders and students of leadership and also contribute towards a better understanding of leadership and entrepreneurship.

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, TAMIU 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 TAMIU 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.

Building Opportunities

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.



TAMIU SIFE Wins Second Place in National Exposition

Texas A&M International University (TAMIU) Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) won second place at a SIFE National Exposition held in Minneapolis, Minn., where more than 160 teams nationwide gathered to compete in May.

TAMIU SIFE showcased seven projects the student organization focused on during the 2009-10 academic year and received second place for its "I-Transgreen" project in the "Sam's Environmental Challenge" special topic competition, sponsored by Sam's Club. The group won a trophy and a \$4,000 cash prize.

Pictured left to right: Miguel Chávez, Holly Herrera, Jack Link from Jack Link's Beef Jerky, Gerardo Castellanos and Dr. Andrés Rivas, assistant professor of Business and TAMIU SIFE sponsor.



Research in East Asia



Dr. Marcus Ynalvez, assistant professor of sociology and Dr. Ruby Ynalvez, assistant professor of biology at Texas A&M International University, recently traveled to East Asia with TAMIU students to participate in a "Sociology of Science" survey funded by the National Science Foundation Science of Science & Innovation Policy (SciSIP) this summer. The group included TAMIU political science, sociology and biology students and explored the cultural and geographical differences in transmission of tacit skills in East Asian Graduate Science Programs. Pictured, back row, left to right: Arturo González Jr. (TAMIU student), Dazzelyn Zapata (National University of Singapore student), Claudia Garza-Góngora (TAMIU student), and Cheryll Ruth Soriano (NUS student). Front row, left to right: Rachel Amtzis (NUS student), Susan Marie Aguilar (TAMIU student), Andrea D. Beattie (TAMIU student), Dr. Ruby Ynalvez, Catherine Candano (NUS student) and Dr. Marcus Ynalvez.



TAMIU's Jorge Haynes Baseball Field Named After Beloved Laredo Leader, Coach

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.



TAMIU's Student Athlete De la Fuente Excels in Academics, Athletics

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.

Championing Sports



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.

TAMIU 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.

Veterans Appreciation Initiative Garner TAMIU Athletics NACMA Engagement Award



TAMIU Student Athletes Balance Academics, Athletics, Earn Honor Rolls

A total of 48 Texas A&M International University student athletes earned 2009-10 NCAA Division II Heartland Conference Academic Honor Roll honors. Of that number, 34 have achieved Commissioner's Honor Roll recognition and 14 have earned President's Honor Roll honors.

Commissioner's Honor Roll students (3.0 or higher cumulative GPA) were: Liza Acosta, Abdiel Amador, Linda Bañuelos, Luis Beltrán, Bernard Burrell, Luis Bracero, Robert Coronado Jr., Carlo Córdova, Alejandro De la Fuente, Courtney Dixon, Melissa Espino, Angel García, Alexis González, Antonio González, John González,

Enrique Granados, Ashley Hill, St. Paul Latham, Thomas López, Michael Mainhart, Cristina Martínez, Laura Martínez, Gary Matthews Jr., Michael McGillivray, Danny Navarro, David Pittman, Christian Salazar, Briana Sánchez, James Satillán, Sasha Scott, James Silvie, Mary Tobias, Gabriel Trejo and Johnna Williams.

President's Honor Roll students (3.5 or higher cumulative GPA) were: Jonathan Becerra, Samanta Carrillo, Dimas Chacón, Chris Collazo, Zunny Escobar, Ricky Hernández, Julian Hierro, Christian Jones, Justin Lafitte, Angel Montejano, Hector Ramírez, Curtis Schell, Christina Tristán and Bianca Vidaurri.



TAMIU Freshmen 'Read the Globe'

A key initiative that has contributed to the enriching first year experience of freshmen students at Texas A&M International University has been the "Reading the Globe" common read. All incoming freshmen read a book written by a contemporary author on an international topic.

The book is discussed in the students' freshman seminar class and then the author visits TAMIU's campus to speak to freshmen about his or her experiences. Students are invited to participate in an essay competition to vie for a chance to travel to the country in which the book is set. A total of 15 students is chosen for a life-altering opportunity to participate in an educational travel experience. Students thus far have traveled to Poland and Ghana, and in Spring 2011, 15 freshmen will be traveling to Cambodia, where this year's selection, "The Road to Lost Innocence," is set.



TAMIU Students Participate in The Harvard Latino Leadership Initiative

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.

TAMIU Students Excel at Academic Conferences



Texas A&M International University students, ranging from doctoral to undergraduate, earned numerous awards and recognitions this year for their paper presentations in academic conferences.

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.

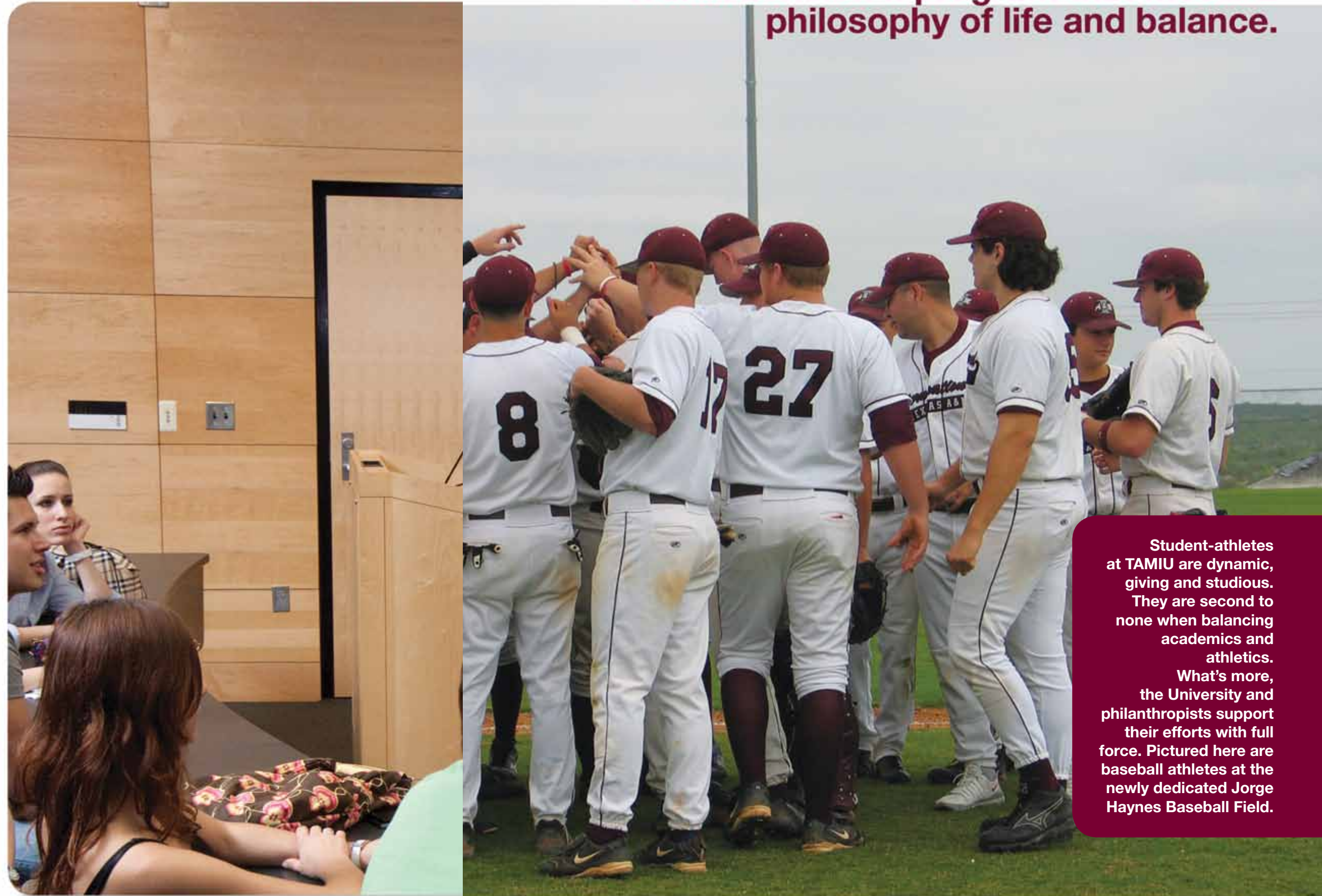
Also, 157 TAMIU students vied for academic honors and prizes at TAMIU's Lamar Bruni Vergara and Guillermo Benavides Z. Academic Conference in April. Graduate Grand Prize winner of \$500 was John Praska and Undergraduate Grand Prize winners of \$300 were Christine Rojas, Kimberly Hill and Diana Carreón.

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 TAMIU Athletics is committed to building a premier **Arts and Science** **NCAA Division II program that meets a philosophy of life and balance.**



Student-athletes at TAMIU 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.

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.



Stimulate students' minds in every TAMIU College: Sciences, Education, Nursing and Health Sciences and the A.R. Sanchez, Jr. School of Business.

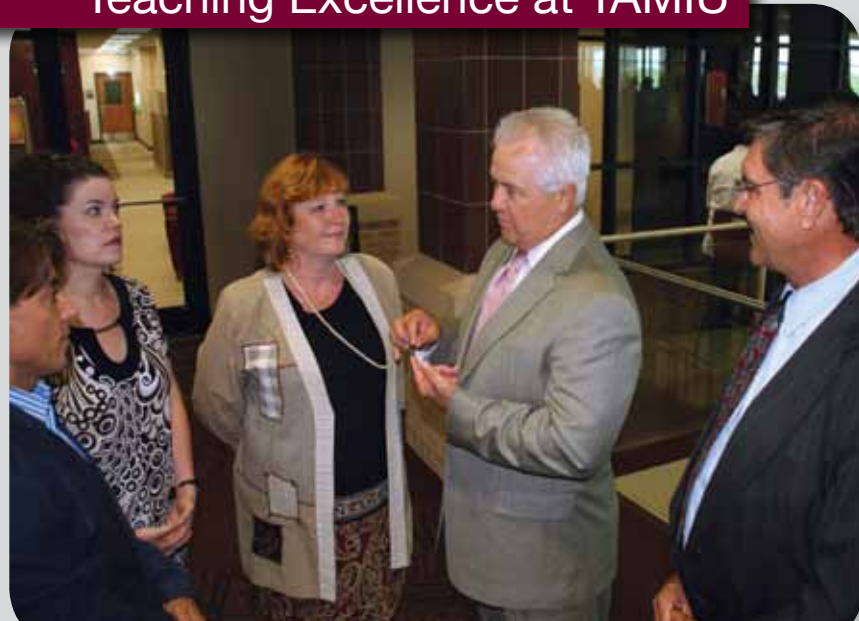


Gifted professors from every college and school impart valuable knowledge through a student-oriented curriculum that promotes excellence in learning, active participation and global awareness.

Pictured is Dr. Thomas Mitchell, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and newly elected president of the Nathaniel Hawthorne Society.

Exemplifying Excellence

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 to 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; Dr. Jennifer Coronado, assistant professor, Department of Curriculum and Instruction; Dr. Lynda Brown, assistant professor, Department of Language and Literature; Dr. Ronald Anderson, associate professor, Department of Teacher Preparation.

TAMIU Winners of The Texas A&M University System's 2010 Teaching Excellence Awards

- * Dr. José Martínez Samos, assistant professor, Department of Language and Literature
- * Natalie Burkhalter, associate professor, Dr. F.M. Canseco School of Nursing
- * Jessica Zamarripa, 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

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



Texas A&M International University announced Dr. Jaclyn Jeffrey, associate professor of anthropology as its "Teacher of the Year" during an exciting Freshman Convocation that packed its Center for the Fine and Performing Arts Recital Hall this Fall. Also named were recipients of various TAMIU faculty awards including Faculty Scholar of the Year, Teacher of the Year and the Zaffirini Medal for Leaders.

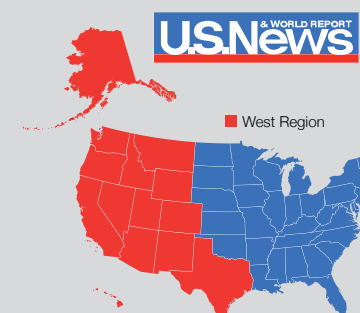
TAMIU Ranks Among the Best

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.



25 Regional Public Universities - West
71 Regional Universities - West (all schools)

Leading 500 in 'Logo Walk'

This Fall, Dr. Trace Pirtle, associate professor of counselor education at Texas A&M International University and diplomate 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 observation of National Suicide Prevention Week and National Remembrance Day.



Active Fulbright Scholars



Dr. Peter Haruna



Dr. Rafic Bachnak



Ala'eddin Khaled Alqatanani



Caroline Benedetto

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

Traveling TAMIU faculty members were Dr. Peter Fuseini Haruna, 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.