

Brazosport College - 2012 Report to the Community— Transforming the Future of our Students

Five years ago, Brazosport College had a goal of transforming the school into one of the top community colleges in the state by providing state-of-the-art facilities and training. Now, on our 45th anniversary, we've accomplished this goal. Only a semester since completing our expansion and renovations, we've been recognized as the top community college in Texas and one of the top ten in the nation by The Aspen Institute. Brazosport College plays a significant role in the local economy by providing many academic programs as well as technical training programs. Through these programs and scholarships made available through the Foundation, students benefit from improved lifestyles and increased earnings.

Among the presentations made during the Report to the Community was the Distinguished Alumni award, presented to Al Olvera. While working full time in the construction industry, Al completed two certificates in construction management and an Associate of Applied Science degree in Construction Management at Brazosport College. By achieving his educational goals, he advanced from a construction worker to a project manager. From there, he earned a position as construction manager, followed by being named Capital Division Branch Manager in various local companies. Today, he is Operations Manager and Partner at Marquis Construction Services. Brazosport College is proud to honor Al for his educational achievements.

Brazosport College student Robert Ramirez, was named as an Achieving the Dream DREAMbassador. He is one of only four student in the nation to receive this honor. Congratulations, Robert!



The mission of the Aspen Institute is to foster value-based leadership, encouraging individuals to reflect on the ideals and ideas that define a good society, and to provide a neutral and balanced venue for discussing and acting on critical issues.



Pictured above are Brazosport College President, Dr. Millicent Valek, Al Olvera, 2012 Distinguished Alumni Recipient, and Carolyn Johnson, Chairman of the BC Board of Regents



Pictured above: Robert Ramirez, Achieving the Dream DREAMbassador

*Merry Christmas
&
Happy New Year!*

*Brazosport College
Foundation*

*Serena, Denise,
& Lynnette*

Brazosport College Foundation Kicks Off Annual Campaign...

Brazosport College Foundation kicked off its Annual Campaign on December 1, 2012. The campaign will run through May 31, 2013 and is chaired by Chris Witte, Senior Vice President for BASF Freeport Site.

Your donation to the Annual Fund will help provide essential support for many deserving students. Through your investment, our students, our campus, our community, and our state will continue to be transformed. Donate through our new online giving program, SecureGive...check it out at www.brazosport.edu/foundation.



Pictured Above: Clint Meador, Process Tech Student, Chris Witte, Chair, Rebecca Owen, Process Tech Student, and Michael Koziol, Process Tech Student



Pictured Above: Serena Andrews, Associate Vice President, Institutional Advancement (front), Lynnette Bauman, Sr. Administrative Office Specialist (left) & Denise Holtzclaw, Development Officer (right)

Women's Lecture Luncheon Series—Another successful year with an amazing line-up of guest speakers!

The Women's Lecture Luncheon Series is designed to promote cultural enrichment for all women in the community. The 2012-2013 Series began on **October 25, 2012** with **Sue Mitchell**, who tutored Michael Orr from *The Blind Side*. There were over 170 in attendance for the lecture!

Sherron Watkins, former Vice President of Enron Corporation, will speak on "Leadership Lessons from Enron, and Life with the Loaded Label of Whistleblower" on **January 24, 2013**.

Anne Chao, professor at Rice University, will speak on **April 18, 2013**, on Asian Women

in America. Her topic will be "Standing in the Middle of the Bus: Asian American Women and their Strategies for Survival."

Members are welcome to invite guests for \$60 per guest! This includes the lecture and a delicious meal.

Please contact Lynnette Bauman at 979-230-3234 to make arrangements.

For more information, visit www.brazosport.edu/foundation.

Planned Giving—Wondering how to include Brazosport College in your will?

You may make the Brazosport College Foundation a beneficiary of your estate through a bequest in your will. This type of gift enables you to help others during and beyond your lifetime. Gifts can be designated to support specific programs or departments at the college as well as scholarships. Planned gifts can be structured in a variety of ways depending on the donor's particular situation, financial goals, and philanthropic objectives. It is recommended you consult with your financial advisors and/or legal counsel to establish a planned gift that best suits your objectives.

Pictured, left to right:
Sue Mitchell
Sherron Watkins
Anne Chao



Brazosport College Foundation will host its second Scholarship Soirée on September 7, 2013! Mark your calendars now!!

The Clarion—2012-2013 Guest Artist

The 2012-2013 Guest Artist Performance Season is underway with many outstanding artists still to come!

Kevin Eubanks with Brazosport Jazz Orchestra - January 19, 2013 (sponsored by Dow Chemical & Dow Mitsui)

Lila Downs - April 2, 2013 (sponsored by Honda of Lake Jackson - Rod & Luz Hall)

Pinkalicious - April 16, 2013 (sponsored by John Woods & Lisa Bundick-Woods and

Shintech Inc.)

Casey Abrams — April 20, 2012 (sponsored by Freeport LNG)

Jane Monheit & Mark O'Connor – April 26, 2013

If you are interested in sponsoring a concert in the future, please contact Denise Holtzclaw at 979-230-3496. Sponsorships include a private reception in the Mezzanine as well as concert tickets for your guests.

BASF Sponsors Steel Magnolia Christmas Concert



BASF Corporation sponsored the holiday concert at The Clarion on December 8, 2012. The evening was filled with the beautiful vocals of Steel Magnolia as they performed many of their songs mixed with several familiar Christmas songs. It was an awesome performance that was enjoyed by all! Thank you to our friends at BASF!

Pictured to Left:
Meghan Linsey and Joshua Scott Jones, the duo known as Steel Magnolia, performing at The Clarion on December 8, 2012



Pictured above:
Joshua Scott Jones, Chris Witte, BASF Freeport Site Manager, Meghan Linsey, Susan Witte and Dr. Millicent Valek, BC President