

Newsletter --

Southeast Texas P-16 Council

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New on our web site

- A Google Earth or Google Maps view of the Southeast Texas School Districts.
- A graph of Southeast Texas average wages based on the training levels of occupations. Don't miss this. We all know education pays off. Most of the time, that information is based on national studies. This is from wages and occupations right here in Southeast Texas. (compare this to a graph from a Texas study that shows 5 states -- Nevada for instance -- rank above the line that marks high income, despite low education attainment –
<http://setxP16.org/Documents/Wages%20and%20Education.jpg> – showing why local data is always best)
- What are the occupations in the Golden Triangle that are projected to have the most openings in the next 7 years? They are typically starting jobs for students out of college or high school. Many lead to higher paying jobs as workers progress in their career and knowledge.

All of this on our Data Bank page: <http://setxp16.org/databank.html>

New location for Southeast Texas P-16 Council

The SETX P-16 Council has moved to the new Lamar University Downtown Campus (801 Pearl Street) – the lower floor of the Beaumont Downtown Library.

Lamar University Continuing Education Division (which includes the SETX P-16) and the Small Business Development Center now occupy the offices of the lower floor where four of the rooms have been converted to classrooms. Staying the same is our phone number (409-880-7639) our mailing address (P.O. Box 10008, Beaumont, TX 77710) and our email (steve.buser@lamar.edu)

***AchieveTexas* Toolkit**

Our work on a toolkit for counselors, students and parents is progressing slowly, but methodological. We have built databases tables for all of our original information targets. As well, we have a dummy Texas Achievement Plan template with some database connectivity. We are now working on an interface that allows the user to drill down from Cluster to Pathways and then to recommended courses. Pathways are the new name for what was formerly called a Program of Study or Career Study Path.

The Connected Classroom

This page on our local P-16 web site is approaching links to 500 online educational resources. (Today, the number is at 490).

Some of the dozens of categories and tags you can search on include:

Annotation	College Life	History
Answers	Copyright	Innovation
Art	education	Internet
Arts,Design,Graphics	dashboards	security
Astronomy	Data	Journalism
Audio	Database	Journals
Best Teacher Sites	Desktop	Language
Best Lists	Publishing	Learning
Blogs	Differentiated	Presentations
Bookmarking	Instruction	
Books	Discussion Groups	Drawing
Books, Reading	Document/Word	Edit Images
Brain Storming	Geography	ePortfolios
Calendar	Google Earth	File share
Career	Google	Future
ClipArt	Government	Games
Clock	Graphs	Classroom-
Collaboration	Group organizing	technology

You can get to the **Connected Classroom** by going to <http://setxP16.org> and selecting it from the menu.

We are looking for feedback on this feature. Email us at steve.buser@Lamar.edu

P-16 Conference in February

The P-16 Conference Committee held its the first formal meeting this month and started work on a theme, the venue and the agenda for the event.

Cindy Westfall, Executive Director of Junior Achievement in Southeast Texas, is the conference chair.

Want to be part?

We are currently seeking volunteers to work on the various P-16 program if you are interested call us a 409-880-7639 or email steve.buser@lamar.edu

Spread the word

This newsletter was sent by the Southeast Texas P-16 Council to educators, school board members, elected officials, businesses and others interested in education in Southeast Texas.

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Hispanic Outreach

Can the state reach its P-16 goals of getting 600,000 more students into college (post-high school studies) by 2015? If so, it needs big successes in the Hispanic community. That is the conclusion of a Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board study conducted because the trend in college attendance is trending below the target line.

The Southeast Texas P-16 Council has signed on to a THECB request for Hispanic outreach. The goal is to reach out to Southeast Texas Hispanic students and parents to explain the value of education. So far, the staff has made a presentation to the Hispanic Forum and to the Hispanic Parents' Night at Central High School.

The P-16 Council has also agreed to help with the Catholic Archdiocese Hispanic Summit in March.

In the Spring semester, the P-16 Council will be hiring interns to help translate literature from service organization into Spanish. You can see an example of this on our web site: We converted a Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board brochure of college preparation checklists for 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th graders into a brochure for Southeast Texas. The brochure also highlights the resources of the new <http://collegeforalltexas.com/> website. We also prepared a Spanish version.

English version : <http://setxP16.org/Documents/SETXCollegeChecklists.pdf>

Spanish version: <http://setxP16.org/Documents/SpanishSETXCollegeChecklists.pdf>

Lagniappe

- Here's the latest enrollments figures released October 28, 2009 for our local college

	Certified	Preliminary		Percent
	Fall 2008	Fall 2009	Change	Change
Lamar University	13,280	13,864	584	4.40
Lamar Institute of Technology	2,885	3,162	277	9.60
Lamar State College-Orange	2,147	2,219	72	3.35
Lamar State College-Port Arthur	1,985	2,207	222	11.18
	20,297	21,452	1,155	5.69

campuses:

- How about an internship for one of your students to work with rocket scientists at NASA? They must do an essay and can apply online.
<http://aerospacescholars.jsc.nasa.gov/HAS> Deadline is November 13.
- [50 ways to use Twitter in the college classroom](http://www.onlinecolleges.net/2009/06/08/50-ways-to-use-twitter-in-the-college-classroom/) :
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What is P-16?

Want to keep up with what the Southeast Texas P-16 Council is doing? Our web site gives you the plan and will keep you up-to-date.

Strategic Plan

<http://setxp16.org/Documents/The%20Strategic%20Plan%20in%20short.pdf>

Work Plan

[http://setxp16.org/Documents/OnePageProgram%20of%20Work%20\(2\).pdf](http://setxp16.org/Documents/OnePageProgram%20of%20Work%20(2).pdf)

Work Plan Timeline

<http://setxp16.org/Documents/TimelinePhoto%20doc.pdf>