LAMAR STATE COLLEGE ORANGE



GROWING STRONGER, REACHING FURTHER

LSCO's Year of Statewide Expansion and Student Success

YOUR FUTURE. OUR *Focus.*



PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2025-2026



Our Vision

Lamar State College Orange will prepare individuals for a changing world by creating a place **where hope meets opportunity**. Our students will arrive with the hope of a productive future and leave with the knowledge and opportunities for success that a Lamar State College Orange education provides.

Our Mission

Lamar State College Orange **transforms lives** and communities through the continual pursuit of academic, professional, and personal excellence. We provide new and unique opportunities for growth and success. We are the bridge connecting those we serve to a bright, Orange future.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

YOUR FUTURE. OUR FOCUS.

As I reflect on my first year serving as President of Lamar State College Orange, I am filled with gratitude and pride for all that we have accomplished together. This year has been defined by extraordinary growth, expanded opportunities for students, and the unwavering dedication of our faculty and staff. Every achievement highlighted in these pages reflects the collective efforts of a team deeply committed to transforming lives through education.

At LSCO, our vision is simple: to be a place where hope meets opportunity. This year, that vision came to life in remarkable ways. We celebrated record-breaking enrollment and graduation numbers, demonstrating that more students than ever are choosing LSCO as the place to begin, continue, or advance their educational journey. These milestones represent much more than statistics. They reflect individual dreams realized, careers launched, families strengthened, and communities enriched.

Our success is built upon meaningful partnerships, bold innovation, and a shared commitment to student achievement. Over the past year, we expanded our reach across Texas through collaborations with universities, state agencies, school districts, and industry partners. These partnerships have created new pathways for learners of all backgrounds to access affordable, high-quality education, gain valuable workforce skills, and pursue their goals with confidence.

As a rapidly growing institution, we continue to invest in our students, employees, facilities, and community. We are committed to creating an environment where every student can thrive academically, personally, and professionally. Through experiential learning opportunities, workforce-aligned programs, and strong connections with employers, we are helping students move seamlessly from the classroom into meaningful careers.

Our impact extends far beyond our campuses. Whether serving traditional college students, working adults, first-generation learners, or individuals seeking new opportunities through innovative statewide programs, LSCO remains focused on meeting students where they are and helping them reach where they want to be.

What makes me most proud is that, amid unprecedented growth, we have remained true to who we are. We continue to be a college that values relationships, embraces innovation, and believes deeply in the potential of every student. That commitment is reflected daily in the work of our faculty and staff, whose passion and dedication make LSCO a truly special place.

As we look toward the future, I am more optimistic than ever about what lies ahead. Together, we will continue expanding access to education, strengthening workforce opportunities, and building pathways that empower students to achieve their dreams. Thank you for being part of the LSCO story. The accomplishments celebrated in this Year in Review are a testament to what we can achieve together, and our best days are still ahead.

Wendy Elmore

Wendy Elmore, Ed.D.
President
Lamar State College Orange



LAMAR STATE COLLEGE ORANGE

2025-2026 YEAR IN REVIEW

August 2025

Texas State University (TXST) and Lamar State College Orange (LSCO) launched the Gateway Program, a co-enrollment partnership allowing students to take classes from both institutions on the TXST campus while benefiting from lower costs and added support. The program helps students transition to a four-year degree by completing required credits in the first year, after which eligible students have the foundation to enroll full-time at Texas State University.





August 2025

LSCO officially launched the Gator Bites podcast on Monday, August 18. The first episode was hosted by Elaina Forester, an LSCO alum and summer intern, and features an interview with President Elmore about her new role as president. The first season completed in May 2026 with 29 episodes released. Listen to the epsisodes online at www.lsco.edu/gatorbites.

September 2025

Lamar State College Orange formally installed Dr. Wendy Elmore as the College's fifth president during an Investiture Ceremony attended by Texas State University System leaders, community partners, elected officials, faculty, staff, students, alumni, and friends of the College. Dr. Elmore reaffirmed the College's commitment to transforming lives through education and advancing the mission that "Your Future is Our Focus."





October 2025

Lamar State College Orange received a $500,000 TRUE Grant from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to expand its Instrumentation program. The funding will support new hands-on training equipment and cover the cost of the first two courses for more than 100 students entering the program.



January 2026

The Polk County Higher Education & Technology Foundation received a $100,000 gift to support scholarships for students attending the TSUS Polk County Center. This significant investment will expand access to higher education and enable more students in the region to pursue their academic and career goals.

September 2025

LSCO achieved a historic milestone by serving 5,841 students, the largest student population in the college's history. Investments in new facilities, career-focused programs, and services that help students overcome obstacles to higher education have made it possible for more people than ever to pursue their educational and professional goals at LSCO.



October 2025

LSCO welcomed Texas State Representative Trent Ashby to campus in October 2025 for a tour of the new Student Success Center and Academic Building. During the visit, President Wendy Elmore shared LSCO's vision for continued growth, innovation, and expanded service to students and communities across Southeast Texas and the state.





January 2026

LSCO launched a new machining program to prepare students for high-demand careers in manufacturing, petrochemical, and industrial sectors. Developed in collaboration with regional employers, the program provides hands-on training in manual machining and allows students to earn an entry-level certificate in one semester while building toward additional credentials.

February 2026

LSCO earned accreditation from the Better Business Bureau after demonstrating adherence to its eight Standards of Trust, reinforcing the institution's commitment to transparency, integrity, and accountability. The recognition provided assurance of the college's quality to students and community partners and allows the college to display the BBB seal.





March 2026

The LSCO Foundation hosted its annual Boot Scootin' scholarship fundraiser on March 28, bringing supporters together for an evening of activities benefiting LSCO students. The event raised more than $33,000 to support student scholarships and strengthen access to educational opportunities for students across the region.

May 2026

A total of 634 graduates celebrated the completion of their certificates and degrees during the May 2026 commencement ceremonies in Orange and Livingston. This impressive milestone reflected LSCO's continued growth and commitment to providing accessible pathways to higher education and workforce opportunities throughout the state of Texas.





June 2026

LSCO and Sul Ross State University finalized a partnership to offer LSCO's Criminal Justice Law Enforcement Certificate through Sul Ross State University's Law Enforcement Academy beginning in January 2027. The collaboration expands access to financial aid, lowers program costs, and strengthens workforce training opportunities for law enforcement students.

August 2026

Lamar State College Orange celebrated record student achievement during the 2025-2026 academic year with 969 graduates earning 1,212 degrees and certificates. The number of graduates increased 17.6% over the previous year, with 75% of graduates identifying as first-generation college students.



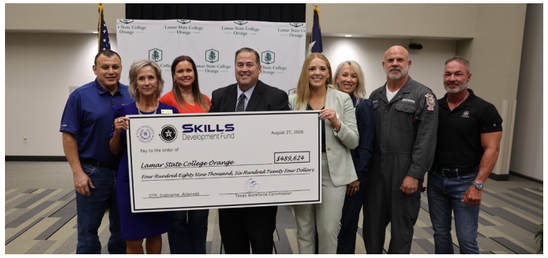


August 2026

Lamar State College Orange was named the All-Star College of the Year by the Texas Workforce Commission, recognizing the college's impact on workforce development in Southeast Texas. The award highlights LSCO's efforts to prepare students with the skills and training needed by Texas employers.

August 2026

LSCO received a $489,624 Skills Development Fund grant from the Texas Workforce Commission, presented by Alberto Treviño III, Commissioner Representing Labor. The grant supports customized workforce training for more than 200 new and incumbent workers in partnership with regional industry leaders, including Golden Triangle Polymers, Arlanxeo & Indorama Ventures.



At The Heart of Educational Opportunity Across *Texas.*



289%
Enrollment Increase in Continuing Education
Over 2024-2025





1,212
Degrees & Certificates
Awarded AY 2025-2026

Spring 2026 Commencement was the largest Spring Commencement in college history with **634 graduates**



Dual credit students earned **47,826 college credits** during AY 2025-2026

3.4
Average GPA
AY 2025-2026

71%
First-Generation Graduates
Spring 2026



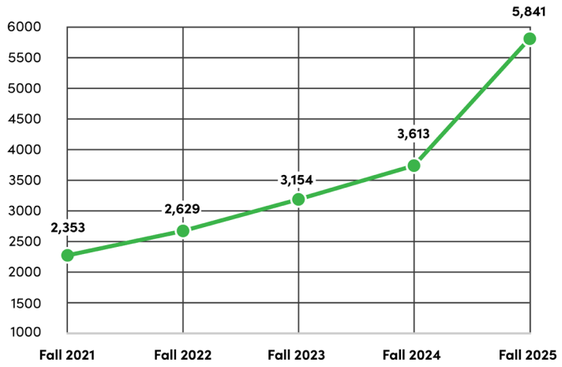
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New Programs of Study Launched
Since 2022

76%
1-Year Persistence Rate
AY 2024 - 2025



FALL ENROLLMENT GROWTH

LSCO has witnessed an **overall increase of 148%** in Fall enrollment from Fall 2021 to Fall 2025. This increase is attributed to the introduction of more than **26 new programs of study** since 2022 and the opening of additional locations in Lumberton, Livingston and San Marcos.



Fall Enrollment By Year

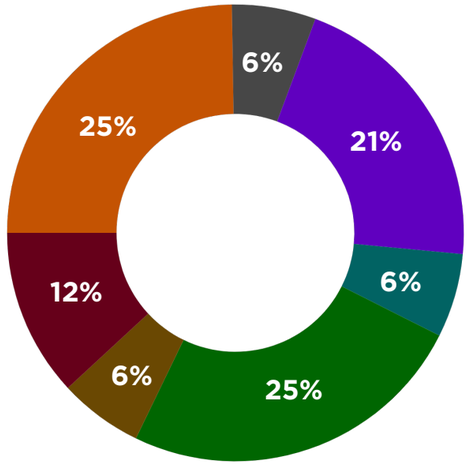
Fall 2021 — 2,353
Fall 2022 — 2,629
Fall 2023 — 3,154
Fall 2024 — 3,613
Fall 2025 — 5,841

Fall 2025 Enrollment By County

Orange	2,166	Coryell	596
Hardin	680	Polk	385
Nacogdoches	636	Jefferson	272
Newton	596	Jasper	233

Fall 2025 Enrollment By Pathway

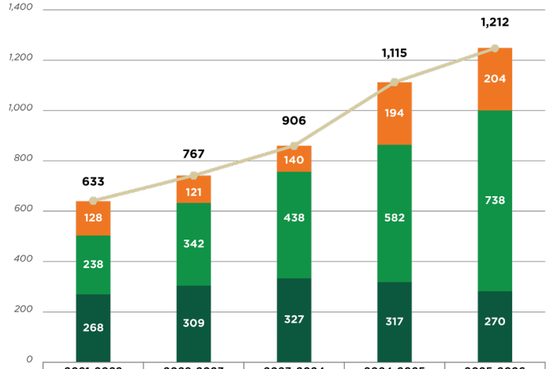
Arts & Humanities	25%
Business	6%
Health Professions	21%
Industry & Transportation	6%
Public Service	25%
Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics	6%
Trades & Manufacturing	12%





GRADUATION HIGHLIGHTS

Certificates and Degrees Awarded



	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026
Fall	268	309	327	317	270
Spring	238	342	438	582	738
Summer	128	121	140	194	204
Annual	633	767	906	1,115	1,212

4,633 *Total degrees and certificates awarded from 2021 - 2025*

738 *Largest number of Spring awards in LSCO History*

91%↑ *Increase in degrees & certificates awarded since 2021-2022*



STATEWIDE

PARTNERSHIPS

Over the past year, Lamar State College Orange expanded its reach across Texas through partnerships that open doors to education and career advancement. By working with state agencies, universities, and community organizations, LSCO created new opportunities for individuals to gain valuable skills, earn college credentials, and achieve their educational goals. Programs delivered in partnership with the Texas Juvenile Justice Department, the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, and community supervision agencies brought learning opportunities directly to employees across the state. At the same time, strengthened university partnerships made it easier for students to continue toward bachelor's degrees, transfer credits, and receive recognition for previous training and experience. These efforts reflect LSCO's commitment to providing flexible, affordable, and career-focused education that meets the needs of Texans wherever they live.

Campuses & Locations

Orange, TX
Lamar State College Orange

Lumberton, TX
LSCO Lumberton

Livingston, TX
TSUS Polk County Center

San Marcos, TX
Texas State University

Alpine, TX
Sul Ross State University

Dual Credit Sites

- Beaumont Career and Technical Education Center
- Big Sandy
- Bridge City
- Buna
- Chapel Hill
- Crockett
- Coldspring-Oakhurst
- Copperas Cove
- Deweyville*
- Evadale
- Goodrich
- Hereford
- Kountze
- Little Cypress-Mauriceville
- Leggett
- Livingston
- Lumberton
- Marshall
- Montgomery The Den (CTE Center)
- Nacogdoches
- Navasota
- Navarro
- Orangefield
- Seguin
- River Road
- Vidor
- Willis
- West Orange-Stark*
- Woodville

*ECHS partnerships

San Marcos



The Gateway co-enrollment partnership with Texas State University continues to grow with more than 400 students enrolled in Fall 2026 courses. This Fall, the partnership will expand, adding a two-year model that allows students to continue earning an LSCO associate degree while studying on the Texas State campus. Students can enroll in Graphic Design, Hospitality, Construction Management or IT Cybersecurity programs that lead directly into 4-year degrees at Texas State University.

Alpine



LSCO and Sul Ross State University (SRSU) finalized a partnership on June 25, 2026, that allows LSCO to offer its Criminal Justice Law Enforcement Certificate through SRSU's Law Enforcement Academy beginning in January 2027. Work is also underway to bring Sul Ross's Bachelor of Science in Industrial Technology in person to the Orange campus. Three of the first graduates from this partnership were honored at LSCO's commencement ceremony in August 2026 with SRSU President Carlos Hernandez serving as the commencement speaker.

Livingston

At the Texas State University System Polk County Center, LSCO continued to build healthcare pathways for students in Livingston and surrounding rural communities. The inaugural Vocational Nursing and Registered Nursing cohorts completed graduated in August 2026 with the second cohort of VN students to complete in December 2026. LSCO also celebrated graduates of the Parapath Teaching program in August.



Polunsky | Coleman | Connally

LSCO launched the Associate of Science in Business Administration at the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) Polunsky Unit in Fall 2026 and has applied to offer degree and certificate pathways at the Coleman and Connally units scheduled to begin in Fall 2027. Leadership training will be added to the Texas Juvenile Justice Department (TJJD) partnership in Fall 2026 as well as dual credit opportunities for residents of TJJD.

Justice System Education



Dual Credit Education

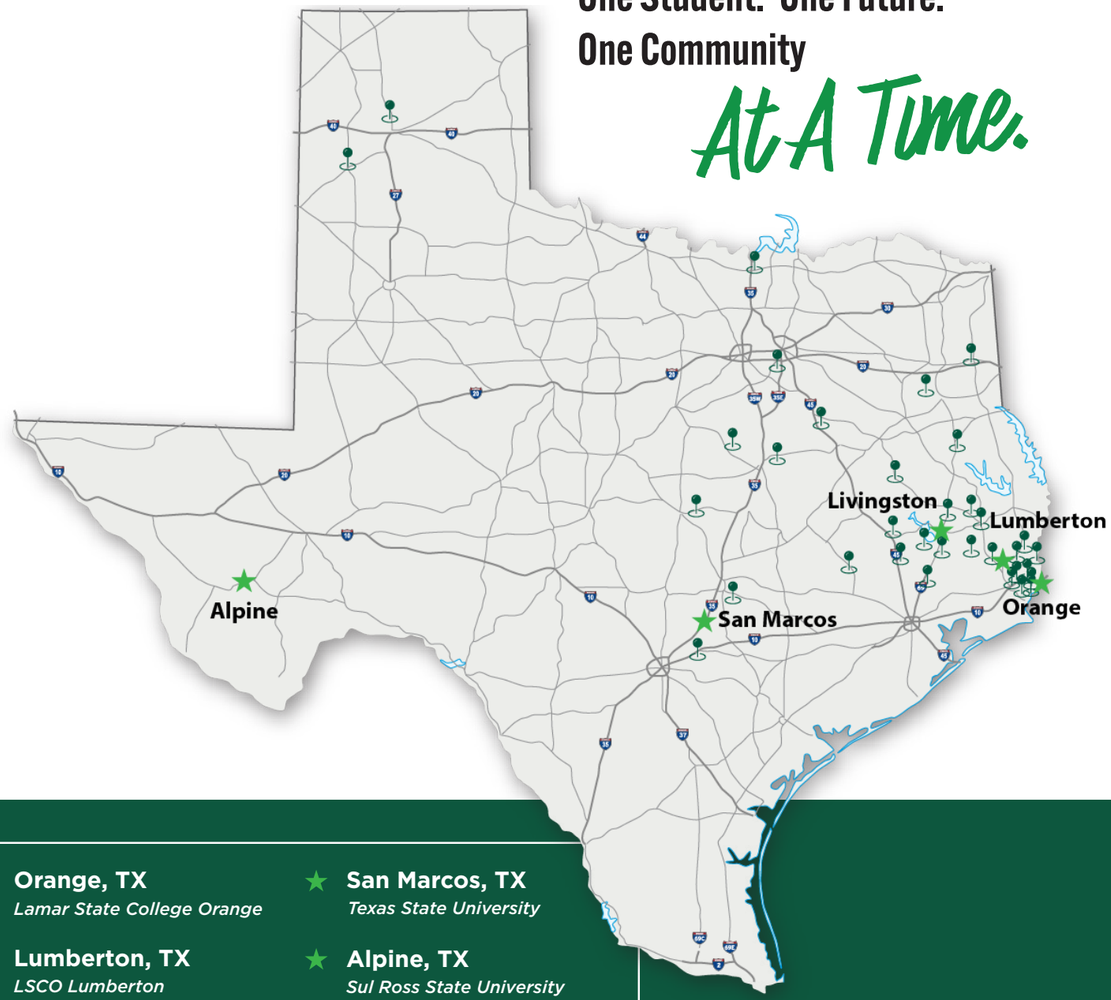


Across 25+ School Districts

Dual credit programs reduce the time and cost required to complete a college credential while preparing students for continued education and high-demand careers. LSCO's dual credit enrollment increased from 2,232 students in Fall 2024 to 4,363 in Fall 2025. During the 2025–2026 academic year, LSCO's dual credit students earned 47,826 semester credit hours and earned 440 degrees and certificates.



One Student. One Future.
One Community
At A Time.



- ★ **Orange, TX** — *Lamar State College Orange*
- ★ **Lumberton, TX** — *LSCO Lumberton*
- ★ **Livingston, TX** — *TSUS Polk County Center*
- ★ **San Marcos, TX** — *Texas State University*
- ★ **Alpine, TX** — *Sul Ross State University*
- **Dual Credit District Partnerships**



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