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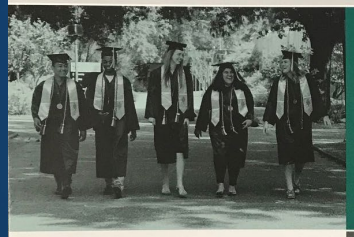

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The **Leah Meyer Austin Award** is Achieving the Dream's highest honor and recognizes institutions that have demonstrated outstanding progress in designing a student-focused culture and aligning institutional strategies to promote student success.

"The Active and Cooperative Learning initiative at Texarkana College has transformed the culture for both students and faculty.... The result: greater course success and persistence rates."

— Jamie Ashby
Associate Professor of Mathematics

Texarkana College is the winner of the 2018 Leah Meyer Austin Award. The college is recognized for significant innovations that have resulted in critical progress including increasing the graduation rate for first-time, full-time students by 21 percentage points from 10% to 31% and an 18 percentage point increase in the graduation rate for Black students from 4% to 22% during the same time period.

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■ Texarkana College President James Henry Russell poses with the 2018 Achieving the Dream award with staff and faculty members in Tennessee.

Texarkana College earns highest national honor

TC is one of only two community colleges to receive the award

"This is a big win for TC faculty and staff. It really shows the results of hard work when the classroom door is shut. It shows we are on the right track."

—James Henry Russell, Texarkana College president

By Jennifer Middleton
Texarkana Gazette

Texarkana College received one of the top community college awards in the nation Tuesday, a recognition leaders say is hard proof of the changes they've made in the college and its culture of success.

Fifteen staff and faculty members are at the Gaylord Hotel in Nashville, Tenn., where they received one of only two prestigious 2018 Achieving the Dream Leah Meyer Austin Awards, the highest honor awarded to community colleges to recognize outstanding transformational change leading to student success and completion.

The ceremony was held on the first day of the annual Achieving the Dream conference, which will last for three days. This year's award is sponsored by the Kresge Foundation and is accompanied by a $25,000 prize. Odessa College is the other award recipient.

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■ The Achieving the Dream Leah Meyer Austin Award is the highest honor awarded to community colleges.

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TC's graduation rates are highest in Texas

College's three-year completion rate more than double state average, report shows

By Jennifer Middleton
Texarkana Gazette

Texarkana College has been ranked as the No. 1 community college in the state for students' three-year graduation rates, according to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

The report, released last week, shows that TC has a completion rate of 45.8 percent for the group, or cohort, of students which began as first-time students in 2015. The state average for students' three-year graduation rates from community colleges is 22.8 percent.

TC's administrators attribute the high ranking to the college's culture of expecting student success and several programs they have put in place to support students in their academic careers.

"Several things attribute to it," Dr.

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TC has state's highest rate of graduations

FROM STAFF REPORTS

TEXARKANA, Texas — A statewide accountability report released by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board shows Texarkana College ranking first in student graduation rates among Texas community colleges.

The preliminary results indicate 49.7% of full-time, first-time college students graduate within three years of beginning their degree or certificate programs at Texarkana College — doubling the state completion rate of 24.2%.

"We knew we would do well, but we did not expect to have a 4 percent increase," said Dr. Jason Smith, Texarkana College president and CEO.

Texarkana College has held the top position for two consecutive years and ranked first in 2017 among Texas community colleges for four-year graduation rates, school officials said.

Smith also said the results are a new institutional record for completion of degrees and certificates.

"We are so proud of our students who have set new records for graduation rates again this year," he said. "Our students complete faster and at a higher rate than students at any other state-funded community college."

Smith attributes this success to the mindset of the faculty and staff and the belief that a college experience is about much more than earning a grade point average.

"It's not me. It's the faculty and staff. Putting people in right places. The culture they've created,"

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statewide data for publicly funded institutions of higher education including community colleges and universities.

Dr. Donna McDaniel, TC's vice president of instruction, said the report shows a snapshot of Texas' progress to meet the state's educated population goal. That goal is to increase the percentage of 25- to 34-year-olds in Texas

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Texarkana College ranked first among all 50 Texas community colleges in full-time student 3-year completion rates for 2018.

49.7%
completion rate

Texarkana College

24.9%
completion rate

All Texas community colleges

In 2012, TC was at 8.6%

Based on data from a 2019 Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board study

FALL INSTRUCTIONAL DELIVERY OPTIONS

FLEX CAMPUS

This unique option will allow you to spend some time in the classroom with your instructor, in addition to online learning. Small groups of students in each class will have the option to attend in person while the remaining students access courswork online. The small groups will rotate so all students in a class have multiple chances to attend in person, they may attend virtually if they prefer.

HANDS-ON HYBRID

Health Sciences and Workforce courses will follow a hybrid format. Most class instruction will be delivered online. Students will come to campus in small groups to complete hands-on learning and practical testing.

ONLINE ON A SCHEDULE

If you like the structure of a routine, this option is for you! All coursework will be completed online, but the lectures and virtual instruction will happen at specific times on certain days. You will use a webcam, making this option comparable to a typical face-to-face course.

ONLINE ANYTIME

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HYB—This course delivery method is designated for students enrolled in health sciences and workforce courses. Class instruction will be delivered online at designated regular times, but students will have the opportunity to come to campus in small groups to complete hands-on learning and practical testing. Virtual meetings and face to face meetings are required for attendance.

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FLX—indicates the course is a hybrid class that combines face to face and online course delivery. Students will have an opportunity to attend some classes in person according to the class schedule, and some class meetings will be conducted through Microsoft Teams, a virtual meeting tools, at regularly scheduled times. Students will complete class assignments in class and/or online. Students should set aside the scheduled time of the class to attend class on designated class days. Students will be provided opportunities to attend class in person although they may attend virtually if they prefer.

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OOS—indicates the class is a web-based, synchronous class. This means the class will meet virtually through Microsoft Teams according to the class schedule. This is like a face-to-face course except that students will attend virtually. Students will need to turn their camera on and participate in active learning. Portions of course delivery and content will also be through Moodle or Jenzabar.

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WEB—indicates the course is a web based, asynchronous class. This means the class is a self-paced class in which students are not required to meet at designated times. Course delivery will be entirely online without regular interaction with the instructor or classmates. This is Texarkana College's traditional web/online course.

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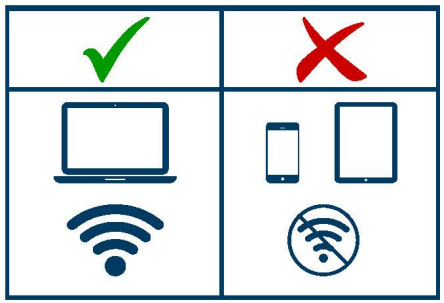
Computer Requirement Policy:

Students are required to have a computer with Internet access for classes. The computer must be an actual computer – **smart phones, iPads, Androids, Chromebooks, etc., are not acceptable** substitutes because they lack software compatibility necessary to complete all assignments and tests. Financial costs for the necessary equipment and internet access are the responsibility of the student.



Students needing to purchase a computer may do so through the Texarkana College Bookstore. Systems purchased through the bookstore meet or exceed all requirements, are competitively priced, and may be purchased using financial aid funds. If the system is purchased through another source, it is the student's responsibility to ensure the system meets all requirements.

Computer systems requirements:

- Webcam, microphone, and speakers or headphones
- Windows 10 or a recent version of Mac OS (minimum Sierra). Windows 10 S mode is not supported
- Hardware capable of running Microsoft Teams (free download) and supports multi-media playback
- Support for Chrome or Microsoft Edge – Note: Firefox, Safari, or other browsers will not work
- Able to run Microsoft Office which will be provided free to TC students
- Adobe Reader or another PDF viewer
- Antivirus software such as Windows Defender or another 3rd party anti-virus solution
- The Respondus Lockdown browser is used for taking tests; therefore, the system must be capable of running this software. Most newer systems that meet other specifications should work.

Students should regularly backup content to prevent loss of coursework due to hardware failure. Backup copies of documents and other coursework may be placed on OneDrive cloud storage. OneDrive is included free of charge for all TC students.

A list of Internet service providers can be found on the TC website at: **https://www.texarkanacollege.edu/coronavirus/.**

COMPUTER REQUIREMENTS

All classes will begin online after Thanksgiving break with final exams being administered online.

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COVID -19 Student Pledge

Being a part of the Texarkana College community means that each of us, accountable together, must take extraordinary steps to stay well and persistently protect each other on campus and in the local area. I pledge to take responsibility for my own health and the protection of others, and I will help keep the TC community safe from the spread of COVID-19 by adhering to university instructions.

I pledge to

- Follow federal, state and local guidelines and directives;
- Wear a face mask in common spaces indoors and wherever social distancing is difficult to maintain, or as otherwise mandated by governmental authorities;
- Observe social distancing of 6 feet or as guidelines permit;
- Practice frequent handwashing and use hand sanitizer;
- Not gather in groups larger than the Governor mandates;
- Observe personal hygiene and respiratory etiquette;
- Immediately contact TC Faculty and Administration if I experience symptoms of COVID-19 or have been exposed, and to follow all university directives for isolation and quarantine;
- Immediately notify TC Human Resources if I test positive for COVID-19;

I recognize that being part of the TC community means my behavior affects everyone else on campus and the people of Texarkana. Therefore, I pledge to strive to exercise healthy discretion in my behaviors and habits and follow all of the guidelines for a healthier college environment for others and myself.

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