

## **2010-2011 Points of Pride**

**We will add to this as we progress throughout the year past years will be archived on pages that will appear to a menu on the left. Please read all the great things we are doing.**

### **Art**

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Stephanie Richerson winning a gold medal for LCHS @ State VASE Competition Sat. 4-09-11!

### **Automotive Program**

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Lamar Automotive program obtains NATEF (National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation) accreditation.

Lamar Automotive program launches AYES (Automotive Youth Education System program) 2010-2011 School year

San Jacinto College donates three vehicles (2007 Dodge Caliber, Buick Park Avenue and Toyota Highlander) to the Lamar High School Ayes program.

Fabian Ortiz, Richard Fonseca, Ivan Rosas and Hector Chapa competed in State Automotive Skills Usa Competition in Corpus Christi, Texas  
Richard Fonseca won a gold Medal at the State Automotive Skills Usa competition.

Fabian Ortiz (12th) hired was by Southwest Kia of Rosenberg.  
Fabian Ortiz accepted to San Jacinto College Automotive Degree program for fall 2011.

**These students will intern with local dealerships this summer and 2011-2012 school year.**

Richard Fonseca (Gillman Honda)  
Ivan Rosas (Southwest Kia of Rosenberg)

Hector Chapa (Legacy Ford)  
Daniel Garay (Rosenberg Tractor)

Emmanuel Lozano, Humberto Ocampo , and Roberto Montemayor are currently attending San Jacinto College Automotive Degree Program. Primo Martinez is currently attending the Texas State Technical College Diesel program.

### **DECA**

DECA Students Anam Gillani, President; Sidra Ghafoor, Treasurer; and Hania Kahlon, Secretary are state finalists in their community service project "Healthy Strides Walk-A-Thon". Member Amber Smith is a state finalist in Quick Serve Restaurant Management Individual Series Event. All four of these students are traveling to Orlando, Florida with their advisor Ms. Sonja Hummel and LCHS DECA Alumna Myrna Vaquero (class of 2009) for the National DECA International Career Development Conference where they will be competing with students from all 50 states, Puerto Rico, Mexico, and Canada. Approximately 14,000 students will attend the conference. If you would like to learn more about National DECA, visit the website at [www.deca.org](http://www.deca.org).

### **DECA State finalists**

**Anam Gillani, Sidra Ghafoor and Hania Kahlon - Community Service Chapter Project**  
**Amber Smith - Quick Serve Restaurant Management Individual Series Event**

**State alternate: Epiphany Ciers - Buying and Merchandising Operations Event**

### **FFA**

**FORT BEND COUNTY FAIR-RESERVE CHAMPION AMERICAN CROSS STEER**  
**6 ITEMS IN THE PREMIUM AUCTIONS**  
**2ND PLACE LIVESTOCK JUDGING-- TEAM-IN COUNTY DIVISION**

LIVESTOCK JUDGING TEAM- 3RD PLACE IN FFA DISTRICT  
DAIRY CATTLE JUDGING TEAM- 2ND PLACE IN IN FFA DISTRICT, 6TH  
PLACE IN AREA ( REGIONALS) CONTEST

BOTH TEAMS ALSO CONSISTENTLY PLACED IN THE TOP 10  
AT NUMEROUS INVITATIONAL AND COLLEGIATE CONTESTS  
THROUGHOUT THE STATE THIS YEAR...MOST OF THE CONTESTS  
HAD OVER A 100 TEAMS PARTICIPATING IN EACH OF THEM.

NOTE-----OUR FFA DISTRICT INCLUDES THE KATY, CY-FAIR,  
SPRING BRANCH AND LAMAR SCHOOL DISTRICTS OR 22 HIGH  
SCHOOL FFA CHAPTERS  
AREA OR REGIONALS FOR US INCLUDE ALL THE HIGH SCHOOL FFA  
CHAPTERS IN A 20 COUNTY AREA,... OVER 150 HIGH SCHOOLS.

### **Lamar Ladies and Knights**

Step Team came in 2nd place at State Final Competition on April 30th.

### **National Forensic League (NFL) National Championship**

This championship is the "Super Bowl" for speech and debate students and will take place in Dallas in June. We compete in the South Texas NFL District to earn our spots at Nationals. Based on how our students performed this year, Lamar was named the South Texas District Champion, qualifying the most students in the district to NFL Nationals with 7 students eligible for this competition. Our students who will attend NFL Nationals are:

- Lilian-Ann Bonaparte in Dramatic Interpretation
- Grayson Clark & Nicole Vital in Public Forum Debate
- Susan Czaikowski in Domestic Extemporaneous Speaking
  - Gregory Heugel in Oratory
- Ali Moussa & Jonathan Willis in Duo Interpretation
  - Jesus Kana & AJ Zaid in Duo Interpretation.
- Also, within the honor society, students earn points every time they compete to get degrees of recognition from the NFL. Out of all the schools in the United States, Lamar CHS has the most students to be

recognized on the honor society's top 25 list for speech & debate participation. These four students have earned the Degree of Premier Distinction from the NFL and currently rank among the best 25 students in the country for their high school accomplishments in speech and debate:

- Grayson Clark
- Susan Czaikowski
- Gregory Heugel
- Nicole Vital

### **Scholarships**

Hania Kahlon, Senior 2011 was recently awarded the Bill Gates Scholarship... a full ride to any University of her choosing.

### **Student Council**

The LCHS Student Council, received awards from the Texas Association of Student Councils. They received recognition as Outstanding Pride and Patriotism committee headed by Senior Class President Hania Kahlon, and Vice President Meagan Lane, Outstanding Community Service committee, headed by Freshman Class President Maxwell Dalton, and as Outstanding Student Council under the leadership of Student Body President Kristen Pina and advisor Ms. Sonja Hummel. If you would like to learn more about the Texas Association of Student Councils, visit the website at [www.tasconline.org](http://www.tasconline.org).

**LCHS Student Council received "Outstanding Student Council" state recognition from Texas Association of Student Councils. They also received "Outstanding Pride and Patriotism Committee" and "Outstanding Community Service Committee" awards.**

### **Texas Forensic Association (TFA)**

In TFA, we compete against all member schools. This includes both public and private schools of any size, large or small. Our state championship for TFA was held in March. At this competition, Lamar CHS placed 9<sup>th</sup> as a

team out of 207 schools from every corner of Texas. This was also the best any school did from the Greater Houston area. The students who represented Lamar CHS at TFA State were:

- Lauren Abbott (Quarterfinalist in Poetry Reading & Qualifier in Duo Interpretation)
  - Lilian-Ann Bonaparte (Semifinalist in Dramatic Interpretation)
- Grayson Clark (3rd place in Public Forum Debate, Semifinalist in Domestic Extemporaneous Speaking, Quarterfinalist in Oratory, & Qualifier in Foreign Extemporaneous Speaking)
- Susan Czaikowski (top 8 in Public Forum Debate, Semifinalist in Domestic Extemporaneous Speaking, Qualifier in Oratory & Foreign Extemporaneous Speaking)
- Drew Heugel (Quarterfinalist in Domestic Extemporaneous Speaking, Quarterfinalist in Oratory, & Qualifier in Lincoln-Douglas Debate)
- Gregory Heugel (top 8 in Public Forum Debate, Qualifier in Domestic Extemporaneous Speaking & Oratory)
  - Jesus Kana (Qualifier in Duo Interpretation & Duet Acting)
    - Ali Moussa (Qualifier in Duo Interpretation)
- Hunter Pavey (LCHS representative in TFA State Student Congress)
  - Nicole Vital (3rd place in Public Forum Debate, Semifinalist in Oratory, Quarterfinalist in Foreign Extemporaneous Speaking, & Qualifier in Student Congress)
- Jonathan Willis (Semifinalist in Humorous Interpretation & Qualifier in Duo Interpretation)
  - AJ Zaid (Qualifier in Duo Interpretation & Duet Acting)

### **Tournament of Champions**

The Tournament of Champions is a national competition for students in extemporaneous speaking and takes place at Northwestern University near Chicago in May. Extemp challenges kids to be highly knowledgeable about world events since they don't find out their topic until 30 minutes beforehand and then are expected to prepare and deliver a 7-minute speech on a domestic or international issue in current news. The TOC recognizes the students who are the best in this event in the nation.

Our qualifiers to the TOC this year are:

- Grayson Clark

- Susan Czaikowski
  - Drew Heugel
  - Gregory Heugel
    - Jolea Nealy
    - Nicole Vital

## **TSA**

### **STATE RESULTS**

**Overall Ranking 4A High School: 2nd Place**

#### **Animatronics**

**3rd Place: Jhangir Awan, Omar Ahmed, Edward Lockett**

#### **Construction Renovation**

**5th Place: Juan Delgadillo & Ashley Flores**

#### **Debating Technological Issues**

**1st Place: Susan Czaikowski & Jonathan Willis**

**2nd Place: Grayson Clark & Gregory Heugel**

**7th Place: Drew Heugel & Alise Isaksen**

#### **Digital Video Production**

**7th Place: Colleen Blinka, Maria Garcia & CC Ruiz**

#### **Dragster Design**

**2nd Place: Mark Rotz**

**3rd Place: Colleen Blinka**

#### **Essays on Technology**

**7th Place: Edward Lockett**

**10th Place: Albert Chung**

#### **Extemporaneous Presentation**

**8th Place: Drew Heugel**

#### **Future Technology Teacher**

**3rd Place: Rachel Tankersley**

#### **Manufacturing Prototype**

**4th Place: Edward Lockett, Edsel Rubio, Federico Chow, & Jhangir Awan**

**Music Production**

**10th Place: Zachary Hebert & Edward Lockett**

**On Demand Video**

**3rd Place: Colleen Blinka, Mark Rotz, Susan Czaikowski, Greg Heugel, Jonathan Willis & Grayson Clark**

**Photographic Technology**

**8th Place: CC Ruiz**

**Prepared Presentation**

**10th Place: Taylor Rodriguez**

**Scientific and Technical Visualization**

**2nd Place: Alise Isaksen, Albert Chung, Maria Garcia, Omar Ahmed and Derrick Arteaga**

**Structural Engineering**

**7th Place: Michael Ko & Albert Chung**

**Technology Problem Solving**

**9th Place: CC Ruiz and Maria Garcia**

**Transportation Modeling**

**3rd Place: Federico Chow**

**Webmaster**

**2nd Place: Chris Johnson, Zachary Hebert, Albert Chung, Edsel Rubio and Edward Lockett**

**Texas TSA Outstanding Student Scholarship (\$1500): Alise Isaksen**

**Advisor of the Year: Kristin Rausch**

**University Interscholastic League (UIL)**

First Place Sweepstakes for best speech and debate team in 4A at our UIL Districts and UIL Regionals based on overall results. We qualified 5 students to UIL State to be held at UT-Austin on May 6-7.

- Current Events Team (1st in District & Region): Grayson Clark, Susan Czaikowski, Gregory Heugel, & Nicole Vital
- Informative Speaking: Grayson Clark (1st in District & 2nd in Region) and Nicole Vital (2nd in District & 1st in Region)
- Persuasive Speaking: Susan Czaikowski (2nd in District & 1st in Region)
- Poetry Reading: Lilian-Ann Bonaparte (2nd in District & 3rd in Region)

Also at District, Elena Montes placed 6th in Prose Reading.

Drew Heugel earned 2nd place in Lincoln-Douglas Debate and advanced to UIL Regionals, where he finished as a quarterfinalist.