



LONE STAR COLLEGE SYSTEM

HOUSTON, TEXAS

DEVELOPING TOMORROW'S LEADERS

Lone Star College System is a public community college system serving the northern portions of the Greater Houston, Texas area. With seven campuses, Lone Star College System is the largest institution of higher education in the Houston area and one of the fastest-growing community college systems in the United States.

Since 2007, Lone Star College-Houston North has worked with Victory Early College High School (ECHS) as its IHE partner. Lone Star first offered dual credit classes for Victory students at Carver High School. In 2012, the college built a facility dedicated to educating Victory's students.

Spending their days immersed in this collegiate environment allows the students to feel like they are already in college – so much so that they have risen to the ranks of leadership in several of Lone Star's student organizations, like Brother for Brother and Sage. It is rare for dual credit students to participate in college organizations, much less rise to leadership positions within them. Dr. Quentin Wright, President of Lone Star College-Houston North, attributes this initiative and drive to the "family environment" the college cultivates.

ECHS students are invited to every college event and intermingle with Lone Star's college students throughout the year. Victory students participate in, and often lead, community efforts such as community blood drives and an annual Heart Walk. The remarkable sense of confidence displayed by the ECHS students is nurtured by a strong educational support system. Lone Star College regards and treats Victory ECHS students as their own. Victory's administrative team meets monthly with the Lone Star curriculum team. These meetings focus on curriculum alignment to ensure both the IHE and high school are focusing on maximizing learning outcomes. Victory ECHS and Lone Star College work synergistically to help their students realize their potential as future change-makers and innovators.

PROGRAMS OFFERED TO VICTORY ECHS STUDENTS



Associate of Arts



Associate of Arts
Business Field of Study



Associate of Arts
Criminal Justice Field of Study



Associate of Science

“The Victory Early College High School students are true examples that, with the right structure and the right support, all students can be successful.”

Quentin Wright, Ed.D, College President
Lone Star College-Houston North

ENSURING EQUITY AND LONG-TERM STUDENT SUCCESS

Lone Star recently initiated a data-based effort to ensure all of their dual credit students made a smooth financial transition once they transfer to a university. College administrators assessed schedules for every dual credit student who graduated in the past four years. After analyzing the historical data, the college redesigned pathways for students to ensure they finished with a maximum of 60 dual credit hours – so they would stay eligible for financial aid once they transferred. Approximately 87% of students in Aldine ISD are from economically disadvantaged households. This data initiative demonstrates the deep commitment from Lone Star to close educational equity gaps and set their students up for success beyond their time at the college.

When campuses closed in spring of 2020 due to COVID-19, Lone Star took measures to keep in close contact with their students. They provided students laptops and created an early alert system that indicated whether students were engaging in virtual courses. If students had not participated in online courses for three days, Lone Star staff reached out to the students via email and phone calls.

In preparation for its fall 2020 semester, Lone Star created guidelines for smaller classes and synchronous online learning for ECHS and traditional students. The college has prepared for some instructors to serve double duty – facilitating both in-person and online courses. Lone Star is providing tutoring support for students attending in person as well as those taking online courses. The college is dedicated to providing a high level of support and thoughtfully designed programming to navigate their students during the pandemic.



In response to COVID-19, Lone Star College hosted a drive-thru graduation in lieu of a traditional ceremony.