

## **TSUS Chancellor Profile Information**

### **The Opportunity**

The oldest and third largest of the six public university systems in the state of Texas, The Texas State University System (TSUS) seeks a successor to retiring Chancellor, Charles R. Matthews. The Chancellor is the chief executive officer of the System and is responsible for the management and operation of the System as delegated by the Board of Regents. The Chancellor is appointed by the Board of Regents, performs all duties normally entrusted to a system chief executive and serves as a representative for the Board of Regents at certain functions.

The eight system components constitute a network of higher education institutions stretching from the Texas-Louisiana border to the Big Bend area of far West Texas. The universities, colleges and institute are Lamar University, Sam Houston State University, Sul Ross State University, Sul Ross State University-Rio Grande College, Texas State University-San Marcos, Lamar Institute of Technology, Lamar State College-Orange and Lamar State College-Port Arthur. The presidents of these entities and the System office staff report to the Chancellor.

### **Austin, Texas**

All TSUS offices are located in Austin, Texas, the capital of the state of Texas, in close proximity to the capital building. Austin is the fourth largest city in Texas and the fifteenth largest in the United States. Information regarding various characteristics of the city of Austin can be accessed at [www.austintexas.org](http://www.austintexas.org)

### **About the System**

The Texas State University System has a long and illustrious history in Texas. It is the oldest and third largest higher education system in Texas. Beginning as an administrative means to consolidate the support and management of state teacher colleges, the System has evolved into a network of higher education institutions stretching from the Texas–Louisiana border to the Big Bend region of far West Texas.

Today eight System components offer a broad range of academic and career pathways. Throughout the System, you will find professionals committed to preparing students for working and contributing to an increasingly global society. The academic and professional programs offered will help them learn to make sound decisions in life and become contributors in their communities.

Each university, college and institute within The Texas State University System is unique in its own way and is highlighted within this website. Additional literature is available from each institution, and contact information is referenced within each section featured. The Texas State University System is governed by a nine member Board of Regents appointed by the Governor. In addition, a nonvoting student regent is appointed annually to the Board. The administration, which is headed by a board-appointed Chancellor, is

based in Austin where it provides support to the System components and state government.

System enrollment: 72,000+

System total operating budget for fiscal year 2010: \$820 million

System total state appropriation for fiscal year 2010: \$334 million

## **Institution Profiles**



Lamar University

Lamar University provides educational opportunities that prepare graduates to meet the needs of a constantly evolving, technology-driven economy. Founded in 1923 as a junior college, Lamar University is a comprehensive public institution educating a diverse student body, preparing students for leadership and lifelong learning in a multicultural world, and enhancing the future of Southeast Texas, the state, the nation and the world through teaching, research, and creative activity and service.



LU emphasizes small classes so that faculty members can take a personal interest in the success of their students. Undergraduate research, internships and special projects take Lamar's education to a higher level. LU students receive an education that teaches them to think, examine values and develop new skills that will shape their future.

LU offers academic excellence and diverse educational experiences in and out of the classroom, studio and laboratory. From NASA space experiments to leading-edge research in science, business, deaf education, engineering, the arts and beyond, Lamar students are shaping tomorrow, today.

### **Lamar Facts**

Location:                      Beaumont, TX  
History:                         Founded in 1923

Enrollment: Approximately 14,000  
Student/Faculty Ratio: 18:1



Sam Houston State University



Since 1879, Sam Houston State University has touched the lives of countless graduates and helped shape the economic, social and cultural development of the state and nation. Located in the historic town of Huntsville, the university is steeped in tradition and Texas hospitality. SHSU is the third oldest state university, as well as the oldest teacher training institution in Texas. The school's historical roots can be traced to General Sam Houston, whose legendary life is preserved by the Sam Houston Memorial Museum and grounds located on the campus.

Giving students the personal attention they deserve is a Sam Houston State core value and part of a proud history and Bearkat tradition. When the university opened its doors in 1879, the school had 110 students, and a student- to-faculty ratio of 1:22. Today, SHSU is a modern comprehensive campus with technology resources that prepare graduates for a wide variety of successful careers while still maintaining a low student-to-faculty ratio of 20:1.

A dedicated, caring faculty focused on educating and mentoring students underlies the success of the university's academic programming and commitment to excellence. More than 70 percent of Sam Houston State's highly-skilled and experienced faculty hold doctoral or terminal degrees.

#### Sam Houston Facts

Location: Huntsville, TX  
History: Founded in 1879  
Enrollment: 16,700  
Student/Faculty Ratio: 20:1



## Sul Ross State University

Called "possibly the most underrated little university west of the Mississippi" by CBS's Dan Rather, Sul Ross State University in West Texas boasts a combination of small class sizes, an appreciation of both fine arts and the sciences and popular professional programs in a relaxed, friendly environment.

The university's name honors Lawrence Sullivan "Sul" Ross, the son of a pioneer Waco, Texas, family and a popular Texas Ranger, Civil War general, Governor of Texas and later President of Texas A&M University. Founded in 1917 as a teacher college, Sul Ross continues to offer teacher education as one of its most popular programs. Others in high demand are business, criminal justice and agricultural and natural resource sciences.

Early in its history, Sul Ross became the cultural and educational center for the mountainous, remote Big Bend region. SRSU has served the higher educational needs of the Big Bend Region and beyond since 1920. SRSU is the primary institution of higher education serving a 19-county area in West Texas and serving two-thirds of the Texas border with Mexico; i.e., it is the only public university between San Antonio and El Paso.

### Sul Ross Facts

Location:	Alpine, TX
History:	Founded in 1917
Enrollment:	2,000
Student/Faculty Ratio:	13:1



## Sul Ross State University – Rio Grande College

Sul Ross State University Rio Grande College is an upper-division institution of higher education that has been offering bachelor's and master's degrees to the surrounding communities for the past 33 years. SRSU RGC offers the lowest tuition and fees in the state and also ranks seventh in the state in graduating Hispanic teachers.

SRSU RGC offers courses along the Texas-Mexico border in Del Rio, Eagle Pass and Uvalde. Located on the campuses of Southwest Texas Junior College in each city, SRSU RGC offers students the opportunity to complete their bachelor's and master's degree program.

This vital partnership serves a critical need in the 13-county Middle Rio Grande region by providing access to educational opportunities for a student population that is 80 percent Hispanic and 75 percent female. The average age of students is 31 and more than 75 percent of incoming students are first generation college graduates.

Beginning operation in 1973, SRSU RGC has transitioned from an evenings-only center serving a non-traditional, part-time student population to an important full-service institution offering a significant opportunity to a region of Texas largely underserved by higher education.



#### Sul Ross – Rio Grande Facts

Location: Del Rio, Eagle Pass and Uvalde, Texas  
History: Founded in 1973  
Enrollment: 1,000  
Student/Faculty Ratio: 16:1

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SAN MARCOS  
*The rising STAR of Texas™*  
Texas State University - San Marcos



Texas State University-San Marcos is the largest university in The Texas State System and the seventh largest university in Texas. With more than 30,000 students, Texas State is even larger than 25 states' largest public institutions.

Texas State, which was founded in 1899 as a training institution for public school teachers, also continues to excel in education. Texas State attracts students from around the globe, and the student body is ethnically diverse. The university is ranked among the top 20 institutions in the nation for the number of Hispanic students who earn undergraduate degrees.

The university's professors are known for their accessibility to students and for their excellence in the classroom. Texas State ranks second in the number of faculty members who have been honored by the Minnie Stevens Piper Foundation as Piper Professors for their superior teaching. Many Texas State professors are also engaged in important research. Research in nanotechnology, cancer, and many other fields is being conducted on the Texas State campus.

Located in San Marcos, a growing community of 50,000 people about halfway between Austin and San Antonio, the campus enjoys a convenient location and a picturesque setting. The beauty of the crystal-clear San Marcos River and the stately cypress and pecan trees on the campus adds to the charm of the hilly campus.

Since 2005, Texas State has also offered bachelor's and graduate-level programs in Round Rock, Texas, at the university's Round Rock Higher Education Center (RRHEC) campus, located north of Austin.

#### Texas State – San Marcos Facts

Location:	San Marcos, Texas
History:	Founded in 1899
Enrollment:	30,800
Student/Faculty Ratio:	21:1



Lamar Institute of Technology

Lamar Institute of Technology strives to help students equip themselves for effective living and responsible citizenship in our society. The Institute accomplishes this by offering educational programs and training that will extend their knowledge, encourage their continued development and give them marketable skills for today's workforce. LIT is a two-year technical college offering associate of applied science degrees and certificates of completion in 58 credit educational programs in the fields of industry, business and allied health and continuing education certificate programs in workforce training. LIT offers degree and certificate programs in technology, operational supervision, allied health and workforce training. It is one of the largest producers of

process operators and instrumentation technicians in the world with more than 500 students continuously enrolled in these programs.



Located in Southeast Texas, in the heart of the petrochemical industrial region, LIT fulfills its mission by serving Southeast Texas with exemplary post-secondary vocational and technical programs while maintaining a 99 percent placement rate for its graduates.

#### Lamar Institute of Technology Facts

Location:	Beaumont, Texas
History:	Founded in 1990
Enrollment:	3,100
Student/Faculty Ratio:	15:1



#### Lamar State College – Orange

Lamar State College-Orange has been providing quality educational opportunities for more than 38 years. From what began as a remodeled elementary school in 1969, LSC-O has grown to a six-building campus and brought life to downtown Orange. A dedicated faculty and staff provide personal attention to all students and strive to maintain a friendly and professional atmosphere.

As a two-year college, Lamar State College-Orange offers educational opportunities to all citizens through an open-door policy that admits all students who can benefit from post-secondary education. LSC-O provides academic transfer and associate degree programs to prepare students for senior colleges and universities and technical certificate and associate degree programs to prepare students for quick and successful entry into the local workforce.

The Business and Technology division works closely with the industries of Southeast Texas to offer the training and education necessary to prepare students for their future careers. The partnerships created have proven to be valuable to the growth of the college and the success of the students.



### Lamar State College - Orange Facts

Location: Beaumont, Texas  
History: Founded in 1969  
Enrollment: 2,200  
Student/Faculty Ratio: 21:1



### Lamar State College – Port Arthur

For nearly 100 years, Lamar State College-Port Arthur has provided educational excellence in a hometown setting to thousands of students of all ages, whether they want to complete the first two years of a bachelor's degree program or earn a two-year degree or technical certification to prepare them to enter the workforce.



The college currently offers academic and technical programs that include a diverse selection of career options. LSC-PA students also can participate in a wide variety of student organizations and extracurricular activities including intercollegiate men's basketball and women's softball.

The exhibitions and archives of the Museum of the Gulf Coast, which is operated by the college and the Port Arthur Historical Society, greatly enhance the educational experience of LSC-PA students.

Lamar State-PA's Commercial Music Program trains students in all aspects of the music business, including songwriting, music arranging, performance and recording technology. The college also has a new Software Development Program for students interested in creating video games, animation and webpage design.

### Lamar State Port Arthur - Orange Facts

Location: Port Arthur, Texas  
History: Founded in 1909  
Enrollment: 2,200

Student/Faculty Ratio: 14:1

### **Responsibilities of the Chancellor**

- Assumes administrative responsibilities for the System Administrative Office, including management of all operations and personnel;
- Advises and assists the Board and Universities with a variety of administrative matters, including legal, financial, personnel, curriculum, government, development, planning and construction, procedural and policy matters, etc.;
- Provides fiscal management, including direct responsibility for the System Administrative Office budget, review of the Universities' budgets, preparation of depository contracts, fidelity bonds, annual financial reports, biennium budget requests to the Legislature, etc.;
- Maintains the permanent records of all Board minutes, records, reports, documents, policies and other official transactions and advises the Board on the need for new policies or changes in existing policies.
- Reviews all University information and other matters submitted to the Board for consideration;
- Reviews University Publications in reference to Board policies and procedures;
- Prepares a variety of reports as needed by the Board or Committees of the Board or other state agencies;
- Coordinates, with advice and assistance from the Presidents and Regents, all efforts with the legislature and the reporting of the success of those efforts;
- Monitors legislation and advises the Board and universities regarding legislation that may affect the Board, System Administrative Office, or individual institutions in the System;
- Provides assistance to the Board with the procedural aspects of selecting and appointing University presidents;
- Attends and assists the Board at all Board functions, including Board meetings, planning meetings, local committee meetings, etc.;
- Attests to the signatures of all Board members on official documents and sign as secretary to the Board when required;
- Represents the interest of the Board to various government agencies, *i.e.*, Governor's Office, Legislative Budget Board, Coordinating Board, State Treasurer, Comptroller of Public Accounts, Attorney General, higher education organizations, etc.;
- Provides arrangements for all accommodations and travel required by the Board;
- Performs any other duties assigned by the Board of Regents and represents the Board of Regents at any function designated by the Board of Regents.

### **Requirements and Qualifications**

- Bachelor's and Master's degrees from an accredited university are required. Doctoral degree is preferable.

- Minimum of five years' experience in administration with knowledge of higher education in the State of Texas.
- Ability to provide vision and inspired leadership to Board of Regents, System administration, component institutions and other constituencies;
- Demonstrated ability to effectively manage a billion dollar enterprise;
- Respected educator who models the core values of the Texas State University System;
- Political savvy to enhance the System's political support and clout of component institutions as well as the System;
- Communication and interpersonal skills, experience in community building and fundraising;
- Strategic planning skills, ability to prioritize, decisiveness;
- Integrity, common sense, creativity and a sense of humor.

### **Application Process**

Inquiries, applications and nominations may be submitted electronically in total confidence. The search committee chair is Regent Donna N. Williams. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled but should be submitted no later than February 18, 2010 in order to be assured of timely consideration by the committee. Application materials (to include a letter of interest, a curriculum vitae, and the names, addresses, telephone numbers and e-mail addresses of five references, who will not be contacted without permission) must be electronically submitted to:

**TSUSCHANCELLOR@academic-search.com**  
**Assisting in this search is:**  
**Robert W. Lawless, Ph.D., Senior Consultant**  
**Academic Search, Inc.**  
**rwl@academic-search.com 806/799-1329 or 918/284-1395**

A position profile for the Chancellor may be found at **www.academic-search.com** under "Current Searches. Interested individuals are encouraged to visit the Web site for the Texas State University System at **www.tsus.edu**.