



STAR SERVICES

LAMAR UNIVERSITY

Fall 2018

Student Assistant Spotlight

Did you know?

In 2017-2018

- ❖ STAR Services served over 1,200 unique Lamar University undergraduate students
- ❖ Students completed over 4,700 visits with Tutoring Services
- ❖ LU Success served 158 unique students in its first year and averaged four appointments per student in the LU Success Center
- ❖ 212 students attended **RED**talks, which averaged almost 20 students per session for Spring 2018
- ❖ STAR Services hired and trained more than 90 student employees as Tutors, Leaders, and Success Partners



Heriberto (Eddie) Valencia started working as a Collaborative Learning Leader in summer 2018 and is also a Cardinal Community Peer Mentor. He is a junior who is currently in his second semester of the nursing program. He also serves as a peer mentor and facilitator for the nursing school and is an active member of LUTSNA, the nursing organization.

“Through working for STAR Services, I have gained the chance to better my communication, planning, and adaptability. These three skills have grown due to the exposure of working with a multitude of individuals with different learning styles!”



Academic Success



Academic Success Conference

STAR Services hosted the first annual Academic Success Conference on August 25, 2018. Almost 150 students attended the conference, and 100% of the 105 students who completed the evaluation rated their overall experience as “Excellent” (75%) or “Good” (24%). Students said:

“College isn’t as bad as I thought. Lamar is very open and understanding.”

“I’ve gained more knowledge and confidence for starting my semester off.”

“I learned about a ton of resources that I didn’t know about before. I feel like I can become more successful with this new knowledge.”



Rachel Hoover, Director
Tanya Hearn, Administrative Associate, Sr.

Cardinal Communities

Celine Hodge, Assistant Director

LU Success & **RED**talks

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REDtalks

REDtalks are presentations by faculty, staff and students sharing expertise and advice to help student success at Lamar University.

Faculty and staff are welcome to attend!

REDtalks

Fall 2018 Schedule

- SEP 6** Cultivating Emotional Health for Physical and Intellectual Benefits
Thursday, September 6 • 3 pm
Mary & John Gray Library, 6th Floor
- SEP 11** How to Manage Your Time in College
Tuesday, September 11 • 3 pm
Mary & John Gray Library, 6th Floor
- SEP 24** Privilege and Diversity
Monday, September 24 • 3 pm
Mary & John Gray Library, 6th Floor
- OCT 17** Building Relationships with Faculty
Wednesday, October 17 • 2 pm
Mary & John Gray Library, 6th Floor
- OCT 30** You Booze, You Lose: Alcohol and Consent
Tuesday, October 30 • 1 pm
Mary & John Gray Library, 6th Floor
- NOV 15** Critical Think in the Era of Fake News
Thursday, November 15 • 4 pm
Mary & John Gray Library, 6th Floor
- NOV 28** Fear and Loathing in Higher Education
Wednesday, November 28 • 3 pm
Mary & John Gray Library, 6th Floor



OPEN TO ALL STUDENTS, STAFF AND FACULTY

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**CARDINAL
COMMUNITIES**

STAR Services is pleased to announce the addition of Cardinal Communities to our student support programs! Cardinal Communities, a.k.a. "Learning Communities," are groups of approximately 20 students who share the same interest or major who:

- ❖ Take one or more courses together
- ❖ Interact outside of the classroom during weekly meetings facilitated by peer and faculty/staff mentors

790 students are currently participating in Cardinal Communities in Fall 2018.

Cardinal Communities students say:

"Cardinal Communities rock! It is a great way to distinguish yourself as a student and I recommend it."

"I enjoy the Cardinal Communities meet up. It's nice to be a part of a group of people who can help you."

"My peer mentor makes being an ASL major fun! She reassured me that I made the right decision in my major."



The LU Tutoring Center and LU Success Center

The LU Tutoring Center and the LU Success Center now include accessible and movable furniture and glass boards. Please stop in to see our revitalized spaces!

The LU Tutoring Center

Mary & John Gray Library, 1st floor
Mondays: 10 am – 5 pm
Tuesday/Thursdays: 10 am – 7 pm
Sundays: 3 pm – 7 pm

LU Success Center

Communications Building, 109
Monday – Friday: 8 am – 5 pm