STAR Services
LAMAR UNIVERSITY

Spring 2020

Did you know?

In Fall 2019:

- STAR Services served over 1,400 unique students
- 91% of the undergraduate students who used our services either returned in Spring 2020 or graduated
- 172 students participated in academic coaching
- 248 unique students attended REDtalks, with an average of 50 students per presentation
- 601 students participated in Cardinal Communities
- We hosted our first spring Academic Success Conference with 26 participants

We now are offering a variety of 10 to 30-minute presentations that are designed to help students succeed academically at Lamar University.

Request our staff to join your class, department, student organization or Cardinal Communities by visiting our website: lamar.edu/stars

Please email successamabassadors@lamar.edu for questions or additional information.

Student Assistant Spotlight

Nayana Muppavarapu
Graduate Assistant Tutoring Services

Nayana Muppavarapu started working as a Graduate Assistant for Tutoring Services in Fall 2018. She is a second-year graduate student majoring in Business Administration who received the Mary Frances Dishman Sherlock Scholarship award in Business and has been inducted into the Phi Kappa Phi honors society. During her free time, she enjoys making friends on campus, fostering cats and volunteering at the Human Society of Southeast Texas. She is looking forward to becoming a mentor for children with the Beaumont ISD.

“It’s a family at STARS. I gained confidence, met a lot of people and truly experienced an office culture. My job and studies are very symbiotic, and it helped me build both.”

Rachel Hoover, Director
Tanya Hearn, Administrative Associate, Sr.
Le’ Toria Trahan, Academic Specialist

Cardinal Communities
Celine Hodge, Assistant Director

LU Success & REDtalks
Reba Daniels, Coordinator

LU Outreach & Support
Demetrial Graham, Coordinator
Kandice Boatwright, Academic Specialist

Tutoring Services
Misty Song, Coordinator
Carol Matherne, Administrative Assistant for the LU Tutoring Center

Come see us in COMM 109
(409) 880-7201
www.lamar.edu/stars
stars@lamar.edu
Welcome to Lamar University’s Student Tutoring and Retention (STAR) Services. We invite you to explore our website and learn more about our programs and the people who are working every day to improve student experiences and student success at Lamar University. Feel free to call us at (409) 880-7201 or stop by our office in the Communication Building, Suite 109, to meet us!

STAR Services
- The Academic Success Conference
- The LU Tutoring Center
- LU Success
- Cardinal Communities
- REDtalks (Schedule)
- Collaborative Learning

Refer students and learn more about our services by visiting our webpage at www.lamar.edu/stars

The LU Tutoring Center
Mary and John Gray Library, 1st Floor
Monday: 10:00 am – 5:00 pm
Tuesday-Thursday: 10:00 am – 7:00 pm
Friday: 10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Sunday: 3:00 pm – 7:00 pm

LU Success Center
Communications Building 109
Monday - Friday
8:00 am - 5:00 pm

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REDtalks
Spring 2020 Schedule

- **FEB 11**
  Making the Most Out of Class Time
  Tuesday, February 11 • 2:15 pm
  Mary & John Gray Library, 6th Floor

- **FEB 24**
  Exploring Graduate School and Programs 101
  Monday, February 24 • 2:00 pm
  Mary & John Gray Library, 6th Floor

- **MAR 11**
  Mindfulness 101: Building Your Mindfulness Toolbox
  Wednesday, March 11 • 12:30 pm
  Setzer Student Center, Neches Room

- **MAR 24**
  How Studying Abroad Changed My Life
  Tuesday, March 24 • 1:00 pm
  Mary & John Gray Library, 6th Floor

- **APR 08**
  About Managing Money
  Wednesday, April 8 • 3:30 pm
  Mary & John Gray Library, 6th Floor

- **APR 23**
  Become the Master of Your Body
  Thursday, April 23 • 3:00 pm
  Mary & John Gray Library, 6th Floor

Professional Staff Spotlight
Tanya Hearn, Administrative Associate Sr.

Tanya joined the STAR Services team in June 2018. Previously she held positions at The American Heart Association, American Greetings and National Drug Association working in various administrative and accounts receivable roles.

Her favorite aspect of working in STAR Services is the opportunity to work with students through developing relationships with the student staff and interfacing with undergraduate students.

“It’s very rewarding to see our student staff, and the students we serve, mature right before our eyes. There’s something special about being a part of preparing the next generation for the future. They are so capable of doing great things.”