

# Students of the Month

## Youth Council #1070 'Generation 2006'

The mission of the League of United Latin American Citizens is "to advance the economic condition, educational attainment, political influence, health and civil rights of the Hispanic population of the United States."

For decades, LULAC has empowered Latino youth and molded them into stronger leaders, better public speakers and ambitious activists. Historically, LULAC has focused heavily on education, civil rights, and employment for Hispanics. LULAC Youth Councils contribute countless hours to their communities and are leaders in their schools. The local group was officially chartered on May 24, 2006, as the youth council No. 1070 "Generation 2006."

"We will be prepared to run the country as future senators, doctors, lawyers, CEOs and business owners. Our LULAC coun-

cil was inspired by the 2006 United States immigration reform protests. The protests began in response to proposed legislation known as H.R. 4437, which would raise penalties for illegal immigration and classify unauthorized immigrants and anyone who helped them enter or remain in the U.S. as felons," the Beaumont-based group's spokesperson said.

They helped organize and performed at the Cinco De Mayo celebrations in downtown Beaumont. A bottle-throw booth was set up for the younger children in order to raise the first funds for the youth council.

They participated in the street cleanup of Old Spanish Trail along College Street and donated Christmas toys for children under Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA). LULAC did this in conjunction with the West



Courtesy Photo

LULAC members in the photo are Luis Lopez, Jesus Perales, Ana Rocha, Natalie Capello, Flor Uribe, Claudia Ponce, Omar Reyes, Nallely Avalas, Arturo Rodriguez, and Angelica Sifuentes, along with Mr. Flores.

Brook High School Council. An estimated 15 toys were donated to a young boy and girl in order to make them feel loved during the holiday season.

They also participated in the Mercado Days Festival in Port Arthur and volunteered at Fiestas Patreas celebration in Port Arthur. Members tutor 3rd-5th graders at Fletcher Elementary every Tuesday and Thursday. A community car wash was planned to raise funds for a cancer patient, who by himself, had no ability to pay for his chemotherapy treatment.

"These activities, have enabled us to lend a helping hand to those in need, have made our community a better place for younger generations to grow and develop, and above all, have taught us to become more aware of issues and events that concern us and our surroundings," the spokesperson said.



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## LSC-PA Small Business Development Center plans January events

The Small Business Development Center at Lamar State College-Port Arthur will present two business pre-venture orientation workshops and a special seminar on income tax in January.

SBDC director Linda Tait, a former agent for the Internal Revenue Service, will lead "Business Income Tax Issues" from 6-9 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 15, at the Nederland EDC Office, 1903 Atlanta Ave.

"We will cover what the IRS expects from business owners and the importance of keeping accurate business records," Tait said. The tax seminar costs \$10.

SBDC business consultant Kasey Taylor will lead the Tuesday, Jan. 8, pre-venture workshop from 9 a.m. to noon in the conference room of the Gates Memorial Library, 317 Stilwell Blvd. on the Lamar-PA campus.

SBDC business consultant Conrad Cooper will lead the

Tuesday, Jan. 29 workshop from 6-9 p.m. at the Nederland EDC Office.

The free pre-venture orientation workshops cover business plans, funding, employees and taxes for first-time business owners.

Attendance at one workshop is required prior to a new business owner's first one-on-

one meeting with a SBDC business consultant.

The SBDC offers individual consulting for small business owners at no charge. Reservations are required for all events.

For reservations or information, call 984-6531, or send e-mail to: Linda.Tait@lamarpa.edu.

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**MARCH 4, 2008**

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