

PORT ARTHUR EDC NEWSLETTER



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A NEW LOOK FOR PAEDC IS ON THE HORIZON.

The Port Arthur Economic Development Corporation is currently working on a complete rebrand to better reflect the progress and possibilities of our community. Over the years, Port Arthur has grown and evolved, and it's important that our image evolves with it. A fresh logo, updated color scheme, and redesigned website are in development to create a stronger first impression for potential businesses, while also strengthening trust and communication with our existing partners and residents. This new identity will allow us to better showcase the opportunities available in Port Arthur and highlight our ongoing mission to drive growth, innovation, and community pride. Stay tuned for the unveiling of a look that represents both who we are today and the future we are building together.



From Left - Right | Front Row: Intern Paige Davis; EDC Staff Rachel Jacquet; Intern Julissa Cardenas; Intern Jamiya Adams; EDC Interim CEO Krystie Mueller; EDC Staff Shawn Granger; Intern Caleb Mayfield; UT Intern Lola Carr; Intern Makayla Appleberry; Intern Maure'ana Pete. Back Row: EDC Staff Khan Ha; Intern Lucas Burton; Intern Davaguhn Hebert; Intern Kereona Washington; Intern Clayton Harrison



From Left - Right | Front Row: EDC Director Beverly Raymond; Intern Julissa Cardenas; Intern Jamiya Adams; EDC Board President Darrell Anderson; Intern Caleb Mayfield; Intern Makayla Appleberry; Back Row: Intern Paige Davis; Intern Lucas Burton; Intern Davaguhn Hebert; Intern Kereona Washington; Intern Clayton Harrison; EDC Director Jerry Labove.

INVESTING IN OUR FUTURE: PAEDC YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

The Port Arthur EDC proudly hosted the 2025 Youth Employment Program (Y.E.P.) Reception, honoring local high school juniors and seniors who gained hands-on experience through summer internships with Port Arthur businesses and organizations.

Students explored careers in health care, business, law, technology, public service, and more while interning with partners such as Gulf Coast Cardiology, Escobedo Insurance Agency, Allied IT Systems, the Port Arthur Police Department, Welding World, Port Arthur Health Department and Port Arthur Parks and Recreation. By investing in our youth, we're building the next generation of leaders and keeping Port Arthur the *Gateway to Opportunity*.

PAEDC AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS TO PORT ARTHUR LSCPA STUDENTS

The Port Arthur Economic Development Corporation (PAEDC) is excited to announce the winners of this year's Scholarships. Congratulations to Julissa Cardenas, Ediel Garcia, Andy Ramirez, Robert Hughes, Cody Nguyen, and Elijah Jimenez, each awarded \$9,000 to pursue a two-year degree in high-demand career fields.

These scholarships are more than financial support, they are an investment in Port Arthur's future workforce. Since 2015, PAEDC and LSCPA have partnered to prepare students for careers in vital industries such as nursing, HVAC, and process technology. With major industrial projects rising across Southeast Texas, the need for skilled, local talent has never been greater.

By empowering our students, we are building a stronger Port Arthur, one scholarship, one career, and one success story at a time.



WORK. MEET. CREATE AT THE PRESS BUILDING

The Press Building at 549 4th Street is your go-to spot for affordable coworking! Whether you need a desk for the day or a space for the month, we've got flexible options that fit your needs.

Hosting a meeting? From small gatherings of 6 to larger groups of 80, our meeting spaces are ready for you. Come see where productivity meets community!

Contact Tateyane Gloston at The Press Building to reserve your space today: tgloston@paedc.org



PORT ARTHUR BUSINESS PARK

Conveniently located on Spur 93 (West Port Arthur Road), the Port Arthur Business Park covers 300 acres and serves as a hub for growth and innovation. Already home to more than 20 successful businesses, and with new companies continuing to move in, the park is a driving force behind job creation and economic opportunity in our region.

With room to grow, the Port Arthur Business Park is positioning our city as a destination for industry, entrepreneurship, and long-term investment.



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT 101

WHAT IS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Economic development is about helping a community grow stronger by supporting local businesses, attracting new investments, and creating good jobs. It means building opportunities for residents, improving the local quality of life, and making Port Arthur a place where people want to live, work, and thrive.



THE PORT ARTHUR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

The Port Arthur Economic Development Corporation is a **Type A** corporation created to enhance Port Arthur's business climate and overall economic development. The PAEDC is responsible for encouraging and developing business growth and attracting new business to Port Arthur.



HOW A TEXAS TYPE A EDC FUNCTIONS

In Texas, an Economic Development Corporation (EDC) is a nonprofit created by local voters to grow jobs and strengthen the economy. Funded by a portion of city sales tax, an EDC reinvests those dollars into projects that benefit the community.

There are two types of EDCs: **Type A** EDC's and **Type B** EDC's.

Texas Type A EDC can do but are not limited to the following:

- Support the creation or retention of primary jobs in industries such as: manufacturing, warehousing, distribution, and industrial facilities.
- Fund infrastructure that promotes or develops new and/or expanded business development.
- Provide job training programs that benefit industries contributing to primary job creation.
- Facilitate the relocation or expansion of businesses that create primary jobs.
- Invest in research and development projects aimed at innovation and technological advancement.



TO LEARN MORE ABOUT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT VISIT:
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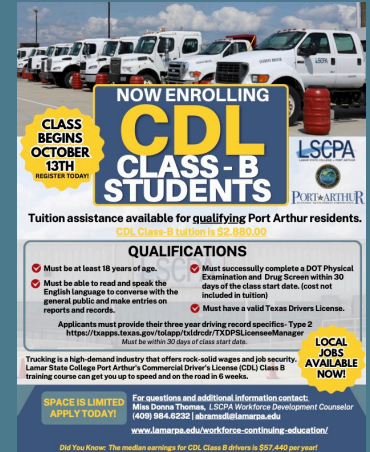
Tateyane Gloston
Press Building
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August 2025

WELCOME BACK, DIRECTOR KAPRINA FRANK

Ms. Kaprina Frank was sworn in to the EDC Board in July 2025 and appointed Treasurer on August 4, 2025. A familiar face to the organization, Director Frank previously served on the board, including a term as President from 2013–2014. We are thrilled to welcome her back and look forward to the wealth of knowledge, experience, and insight she brings to the EDC and the Port Arthur community.



WHAT'S GOING ON IN PA!



BOARD MEMBERS

Darrell Anderson, President
Ingrid Holmes, Vice President
Kaala Jacobs, Secretary
Kaprina Frank, Treasurer
Morris Albright, Director
Jerry Labove, Director
Beverly Raymond, Director



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