



**REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY**

# Alamo Colleges District - Northeast Lakeview College

## MISSION

Northeast Lakeview College empowers its students for success by offering educational programs and cultural enrichment opportunities. The College provides quality teaching, measurable learning, and public service that contributes to the earning of associate degrees and certificates to improve its community's future.

## VISION

To be a transformative force in a culturally rich community, empowered by education, to meet the dynamic demands of the future.

## VALUES



STUDENTS FIRST



RESPECT FOR ALL



COMMUNITY-ENGAGED



COLLABORATION



CAN-DO SPIRIT



DATA-INFORMED

## BELIEF STATEMENTS

1. We are inspired by changing lives through learning
2. We develop our students by empowering them to be successful in their educational journey
3. An NLC education is the greatest pathway to social equality and economic mobility for our community



# President's Message

This past year has been a joyous celebration for Northeast Lakeview College as we've celebrated 15 years of service in Bexar, Guadalupe, and Comal Counties. The success of our students, faculty, staff, and administration has rippled across the region. Much like the ripples created when a stone is tossed into a river, these ripples continue to expand across the water's surface until they reach the outer banks and make their way back.

Northeast Lakeview College's ripple of impact continues to expand across the region to meet the area's academic and workforce needs. Today, the college is well-positioned to grow and produce nurses, engineers, scientists, business professionals, artists, and social science and humanities scholars. The College has also started graduating more cyber security, coding, logistics, and supply chain management professionals to meet the region's workforce needs.

In support of the area's primary and secondary school education, the College has increased the number of partnerships with the local independent school districts. What started with Judson Independent School District (ISD) Early College Academy, dual credit course offerings at Judson High School, and mentoring in Judson's elementary and middle schools, has expanded to include a presence at all three Judson ISD high schools, Schertz-Cibolo-Universal City ISD, Comal ISD, New Braunfels ISD, and several private, charter, and home school high school programs.

These achievements have been realized primarily due to the support received from the College's local municipalities, county leaders, independent school districts, and regional employers. The leadership from these organizations helped by relentlessly advocating for a college to meet the region's fast-growing academic and workforce needs.

Thank you for your support over the past 15 years. As demonstrated in the following pages, the student body is at an all-time high and continues to increase each year, the College's programs are increasing to meet the region's fast-paced growth, and our students, as well as the College, have received numerous accolades and achievements.



**Dr. Veronica Garcia, President  
Northeast Lakeview College**

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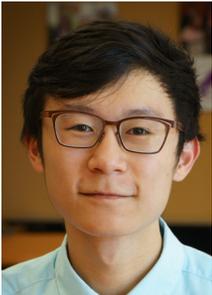
# Changing Lives Through Education (2007-2022)

As Northeast Lakeview College celebrates its 15th anniversary, we share highlights of a few of our graduates from the past five years. These include our annual SOAR graduates as well as other distinguished graduates.



## **Miriam Garcia, 2018 Distinguished Graduate (SOAR student), Associate of Science**

After completing NLC, Miriam transferred to the University of Texas at San Antonio to pursue a bachelor's degree in biology. Her ultimate goal included completing Physician Assistant Studies and specializing in pediatrics. At NLC, she was an active leader and served as the Vice President of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society and a member of the Health Professions Society. The daughter of immigrant parents, she is one of four children and says she grew up being taught to always work hard for what she wanted. "Northeast Lakeview College was the right choice for me," Garcia says. "The support I received from the faculty and staff was amazing."



## **Christopher Yang, 2018 Distinguished Graduate, Associate of Science**

Yang came to NLC to focus on computer science after several challenges at a four-year university. At NLC, Yang was the Treasurer of the Student Government Association (SGA), President of the Performing Arts Club, and a member of the Anthropology & Archaeology Club. Ultimately, Christopher hopes to use his interest and knowledge of computer science to expand Augmented Reality (AR) and Virtual Reality (VR) software. "NLC made me realize that community college is the way to go," Yang says. "They taught me the time management and leadership skills I needed to succeed."



## **Abigail Cuevas, 2019 Distinguished Graduate (SOAR student), Associate of Arts in Teaching**

As a young mother, Abigail began her journey at Northeast Lakeview College seven months after the birth of her daughter. Being a mom herself and being the daughter of a mother who struggled to make ends meet, gave her the determination to move forward and take every opportunity life presents, including securing financial support to help reach her goals. After NLC, Abigail pursued a Bachelor of Arts degree and a teaching certificate. Abigail says "I plan on making a difference in elementary school-aged kids." She believes that in order to better our future we must start at the beginning, by shaping young minds to be outstanding citizens of an ever-changing world.

# Changing Lives Through Education (2007-2022) continued



## **Jenna Greene, 2020 Distinguished Graduate (SOAR student), Associate of Arts**

Jenna came to NLC as a homeschooled student who chose NLC because of its smaller classes and geographic location. Active at Northeast Lakeview College, Jenna was a member of the inaugural women's basketball team, a member of Phi Theta Kappa, and the National Society for Leadership and Success. Jenna hopes to use her Associate Degree as a foundation to complete both her Bachelor's and Master's Degrees. Her future plans include studying political science and international relations, with an ultimate goal to work in diplomacy, specifically in the US State Department. She believes that everyone benefits when we all communicate and build relationships with one another. "NLC was more than just a college to me; it felt like a family."



## **Agustin Valdes Martinez, 2021 Distinguished Graduate, Associate of Arts**

After completing NLC, Agustin began his studies at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) in Fall 2021. He hopes to earn his PhD at MIT, become a professor of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science (EECS), and conduct cutting edge research about the future of quantum computing. His love for this field came from a summer program he did at MIT called MOSTEC, where he even got to interview the lead engineer about his developments in quantum circuits. Martinez and his parents emigrated to the US pursuing the America Dream, expanding opportunities in higher education. Agustin is a graduate of the Judson Early College Academy (JECA) earning both a high school diploma and an associate degree simultaneously.

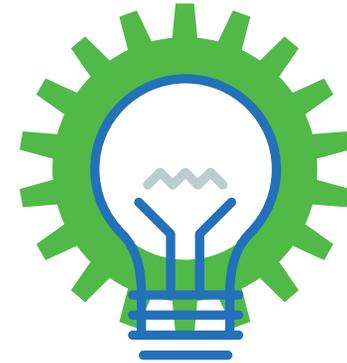


## **Meaghan Setterbo, 2021 Distinguished Graduate, Associate of Arts**

At NLC, Meaghan served in various leadership roles, including the President of the NLC Student Government Association (SGA), Chair of the Alamo Colleges Student District Council, and Chair for the San Antonio Higher Education Representative Assembly, Women Leaders of NLC, Phi Theta Kappa, National Society of Leadership & Success, among others. Meaghan is a Hurricane Harvey survivor who had her entire freshman year derailed by the hurricane's impact, leaving her with anxiety and depression. She came to NLC for a fresh start. Meaghan currently attends Texas State University pursuing a Bachelor's in Communication Studies. Ultimately, she hopes to pursue a Master's in Social Work. "Thank you to NLC for providing the structure and support I needed to be successful."

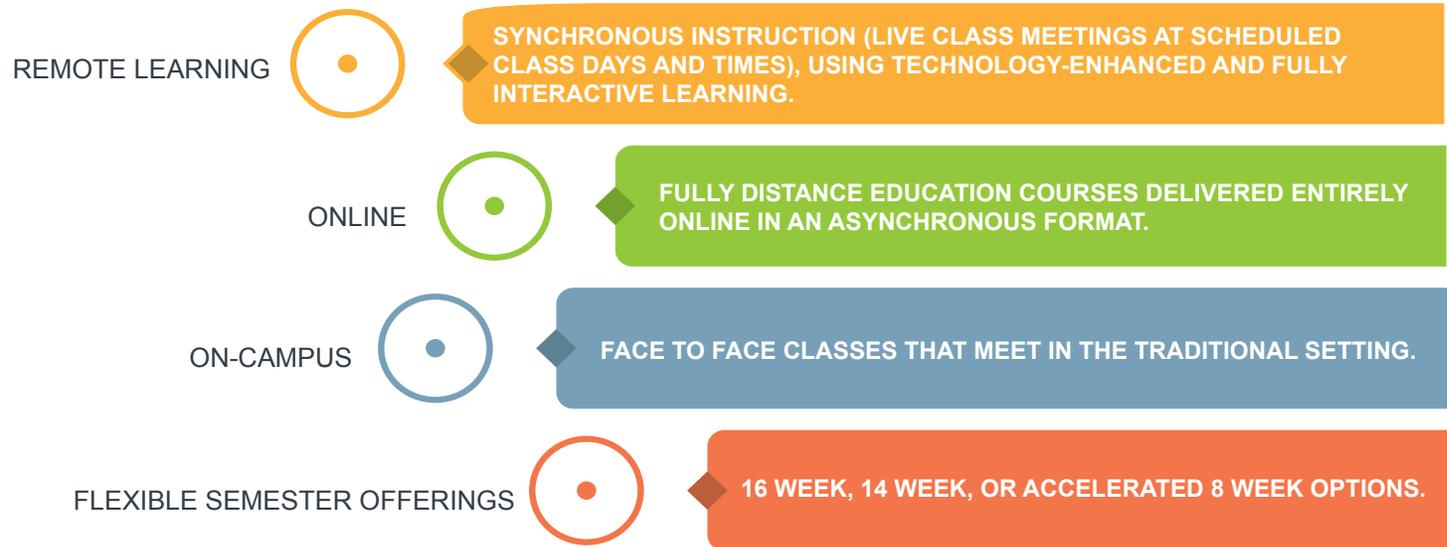
# OUR COLLEGE:

Northeast Lakeview College prides itself for bringing economic mobility to the community that it serves and has been awarded the Best Educational Facility in 2021 and 2022 by the Live Oak Economic Development Corporation and an Economic Impact Award multiple times for helping to grow the Metrocom area.



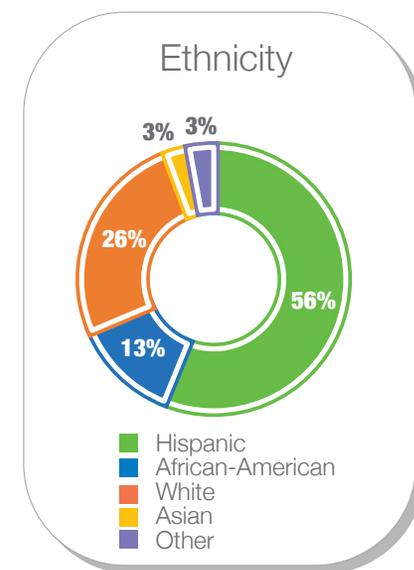
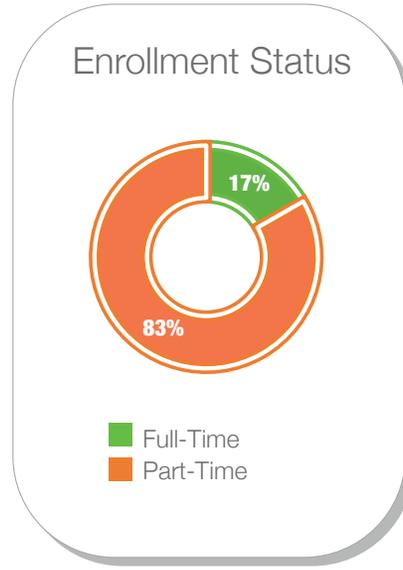
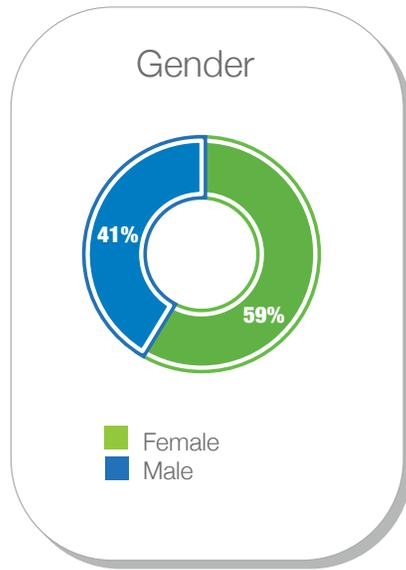
## MEETING THE LEARNING STYLES OF OUR DIVERSE STUDENT POPULATION

Northeast Lakeview College empowers its students to choose from a variety of learning modalities that best supports their learning style(s) and life commitments. Students can choose from the following options:



# OUR STUDENTS:

6,701 Enrolled Students

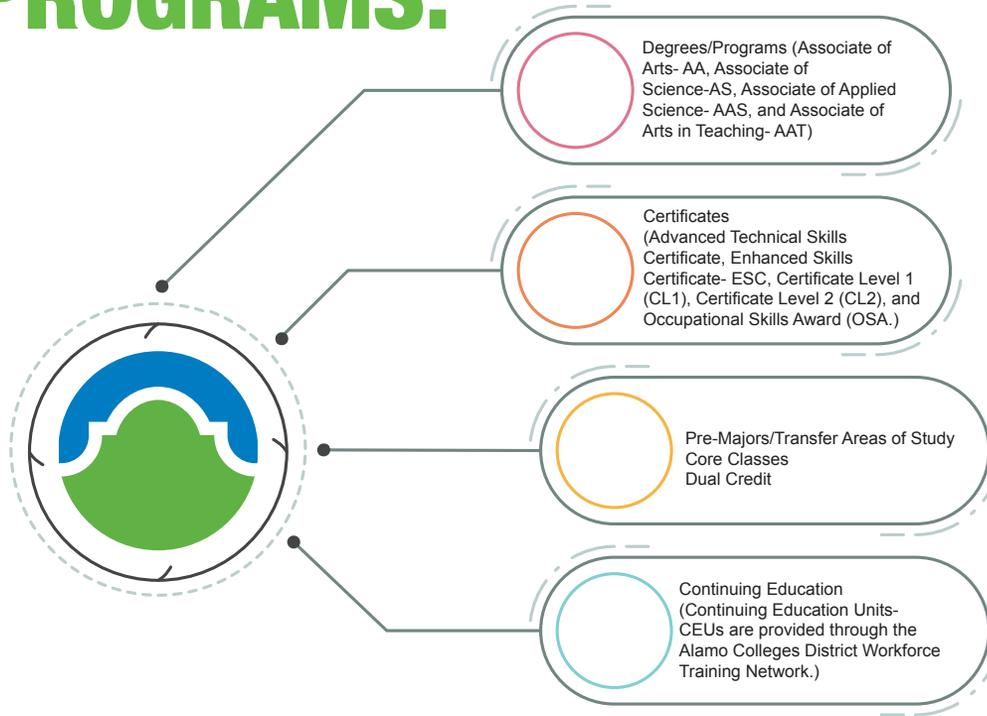


**94.5% of students would recommend NLC to a friend or family member**

3,577 students have graduated from Northeast Lakeview College since 2009. The average age of the Northeast Lakeview College student is between 18-21.

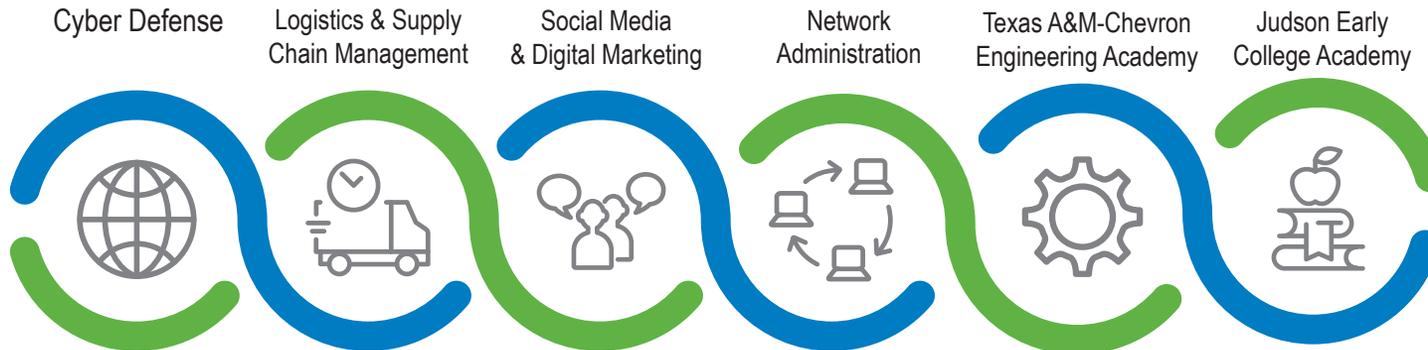


# OUR PROGRAMS:



## Special Programs and Unique Partnerships

Northeast Lakeview College prepares its students for in-demand careers. Some of its unique programs include:

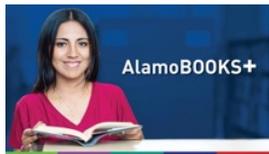


# Meeting Challenges with Resilience and Support

Northeast Lakeview College remains committed to its overarching goal of providing access to education in the communities that it serves. In doing so, recognizes the hardships and economic struggles associated with ongoing environmental challenges, like social injustice, economic instability, and mental health and wellness. In response, we have met these challenges with resilience and support to leverage the college's financial capacity for the benefit of our students and community partners.

Demonstrating record enrollment numbers in Fall 2022, we successfully transitioned our employees back to on-site working and teaching to ensure our students could continue their academic journey, and allowing us to serve our students in diverse ways to meet each learning style (on campus, remotely, or online).

Embracing one of NLC's core values of "community-engaged," the college partnered with the San Antonio Food Bank (SAFB) to host several Pop-Up Drive thru Food Markets. Averaging assistance to more than 150 families, these pop-up markets began in efforts to support families struggling with food insecurities during the COVID-19 pandemic. Understanding the continued need, NLC is honored to continue the partnership with SAFB and provide this service and support to families in its service area.



Northeast Lakeview College participated in the district-wide AlamoBOOKS+ initiative to provide free text book rentals during the Spring, Summer and Fall 2022 semesters to ensure students have the required textbooks and instructional materials to be successful in their courses by the first day of class. This money saving opportunity is another way NLC is breaking down barriers and providing greater access to education.

*The "advocacy program really helped me get back on my feet in school, by helping with supplies and such making my financial strain slightly less in certain areas." "This is a great program and ... I know it's going to help a lot of people."*

*"I was going to drop my classes and not return, but with the help of the Advocacy Center, including the food pantry, I am going to remain a student with NLC."*

Moving forward, Northeast Lakeview College maintains its commitment to provide outstanding education, services, and support programs to our students and our community. We appreciate our stakeholders who continue to champion for us and are vital to our continued success.

# ORGANIZATIONAL EXCELLENCE

## Awards and Acknowledgements

### Named to Top 10 Most Admired Colleges & Universities

Institutions receiving this award are recognized for student engagement, faculty-student ratio, teaching quality, educational and curricular facilities, events and cultural programs, career opportunities, ethical knowledge, and other factors.



**NLC Named one of 50 Best Community Colleges in the U.S.**

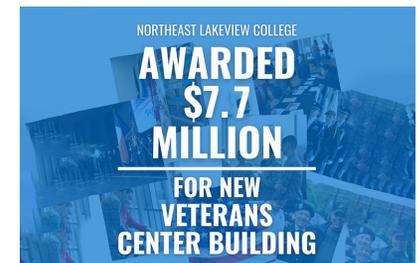
Northeast Lakeview College Ranked #12 by Learn.Org as a Recognized School

### Named One of the Best Community Colleges in the U.S.

NLC ranked #12 as a recognized school on the list. The 50 best community colleges in the nation were selected based on several factors including school data reported by the U.S. Department of Education, the school's program offerings, student services, and campus activities. Austin Community College ranked #46 and NLC was the only Alamo College to make the list.

### Committed to Serving our Military-Affiliated Students

Receiving continued investments from the 87th Texas Legislature, Northeast Lakeview College will be the next site for a new Veterans Center within the Alamo Colleges District, Awarded \$7.7 million, the funds are part of the State of Texas appropriations provided to the Alamo Colleges for the 2022-2023 biennium. This funding will allow for the construction of a stand-alone facility dedicated to providing services to active and retired military and their families, including direct access to academic and non-academic services. NLC broke ground on this facility in November 2022.



### Veterans Education Excellence Recognition Award

In recognition of NLC's excellent service to veterans and military-connected students, Northeast Lakeview College received the 2022 Gold Award from the Texas Veterans Commission.

# ORGANIZATIONAL EXCELLENCE

## Awards and Acknowledgements continued



### Committed to Student Success

Northeast Lakeview College continues its commitment to provide access to education in the communities that it serves and continues to increase graduation and completion rates annually. In 2021, at 911 graduates, NLC exceeded its graduation target by 33%. Most recently, NLC awarded 952 diplomas and certificates, demonstrating a 4.5% increase in completion rates from the previous year.

### Named Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI)

Northeast Lakeview College gained the designation as a Hispanic Serving Institution in 2021. To earn this designation, institutions of higher education should have a student body of 25% or more Hispanics and a high percentage of students must be qualified for federal student loans or grants.



**NightHax  
Team  
ranked  
Top 3%**

### Excelling in Cyber Defense

NLC's Cyber Defense program has been recognized as one of the Best 20 Associate Degree Programs in Cybersecurity, and students in the program achieve high scores in various competitions. Most recently, Cyber Defense students, "team Nighthax," ranked in the top 3% in a national Cyber League competition. The event for U.S. collegiate (2yr, 4yr, and graduate) level schools includes challenges from Open-Source Intelligence, Cryptography, Password Cracking, Forensics, and five other categories. The NLC team outscored numerous university and graduate school teams. Additionally, the NLC Cyber Defense program is ranked #25 in the Central Division and #84 nationally in the College Power Rankings, outranking universities like UTSA and Rice University in Texas, and elite schools like Purdue and Ball State at the national level.



## 1990-2004

Community advocated for a college in northeast Bexar County

## 1996

Northeast Learning Center began offering courses at Toepperwein location as an extension of St. Philip's College

## 2001

ACCD purchased a site of land at 7990 Pat Booker Rd. where classes at Northeast Campus, an extension of St. Philip's and San Antonio College (s) were held

## 2005

\$450M Alamo Colleges District bond PASSED (\$125M to construct Northeast Lakeview College).

## 2006

Northeast community names new college as **Northeast Lakeview College**



2007

## Inception

NLC is officially established and offers classes in a renovated building (8300 Pat Booker) while construction is completed on the permanent campus at 1201 Kitty Hawk Rd.

2008

## New Beginnings

In Fall, five buildings (Library, Academic, Career Technology, Science and Facilities) open at the new campus (1201 Kitty Hawk Rd.) in northeast Bexar County.

On November 14, the college held a Ribbon Cutting and Dedication Ceremony for its new campus (more than 500 community members attended).

2009

## Completion

The final four buildings (Commons, Wellness, Fine Arts & Performing Arts) are opened on the permanent campus and the Judson Early College Academy (JECA) is constructed on the NLC campus and begins with its first cohort of 125 students.

Jennifer Garcia, NLC's inaugural graduate, receives her associate of arts degree in May.



2010

### Impact

NLC wins Economic Impact Award by Austin-San Antonio Growth Summit for bringing new economic development to the area.

Mathematics Scholars 2015 grant nets \$599K and provides \$10K scholarships to NLC students studying in a math-related field. The goal of the project is to increase the number of graduates in high-demand STEM fields.

2011

### Excellence

NLC is one of the first to offer a Robotics Summer Camp for Kids and through partnerships offers \$4500 in scholarships for kids (ages 8-15) to participate in the camp.

“Project Graduation” creates awareness of completion and graduation at the associate degree level and yields more than a 143% increase in graduates.

Facilities Superintendent honored with the Patriot Award, presented by the Office of the Secretary of Defense for being a Patriotic Employer. The award recognizes employers who support a strong National Guard or Reserve.

2012

### Achievement

NLC Awards \$500K in scholarships, and annually, awards 96% of scholarship dollars available, one of the highest in the Alamo Colleges District.

Student Lisa Phillips spearheads the passing of a National Bill to get military working dogs (MWD) reclassified from equipment to canine service members. The Bill was attached to the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) and passed the House and the Senate.

2013

### Engagement

Proposed by the college’s Anthropology Club, NLC commemorates its 5th anniversary with a time capsule.

Phi Theta Kappa, Academic Honor Society, received 4-Star Chapter Distinction by increasing and enhancing participation on campus and within the region. And received the Distinguished Chapter Officer Team Award in recognition of an exceptional atmosphere of teamwork, and leadership.



2014

## Partnership

NLC launches its Adopt-A-School Initiative (A Pathways Program) by partnering with three local schools to bring the college experience to students along the educational pathway (pre-K to high school).

The Friends of Nighthawks President's Advisory Council is formed with community members and business partners who will advocate for and advance the mission of the college.

NLC Partners with USAA in VetFit™, a new Veteran IT cohort program designed to provide software development training and an internship for recently discharged veterans and military spouses. Program completers received full-time employment at USAA.

2015

## Pathways

NLC named Best Educational Facility in the northeast San Antonio/Bexar County region, recognized for its contribution to growth and development in the areas surrounding San Antonio, TX.

More than 2,200 students were impacted by the 2014 -2015 Adopt-A-School Initiative.

NLC's Adopt-A-School Initiative receives a League for Innovation Award, recognized for its practices, partnerships, and activities that improve the ability of institutions to serve students and the community.

NLC exceeds its target number of graduates.

2016

## Quality

NLC receives the Quality Texas Foundation (QTF) Pioneer Level Award for its organizational efforts to utilize the beliefs and behaviors of high performance and performance excellence to ensure quality for common stakeholders.

Graduation rates are at an all-time high, demonstrating a 110% increase.

2017

## Student Success

Northeast Lakeview College begins offering Federal Financial Aid to students.

NLC partners with the US Navy to host the first of its kind Underwater Robotics Program and Regional Competition.

Two graduates receive more than \$90K in scholarship dollars from the Terry Foundation to continue their education.



2018

### Access

NLC was approved for accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) on December 2017, and received its official notification letter in January 2018.

NLC officially accepts Veteran Benefits and expanded veteran services to include the opening of a small Veterans Center providing personalized assistance with VA benefits, transition services, and other resources.

The College begins offering dual credit classes at Schertz-Cibolo-Universal City ISD high schools.

NLC was part of the Alamo Colleges system's receiving The Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award, the nation's highest presidential honor for performance excellence.

2019

### Academic Excellence

Northeast Lakeview College expanded its educational offerings to include students in its first associate of applied science programs (A.A.S.) Cybersecurity and Network Administration Technology.

NLC was awarded the 2018 Platinum Level Healthy Workplace Recognition from the City of San Antonio Mayor's Fitness Council.

2020

### Performance

Responding to the global pandemic and forecasting impacts of COVID-19, NLC quickly transitioned to remote working, teaching and learning

NLC receives Progress Level Recognition from the Quality Texas Foundation (QTF) that indicates an effective, systematic approach to organizational management. Received Engagement Level Recognition in 2018, and Commitment Level in 2019.

Phi Theta Kappa honor society named a 2020 REACH chapter by excelling in membership development and increased opportunities for engagement with peers and faculty.

2021

### Inclusion & Innovation

Navigating COVID-19, NLC embraced the power of innovation and technology to engage with students, employees, and community.

NLC receives Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI) Designation, serving a student body with 25% or more Hispanic students and a high percentage who qualify for federal student aid.

NLC celebrates its newest building with Beam Signing and Topping Out Event; and receives \$7.7M continued investments from the 87th Texas Legislature to construct a stand-alone Veterans building.

NLC's Cyber Defense program named one of 20 best associate degree programs.



## Talia Christian, 2022 Distinguished Graduate (SOAR student), Associate of Arts

While at NLC, Talia’s coursework focused on psychology and philosophy. She was a Founder & President of the NLC Black Student Union, Alamo Colleges District Student Trustee Alternate, a member of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, and National Society for Leadership & Success, among other organizations. She was one of eight students selected nationally to speak at the (Achieving the Dream) ATD’s 2022 DREAM Conference. Her ultimate goal is to obtain a MD and become a physician in Psychiatry with a focus on learning disabilities and/or addiction.

2022

### Growing Futures

Northeast Lakeview College kicked-off 2022 celebrating its 15th anniversary as an institution and the college hosted several events commemorating NLC’s development.

Paluxy Hall opened in August 2022 to serve students, expanding the college’s footprint and offering growth to programs in high-wage, in demand careers.

Northeast Lakeview College has been named One of 2022 Most Promising Places to work in Community Colleges. 24 community colleges made the list recognized by the National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development (NISOD) and Diverse: Issues in Higher Education. The award is based on criteria that focuses on workplace diversity, staffing practices, and work environment, among other elements. NLC has received this recognition annually since 2019 (2019, 2020, 2021, 2022).

Committed to teaching leadership skills, a NLC student has been selected as either the Student Trustee or Student Trustee Alternate for the Alamo Colleges District Board, since 2018.



Northeast Lakeview College student, Cara Sullivan, was named the new student trustee for the Alamo Colleges District Board of Trustees

Sullivan’s vision for her role as student trustee for the Alamo Colleges is continual connection. As the Alamo Colleges District Student Trustee, Sullivan aims to serve as the bridge between students, the college and the district. Sullivan will also maximize the strengths of the Alamo Colleges District by using positivity and meeting student needs and adapting to promote student success.





PALUXY HALL



## **Preparing our students for high-wage, in demand careers!**

Northeast Lakeview College unveiled its tenth and newest building, Paluxy Hall, in August 2022. At 86,390 sq. ft. the facility provides additional square footage for science, technology, and engineering courses and expanded career and technical program space that will prepare our students for in-demand careers. Future plans for the building include expanding Nursing Programs into NLC's service area. Paluxy Hall also provides collaborative spaces for studying and student engagement, as well as a 3rd floor multi-purpose room, The Bluebonnet Room, with the ability to host large events. The Bluebonnet Room includes one banquet-style room that can be divided into three conference room spaces. For more information on Paluxy Hall, the Bluebonnet Room or for rental information, scan the QR code.

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**15** *years*

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