The Lake Front would like to congratulate the Spring 2019 graduates! Congratulations and best wishes!

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**OLLU Care confidential adviser shares statistics, focus**

By Cynthia Squiabro, MSW
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Hi, my name is Cynthia and I am the confidential adviser for OULLUCares. I offer services and support to survivors of sexual assault, sexual harassment, dating violence, domestic violence and stalking at all three Our Lady of the Lake University campuses, San Antonio, RGV and Houston. Survivors can be students, staff and faculty regardless of sex, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, age, disability, religion or national origin. OULLUCares was created to empower and let students, staff and faculty know that their well-being and personal safety matters. The purpose of OULLUCares is to provide education throughout the OLLU campuses in hopes of preventing and reducing violence and crimes on campus, including but not limited to sexual assault, sexual harassment, dating violence, domestic violence and stalking.

Sexual assault, sexual harassment, dating violence, domestic violence and stalking are alive and well in society. Unfortunately, it happens at The Lake. Survivors, not victims, connect with me to ask what their options are if they have experienced any of these situations. Sometimes, the incident happened as early as last night or 10 years ago. A word, smell or face may trigger the traumatic incident. For me, the statute of limitations does not exist, and I am available to walk alongside them on their journey.

My focus is to listen to the survivor and give them options as to steps that can be taken. The survivor may file a Title IX report, visit the OLLU Counseling Services, report an incident to the University Police Department (UPD), go to the hospital or just simply talk until they are ready to act. I will take survivors to the hospital and stay with them or accompany them to the UPD. I will help a survivor file the Title IX report.

Confidential means that I do not share any information with anyone unless the survivor wants me to share. OLLU Counseling Services, Father Kevin and I keep confidential information confidential. My contact information is Cynthia Squiabro, MSW, Moye Hall, Room 22B, 210-528-6774 office, 210-668-0016 cell, ollucares@ollusa.edu, csquiabro@ollusa.edu.

Gabe’s Guidelines

**The type of traffic you do not want to be stuck in**

By Gabriel Torres
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Did you know Texas is in the top three states with the highest rates of human trafficking according to Humantraffickingsearch.org. The website defines human trafficking as the trade of humans for the purpose of forced labor, sexual slavery, or commercial sexual exploitation for the trafficker or others. Traffickers will target young boys and girls for a chance of selling them on the market. Large events such as carnivals and sporting events are attractive to traffickers because children are easily lost in the crowd and can be kidnapped without anyone noticing. But human traffickers also look at runaways as well.

Humantraffickingsearch.org reports that “Houston is home to almost 6,000 runaway minors and an estimated one to three runaways are lured in sex trafficking within 48 hours of running away from home.”

Our Lady of the Lake University student Stacy Gonzalez, a Houston native, reacted to this information and said “I can’t believe that. That’s horrible to think about because you see the flyers in Walmart about missing kids but you really don’t pay attention to them.”

Sharedhope.org provided some signs a person may be a victim of human trafficking such as:

- Bruises/burn marks
- Sexual behavior
- No personal belongings
- Withdrawn, depressed, distracted or checked out

Much more can be found on their website. When celebrating events make sure you keep track of any small child you bring along, and be wary with people you meet during the event. If you suspect any human trafficking is going on be sure to contact the authorities immediately and report strange activity.
See the paper, pick it up?

By Danielle Ojeda
Social Media Manager

How many students actually pick up the University’s newspaper, and what makes an eye catching headline?

Our Lady of the Lake University has one artifact in particular, that has documented dates, trends and events since the 1960’s. The university’s newspaper, known then as The Phoenix, The Lake Front prints and releases 1000 copies of the newest edition all over campus every month. Most Saints may agree it is not hard to find a copy of the paper shown that 70 percent answered Yes and 30 percent answered No.

Christian Chavez, Editor-In-Chief of The Lake Front newspaper, said “it is important for us that we focus on featuring all these programs (referring to the variety of programs and opportunities at OLLU), because this is a paper for the students.”

Chavez explained what goes into deciding a first page story, “When we are picking a cover story we usually do that at the end, after we have a bunch of stories set for the issue...and we want that story to catch attention immediately. We want it to highlight a big issue or event that’s happening at the school.”

With social media only a few taps away on any smartphone, some students turn to alternative sources to keep up with current events. Sophomore Ryan Chapa explained “I typically turn to Twitter or Facebook for news updates.” When asked if Chapa was a regular Lake Front newspaper reader he answered “I don’t really keep up with the paper monthly, but if for instance I’m waiting before class and there’s a paper around I’ll read through it.”

The Newspaper Fact Sheet includes statistics that prove newspapers in America have been hit hard as more and more Americans consume news digitally. However, most may agree with OLLU student employee Gracie Sibrian, receiving news from student’s themselves can serve as the most sufficient source of campus updates.

For more information and OLLU updates visit The Lake Front online, or pick up a copy of the printed newspaper each month.

Houston, La Feria finish off semester with multitude of events

By Christian Chavez
Editor-In-Chief

Our Lady of the Lake University at Houston Student Service Centers Joel Pearson reports that “the month of April was very busy for OLLU - Houston.”

Between April 29 to May 1 OLLU Houston hosted the American Crane School and Crane Operators Certification.

On April 27 three students were inducted into Delta Mu Delta, an International Honor Society in Business.

On April 25 there was a community college counselors and advisors breakfast held on campus.

On April 13 students graduating and on the Dean’s List were recognized for their achievements.

On April 6 the campus hosted the Acres Home Public Library Living Room Event. The event featured people from the community who shared various aspects of their culture.

The Rio Grande Valley is currently working on a campus life spring project.

On April 23 the campus announced that they are looking to expand. In the six years that the campus has been open it has grown and reached its maximum amount of space and RGV Campus Director Patricia Blanco is looking at the possibility of expansion within the next few years.

On April 13 the campus recognized the Master of Science in Organizational Leadership Cohort 6. The campus also held a spring luncheon that same day.

Dr. Williams selected as Vice President for Student Affairs

“I am thrilled to continue my vocation at OLLU and look forward to engaging with our students, staff and faculty on a deeper level. The work of the Division of Student Affairs touches every student who passes through the University. We serve students guided by the values of integrity, community, trust and service — core values which are at the heart of the OLLU ethos and reflective of our unique place and history. My hope is to create that sense of “home away from home” and serve as a place where students can seek assistance or find inspiration when they don’t know where else to go. As an advocate for students’ interest and pursuits, I’m mindful of OLLU’s diverse population. It’s essential that we continue to emphasize the importance of embracing students from every background while maintaining a sensitivity to groups that have historically been underrepresented and marginalized in higher education. My goal is to continue building upon the strengths students bring to our institution. We will collectively do this by promoting social responsibility, personal growth and new ideas. As the heartbeat of OLLU, the Division of Student Affairs will continue to seek truth, serve generously and cultivate hope!”

#wingsup,”

Dr. George A. Williams, Jr., Ph.D., new Vice President for Student Affairs
A long way from home

By Catalina Sanchez
Photography Editor

International student-athletes not only give a new life perspective to their peers, but enhance the learning environment within intercollegiate athletic programs. Many Our Lady of the Lake University international student-athletes like Josh Sturt from England come to the United States on athletic and/or academic scholarships. As if moving to another country is not difficult enough, the environmental changes are crucial to one’s sport. One major challenge OLLU tennis player, Gabriel Arcirio Braga, had to face when arriving at Our Lady of the Lake University is the difference in tennis courts. Arcirio Braga explained that in Brazil the tennis courts are “clay, and here the courts are fast courts.” As a result, Arcirio Braga has had to “completely (change) the way (he) plays, and (is) still trying to adapt.” In addition, adjusting to a new culture can be somewhat of a burden.

According to Sturt and Arcirio Braga health is their number one priority; however, with their busy schedules these student-athletes find it difficult to eat healthy. In both England and Brazil students express their shock toward the amount of junk food the United States contains. Due to the lack of access of a kitchen to cook their own meals and the cafeteria selling “not enough healthy food” it is simply “impossible” to maintain a healthy lifestyle, Arcirio Braga said. Despite their struggles, moving to the United States has been a great experience, so far for these OLLU Saints.

Regardless of the distance these student-athletes feel as though San Antonio is the “ideal location, a big city where there is plenty to do/see in your spare time and the weather is warm all year round,” Sturt said. Both OLLU athletes convey their longing for exploration and making a life for themselves in a new location. “I had been looking forward to moving out of (my) home for awhile; not because I do not enjoy it back home, but I thought it was time I grew up and took a big step forward in maturity,” Sturt said. Granted, the distance is tough on both their families and themselves, their families ultimate goal is to do what is “best for them.” At “some point we all have to fly out of the nest and grow up,” Sturt said. With the ambition of becoming professionals in their sports these OLLU student-athletes strive for greatness in and out of the classroom.

OLLU student athletes excelling in academics

By Natalie Fazio
Staff Reporter

Being a student-athlete can be a hard life to juggle sometimes, with the long hours of trying to perfect their sport, the added stress of getting a degree and of course the mandatory recovery time every athlete needs to take to give their body a chance to get better. For some athletes, excelling in their sports alone is not good enough, excelling in the classroom is a priority as well. The average college student-athlete earns around a 2.3 GPA in their years of eligibility while the average college student earns a 2.6 GPA in a regular undergraduate degree program.

Our Lady of the Lake University is striving to have their athletes excel far beyond that statistic with the help of study tools, counselors and tutoring to help the athletes gain a high GPA. This year the average GPA for OLLU athletics was a 2.4 between men and women’s sports. With eight athletes receiving a 4.0 GPA over the full academic term, five were from the women’s side and three from men’s sports.

Women’s volleyball player Lauren Cameron ended with a straight 4.0 and thanked her coaches and tutors for getting her to that point. “It seems like a hard goal to reach but when you have this much help from everyone around you, all it comes down to is your self-discipline,” Cameron said.

The entire athletic program at OLLU has made as many changes as needed to help the athletes get what they need for their studies including a study hall every day in the UWAC. This is where the athletes can clock in with the front desk staff and have a quiet area, or somewhere the coaches can send a student who is struggling in their studies; it helps to have someone that is holding you accountable to your study hours rather than just putting it all on yourself.

“We put this in the place because a lot of schools have a mandatory eight study hours that freshman has to do the first year, and then the number drops the higher your GPA becomes. Women’s Basketball coach Christopher Minner said.

With the new GPA rules set in place, all coaches and directors hope to see a huge improvement with the student’s success and the overall GPA of the program.
Residence assistant Jesse Escareno prepares for future goals

By Sara McKinney
Guest Reporter

As the year comes to an end, Our Lady of the Lake University students have to prepare to say goodbye to the seniors who are graduating this year. One of the Spring graduates being Jesse Escareno.

Escareno is a Residence Assistant for OLLU who is from a small town in Texas named Robstown. In 2015 he graduated from Tuloso Midway High School, and came to OLLU right after. Escareno is a first generation college student, and said he chose OLLU because “the campus made me feel at home, everyone was so welcoming and always had smiles on their faces.” Escareno also said that the South West side of San Antonio is just like a larger version of his hometown. Throughout his life, Escareno always wanted to be a secret agent of some sort, which influenced his choice of major.

Escareno is a Criminal Justice major and has never thought of taking another path, with the exception of the oil field because his father was raised in that business. Many people who know Escareno would agree that he has a big heart for helping people in need and loves keeping people safe, he believes that with this trait he’ll be successful in the criminal justice field. At the beginning of his college career, Escareno was in the Omega Delta Phi Multicultural Fraternity. “Being in the organization allowed me to grow as an individual,” Escareno said. However, because he had other priorities in life, he decided to drop his letters. “In all honesty if it was not for their support or care I may have dropped out of college my sophomore year.,” he added.

Escareno said he is glad that he chose to come to OLLU, because his professors know him, and there is so much one on one as well as assistance to get students to where they need to be.

Escareno has had many accomplishments, but the main one for him is making it to where he is now, almost done with school and receiving his degree. He has had many struggles as a student, but being a first generation college student he is proud of his progress. After graduation, Escareno plans to go home and apply for jobs with the Department of Public Safety as a state trooper, with the goal of eventually becoming a Texas Ranger.

Father and Daughter prepare to walk the stage together

By Natalie Fazio
Staff Reporter

While many parents are going to be at this spring Our Lady of the Lake University’s commencement ceremony, one parent is taking it to the next level. Father and daughter Jose Rodriguez Jr. and Alma Rodriguez are set to walk the stage and receive their diplomas together.

Alma Rodriguez, a psychology major with a minor in English, similar to her father, wants to continue their studies to the end of their undergraduate careers, they hope to continue their studies to reach their big dreams one day. Alma, much like her father, wants to continue to get her masters. However, she says for now that she would like to join the Air Force, “Hopefully I can join the Air Force at the beginning of the year and get my masters in criminology or clinical mental health in counseling,” she said. Angel says that he officially got accepted into the master’s program at OLLU and has high hopes of getting another degree after this one and opening up his own practice one day. “I look forward to starting that program this fall and then finishing that to go onto my bigger dream,” he said.

They say the support for each other that they have is what has helped them both get through the years. “I loved having my dad by my side through college. It has been a fun experience and one I know I will not forget,” Alma said.

You can catch the two walking the stage together May 9 as they accept their degrees and further their goals.

Advisor expresses appreciation for Lake Front Staff

By Amanda Brown, MA
Lake Front News Faculty Advisor

I smile every time I see someone pick up the university newspaper because I know they will learn something they did not know before. I served as interim newspaper supervisor for just a few short months and before I turnover that role I would like to thank my Lake Front News staff for all their hard work. The young men and women behind the words you read have worked tirelessly to keep us informed. The staff of Lake Front News is made up of students from different majors who came together for the same goal, and that is to tell our stories and they told them well. Thank you Lake Front News for serving our students, faculty and staff, and I look forward to seeing you grow as journalists.
Graduation rates at OLLU

By Erica Guevara
Staff Reporter

With graduation approaching this month, many students at Our Lady of the Lake University will be walking the stage, but many will not. With excited seniors walking the halls of OLLU ready to graduate, what really is the graduation rate at OLLU?

Although four years of college is socially seen as the amount of time spent at college, students are staying longer. According to collegefactual.com, the percent of students at OLLU who graduate within six years is 43.5 percent. Students at OLLU who got their degree after the six years is a percent of 44.6 percent. These numbers are from 2015.

Scarlett Alonzo, Coordinator of Student Leadership and Development said at times it can be the system as to why the graduation rate is what it is and said, “Sometimes it may be that their (the students) intended major of choosing is offered but classes are not always easily accessible.” Alonzo also expressed that at times there can be instances where it is out of the students control and said “it takes students longer than four years to finish their degrees due to that some of our students may need to work to support themselves and pay for school. Some students may have life altering situations that need them to step away from school and focus on their families and themselves.”

Alyssah Gonzalez, a Junior at OLLU, said that advisors, OLLU and students are at blame to why students do not graduate on time. Gonzalez said she has heard horror stories of “advisors messing up and telling students that they are going to need to stay another semester.” Gonzalez also believes that it can also be on the students and said “you can overlook things and mess up, but I do see both sides and it can go both ways. The advisor and the student.” Gonzalez also expressed that classes are not offered ever semester and OLLU does not have professors to teach certain classes every semester.

Alonzo is an alumna of OLLU and although she changed her major her junior year while in undergrad, she “was blessed to have faculty advisors that walked me through every step of my degree plan to ensure I was still on track.”

Alonzo is confident that OLLU is “making strides to offering more resources to our students to finish their degrees in four years.” Alonzo goes on to talk about a “Wings Up” Tuition Grant that allows students to take up to eight credits for free during the summer if they are eligible.

Social work major cherishes relationships, opportunities

By Christian Chavez
Editor-In-Chief

This week Our Lady of the Lake University bids farewell to 506 graduating students, including Social Work major Naudia Gonzalez.

Gonzalez is from the small city of Snyder in West Texas, and transferred from Western Texas College in the Fall of 2017. She came to OLLU because “I love San Antonio and all the culture it has to offer, and the university helped keep me close to my catholic roots and provided amazing programs and opportunities,” she said.

While at OLLU Gonzalez was a member of the cheer team as well as the Phi Alpha Social Work Honor Society. Gonzalez said that being part of these organizations has “helped me make life long friends that I will cherish forever as well as the memories.”

In addition to being in the Phi Alpha Honor Society, Gonzalez is also a member of the National Society of Leadership and Success and has been recognized as a Dean’s List student for the Fall 2018 semester.

As a social work major Gonzalez completed an internship this semester with the Bexar County Family Justice Center. “I have learned so much from working with victims and my supervisor who has lead, guided, encouraged and challenged me to do more,” she said. Gonzalez chose to major in Social Work because “I believe everyone deserves to live a fulfilling life and have someone willing to stand up for them and help them when in need.” Gonzalez plans to return to OLLU for a master’s in July and is hoping to continue furthering “my education while using my undergrad in the field of social work to hopefully assist victims of domestic violence. OLLU has helped me grow as a person and given me a lot of opportunities in my field of work.”

Writing the future, one word at a time

By Emma Ramos
Co-Editor

One of The Lake Front’s very own Co-Editors, Marina Flores, is graduating with her Master of Arts degree in Literature, Creative Writing and Social Justice.

Graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in English and Communication Arts from St. Mary’s University, Flores wanted to continue her education in a close-knit community with small class sizes for her Master’s program. Our Lady of the Lake University has given Marina two years of learning, growth and inspiration. OLLU also taught Marina to be genuine and to be herself, especially as scholar, a Latina and as a feminist. “My program taught me that I have a voice, an opinion and that what I have to say contributes to a higher purpose and conversation in society,” she said.

Flores has dreams to be an established writer, sharing her opinions on social injustices in magazines and journals. During her time here, Marina also fell in love with creative nonfiction and the craft behind the different methods of storytelling. She was also a fiction editor for OLLU’s literary journal, The Thing Itself.

Flores enjoyed being part of a program that included her and also enjoyed making lasting friendships with other graduate students who shared the same passions in writing. “I loved feeling like I was part of a program that valued my presence and contributions in and out of the classroom,” she said.

With inspiration from known writers such as Naomi Shihab Nye, Sandra Cisneros and Erika L. Sanchez, along with inspirations from her mother and grandmother’s successes, Marina has flourished as an up and coming writer. Know her name. Expect to see works written by Marina Flores change the world, one word at a time.

For any undergraduate student or anyone thinking about attending graduate School, Marina offers advice. “Take the time to find a school and program that interests you, one that you can see yourself investing the next two or three years of your time in. Get to know students and professors. Sit in on a class before you apply and get a taste of what could be on the horizon. Ask questions and ensure that the program you are looking into will challenge you.”
New heights: senior Montie Chavez’s Journey through life

By Catalina Sanchez
Photography Editor

Among the graduating seniors, Montie Chavez, a Mass Communications major with an emphasis in public relations and a minor in Marketing, will soon leave Our Lady of the Lake University to explore new heights.

Surprisingly, Chavez has attended eight colleges and lived in seven cities in the last seven years. He began his undergrad in Cleveland, Ohio, attending Lakeland Community College and John Carroll University while enrolled at Borromeo Seminary. “I just began my formation or training to become a Franciscan Brother,” Chavez said.

As he moved through his religious time in life, he also attended Regis University and St. John Vianney Seminary in Denver. After moving to San Antonio in the Fall of 2016, he began his time at OLLU. In addition to OLLU, Chavez also took classes at the Mexican American Catholic College and at San Antonio Community College. Chavez chose OLLU “because it was a Catholic University. It also had a degree program that [he] was interested in, however, [he] eventually transferred into the mass communication department.”

Chavez explains his deep appreciation for OLLU, saying, “I love the interaction with the staff and students that I am able to have. At a larger University, I know this would be much more challenging.”

After graduation, Chavez hopes to get a job and discern his calling in life. He has applied all over the country, and even in Canada. “I’m looking forward to my next great adventure,” he said. Chavez also expresses that having been in a religious order has prepared and formed him to be the man he is today.

“There will be times when you are let down in life. It may come from family, friends, you might even feel let down by God at times. But it is during these moments that you will look back on in the future, and see them as a grace-filled moment, and a gift. You won’t recognize it, but God is quietly doing some work on you,” Chavez said.

Striving to change lives

By Gerardo Zavala Jr.
Staff Reporter

Throughout his college career, senior and Social Work major AJ Cortez fell in love with Our Lady of the Lake University, and made the most of his college life through the memories he made with his friends and family, as well as discovering new aspects of life that he grew to cherish.

Coming from El Paso, Cortez made his way to the OLLU campus, where he is now just several days away from graduating. Cortez expressed his plans after college, highlighting his goals of what he desires most in life. “My plans are to go graduate school and to pursue my dream of becoming a social worker and joining the peace corps. My dream has also been to go and travel the world to help other countries that are in need… because I really want to help and put my all into helping the communities being effected by any type of social issue that’s going on in their country.”

Showcasing his love of Social Work, Cortez came to the university with a path that he eagerly wanted to take through his love of helping people in times of need. “I really just fell in love with my major every single year, through every single class that I’ve been in, and I learned so much more of the Social Work field,” he said.

“From the beginning of my college career, I felt like I knew what I wanted to do like working with the elderly, women and the LGBTQ+ community, and throughout my college career, it helped me realize that I can work some type of policy in politics where I can help with the populations of different countries all together, advocating for bills to help protect people’s rights,” he added.

Cortez holds a special place for the university in his heart as a place that defines him, along with the many clubs that has made up his time such as the Worden Social Work Organization, the Saints-Pro Council, Lion’s Club, Social Justice Organization, International Order of Omega, Epsilon Sigma Alpha sorority, LIFE program, as well as being a member for the Saints Production Board, a freshman orientation leader, being on Dean’s List, receiving the Presidential Volunteer Service Award and staffing for the Awakening Retreat.

Cortez holds the memories of all those that have come into his life. “I would want to pay tribute to the people that helped me in college. I would say, first and foremost that my belief in God helped me with my spirituality and helped me get through college, my academics, and anything that was going on in my life,” Cortez said. “My parents and my family back home have been so supportive and remained wanting to be in my life even though they weren’t there because they lived in El Paso, as well as my friends that all greatly impacted my life.”
### Our Lady of the Lake University Spring 2019 Graduates

**Bachelor of Arts in Biology**
- Krystl Floyd
- Marissa Gutierrez
- Freddy Ortiz
- Roland Sheppard

**Bachelor of Arts in Communication and Learning Disorders**
- Brianna Aguirre
- Barbara Cruz
- Andrea De Loera
- Jamee Goodman
- Danielle Schaaf
- Josie Verdusco

**Bachelor of Arts in Communication and Learning Disorders / Psychology**
- Gabriella Andrade
- Riley Garcia
- Michelle Gomez
- Aliah Hamoudeh
- Lydia Lopez Pena
- Dora Magallanes
- Bethany Mendiola
- Carolann Null
- Naudy Ocasio Peralta
- Brianna Ogden
- Sophia Perez
- Tricia Pina
- Danya Rabadan
- Alexiss Valverde
- Keli Whitehead

**Bachelor of Arts in Mass Communication (Multimedia Journalism)**
- Jasmine Durham
- Caitlin Starks
- Davion Turella
- Hannah Walker
- Rachel Williams

**Bachelor of Arts in Mass Communication (Public Relations)**
- Alex Escobar
- Serapio Marquez

**Bachelor of Arts in English / Technical and Professional Writing**
- Brianna Aguirre
- Barbara Cruz
- Andrea De Loera
- Jamee Goodman
- Danielle Schaaf
- Josie Verdusco

**Bachelor of Arts in History (Integrated Digital and Public History)**
- Alberto Bravo
- Caryn Tello

**Bachelor of Arts in Criminology and Criminal Justice**
- Gabriella Andrade
- Riley Garcia
- Michelle Gomez
- Aliah Hamoudeh
- Lydia Lopez Pena
- Dora Magallanes
- Bethany Mendiola
- Carolann Null
- Naudy Ocasio Peralta
- Brianna Ogden
- Sophia Perez
- Tricia Pina
- Danya Rabadan
- Alexiss Valverde
- Keli Whitehead

**Bachelor of Arts in English**
- Alex Escobar
- Serapio Marquez

**Bachelor of Arts in Psychology (General Psychology)**
- Erika Carbajal - Ramos
- Karina Diaz
- Destinee King
- Helena Pulido
- Ashley Rodriguez
- Alyssa Tucker

**Bachelor of Arts in Psychology (Pre Counseling)**
- Nathaniel Aguilar
- Kayla Barreiro
- Aaron Decena
- Mikayla Medina
- Leticia Mireles
- Miguel Monjaras
- Ly Nguyen
- Mikayla Ortiz
- Vanessa Perez
- Marissa Rivas
- Alma Rodriguez
- Maria Rodriguez
- Tamarea Session

**Bachelor of Arts in Psychology (Research)**
- Love Rodriguez

**Bachelor of Arts in Sociology**
- Jocelyn De la Fuente
- Ireland Garay

**Bachelor of Arts in Mass Communication (Multimedia Journalism)**
- Alex Escobar
- Serapio Marquez

**Bachelor of Arts in Visual and New Media Arts**
- Rudy Ortiz

**Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting**
- Adrian Delgado
- Valerie Gonzalez

**Bachelor of Business Administration in Computer Information Systems and Security**
- Victoria Robledo
- Jaythy Teschner

**Bachelor of Business Administration in Finance**
- Brianna McNaughten
- Colton Vien

**Bachelor of Business Administration in Management**
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Jose Barraza
Shabana Budhawan
Jesus Cortes
Samantha Garza
James Halpin
Leslie Hernandez
Sarbjit Kaur
Grettel Kitner
Julia McClure
Enrique Mendoza
Matthew Mihalov
Bernitra Milton
Ryan Ramsey
Cynthia Trevino

Bachelor of Business Administration in Marketing
Brooke Cousins

Bachelor of Science in Biology
Jennifer Aguillon
Tabitha Lee Sang
Stephanie Martinez
Aaron Williams
Anastazia Williams

Bachelor of Science in Chemistry
Amanda Guerra

Bachelor of Science in Computer Information Systems and Security

Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education (Interdisciplinary Studies / Bilingual)
Yovana Cervantes
Yvette Bueno
Kasey Campbell
Yvonne Cordova
Anthony Cortez
Diamond Cuellar
Erika Davila
Caitlin Davis
Veronica Esquivel
Rosemary Fashoro
Angela Garza
Charlotte Gomez
Erika Gomez
Naudia Gonzalez
Janet Gutierrez
Nishala Jamison
Erica Jones-Martinez
Sophi Monreal
Juan Montelongo
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Miqueas Mota
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Juliana Oyola
Jennifer Pedraza
Monica Pruitt
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Shariany Rodriguez
Quatrez Scipio
Heidi Simpson
Sarah Taylor
Daniel Torres
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Krystal Velez
Tiffany White
Tanja Zimmermann

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Doctor of Philosophy in Leadership Studies
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Elisabeth Cuadros

Doctor of Philosophy in Leadership AC / AC
Chrystal Fullen
Brittany Houston

Master of Arts in Communication and Learning Disorders
Rita Allen-Sutter
Miranda Alvarez
Lisa Castle
Porter Chestnut
Rebecca Dornak
Amanda Farr
Ariana Garza
Michelle Gonzalez
Sarah Hanson
Kristen Hatch
Stephanie Hernandez

Doctor of Philosophy in Leadership AC / GR
Brian Solarek

Doctor of Philosophy in Counseling Psychology

Doctor of Philosophy in Leadership AC / GR
Carol Bielke

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Peter Apaez
Alejandra Arredondo
Juan Briones
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Rachel Painter
Sarah Pulcini
Nicole Rodriguez
Tonya Sottilo
Sara Van Slate
Kaitlin Witt

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Marina Flores
Adrian Membrez
Christopher Porter

Master of Arts in Sociology / Community Health
Regina Gould

Master of Business Administration in Management
Sana Ali
Guillermo Clark
Sahir Elhabchi
Nicole Favuzza
Janie Garcia
Guy Harris
Jeffrey Kezar
Yessika Lopez
Pedro Ortiz
Candace Outlaw
Christine Rosas
Celia Salinas
Angela Tijerina
Robert Walker

Master of Science in Accounting
Oksana Glusko
Rafael Munoz
Ana Rodriguez

Master of Science in Information Systems and Security
Eduardo Artiga
Ruby Barrera
Luis Casas
Michael Clark
Abbas Hawari
Dariela Maldonado
Jacqueline Rivera
Mary Zeller

Master of Science in Nonprofit Management
Rhanda Luna
Daniel Yoxall

Master of Science in Organizational Leadership
Cynthia Davila

Master of Science in Psychology (School Psychology)
Brandy Flores
Elizabeth Grimaldo
Anna Hernandez
Angel Juarez
Celia Longoria
Mona-Elo Martinez
Fernando Montoya
Sera Quiroga
Marbella Shaw
Florence Zavala

Master of Science in Psychology
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Demetria Burnett
Carmen Fitzsimmons
Donna Galvan
Alexa Gomez
Nathan Hanson
Kayla Krambeck
Adrian Maldonado
Tremonesha Rice
Jasmine Robinson
Margaret Rodriguez
Joanna Sanchez
Victoria Templeton
Lauren Trevino

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Melinda Asher
Takiva Bell
Zenia Berry
Holly Bertram
Ashley Blackburn
April Blue
Johnalynn Brinkley
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Felicia Cook
Angela Cullens
Isaac Curtis
Yvonne Cusac
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Kristen Garcia
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Jessica Guillen
Stephani Guy
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Martha Herrera
Hilary Hislop
Lainie Hoffman
Alison Holleman
Katelin Holmes
Tiffany Hooks
Rachel Hopkins
Jessica Jensen
Kathy Johansen
Jason Kenyon
Jazmin Kimmons
Darlene Lee
Lisa Lee
Tammie Leverett-Beard
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Christy Rood
Lucille Ryan
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Jamica Scott
Victoria Sharpe
Sophia Slater
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Victoria Guerrero
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Leticia Lopez
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Aida Meyers
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Marcela Perez
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Sean Powers
Matthew Prado
Jose Ramirez
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Kristina Ramos
Krystal Rhoades
Christina Riley
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Kay Samuels
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Stigma surrounding which college majors can provide a stable career and which ones do not continues to be in the spotlight today. However graduating senior Rudy Ortiz is determined to fight this stigma.

Ortiz is one of the 506 students graduating this semester from Our Lady of the Lake University. However, one major difference setting Ortiz apart from the rest of this graduating class is that he is the sole Bachelor of Arts in Visual and New Media Arts student that will be walking the stage this ceremony.

“I am a Visual and New Media arts major with no minor. The reason I chose this degree is because art has always been a passion of mine,” Ortiz said.

Like most college students, Ortiz found himself changing his major early on. “I actually changed my major a couple of times because I wanted a successful career path, but no major I chose felt right. It wasn’t until I let go of the bad stigma people were letting me believe about not finding any jobs in art that I was able to pursue what I love to do. I believe that in order to live a happy, successful life you have to do what you love and not let the thoughts of others tell you otherwise,” he said.

Ortiz was accepted by OLLU on the spot when they came to his high school. “OLLU was right down the street from where I lived and the more I looked into it the more I felt it was a good match for me. In the end I had no regrets coming to OLLU,” he said.

While at OLLU Ortiz has gotten involved with Art, Ink and Alpha Sigma. Art, Ink “is an organization that is open to any person who is interested in art in any way shape or form,” and Alpha Sigma is “the art honor society at Our Lady of the Lake,” he said. Ortiz served as Treasurer for Art, Ink this year. “These organizations have impacted me by introducing me to other students who have a passion for art. Actually, when I first started attending OLLU there were no art organizations that were active. It wasn’t until Art, Ink was created that I was able to discover new people and future friends,” he added.

After earning his undergraduate degree Ortiz said that he is thinking about going to grad school to learn “more skills to improve my art work and hopefully getting to teach others about the world of art. I want to make art important to society because it is a big part of our life and culture as human beings. Art is being pushed aside for more ‘academic’ courses but I believe that art is found in everything we do,” Ortiz said.

As a student in the Visual and New Media arts program Ortiz has been preparing for his senior art exhibition under the guidance of Associate Professor of Art, Deobora Vasquez, MFA.

“Through his work I hope that others come to his exhibit and want to learn more about art and the different techniques that are presented. In his exhibition Ortiz said “while I was doing artwork the artist Natallia Lafourcade voice broke through my concentration. I knew then I wanted to create artwork surrounding the concept of her song. Desde La Raiz is about moments we all go through in life (whether good or bad) and how those moments take part in shaping the person we become. I want people to embrace every second they see and feel because it is a part of existing. Even though that maybe difficult to do at times, it becomes the only way out of the darkness. In these paintings I have captured moments from my life that I haven’t shared with many people, but I felt it was the right way to go for my first ever exhibition.”

After graduating Ortiz hopes “to let others know that in this life you have to do what makes you happy. I want others to see that through hardwork and dedication anything is possible. Everyone’s voice will be heard, especially if you are persistent enough,” he said.

Correction to “Wings Up” Summer 2019 tuition grant classes

By Christian Chavez, Marina Flores, Emma Ramos

On behalf of The Lake Front staff the editorial team would like to issue a correction for the article “How free are the ‘Wings Up’ Summer 2019 tuition grant classes” published on page 12 of the April edition of the newspaper. In the first paragraph of the third column it is incorrectly stated that “the Wings Up grant would cover up to $1816 in tuition.” According to Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dr. Rosa Rivera-Hainaj, Ph.D., “if each credit hour is $908, then six hours of tuition is $5448, eight hours of tuition is $7264.” Additionally, in the final paragraph Dr. Rivera-Hainaj is incorrectly written as Assistant Vice president of Academic Affairs. In actuality, Dr. Rivera-Hainaj serves in the position of Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs.