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COVID-19 Relief for Impacted Lone Star College-Houston North students

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Houston-area college students receive a collective \$300,000 in aid

HOUSTON, Texas (August 24, 2020) – Gulf Coast Community Services Association, Inc. (GCCSA) has funded an emergency relief program that will provide up to \$300,000 in aid to eligible Lone Star College-Houston North students who have been negatively impacted by COVID-19.

Lone Star College-Houston North students who live in Harris County and have median household incomes within [200% of the federal poverty line](#) will be eligible to receive \$500 Walmart gift cards.

GCCSA has a long history of providing relief in moments of crises affecting large swaths of residents of Harris County. When the Houston-area was impacted by the worst storm in an age, Hurricane Harvey – forcing those already in vulnerable economic positions further into despair and plummeting residents teetering on the brink into unchecked hardship – GCCSA rose to the challenge. Direct assistance in the amount of \$1.2 million was granted to more than 4,100 Harris County households.

LSC-Houston North consists of LSC-Fairbanks, LSC-Greenspoint, and LSC-Victory and a fourth location that is currently being built through a partnership with Fallbrook Church. (LSC-Houston North Fallbrook is scheduled to open spring 2021.) The college is the most diverse within the system and over 40% of its students qualify for financial aid.

“We have some of the hardest-working and most resilient students in the entire Lone Star College system,” said Dr. Quentin Wright, LSC-Houston North president.

“However, when there are social and economic disruptions such as what has happened with COVID-19, they are often disproportionately impacted,” Wright said. “The help from Gulf Coast Community Services Association will go a long way in helping these students get through this period.”

Dr. Jonita W. Reynolds, chief executive officer at Gulf Coast Community Services Association, Inc. is a strong supporter of educational institutions.



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“This synergistic partnership forged with Lone Star College-Houston North highlights one of the intentional approaches that the Gulf Coast Community Services Association, Inc. is spearheading to bring relief to thousands of families across Harris County,” Reynolds said. “We have taken a long, hard look at the depth to which this health crisis interrupts and possibly deters the educational goals that lead to families’ economic stability.”

Dr. Alton Smith, LSCS Board of Trustees chair, expressed his appreciation for helping Lone Star College students. “The gift cards provided for LSC-Houston North students through our partnership with Dr. Reynolds and the Gulf Coast Community Services Association, Inc. will help many of our students focus on their educational goals rather than the obstacles they are currently facing. We appreciate your generosity.”

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About Gulf Coast Community Services Association, Inc: As Harris County’s Community Action Agency, the purpose of Gulf Coast Community Services Association, Inc. (GCCSA) is to strengthen the educational, social and economic well-being of individuals and families as they move toward economic independence and self-sufficiency. Founded in 1965, GCCSA provides diverse programs designed to eliminate the inhibitive conditions of the under-served and un-served populations of Harris County. Through programs such as Head Start/ Early Head Start, Rent and Electricity Assistance, Food Pantry, Adult Literacy and Education, and Vocational Training and Education Scholarships, GCCSA is able to assist families in earning a living wage, individuals in the advancement of their education, and communities in gaining economic security. To learn more about GCCSA’s programs and services, visit: www.gccsa.org.

The Corporate office and all Head Start/Early Head Start Centers are closed to the public at this time.

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