

FOUNDATION NEWS: Summer 2018

Spotlight On A Board Member

Meet Ms. Lola Castro, Foundation President (2018-2019), Event & Marketing Committee

Prospering through community involvement

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Being the only female banking president could be a bit intimidating to some people. Not to Lola Castro, president at Prosperity Bank in Beeville. However, the public doesn't seem to blink an eye. "I think people knowing I am from Goliad has helped," she said. "I think people are more open, knowing I am from the area." That history in the community dates through the generations. "My grandparents immigrated into Goliad from Mexico," she said in a prior interview. "My forefathers were from Spain as well." Both Lola and her husband, Gilbert J. Castro, were raised in Goliad. While that is a small town, she still didn't meet her husband until after high school. Lola, then with the last name Vargas, met Gilbert while attending Texas A&I University in Kingsville. He competed in field events on the track team while she was on the volleyball team. They dated through college and eventually married. For 28 years, the two traveled across the country and to Australia with Gilbert's job as a chemical engineer. While their travels have taken them to Beaumont, Houston, Corpus Christi and New Jersey — Australia was a highlight. "It is a beautiful country and a beautiful people," she said of Australia in a prior interview. "I think there are a lot of comparisons between the Australians and Texans. "We considered ourselves the unofficial ambassadors from Texas." With his retirement, it is now her husband's time to follow her. And that path includes a life in Beeville. About a year ago she was hired at the bank, replacing Mickey Lofton, who retired from the position. It's worth noting that, along with 22 years of banking experience, her resume also includes a stint working for the U.S. Consulate General in Perth, located in western Australia, for a couple of years starting in 2015. On the banking side, she has worked with Wells Fargo Bank, First Victoria National Bank, both in Victoria, JP Morgan Chase Bank in Beaumont and Frost National Bank in Austin and Corpus Christi. That isn't to mention any of her volunteer work, which doubles her resume in size. With so many years in the banking industry, she has seen a lot of change. The number of women taking a leadership position in the banking industry is growing. "If you notice, we have a lot of women working here," she said while looking around their downtown office. "When I started, we had very few." Since moving here, she has made herself at home in the community, joining various groups like the Coastal Bend College Foundation, Bee County Habitat for Humanity and University of Houston-Victoria Advisory Council. She is also a mentor at the John Barnhart Foundation Scholarship Program at A.C. Jones High School. "You are not part of the community until you become involved," she said.

Save The Date for the Foundation's Upcoming Events

Coastal Bend College Foundation in partnership with Beeville Rotary will host a Beeville Rotary Community Lectureship Series Event. Great Western Dining is the food sponsor for the September 27, 2018 Rotary Lectureship Series. The event will help raise money towards scholarships.



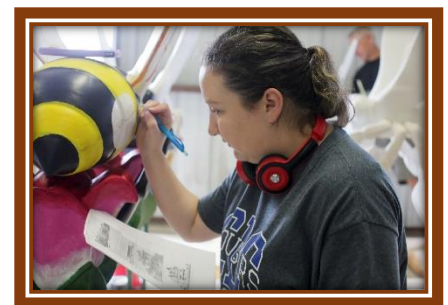
Here are some chuck wagon examples of Great Western Dining.



The Wildlife Calendar deadline for submission is July 27, 2018.



Bee Sculpture Campaign Sneak Peek



To date, 21 bees have been purchased. Placement TBD. To ask about an opportunity to acquire your own BEE sculpture, contact the Foundation office at (361) 354-2348.

Consider A Planned Gift to the Coastal Bend College Foundation

There are many ways you can support Coastal Bend College's future without affecting you and your family during your lifetime. Although including a bequest in your estate plan is one way to leave a legacy, there are other arrangements, similar to bequests, which are simple, straightforward, and accomplish the same goal.

If you would like more information about making a planned gift or you would like to make a gift to the Coastal Bend College Foundation to help students achieve success and make our community strong, please call Madeline Madden, Executive Director, CBC Foundation at (361) 354-520. All gifts to the Foundation are tax deductible. Your gift can be sent to CBC Foundation, 3800 Charco Road, Beeville, Texas 78102. Attn: Foundation.

Bequests (Gifts by Will or Living Trust)

Give to the Coastal Bend College Foundation without affecting your cash flow during your lifetime.

Gifts from Retirement Plans

Your retirement plan may be worth more when donated to the Coastal Bend College Foundation than it would be to your heirs.

Testamentary Life Income Gifts

One gift in your estate can benefit your family and Coastal Bend College.

Gifts of Life Insurance

Give a policy you no longer need to the Coastal Bend College Foundation to support a scholarship program for students.

Remember, donors who contribute their hard-earned money reach and transform lives through our college mission and help to shape the future of many lives in our community.

Where Your Gift Goes

Innovative Teaching Grants

Thanks to generous donations, the CBC Foundation may award up to \$4,500 each semester to recognize innovative and creative instructional programs or projects that encourage higher levels of student learning.