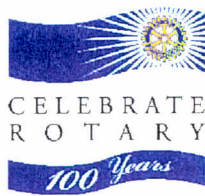
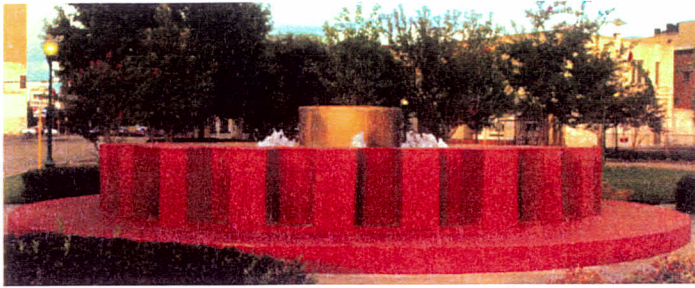


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## Lamar University Career Center



In just one year, the Lamar University Career Center has experienced an exponential increase in new student and employer clientele and a vast overall increase in student traffic

and participation in Career Center events, programs, workshops, and appointments. How did we do it? By undergoing an "extreme makeover."



The Career Center's new image on campus, which included a very ambitious and proactive public relations and marketing

campaign, caught the imagination and attention of students campus-wide as well as employers. New programs and community involvement has added to our success. This presentation will provide insight into the exploration of the evolution and vision of Lamar University career services and how you can be involved in this exciting development.

Quincy Martin III serves as Director of the Career Center at Lamar University. He received his bachelor's degree in music and master's degree in counseling and development from Lamar University and is currently pur-

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INVOCATION  
**RANDY FLUKE**



PLEDGE  
**JERRY DUTY**



4-WAY TEST  
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GUEST INTRODUCTION  
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 April  
 6<sup>th</sup> Mayor Evelyn Lord

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 Vidor ..... Hibernia National Bank  
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**Program Review**

There was some laughter, and some tears, as our club listened to Rabbi Jack Segal tell a very personal story of his own son, Michael, who was shot in the head during a robbery but survived and, after years of rehabilitation, regained the ability to live a normal, maybe even above normal, life.

But, before he got to that, Rabbi Segal told us he had two speeches prepared, one for audiences which are predominantly Jewish and one for audiences that are predominantly Christian. Yes, he told us, we are basically the same, but we look at situations differently. To illustrate, he told the following story:

At an ecumenical meeting featuring a Catholic priest, a Baptist minister and a Rabbi, someone asked each one what he hoped would be the last thing said about him before the casket lid closed. The priest reflected briefly and said the words he wanted to hear were: "He devoted his life to Jesus Christ." The minister had similar words: "He taught the New Testament with all his heart, his mind and his soul." The Rabbi thought long and hard before saying: "Just before the lid is closed, I hope I hear someone say; Look, he's breathing!"

Michael's struggles began when he was a sophomore at the University of Texas, studying pre-med. He stopped for gas at a convenience store and found himself in the middle of a robbery, culminating in a .38 caliber bullet entering his brain. Rabbi Segal and his wife, Toby, drove the three hours to Austin's Breckenridge Hospital, where the paramedics said they had never seen anyone survive a wound like Michael had.

The next morning, the neurosurgeon operated on Michael, after first warning his parents that there was only a forty per cent chance that he would survive the operation and no chance that he would ever recognize them again or be able to recognize the letters of the alphabet, much less function normally. According to Rabbi Segal, his wife, Toby, took the lead: "Doctor, you do your job

and, when you've finished, we'll deal with this."

Michael survived the surgery but appeared catatonic, staring straight ahead and recognizing no one. After awhile, Toby told Rabbi Segal that they had to rent an Austin storage space, for Michael's furniture etc. "He will need all that when he comes back to the University," Mrs. Segal said. The Rabbi thought that was hopelessly optimistic.

Similarly, when Michael started rehabbing with Tom Williams, then the trainer for the Houston Oilers, and the Rabbi saw football players literally carry Michael up a steep hill and down again, to the edge of a river, the Rabbi thought it was useless. He insisted that they take Michael away from there – but Mrs. Segal and Tom Williams said no.

"I was angry for months," Rabbi Segal told us, "and stayed away while Toby worked with Michael at Tom Williams facility. I just knew they were going to hurt Michael, either falling down the hill or drowning in the river. One day, Tom called and asked me to come over." Michael was on top of the hill, the 30<sup>th</sup> time he had climbed it that day. A few years later, he returned to Texas, eventually graduating Phi Beta Kappa. Now he works with the families of people who have brain injuries.

Tom also told the Rabbi that he had been at the synagogue and heard Rabbi Segal preach. "I noticed that there were 1,000 people there and 999 listened intently to your sermon – but one did not," Tom told him. "The sermon was on never giving up, on being strong and having courage because God helps those who help themselves. But you were not hearing yourself. You gave up on Michael."

He may not have been listening to himself but he seems to have learned that lesson. His last two books are titled: "Focus on the Bagel, Not on the Hole" and "Remember What You Still Have, Not What You Have Lost." A great story teller, and a brilliant but modest man, Rabbi Segal provided us all with inspiration.

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# Birthdays

## 24<sup>th</sup> Carolyn Johnson (03)

Manager,  
Jefferson Theatre



Born in Trenton, New Jersey, she is a graduate of Syracuse University and George Washington University. Her family includes her husband Ben and stepchildren Ryan and Kelsey. She enjoys her dogs, shopping, reading and skiing.

## 24<sup>th</sup> Jack Scott (73)

Retired



Born in Troy, New York, He is a graduate of Brooklyn Polytechnic Institution. He and his wife Loucille are the parents of Barbra, Patti, and John Jr., and are members of Trinity United Methodist Church. He enjoys playing bridge and golf. Jack is a Paul Harris Fellow.

## 26<sup>th</sup> Vesta Brandt (02)

General Manager,  
Clear Channel Communications



Born in Okmulgee, Oklahoma, she attended Del Mar College. She and her husband Marvin are the parents of Darlene, Danny and Suzy. She enjoys gardening and reading.

## 26<sup>th</sup> Mary Wickland (02)

Partner,  
Brooks, Applegate & Wickland



Born in Beaumont, she is a graduate of Lamar University. She and husband Kevin are the parents of Heather, Kevin Jr. and Tara, and are members of St. Jude Thaddeus Catholic Church.

## 27<sup>th</sup> Nikki Chargois-Allen (04)

Executive Director,  
IEA



Born in Liberty, she is a graduate of Texas A&M University and St. Mary's University School of Law. She and her husband John are members of Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church. She enjoys travel, rodeoing, playing tennis and basketball, running and genealogy.

## 27<sup>th</sup> Ed Edson III (79)

Owner,  
The Edson Realty Company



Born in Beaumont, he is a graduate of Oklahoma University. He is the father of Ed IV and Ashley, and is a member of St. Marks Episcopal Church. He enjoys hunting and fishing.

## 27<sup>th</sup> Billy Kinney (93)

President,  
A-1 Acoustics



Born in Texarkana, he and his wife Connie are the parents of Douglas and Bryan, and are members of Wesley United Methodist Church. He enjoys playing golf, fishing, hunting and horses.

## 28<sup>th</sup> Robert Hambright (86)

Partner,  
Orgain, Bell & Tucker



Born in Beaumont, he is a graduate of Southern Methodist University and SMU School of Law. He and his wife Kathleen are the parents of Rosemary and Phoebe, and are members of Trinity United Methodist Church. He enjoys carpentry, hunting and fishing.

## 29<sup>th</sup> John Aikin (02)

Montagne Center Director,  
Lamar University



Born in Kansas City, Missouri, his wife Debbie. He enjoys marathon running and has run the Boston Marathon the past five years.

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...suing a Ph.D. in education at Walden University. A 2004 Leadership Beaumont graduate, he continues to dedicate his time as a 2005 Leadership Beaumont facilitator and steering committee member as well as support Greater Beaumont Chamber of Commerce initiatives.

He currently serves as president for the Houston Area Consortium of Career Centers and holds various leadership positions in statewide and regional organizations. He has over ten years experience facilitating fun, exciting, and

highly energizing interactive leadership training workshops to various universities and organizations across the country. His philosophy on life is "Smile, laugh, and make someone's day!"

Teresa E. Simpson serves as Coordinator of Career Development at Lamar University in Beaumont, Texas. She has received her Bachelor of Science degree double majoring in both history and literature from the University of Houston - Clear Lake. She is currently pursuing a Master of Education in Counseling and Human Development from Lamar University.

She is currently a member of HACCC (Houston Area Consortium of Career Centers) and serves on the Texas Job Fair Committee. She is also a member of both regional and national organizations. Locally, Mrs. Simpson takes great pride in her community involvement. She is a member of the Pubic Schools Foundation Board and is active in the Beaumont Chamber of Commerce through Leadership Beaumont and the Community Advancement Committee. She supports various organizations and programs by volunteering as a speaker and mentor. She is a former secondary education teacher.

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