LEMONADE DAY

This year we partnered with the Junior League of Beaumont. More than 230 students registered and more than 135 3rd through 5th graders ran more than 38 stands across Beaumont. Mayor Becky Ames proclaimed May 5, 2019 as “Lemonade Day” in Beaumont. Due to the overwhelming response we had in 2019, we are expanding Lemonade Day county-wide so students outside of Beaumont can set up their own stands across Jefferson County. We are also expanding the age group to 3rd through 8th graders. We are looking forward to Lemonade Day Jefferson County in May of 2020!

8TH GRADE YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

This program focuses on leadership development and helps prepare students to be strong leaders in the future. More than 140 8th grade students from a record 19 middle schools from across the region participated in activities that helped them build self-esteem, team building and leadership skills. They learned about personality profiles and were involved in two new activities focused on presentation and public speaking techniques. The program was held on the Lamar University Campus where students were able to engage with student services that provide preparation and admissions information during the day.
LEADERSHIP BEAUMONT PROGRAM

This year saw 38 graduates of the Leadership Beaumont program. Topics covered were Youth Empowerment & Advancement, Community Image, Education, Crime and Health & Wellness. Participants also attended two Professional Development Sessions and a Graduation ceremony to celebrate their achievements. At graduation, Dee Lane was the recipient of the 2019 Distinguished Alumnus Award and a special award was presented in honor of Tom Broussard for his years of dedication to BCF and the Leadership Beaumont program.

MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

The Mentorship Program partners mentees with mentors who are selected to meet their individual needs. The program lasts nine months. Eight mentorship pairs attended six events. In addition to Orientation and Graduation, the participants took six field trips to various agencies throughout Southeast Texas to learn about the area. They also had the opportunity to attend Professional Development Training titled "7 Habits of Highly Effective People."

PUBLIC SERVICE CANDIDATE WORKSHOP

In its 16th year, this event had a record number of attendees. It was our second year partnering with neighboring chambers in Nederland, Orange, Port Arthur & Silsbee. The nine panel participants had a roundtable discussion. We plan to use this new format moving forward. Thank you to the South East Texas Regional Planning Commission for hosting this workshop.
BCF 2019 FUNDRAISERS

Spice of the Season 2019 was a huge success with a record breaking year. The theme for the year was “Let’s Play” with waiters & guest dressed to represent any type of game they chose. We increased the available seating from 225 to 250 guests and sold out once again. We added a Cork Pull, sponsored by Longhorn Liquor, which sold out within the first 30 minutes of the event. Proceeds from the Cork Pull went directly to the Leadership Beaumont Scholarship Fund. The 2019 Spice Chair was Emily Brackin. Next year’s Co-chairs are Stacy Prioux and Joey Kressman. Our Headwaiters were Dee Lane and James Johnson.

BCF Golf Tournament saw a record breaking year. 28 teams participated in the tournament. We changed the format by adding cooking teams on the course throughout the day and we also added more contest holes, including the marshmallow drive hole which proved to be a crowd favorite. The tournament winner was the Dana Johnson ReMax One Team. Lee Potter was the 2019 Chair and Laura Kressman will be the Chair for 2020.

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