

College of *the* Mainland®

GET READY TO

LEARN

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WE'RE MAKING
ROOM FOR A

**BIG
FUTURE,**

**AND THAT STARTS
WITH YOU!**

At College of the Mainland, we **LEARN** BIG! Every day our students dream big, think big and learn big as they discover their unique strengths and talents inside our classrooms. Whether you're looking to transfer to a university, attain a baccalaureate-level degree or prepare for a new career or trade, your experience at COM is sure to be jam-packed full of bigger experiences than you could have ever imagined – priming you with the real-world training and skills needed for today's competitive job market. And with earning potential beyond measure, you'll quickly discover big opportunities for success await once you embark on this incredible journey with us.

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A large, stylized graphic of a duck's head in profile, facing right. The duck is rendered in shades of gray and black, with a prominent beak and a crest of feathers on its head. The background is a dark, textured gray.

PASSIONATE.
CHANGE MAKERS.
MIGHTY.
LEADERS.

We are

AMBITIOUS.
STRONG.
INNOVATORS.
CREATIVE.
COMMUNITY ORIENTED.
DRIVEN.
ADAPTIVE.
COURAGEOUS.
FOCUSED.
CURIOUS.

Soaring high to reach our fullest potential, we are fearless leaders, boldly navigating the world around us with an untamed hunger to think bigger, work harder and challenge ourselves in and outside the classroom. Agile and graceful, we are a creative flock of passionate problem solvers and resourceful collaborators driven to adapt to our diverse, dynamic and global environment. Here at College of the Mainland, we are home to a multifaceted nest of learners, each with a unique story. And our story cannot be told without you.

WE ARE THE DUCKS.
Do you have the spirit of the duck in you?

TOP 6 REASONS TO ATTEND COM

1 AFFORDABLE

With the second-lowest tuition in the state, College of the Mainland offers countless options to make the journey toward higher education manageable for every student.

2 TRANSFERABILITY

All our general education courses transfer to any public four-year institution in the state.

3 CONVENIENCE

Conveniently located in the heart of Texas City, you will find that our unique campus atmosphere is close to home but far from ordinary.

4 STRONG INDUSTRY PARTNERSHIPS

Looking toward the job market of the future, we're continuously collaborating with our local industry partners to ensure that you are ready to meet the evolving workforce needs in our community.

5 DIVERSE EDUCATIONAL OPTIONS

With more than 70 degrees and certifications from which to choose, we offer an array of educational options in a variety of high-demand fields such as business, health care and STEM.

6 AND YOUR TUITION COULD BE FREE...

Continue reading to learn more about the Opening Doors Promise Scholarship.

OPENING DOORS PROMISE SCHOLARSHIP TWO YEARS. NO TUITION. LIKE, FOR REAL.

The Opening Doors Promise Scholarship is a last-dollar scholarship opportunity that covers the cost of tuition and fees for up to two full years for any eligible graduating high school student pursuing full-time studies at COM. Participating students can earn an associate degree or complete a workforce training certificate program.

BECAUSE [#youhavepromise](#)

Participating Communities

- Texas City
- La Marque
- Hitchcock
- Dickinson
- Santa Fe

LEARN MORE




com.edu/promise

COM BY THE NUMBERS

5,779 

Total fall 2023 enrollment

100% 
of core classes transfer.

63% 
of our students are first-generation college students.



Within one year of earning a degree or certificate,

84%
of our graduates

are either working or enrolled in an institution to continue furthering their education.

STUDENT DIVERSITY

BLACK	HISPANIC	ASIAN
15%	37%	3%
WHITE	OTHER RACES	
38%	4%	


FEMALE
62%


MALE
38%

STUDENT AGES AVERAGE AGE: 23*



*Student age includes dual credit and Collegiate High School students.

STUDENT TO FACULTY RATIO

16:1 

More than
\$5 million*

awarded to students through financial aid for fall 2021 and spring 2022.

*Includes federal, state, and institutional grants, federal student loans, foundation scholarships, external scholarships and Promise scholarships

DISCOVER THE COM DIFFERENCE

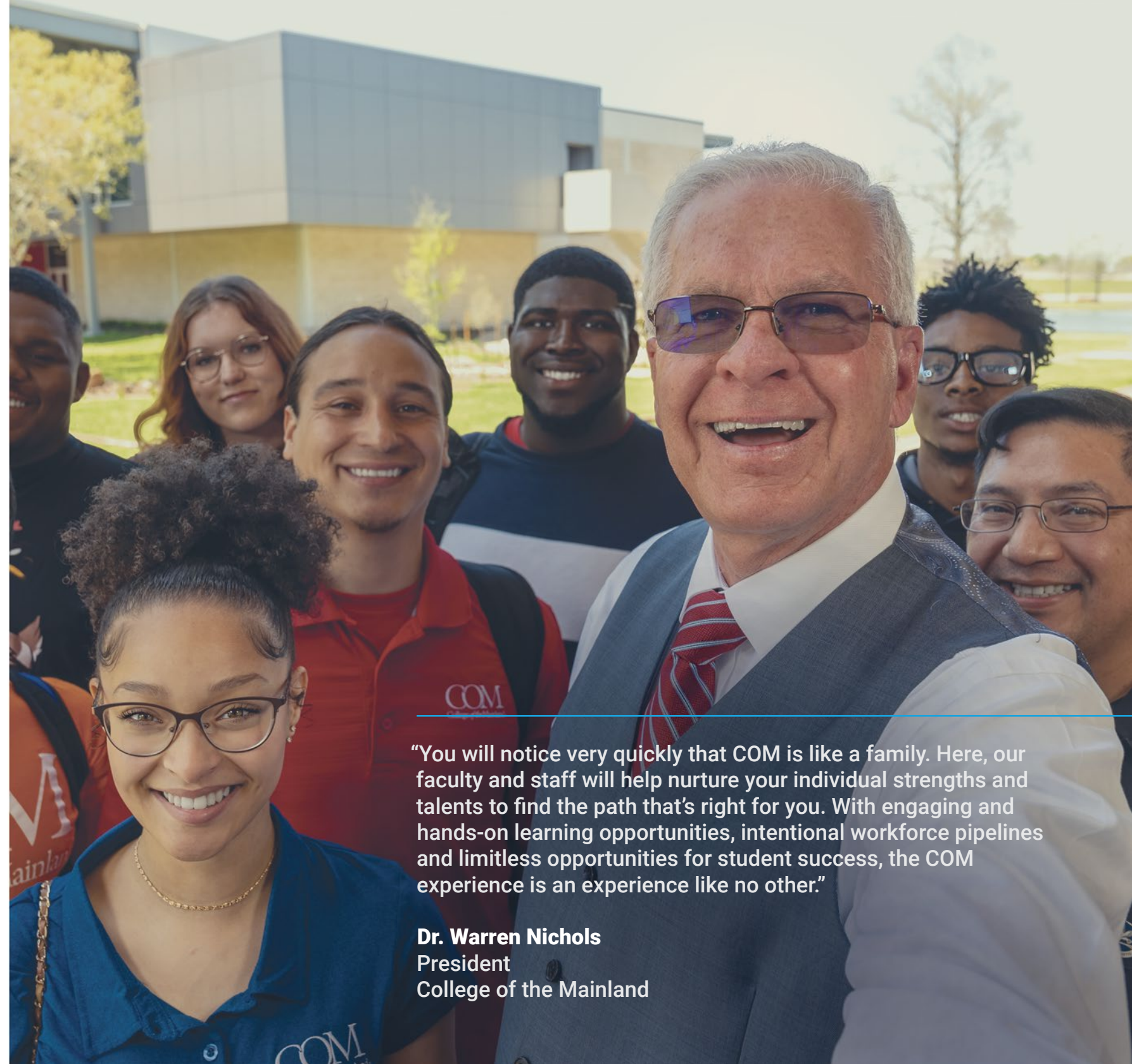
We're **"people people,"** committed to your success from day one through graduation. Here at COM, we're fostering a different college experience – one unlike anything you've ever seen before.

With an acute **commitment to the community** that we serve, we're breaking down barriers every day to support you and your diverse needs through **relationship building, personalized learning** and **hands-on** instruction and support. Whether that's taking classes as an English as a Second Language (ESL) learner or navigating your higher educational journey as a first-generation college student, we're cultivating a one-of-a-kind student experience centered on helping you achieve your individualized goals so that you can get where you want to go.

With that in mind, we invite you to find your fit here, and discover the COM difference!

With a **career-focused** mindset, we're redefining the college experience to ensure that you leave well equipped with the knowledge and skills you need to fulfill the jobs of tomorrow. By providing you with the right preparation to continue your education or enter the workforce, we are confident that a COM student will forever be ready to thrive in today's diverse, dynamic and global job environment.

But that's enough about us. Because above all else, what shapes the core of the COM experience is YOU. Your successes, your experiences, your journey and your transformation – your story is what truly makes us remarkably COM. And that story is just waiting to be told.



"You will notice very quickly that COM is like a family. Here, our faculty and staff will help nurture your individual strengths and talents to find the path that's right for you. With engaging and hands-on learning opportunities, intentional workforce pipelines and limitless opportunities for student success, the COM experience is an experience like no other."

Dr. Warren Nichols
President
College of the Mainland

THE WORKFORCE IS CHANGING

And the new reality is that a high school diploma just isn't enough.

That's why we're taking **bold steps** to ensure you are ready to thrive in today's competitive and evolving job market. Preparing our students with the skills they need to perform a multitude of jobs in various industries is driving the work of our college. We're prioritizing personalization and innovation to be responsive to growing industry needs and ensure that you are career ready.

No matter where you may find yourself on your life journey, we have something for you.



Did you know?

By 2030, 60% or more of all new jobs will require some level of higher education.

Source: 60x30TX

READY TO LEARN BIG?

START STRONG

We offer an array of innovative and dynamic learning options to meet your unique needs, no matter where you may find yourself on your life journey.

Early Start

Jump start your higher educational journey while still in high school through our dual credit or Collegiate High School program.

Adult Education

Prepares individuals 16 and older to take their High School Equivalency (HSE) and/or English as a Second Language (ESL) exams.

University Transfer

Our wide selection of academic transfer opportunities allows you to stay close to home and save money on the first two years of school before transferring to a four-year institution. And most importantly, all core classes transfer!

Workforce Training

Get job ready for today's thriving, in-demand careers through hands-on training, employment preparation and longstanding industry partnerships to ensure that you have the skills employers seek.

Lifelong Learning

Take your next educational adventure through exhilarating personal enrichment courses for community members aged 18+, exciting travel opportunities or stimulating classes for our mature learners aged 50+.

GO FAR

You're probably considering college to open doors to a better-paying career and the fulfilling lifestyle you want. Understanding your options for earning a resume-boosting credential is an important part of your college journey. Explore an overview of our offerings, and choose the option that's right for you.

Certificates

Certificates provide students with in-demand workforce skills leading to rapid employment. COM's relationships with local business and industry will place you on a fast track to career opportunities, providing immediate return on your educational investment. They typically can be completed in less than a year.

Associate Degrees

With exciting areas of study like engineering, criminal justice and nursing, COM offers a variety of

associate degrees to prepare students to either transfer seamlessly to a four-year institution or enter the workforce at a higher-earning potential. Associate degrees typically take two years to complete.

Bachelor's Degrees

These degrees greatly increase your earning potential and are traditionally granted by four-year universities. COM can help you earn one several different ways including university transfer, co-enrollment at one of our partnering universities or the RN-to-BSN program.



Did you know?

Following the 2008 recession, workers who had some form of higher education were hired for 99% of new jobs.

Source: 60x30TX

CHANGE YOUR FUTURE

Whether you're here to pursue a better job, earn more money at work, learn English or finish your high school diploma, our Adult Education programs make it possible. Our comprehensive programs are designed to prepare adults 16 and older to take their High School Equivalency (HSE) and/or English as a Second Language (ESL) exams.

And best of all, with our Career Pathways program, you can enroll in

one of a select offering of workforce programs while concurrently enrolled in the HSE or ESL program.

Your success is always our top priority! From helping students get support in selecting a degree to enrolling in college, our experienced team of Career Navigators is here to provide you with ongoing academic and personal support while enrolled at COM.



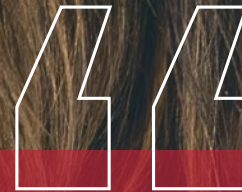
Did you know?

743 million people around the world learn ESL. This makes English the most widely spoken language.

Source: Google AI



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HSE



WATCH JIMENA'S STORY

I believe your education opens up more doors for your future. I will be the first one in my family to graduate from college. I want to be able to make my family and friends proud and be able to make my parents' sacrifice worth it."

Jimena Medina
General Studies Student

youtube.com/watch?v=2De7Cf1tUSs&t=4s



As a Collegiate High School graduate, Tremane Smith already has an edge on his higher educational journey. After earning an associate degree from COM while simultaneously completing his high school diploma, Tremane is now majoring in biochemistry at Baylor University. Upon graduation, he also plans to attend medical school to become an anesthesiologist. Not only is Tremane excited about starting this new chapter in his life, he is grateful to COM for giving him the chance to jump start his higher education journey.



Since I knew I wanted to go into medicine, and that I was going to have to do 12 years or more of schooling, it just made sense for me to get the basics out of the way early. I knew I wanted to do Collegiate High School because I knew I wanted to go into medicine and get those two years out of the way."

Tremane Smith
Collegiate High School Graduate

EARLY START

College of the Mainland's **dual credit** and **Collegiate High School (CHS)** programs are popular learning options for high school students looking to jump start their higher educational journey, and it's easy to see why! While in the programs, high school students are able to take collegiate-level coursework taught by college faculty at a fraction of the tuition cost.

Dual credit students earn high school and college credit at the same time, making substantial progress toward a college degree before finishing high school. Students may take classes at their high school campus during their school hours or at College of the Mainland during the day, during the evening or on the weekend, depending on the arrangements with the high school.

The Collegiate High School program allows you to earn an associate degree while simultaneously completing a high school diploma. Enjoying the best of both worlds, CHS students are fully immersed in the college experience and attend all classes on our Texas City campus while still participating in extracurricular activities at their high school.

Oh, the Places You'll Go!
Check out the top four-year institutions our Collegiate High School (CHS) graduates transfer to:

- University of Houston – Clear Lake
- University of Houston
- Texas A&M University



Did you know?

59% of students who started off at a two-year college before transferring to a university graduated within four years of transfer.

Source: Texas Public Higher Education Almanac

CAREER READY

New businesses and industries are booming as our region continues to grow at a rapid pace. With that in mind, the need for skilled workers is on a steady rise. That's why we're leading you to success with a career-minded mentality from the start.

Aligning with COM's meta-majors, students are paired with an academic advisor who supports their specific career interests and goals. Whether that means you're getting an industry certification in as short as a weekend or attaining a baccalaureate-level degree, rest assured, our programs were designed with you in mind.

Looking toward the job market of the future, we understand the need to provide high-quality and innovative

learning options is paramount. Our programs were created in collaboration with local industry to ensure that you have the skills employers seek.

Every day we're preparing you to thrive in today's competitive job market through a variety of in-demand programs. With high-impact and engaging areas of study like nursing, engineering and welding, just to name a few, the possibilities are endless when you study among premier, industry-trained faculty.

Equipping you with the skills you need for the job you want — that's how we're launching you on a path toward a rewarding career and unparalleled success. That's our unwavering commitment to you.



Fun Fact

Welders can earn a median salary of \$44,190 per year.

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics



The instructors here were wonderful. They inspired me. They would never let me give up. When I left here to go work in the refinery, it was the same concept. To this day I can still call them. They're always willing to help."

Willie Willis
Welding Graduate

THE MAINLAND

TEACHING WITH PASSION



Katherine Schroeder
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF BUSINESS

As a business owner, Katherine brings a unique and personal instructional perspective to her students that only an industry expert could.

“I’m able to talk to my students about the challenges and success stories of having a business. So, it makes our classroom a lot more fun and interesting.”

With small class sizes taught by world-class faculty, the possibilities are endless when you study among COM’s premier instructional team in our state-of-the-art and specialized labs and learning spaces. Experts in their fields, our faculty have a diverse range of real-world experiences prepping you for success in our complex and evolving world.



Jim Painter
ADJUNCT INSTRUCTOR OF HEATING,
VENTILATION AND AIR-CONDITIONING (HVAC)

Jim brings a wealth of industry experience to the HVAC program as the owner of a successful air conditioning and heating company for more than 25 years.

“I want to pass on the knowledge and industry experience I have gained throughout the years to the next generation of students.”



Dr. James Mubiru
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF BIOLOGY

Originally from Uganda, Dr. Mubiru immigrated to China where he cultivated his love for science in his undergraduate and postgraduate studies. Upon landing in Texas, he further deepened this passion as a heart disease and cancer researcher.

“When we teach about the heart, I’ve done research on the heart. I bring that research background to my classroom, and that’s what helps.”



BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

There's never a dull moment at College of the Mainland! With more than 20+ clubs and organizations for you to connect with like-minded individuals, Student Life at COM offers various leadership and campus involvement opportunities to make your college experience something special. Get involved and make memories that will last a lifetime!

CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

[American Society of Safety Professionals \(ASSP\)](#)

[Amigos](#)

[Art Club](#)

[Collegiate High School Student Club \(Nu Psi\)](#)

[COM Fit Club](#)

[Cosmetology Club](#)

[Gamer's Union](#)

[Hispanic Student Alliance](#)

[Japanese Culture Club](#)

[The Minority Male Initiative](#)

[Nursing Students Association \(TNSA\)](#)

[Organization of African American Culture \(OAAC\)](#)

[Pi Kappa Delta \(PKD, Debate Team\)](#)

[Phi Theta Kappa \(PTK, International Honor Society\)](#)

[Process Technology Student Organization \(PTEC Club\)](#)

[Sickle Cell Club](#)

[Straights and Gays for Equality \(SAGE\)](#)

[Student Government Association \(SGA\)](#)

[Student Recreation and Club Sports](#)

[Students for Christ](#)

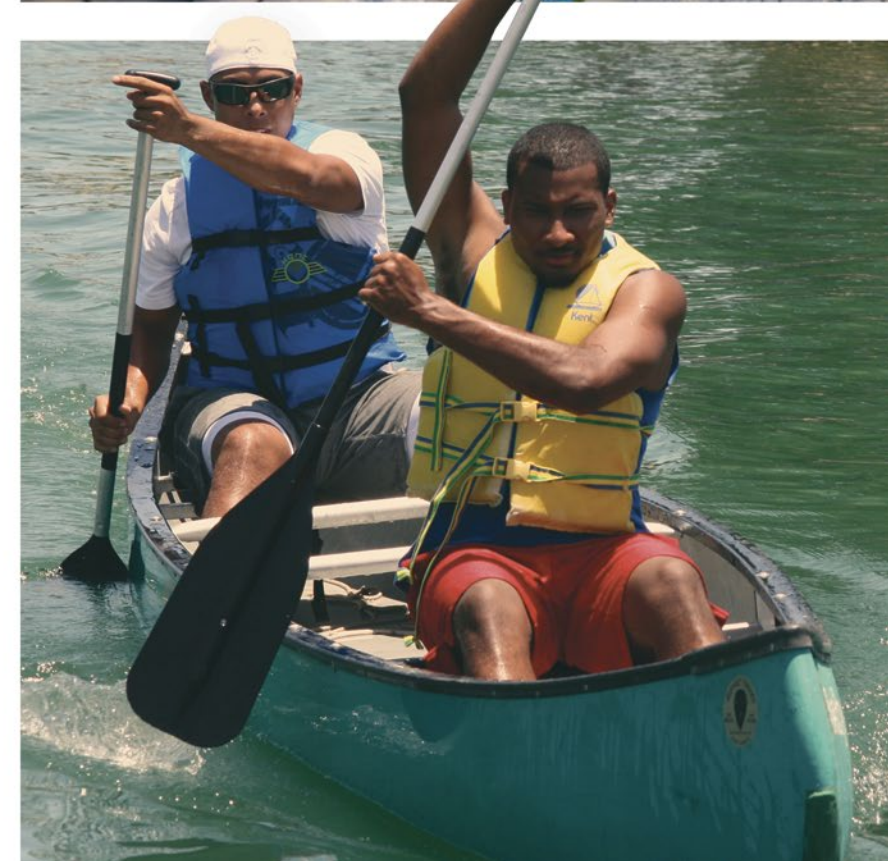
[Veterans Organization](#)

[Vision Seekers](#)

Like what you see?
[Schedule a campus tour today!](#)

[com.edu/tour](#)





WE'VE GOT YOUR BACK

Reaching your personal and educational goals is easier when you have a supportive community behind you. With a robust offering of resources for first-generation college students, veterans and everyone in between, we invite you to explore some of the support services we offer.

Personal Support

Resources: Offers mental health, child resources, food, clothing and housing assistance, and more

Counseling: Talk through goal setting, problem solving, study skills or effective communication

TRIO: Supportive community for first-generation college students

Veterans Center: Assists veteran students and eligible dependents in securing Veterans Affairs educational benefits



From start to finish, our caring team is here to help you get started, answer your questions and point you toward the best resources that support your individual needs.

Academic Support

Advising: For academic and career goal setting

Career Services: Career exploration, interview preparation and job/internship searching

Computer Labs: Access to computers and online databases

Library: Online and in-person resources including books, catalogues, databases and more

Tutoring: Free services in math, reading, oral presentations and writing for any class

Financial Support

- Emergency Aid
- Financial Aid
- Grants
- Payment Plans
- Scholarships
- Work Study

No matter your financial circumstances, we'll find a way to make the journey toward higher education manageable for you.

Learn more at:
com.edu/paying-for-college



"Something that makes College of the Mainland unique is that it is such a small, caring community. Because of that, we form relationships with our students. We form connections to help our students be successful in the future."

Kayla Molnar
Student Services



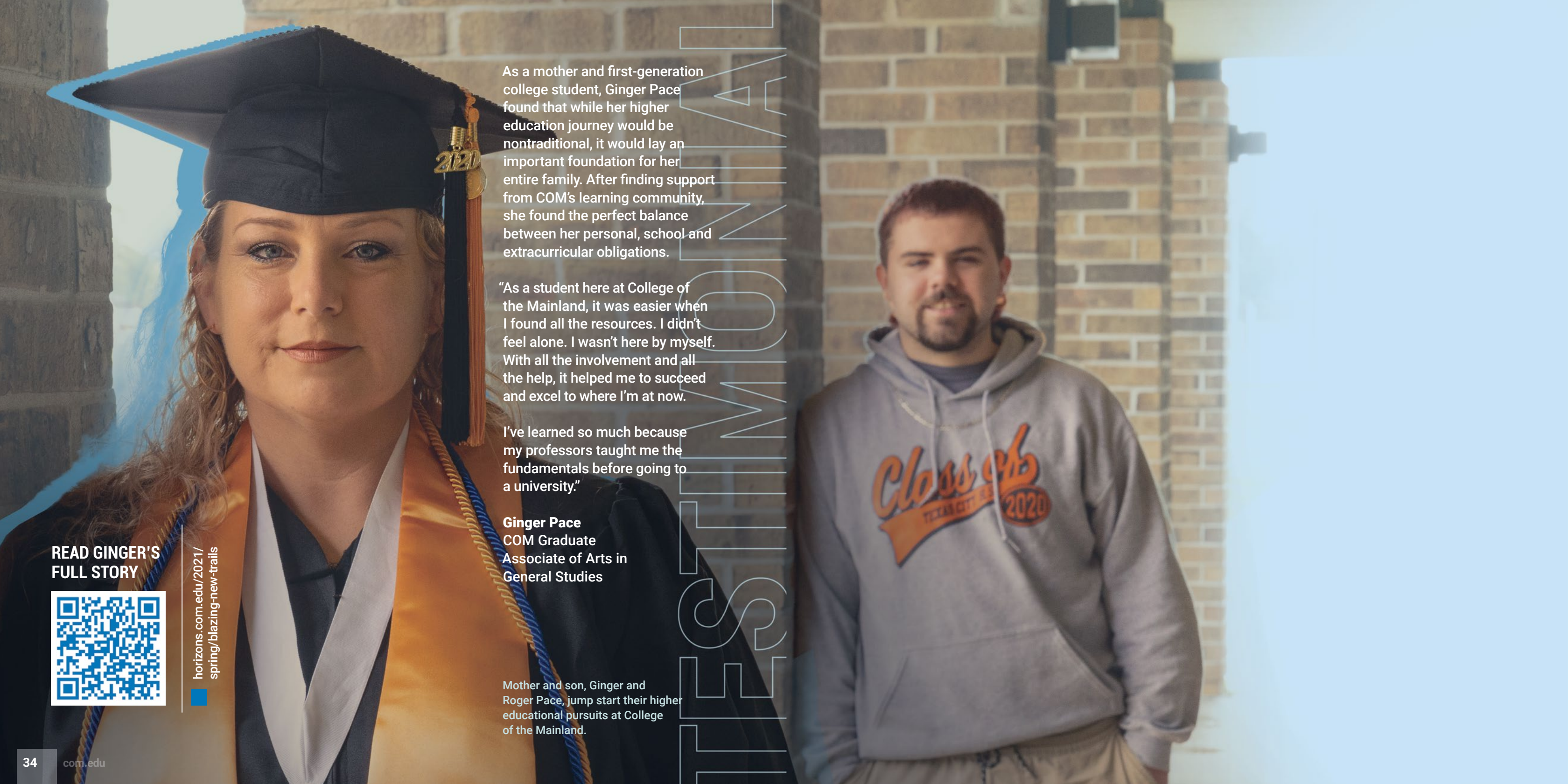
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See the COM difference for yourself.

VIRTUAL TOUR

com.edu/virtualtour





As a mother and first-generation college student, Ginger Pace found that while her higher education journey would be nontraditional, it would lay an important foundation for her entire family. After finding support from COM's learning community, she found the perfect balance between her personal, school and extracurricular obligations.

"As a student here at College of the Mainland, it was easier when I found all the resources. I didn't feel alone. I wasn't here by myself. With all the involvement and all the help, it helped me to succeed and excel to where I'm at now.

I've learned so much because my professors taught me the fundamentals before going to a university."

Ginger Pace
COM Graduate
Associate of Arts in
General Studies

Mother and son, Ginger and Roger Pace, jump start their higher educational pursuits at College of the Mainland.

READ GINGER'S
FULL STORY



horizons.com.edu/2021/
spring/blazing-new-trails

BE BOLD. FLY HIGH. JOIN THE FLOCK.

COM
College of *the* Mainland®

From state-of-the-art facilities and labs to dynamic and innovative learning experiences, larger-than-life things are happening here. But what can we say? We're just doing it BIG at COM!

All that's missing
is YOU.

Ready to
experience
the COM
difference?

GET STARTED

com.edu/start

