

Del Papa Distributing Company Celebrates 100th Anniversary With Scholarship Endowment Program *Del Papa initiates scholarship funds for area colleges*

GALVESTON, TEXAS – January 15, 2010 – As part of Del Papa Distributing Company's 100th anniversary celebration, the company recently announced that it will endow scholarships to 13 community and four-year colleges located in the 17 counties Del Papa services.

Thirteen schools within the 17 counties were selected to receive the scholarship endowments.

Beaumont area schools include Lamar Institute of Technology; Lamar State College – Orange; Lamar State College – Port Arthur; and Lamar University.



Left to Right (standing): Dr. Mike Shahan, Lamar State College-Orange; Carol Womack, Lamar State College-Port Arthur, Laurie Ritchel, Lamar University, Dr. Paul Szuchs, Lamar Institute of Technology. (seated): Larry Del Papa, President, Del Papa Distributing

Galveston area schools include Alvin Community College; Brazosport College; College of the Mainland; Galveston College; Texas A&M University at Galveston; and University of Texas Medical Branch.



Left to Right: Vince McElligott, University of Texas Medical Branch; Dr. Donna Lang, Texas A&M Galveston; Dr. Gaynelle Hayes, Galveston College; Monica O'Neal, College of the Mainland; Larry Del Papa, President, Del Papa Distributing; Lawrence Del Papa, Sr., Board Chairman, Del Papa Distributing; Dennis Carlton, Texas A&M Galveston; Dr. Myles Shelton, Galveston College; Joe Huff, Galveston College; Jack O'Brien, Texas A&M Galveston; Dr. Michael Elam, College of the Mainland; Betsy Clardy, University of Texas Medical Branch

Victoria area schools include University of Houston – Victoria; Victoria College; and Wharton County Junior College.



Left to Right (standing): Jennifer Yancey, Victoria College; Dr. Tom Butler, Victoria College; Robin Cadle, University of Houston – Victoria; Amy Mundy, University of Houston – Victoria; and Bryce Kocian, Wharton County Junior College. (seated): Larry Del Papa, President, Del Papa Distributing

These endowments, made possible by the Del Papa Distributing Company Community Fund, will provide scholarships to many deserving students who need extra support to continue their education.

“We are extremely excited for the opportunity to give back to the communities who have helped in our success over these past 100 years,” said Larry Del Papa, President and CEO of Del Papa Distributing. “We are looking forward to implementing endowments at these institutions and making a difference in the lives of many students.”

Representatives from the schools recently attended the Del Papa Distributing Company’s 100th anniversary kick off breakfast event and joined Del Papa Distributing President, Larry Del Papa, for a ceremonial check presentation and signing of Del Papa Scholarship Endowment contracts.

Del Papa Distributing Company was founded in 1910 in Galveston, TX by Omero Del Papa Sr. when Omero, an immigrant from Lucca, Italy, converted his retail grocery business into O. Del Papa Commission Co., the wholesale establishment that ultimately became today’s company.

Today, Del Papa Distributing Company employees over 350 employees and serves 17 Texas counties: Brazoria, Calhoun, Chambers, DeWitt, Galveston, Hardin, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Lavaca, Liberty, Matagorda, Newton, Orange, Sabine, Victoria and Wharton.

Del Papa Distributing Company is commemorating its extensive history and admirable accomplishments with a year-long celebration that chronicles the company’s history and weaves it with the stories of its founding family and employees, the communities they serve and its first major supplier, Anheuser-Busch.

Celebratory activities and festivities in 2010 include a historical radio and print campaign, a restored antique beer delivery truck, a commemorative video and book, scholarship endowments and three year-end celebratory events in each of its major markets.