PORT ARTHUR REFINERY

Valero Community UPDATE

FALL 2026

A Message from Our General Manager



The Valero Port Arthur Refinery has always been more than a workplace. It is a neighbor, an employer, a volunteer partner, and an active member of the communities we call home. As I join the Port Arthur Refinery team, I am excited to continue that tradition and further strengthen the relationships that matter most.

While leadership may change, our commitment to Port Arthur and surrounding community remains constant. We will continue supporting local schools, first responders, nonprofit organizations, economic development initiatives, and community events that help our region thrive.

I want our neighbors to know that we value open communication, safe operations, and being a positive presence in the community. The success of our refinery is tied to the success of the community.

My focus will remain centered on these key priorities:

1. Protecting our employees, contractors, neighbors, and the environment.
2. Maintaining safe, reliable operations that serve as the foundation of everything we do.
3. Creating a positive and lasting impact in our region through volunteerism, charitable giving, and strong local partnerships.

As I begin my role at the Port Arthur Refinery, I look forward to meeting community members, learning more about local priorities, and building on the partnerships that make this area such a special place. Together, we can continue creating opportunities and strengthening the communities we are proud to call home.

I am honored to be part of the Port Arthur community and look forward to serving alongside you for many years to come.

Kyle Sharon

VP AND GENERAL MANAGER | VALERO PORT ARTHUR REFINERY



Representing the Port Arthur Refinery was Clint Mitchell, Director of Environmental & Safety Affairs (center) and Jacob Stanton, Sr. Safety Engineer (right).

VALERO RECEIVES Elite Safety Award

The Valero Port Arthur Refinery was proud to receive the **Elite Platinum Award** from the American Fuel & Petrochemical Manufacturers (AFPM) Safety Awards Program for its 2025 safety performance. The award, AFPM's second-highest honor, recognizes outstanding safety performance, innovation, and leadership, placing recipients among the industry's top performers. Thank you to all Port Arthur employees for their commitment to safety excellence.



Valero Port Arthur Refinery was proud to host our annual BACK 2 SCHOOL FUN FEST July 25, bringing families together for a day of fun and preparation for a successful school year!

BACK 2 SCHOOL FUN FEST









More than 850 children received backpacks filled with school supplies, enjoyed hot dogs and refreshments, and spent the day exploring exciting indoor and outdoor activities. Seeing so many smiles and helping students start the school year with confidence is what community is all about. Thank you to everyone who helped make this event a success!

Investing In Our Future, Equipping Students for Success





Valero Reaction Lab Grand Opening at Lamar University College of Engineering



The Valero Port Arthur Refinery was excited to join Lamar University College of Engineering students, faculty and staff at the recent unveiling of the Valero Reaction Lab. Valero's gift of $500,000 was donated in late 2024 and led to the creation of the lab for the University's engineering students.

The new lab features an 18-foot-video-wall that simulates a variety of process control situations for students to learn engineering topics, from basic to complex and provide hands on experiments. The addition of the Carbon Capture unit will help students understand low-carbon management technologies and features a scrubber unit, the first of its kind in the United States.

"The Reaction Lab is a first-rate laboratory. Students are getting hands-on experience and will be prepared; on Day 1, they will be productive."

DR. JAMIE TAYLOR
PRESIDENT | LAMAR UNIVERSITY









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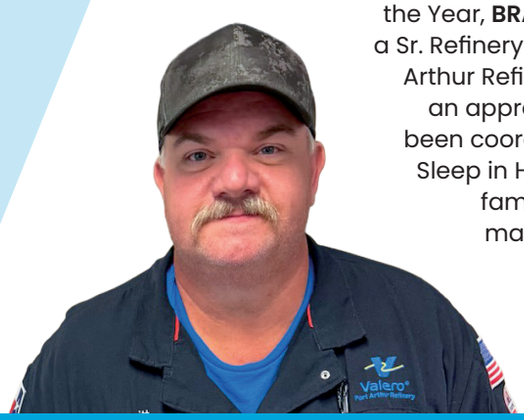
Volunteers in Action

The Valero Port Arthur Refinery's volunteer efforts reflect a strong commitment to community service, helping improve lives and strengthen local connections across the region. Below are recent examples of employees making a difference where we live and work.

Valero volunteers

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Congratulations to the 2025 Volunteer of the Year, **BRANDON PREWITT.** Brandon is a Sr. Refinery Inspector at the Valero Port Arthur Refinery and was recognized at an appreciation event. Brandon has been coordinating volunteer efforts at Sleep in Heavenly Peace and helping families in our local community make sure children have a bed to sleep in at night. Thank you Brandon for all you do for our community!





KID FISH AT SEA RIM STATE PARK

The Valero volunteers had a fantastic day at the beach celebrating Kid Fish at Sea Rim State Park. Some of the young anglers got to experience fishing for the very first time! Valero volunteers spent the morning teaching kids how to tie fishing knots and shared their knowledge and passion for the outdoors. Events like these remind us how important it is to connect kids with nature, build confidence, and bring our community together.



LIFESHARE BLOOD DRIVE

Employees answered the call to donate blood, helping ensure a reliable supply for local hospitals and patients. This effort is one of many ways Valero team members support and strengthen our community.



SETX FOODBANK

Valero volunteers helped prepare food boxes for senior citizens through the Southeast Texas Food Bank, supporting access to nutritious food for those who need it most. Their dedication demonstrates the positive impact of giving back through service.



VALERO PAWS FOR A CAUSE

The Valero Port Arthur employees came together to support the City of Port Arthur's Animal Services by donating pet food for dogs and cats in need. Thanks to our generous employees, shelter animals will have the nourishment they need while they wait for their forever homes. Valero is giving back to our furry friends, one bag at a time!

Teachers gain real-world experience through refinery externships



The Valero Port Arthur Refinery was proud to welcome a great group of local educators this summer for an inside look at our operations! Throughout their week at the facility, the teachers had the opportunity to experience firsthand how our refinery operates, its safety practices and environmental stewardship as well as the science and technology that power our processes every day.

By connecting classroom learning to real-world applications, we believe these educators will be inspired to share their knowledge with the next generation of problem-solvers, innovators, and energy leaders.

A big thank you to these dedicated educators for spending their time with us and for all they do to shape the future talent from our community!







Valero Partners to Advance STEM



Valero employees supported local summer camps that inspire young people to consider careers in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). Through hands-on activities and mentorship, volunteers sparked curiosity and encouraged the next generation of innovators and problem-solvers. We appreciate the community partners who helped make these enriching experiences possible.



INNOVATION COLLABORATION STEM CAMP

Employees and summer interns from the Valero Port Arthur Refinery enjoyed participating in the Innovation Collaboration STEM Camp at Lamar University for middle and high school students. Our team shared insights into the science behind refining and brought key concepts to life through a hands-on lava lamp demonstration. Campers explored scientific principles such as density, separation, and the effects of temperature on chemical reactions while having fun and expressing their creativity. Connecting with future scientists, engineers, and innovators is always a rewarding experience.







LAMAR UNIVERSITY STEM CAMP

The Valero Port Arthur Refinery was excited to welcome students from Lamar University's ChemE Camp for a day of hands-on discovery. Participants explored the fascinating world of chemistry, learned how it plays a vital role in our refining processes, and gained insight into the real-world applications of science and math throughout our facility. Experiences like this help spark curiosity and show students how classroom concepts connect to exciting, real-world careers. Thank you to these bright young visitors and the Lamar University College of Engineering for including Valero in its week of camp activities.

CAMP SEAPORT

The Valero Port Arthur Refinery welcomed a group of Camp Seaport participants to the site's dock terminal for an up-close look at the diverse careers that support refinery operations. During their visit, students experienced ship-docking simulations, learned how technology helps safely guide marine vessels, and saw drones in action within an industrial setting. From maritime logistics and engineering to technology and operations, the tour showcased the wide range of career paths available in the energy industry.





We are proud to help inspire future professionals by connecting classroom learning with real-world experiences.

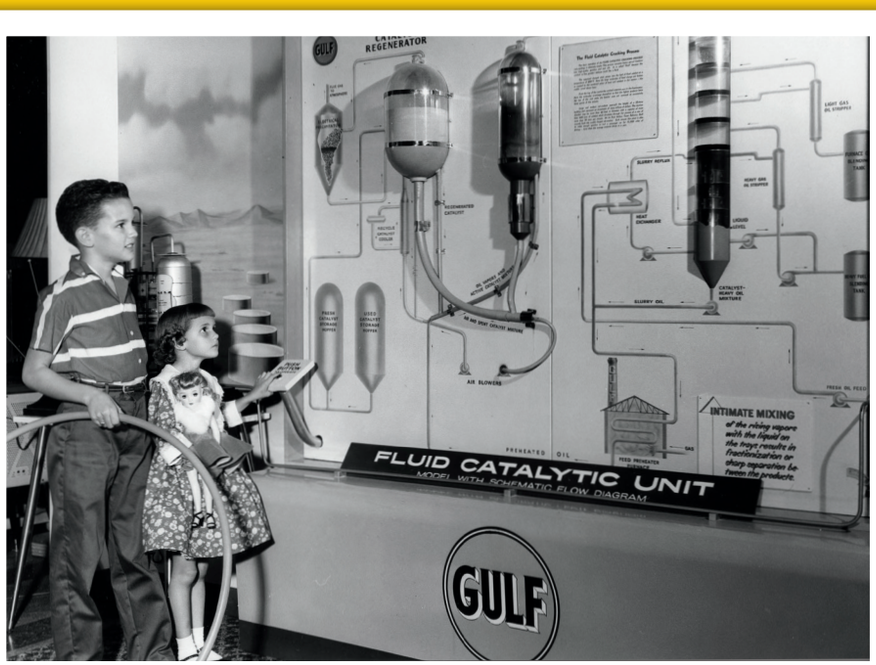
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Valero Port Arthur Refinery Celebrates 125 Years

As the Valero Port Arthur Refinery celebrates its **125th anniversary in 2026,** we reflect on a legacy that began in 1901. This historic photo shows young visitors exploring a Gulf Oil exhibit that demonstrated refinery processes and introduced future generations to the science behind the industry.

125 YEARS



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