



LAMAR INSTITUTE  
OF TECHNOLOGY



## December BIRTHDAYS

December 6, Mary Morris

December 6, James Rawls

December 6, Vickie Seymour

December 9, Delores Savoy

December 14, Bonnie Albright

December 18, Bryan Barron

December 18, Gina Johnson

December 19, Darren McIntire

December 20, Delaina Gaspard

December 21, Joshua Cobb

December 24, Alfred De La Rosa

December 29, Nicole Mitchell

December 29, Roneka Polidore

# THE PRESIDENT'S NEWSLETTER

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## Representative Phelan Praises LIT's Community Impact

Scholarship Banquet Guest Speaker, Texas House Representative Dade Phelan, reiterated his continued support of LIT, while Vidor Police Chief and Foundation President Rod Carroll welcomed guests to the packed Event Centre. The dinner also presented donors and recipients with the opportunity to meet.



**"We're doing things differently in Southeast Texas than other institutions have done. We're creating careers. We're not providing jobs..."**

**—Rep. Dade Phelan**

## ExxonMobil professionals visit LIT students



**Technology students hear advice from experienced ExxonMobil employees.**

open forum. The leaders discussed interview preparation, resumes, typical job expectations and responsibilities, shift schedules, work-life balance, plus other industry-related questions.

It was an informative afternoon spent learning all about their field, as LIT Process Operating Technology and Instrumentation students participated in a Petrochemical Professional Panel discussion with ExxonMobil Oil Refinery Beaumont, Texas.

They were given the opportunity to learn all about the industry from the best when ExxonMobil's BEST (Black Employee Success Team) and GOAL (Global Organization for the Advancement of Latinos) Employee Resource Groups recently presented the

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## Dr. Howard meets with Congresswoman Virginia Foxx



U.S. Congresswoman Virginia Foxx.

The Texas State University System Chancellor Brian McCall and U.S. Congresswoman Virginia Foxx, met with Dr. Howard, Lamar State College-Orange President Thomas Johnson and TSUS President Denise Trauth to discuss higher education, certificates, degrees and workforce education.

## Bingman students “brush up” on dental health



A Dental Hygiene student demonstrates how to properly brush teeth at Bingman Head Start.

LIT Dental Hygiene students recently visited BISD's Bingman Head Start Program. They taught the youngsters tooth brushing techniques, while providing exams and helpful tips to keep their smiles healthy!

## Applicants sought for \$5,000 Kuempel Scholarship

Do you know any LIT students who need financial aid? They can apply now for the \$5,000 Edmund P. Kuempel Scholarship. The program provides a one-time grant if they are currently enrolled and helps with tuition, required fees, living expenses and/or educational materials.

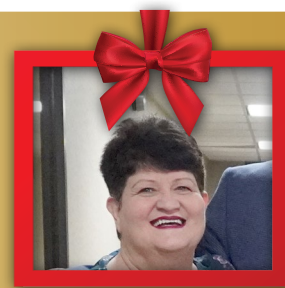
Applicants must: be students at, or be accepted for admission to, LIT, be enrolled in any program that results in an academic degree, have satisfactorily completed 12 hours of coursework at an accredited institution with a GPA of at least 3.5 (If accomplished at a non-TSUS school, completed coursework must be transferable to LIT.), submit a short essay (no longer than 800 words, double-spaced) with a statement of the candidate's goals and reasons for pursuing the degree, must be a U.S. citizen and current Texas resident, and must not have received this scholarship previously.

The deadline to apply is Sunday, December 8, 11:59 p.m. They can visit: [lit.edu/foundation/scholarships](http://lit.edu/foundation/scholarships). For any questions, call 409-839-2983.

## December Employee of the Month

Luouida Newbold has been with LIT for over 20 years. She works with our students every day- from veterans to dual enrollment students.

“She goes above and beyond for our students,” Nominator Alicia Placette said. “Every semester she assists students who are in danger of being dropped or who have trouble meeting their financial obligation so they can continue their education here at LIT.”



**Student Accounting Associate  
Luouida Newbold is LIT's  
Employee of the Month.**

## Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo donates \$53,000 to LIT

The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo (HLSR) donated \$53,000 to be used for scholarships for Lamar Institute of Technology students. The amount is a 31 percent increase from last year and the highest donation made to LIT students from its Vocational Scholarship Program. The funds were distributed to 11 students enrolled in computer-aided drafting (CAD), heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC), industrial mechanics, instrumentation, process operating, truck driving and utility line over their course of study at the Institute as long as required grade qualifications are met.

HLSR has donated \$215,500 to LIT for scholarships since 2013. The funds can be used for tuition, fees and/or books, tools and supplies for classes. More than \$500 million has been committed to Texas youth and education since 1932.

The rodeo is a Section 501(c)(3) charity that benefits youth, supports education and facilitates better agricultural practices through exhibitions and presentations. The 2020 HLSR is scheduled for March 3 – March 22, 2020.

## LIT students cheer on Houston Rockets courtesy of SGA



LIT students showed team pride at the Rockets game.

Nineteen students made the trip to Houston recently to attend the Rockets basketball game. LIT Game Night, sponsored by the SGA, included free transportation, tickets and a \$5 meal voucher. Everyone enjoyed the game and outcome, as the Rockets won 111-102.



## Students eligible to enter NISOD creative contest



Faculty members: encourage your students to enter a NISOD-sponsored creative contest that nets two winners each, \$1,000. Other prizes will also be awarded.

Graphic Design students are asked to design the official program cover for NISOD's 2020 International Conference on Teaching and Leadership Excellence, while writers can enter the Scott Wright Essay Contest by describing a faculty member, staff member or administrator who encouraged them to complete a course, finish a semester, or graduate from college, and how that encouragement helped them reach their goal(s).

The link to enter is: [nisod.org/membership/student-contests/](https://nisod.org/membership/student-contests/). If you or your students have questions, contact Nicole Novelli at [Nicole@nisod.org](mailto:Nicole@nisod.org) or (512) 471-7545.

## Enter to win prizes in #LITgradcapcontest



The Marketing Department announced LIT's first-ever Graduation Cap Decorating Contest. The Top 3 winners will be announced at the commencement ceremony on Friday, December 13, and on social media.

The contest will be conducted on social media, with students voting. The rules are: Participants must "like" LIT and tag a friend on our Facebook page, then, upload a picture of their decorated caps to

Instagram using #LITgradcapcontest to enter. Entry deadline is Sunday, December 8, and voting begins Monday, December 9.

Commencement is planned for Friday, December 13 at 9 a.m. in the Montagne Center at Lamar University.



### Featured photo from the President's Wall



Dr. Howard connects with KFDM Anchor Kimberly Rusley at the November Press Club Meeting.

If you would like your pictures placed on the President's Wall, send selfies, cute pet moments and photos from your vacations.

*Thanks for all you do*

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### Thanksgiving Potluck provides feast of flavors



Employees enjoy meats, side dishes and desserts.

The Allied Health & Sciences Department hosted its annual potluck event. The department provided meats, main dishes and refreshments, while staff and faculty members brought side dishes and desserts. Thank you, everyone, for the delicious Friendsgiving fellowship and food!

### LIT's Elf on a Shelf returns



LIT's Elf on a Shelf, Lenny, made his debut last year.

Last holiday season, the Marketing Department introduced Lenny and Larry. Lenny, LIT's pint-sized Elf on a Shelf was spotted in multiple LIT locations during days leading up to Christmas. Follow our social media channels to see where he ends up this season. Larry made his debut on YouTube Christmas Day 2018. We've been told he will team up with Baldy for more holiday foolery. Be sure to check out the LIT **YouTube** and **Facebook** page on Christmas morning to see their antics.

### Get busy and get decorating!

It's our Christmas Door Decorating contest. Be sure to submit [this form](#) by Friday, December 6. Judging will be on Tuesday, Dec. 10. Good luck!