

THE PRESIDENT'S NEWSLETTER

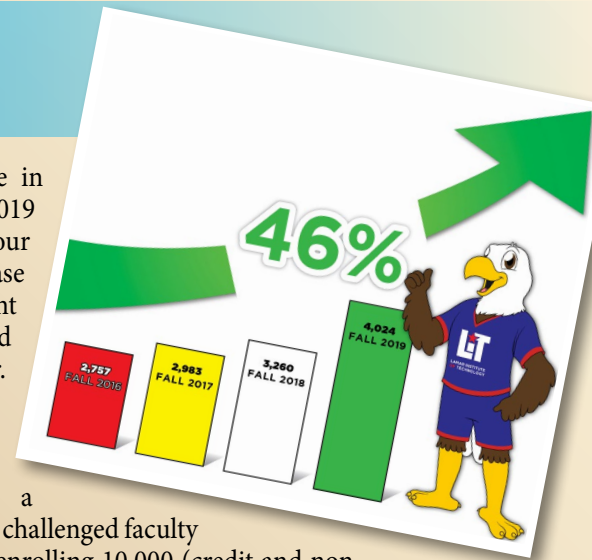
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2019 YEAR-END REVIEW MILESTONES, HONORS, AWARDS

Fall 2019 Credit Enrollment Breaks Another Record

A remarkable 46% enrollment increase in three years was heralded during Fall 2019 Convocation, while celebrating all our school's achievements. This increase continues the trend of enrollment increases that have occurred every long semester since Dr. Howard's installation. The milestone comes at a time when, nationally, college enrollment has become a growing concern. Dr. Howard challenged faculty and staff to meet the goal of enrolling 10,000 (credit and non-credit) students in five years instead of in 10 years (10-in-10).



Rebecca & Edwin Gale Foundation Gives Unprecedented \$1 Million Donation

The Rebecca & Edwin Gale Foundation in an unprecedented gesture of generosity, donated \$1 million to LIT for the Rebecca & Edwin Gale Scholarship Endowment. This is the largest single monetary donation in LIT's history. The Rebecca & Edwin Gale Foundation trustees have directed \$50,000 be allocated for scholarships each fiscal year from the donation to LIT students.

LIT received the largest single monetary donation ever.



LIT Officially "One of 20 Best Places to Work"

LIT was ranked 20th on the Best Places to Work list in Beaumont for 2019. That figure is cited by the job and career resource website Zippia.com. Data is based upon salaries, company financial health and employee diversity, according to the website. LIT is also the only higher education institution on this list.

25 percent tuition cut announced

An across-the-board, historic 25 percent tuition cut was announced by The Texas State University System (TSUS) for the 2019-20 school year. It was made possible by the efforts of TSUS Chancellor Dr. Brian McCall, Representative Dade Phelan, Texas Speaker of the House Dennis Bonnen and the rest of the system staff. LIT's tuition dropped to \$1,995, while the TSUS Board of Regents also reduced the fee for dual-credit courses ranging from \$75-\$110 per semester credit hour, to \$50 per credit hour.



TSUS Chancellor Brian McCall, Ph.D. shares the impact of the system's groundbreaking tuition cuts.

Student gets FREE college...on Dr. Howard



Dr. Howard presents scholarship check to Felipe Juarez.

Shortly after the announcement from The Texas State University System of its 25 percent tuition cut, Dr. Howard fulfilled his promise to pay the first year of tuition for a deserving student--HVAC major Felipe Juarez, Beaumont United High School graduate, who was dual-enrolled. Juarez is also a first-generation college student.

Reader's Choice Award garnered



The loyal fans and readers of the Beaumont Enterprise again voted LIT #1 School for Career Training in Southeast Texas for the second year in a row! Each year tens of thousands of readers vote in 180 categories for everything from the best hamburger to the best hospital. In addition to 2019 and 2018, LIT also won in 2016.

LIT: one of most affordable online colleges



LIT was named one of the most cost-effective, accredited online community colleges in Texas for 2019 by the World Scholarship Forum. The forum is a "portal for international scholarship opportunities for undergraduates, masters and PhD students," according to worldscholarshipforum.com.

Medical Billing gets honor



LIT's Medical Billing & Coding School was named one of the country's 100 most affordable programs, according to MedicalFieldCareers.com in another accolade for our college. The site said it came up with this list using IPEDS and NCES.ed.gov educational data and statistics and information provided by the schools themselves that was more accurate (Tuition cost vs. Net Price), plus, used its own custom methodology.

Dual Enrollment agreements



Dr. Howard signs revolutionary memorandum of understanding as BISD Board members Denise Spooner, Dr. Vernice Monroe, Angela Bransford, and A.B. Bernard look on.

A groundbreaking agreement was signed between LIT and Beaumont Independent School District (BISD), that gives eligible high school students the opportunity to earn technical certificates at Taylor Career Center (TCC) via dual enrollment. The Deep East Texas College & Career Alliance (DETCCA) also became officially part of the Institute's Dual Credit portfolio. Dr. Howard officially signed an agreement to provide college courses at the Jasper Higher Education & Technology Center.



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LIT "FIRSTS"

Eagles' Nest for Student Success opens



Dr. Angela Hill gives overview of new Eagles' Nest.



The Eagles' Nest opened in Fall of 2019 and is home to the Student Success and Online Learning departments and a new computer lab.

The \$6.1 million Eagles' Nest for Student Success (Eagles' Nest) building opened in the fall with much fanfare. The building is home to the Student Success and Online Learning departments, Admissions, Advising, Career Services, Financial Aid, Student Activities, Student Government Association, Teaching and Learning Center, an adjunct faculty suite, the Testing Center, a computer lab, gathering spaces for students and a multipurpose room.

Baldy, the new mascot



Our first-ever mascot, "Baldy" the eagle, was introduced at Fall 2019 Convocation, followed by music, food, prizes and activities. Baldy has made numerous appearances at events around campus including Fall 2019 Commencement. A couple talented students will have the chance to earn the Baldy Mascot Scholarship worth \$1,500 beginning the Spring 2020 semester.

Our Mascot dressed to impress.

Pharmacy Tech Program PTCB-recognized



AHSC's Pharmacy Technician program is now one of more than 600 nationwide that has been recognized by the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board (PTCB). PTCB sets the national standard for certification of pharmacy technicians with the goal of improving medication safety and patient care.

LIT is one of more than 600 programs nationwide recognized.

Fire Academy reopens grounds after recovering from Harvey



The newly constructed Regional Fire Academy reopened in June.



Fire academy cadets in action, fighting a mock fire.

Two years after Hurricane Harvey destroyed the Regional Fire Academy at 600 Marina Dr., the new facility reopened. The former 2,180 sq. ft. building, grounds and equipment were lost. The academy's new facility consists of three modular units totaling 3,576 sq. ft. with a reception area, two classrooms accommodating 25 students each, offices, a storage area for new equipment, a bay and new shower area for men and women.



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STUDENT SERVICES

Fun and career planning

Student Services hosted two resume workshops in October, Project Interview with mock employer interviews and a Job Fair, where employers met, greeted and interviewed hopeful students. [ExxonMobil](#) provided Process Operating and Industrial Technologies students with practical job information during a Petrochemical Professionals Panel discussion.

Student Services also sponsored Hispanic Heritage Day, a yummy Food Truck fest, Houston Rockets game night, a Pink Out Day in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month and more.

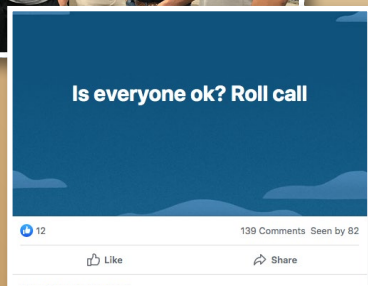
The year ended with a Fall 2019 #LITgradcapcontest, yielding three decorated cap winners: 1st place, Caitlin Broussard - \$50 Visa gift card and LIT Alumni shirt; 2nd place - Natasha Morse- \$25 Visa gift card and LIT Alumni shirt; and 3rd place - Taylor Bell- \$10 Chick-fil-A gift card and LIT Alumni shirt.



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#LITstrong

LIT heroes shine during Imelda



Paramedics/EMT Class

Thanks to EMS Program Clinical Director Clint Vannoy, the Paramedics/EMT class learned some life lessons in compassion and service. To help the community recoup from its recent losses from Tropical Storm Imelda, Vannoy charged his students with cleaning and removing debris from damaged property. The group worked on five different houses in one day --all first responder families.

Three students to the rescue

Three LIT students immediately rushed into action as the storm struck, offering tireless service, despite the fact that two of them were in the process of losing their own homes. First-year Instrumentation Technology students Jaron Cooper and Blake Lawrence, and Regional Fire Academy Cadet Taylor Talbert disregarded their own personal losses and safety to help rescue others.

Helping Hands organization

This public Facebook group received "Employee(s) of the Month" in October to honor its efforts on social media to gather resources for staff and faculty. The group connected those in need with those who could help, collected money for gift cards, cleaning supplies and other necessities while comforting victims. Helping Hands was formed by LIT's Staff/Faculty Senate during Hurricane Harvey.



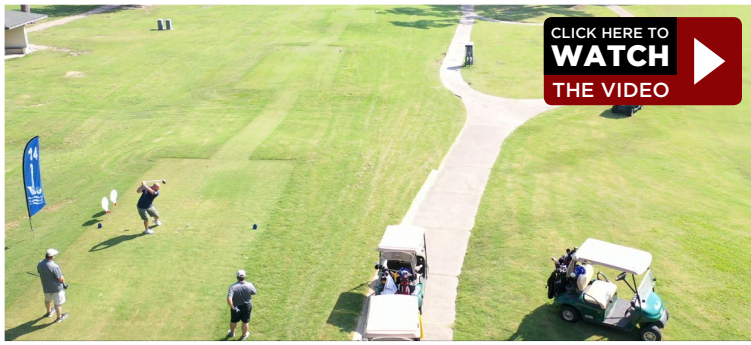


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LIT FOUNDATION EVENTS

Charity Golf Tournament

A total of \$84,672 was raised in scholarships for deserving students for Spring, Summer and Fall 2020 semesters at the Foundation's golf tournament, sponsored by ExxonMobil Beaumont. Forty teams made up of 160 golfers participated, with nine cooking teams serving a variety of food and refreshments all day.



A Salute to the Real American Heroes & Shoot-Out help fund students' dreams

The 2019 LIT "A Salute to the Real American Heroes" event raised over \$55,000. The revenue from this event does not reflect the amount of scholarships awarded in the fiscal year. Funds are deposited into an endowment account, which earns interest through investments.

At the fiscal year-end LIT Foundation Board of Directors meeting, the board voted to distribute: \$27,000 in scholarships from the LIT Salute Endowment account and \$37,000 in scholarships from the LIT Shoot-Out Endowment account for the 2019-2020 fiscal year.





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EMPLOYEES OF THE MONTH

January
Schronda Clark



February
Shanelle Lawson



March
Karen Gordon



April
Lori Johnson



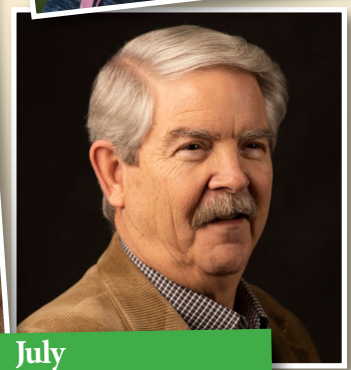
May
Tiffany Williams-Parker



June
Joul Ghorayeb



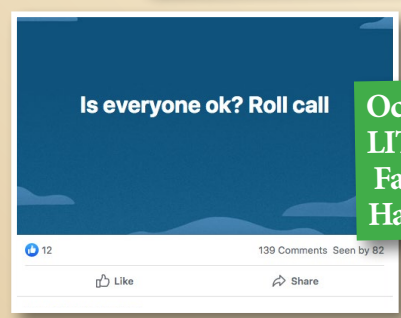
July
Peter Whittaker and Pat O'Connor



August
Rhonda Mitchell



September
Bryan Neal



October
LIT Staff Senate -
Faculty Senate Helping
Hands Organization

JANUARY 2020

DR. VALERIE WORRY

Dr. Worry tirelessly performed hours of TV news interviews after the TPC explosion, making LIT the go-to-source for all things plant-related in the area. She also played an integral role in the \$1 million donation from Emerson to replace equipment. Recently Dr. Howard presented Dr. Worry with the inaugural Presidential Innovation Award for \$1,000, designed to inspire and reward innovation at LIT among our faculty and staff.



November
Baldy



December
Luouida Newbold

