

LAMAR INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

55th LIT 2018 Commencement

Over 370 students, ages 18 to 66 proudly accepted diplomas and crossed the stage to graduate from LIT on Fri., May 11. Two-hundred-thirty-two AAS degrees were awarded in 23 different subjects and 146 certificates were conferred in 21 areas. More than 26% of the students graduated with honors!

The commencement address was presented by Dr. Jamie Garza, a TSUS Regent from San Antonio and renowned surgeon, currently Clinical Surgery Professor at The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio.

Congratulations, **Spring 2018 graduates**...Go forth and conquer!

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Spring Commencement

Commencement Speaker
Dr. Jamie Garza, TSUS Regent

Employee(s) of the Month

Unlike in the past, this month's Employee of the Month goes to the 2018 Spring Graduation Committee: Chair Dr. Lori Rochelle, Director of Financial Aid; Dr. Miranda Phillips, Dean of Student & Academic Success; Melissa Armentor, Vice President for Student & Academic Success; Peter



Adam Balla, Dawn Katz, Judy Hoffpauir, Dr. Lori Rochelle, Cindy King, Dr. Miranda Phillips, Pat O'Connor, Ken Mason, Melissa Armentor, Peter Whittaker

Whittaker, Allied Health & Sciences Department Chair; Ken Mason, Public Service & Safety Department Chair; Lauri Arnold-Calder, Business Technologies Department Chair; Pat O'Connor, Technology Department Chair; Dawn Katz, General Education & Developmental Studies Department Chair; Ira Wilsker, Faculty Senate President; Sherry Kilgore, Staff Senate President; Adam Balla, Graphics & Publications Specialist; Cindy King, Exec. Associate for the Vice President for Student & Academic Success; and Judy Hoffpauir, Exec. Assistant for the President's Office.

They met several times before graduation to assign jobs, suggest participants for the program and make sure logistics were complete. Staff, too, worked tirelessly behind the scenes for weeks leading up to graduation and throughout the day before, during and after, alongside the committee, ensuring the graduation ceremony flowed smoothly.

Congratulations to all and thanks for making the 55th commencement of LIT a huge success!

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Anthony Davis (6/1)

Mary Susan Baker (6/7)

Sharon Courmier (6/11)

Stanley Spooner (6/14)

Karol Allen (6/15)

Christopher Bates (6/18)

Bill Sizemore (6/24)

Chelsea Hoke (6/26)

Alicia Placette (6/26)

Minus Hargrave (6/27)

Sharon Jacobs (6/27)

Angela Clark (6/29)

Allison Jacobs (6/29)

Steve Champagne (6/30)

Leigh Smith (6/30)

Gary Perkins (6/30)

Remember, if you have any **Shout-Outs**, feel free to send those directly to David Mosley or Rhonda Mitchell. We will do our best to get you or your event recognized.



Need Help Paying for Summer School?

Know anyone interested in getting ahead by pursuing Summer School at LIT? Some students may be eligible for **federal funding**

to help defray Summer School costs! Day, evening and online courses will be offered during three sessions: Summer I, June 4-July 9; Summer II, July 10-Aug. 13 and Summer III, June 4-Aug. 13.

For more information on courses, dates and times, contact studentserv@lit.edu or call 409-880-8321.

Students Should Submit Applications for LIT's Fall 2018 Scholarships Now

If you know anyone thinking about attending, or planning to attend LIT in Fall 2018, please urge him/her to submit a FAFSA (www.fafsa.gov) and scholarship application as soon as possible. The LIT Scholarship Committee will be meeting in late June to award the first round of Fall 2018 scholarships. The second round of scholarships will be awarded in late August.



Grant-Funded Spanish Class for Health Professionals Offered in May

LIT's Continuing Education/Workforce Education offered a free conversational Spanish Class in late May, which was embraced enthusiastically by area health professionals and LIT healthcare students. The 14-day-long class was filled to capacity with 14 students. This is the first time LIT has offered this course, which was funded by a Texas Mutual Insurance Co. grant.

Judging by the overwhelming interest and positive feedback, Department Coordinator Angela Clark said she foresees expanding it by offering Spanish language training to other industries beginning in August for Fall 2018. For more information contact workforcetraining@lit.edu.



LIT Sends Students to National SkillsUSA Competition

Eight LIT SkillsUSA gold medalists are headed to the SkillsUSA national competition in Louisville, KY, June 25-29. The LIT winners advancing from the state competition include: Dual gold winner Anthony Adams for Extemporaneous Speaking and Prepared Speech (he is only allowed to compete in one); Nereyda Diaz, CSI; Syed Habib, CSI; Raymond Leidinger, HVAC; Cecilio Lopez, Customer Service; Rebeca Martinez, CSI; Roy Moore, Tele Cabling; Joseph Mosley, Electronics Technology.

Silver Medal Welding winner Ryan McClellan, will be representing LIT in place of a gold medal winner from Tulsa Welding School, Houston, who can't make the trip. A total of 30 LIT students won gold, silver and bronze medals at the state level.

Good luck to all! We're very proud of your huge accomplishment!



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Cultural Diversity & Team Building: Topic of Training

Imelda Wicks, Lamar University Executive Director of Diversity, Inclusive Excellence and Training, will speak about "Cultural Diversity & Team Building" on Tues., June 12, from 3-4:30pm in the Paul and Connie Szuch Multi-Purpose Center. This training will provide a better understanding of where LIT stands and our goals for diversity. Ms. Wicks will also provide strategies to help us grow as culturally competent team members.



Welcome to LIT: Rhonda Mitchell

Rhonda is an award-winning graphic designer and copywriter, who joined our team in Nov. 2017 as PR and Social Media Specialist. She graduated from Syracuse University Newhouse School of Communications, Syracuse, NY, and attended Moore College of Art, Phila., PA.

Her artwork is on display in Beaumont at 23rd and Calder, where she recently painted a traffic box for the city. She is also exhibiting a painting in the "Flower & Floral Art Show" at the Music Studio on June 8.

Rhonda is an active member in many professional organizations, is an avid user and proponent of many social media platforms, including, but not limited to: Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Google+, LinkedIn and Pinterest. Besides painting and writing, she enjoys working out, cooking and gardening.

ALUMNI Spotlight

LIT Helps Link Roberts Overcome Huge Obstacles

Faced with no income and instability, Link Roberts was at a critical point in his life. He had always dreamed of owning a tractor trailer, so, in 2016 he enrolled in LIT's Truck Driving Program to receive his Commercial Drivers' License (CDL) certification.

Roberts, a Sept. 2017 graduate of the program, now working for Donovan Industries, said, he earns good money, but *now* it's steady work. "One thing is I'm home every night. I would definitely recommend LIT to someone, wanting to earn an above-average wage!"



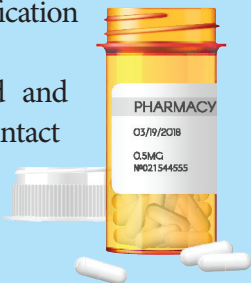
Seeks Part-Time Medication Aid Instructors

Lamar Institute of Technology's Continuing Education Department is seeking part-time Medication Administration instructors immediately for year-round classes. Candidates must be a Registered Nurse with at least two years of long-term care experience. Previous teaching experience is preferred but not required.

Most classes will be held in the evening, with the number of hours varying depending on student demand.

Job responsibilities will include classroom instruction, lab practice, skills assessment and supervising medication aid for continuing education students. Instructors also must maintain federal certification requirements.

Those interested and qualified should contact Angela Clark: atclark@lit.edu or 409-880-2171.



Adjunct Instructors Needed!

Ps-s-s-t...Spread the word... Do you know professionals who specialize in the academic subjects of History, Psychology, English, Speech or Math, and have a Master's degree or higher? We need Adjunct Instructors. They can apply here: <https://jobs.lit.edu/postings/264>. Pay is outstanding, too--\$43.75/hr.!

New Criminal Justice Evening Course Announced for Summer 2018

June 4 marked the beginning of our Summer I program. A Criminal Justice course has been added to the roster—Intro to Criminal Justice (CRIJ 1301). The course will be offered June 4-Aug. 13.

CRIJ 1301 is being held Mon.-Thurs., from 5:30-6:30pm. Please reach out to any interested students you might know. They can email studentserv@lit.edu, contact a student advisor or call 409-880-8321 for more information.



2018 Lineman Rodeo a Huge Success

Billy Martinez was the big winner at our Silsbee campus' Lineman Rodeo in May. He won individually for the Hurt Man Rescue and Cutout events, as well as a team member of the "Best Team."

Other winning team members included: Case Campbell, Hunter Morgan and Matthew Summers for individual efforts in (respectively):

Grounding, Insulator Change and Cross-Arm.

Individual winners were: Hunter Bland for Speed Climb and Best Reach, Justin Stewart for Fuse Change and Joseph Williams, Rigging. Everyone enjoyed watching the linemen compete and a barbecue lunch. Congratulations go to all winners!

Fire Academy Orientation Jun. 14

If you know someone who has always dreamed of becoming a firefighter, fuel that desire! Refer him or her to our Fire Academy Orientation on

Thurs., June 14, at 4pm in Rm. 105 of the Technology Center. This program is well-known and highly acclaimed among firefighting districts throughout Southeast Texas. In fact, many employees are LIT Fire Academy graduates!



Thanks for all you do!