

LAMAR INSTITUTE  
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## MAY BIRTHDAYS

Deborah Brown (5/3)

David P. Mosley (5/4)

Monica Bradley-Pier (5/8)

Jimmy LeBoeuf (5/12)

Timothy Storbeck (5/10)

Gwen Walden (5/11)

Gregoria Salazar (5/9)

Tena Cobb (5/14)

Carey Cuccia (5/16)

Lacey Stinebrickner (5/16)

Patricia Culbertson (5/18)

Roszella Offord (5/20)

Faghili Tuguta (5/21)

Barbara Cummings (5/23)

Alys Marken (5/24)

Marlon T. Hartman (5/25)

Dianne Deranieri (5/26)

Shunetta Lewis (5/29)

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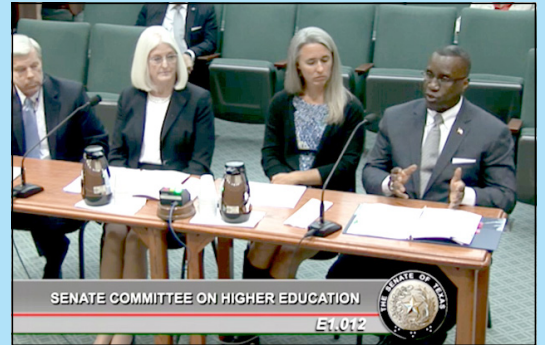
## Spring Enrollment is Up 7.7%

LIT's certified Spring 2018 credit enrollment was up 7.7% when compared to Spring 2017. Even more impressive, Dual Credit (DC) and Early College High School (ECHS) enrollment is up 170%. Included in this overall enrollment increase for Spring 2018, there are 335 ECHS and DC students mainly from Beaumont and Silsbee ISD.



## Legislative Testimony

On April 25, I presented written and oral testimony before the Texas Senate Higher Education Committee charged with reviewing the 60x30TX Statewide Plan. My testimony addressed our innovative relationship with Beaumont ISD through our Early College High School (ECHS) and Industry Cluster Innovative Academy (ICIA). Specifically, how these are helping achieve 60x30TX by awarding certifications in relevant fields of industry. Additionally, my testimony highlighted progress in achieving our goals within the 60x30TX plan, and efforts to implement innovative and non-traditional models of education delivery to meet the needs of an increasingly diverse student body.



## Employee of the Month (May): John Randall

John Randall, Regional Fire Academy-Public Service and Safety Coordinator, was presented LIT's second Employee of the Month award for May. He received the honor thanks to his valiant efforts for helping secure another location for a training facility after Hurricane

Harvey unceremoniously destroyed LIT's entire Fire Academy's grounds on the Neches River. Destroyed were the facility, fire truck, engine and equipment.



John Randall drives the newly donated fire truck

We couldn't be prouder, John...Keep up the great work!

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## New Course Offering Announced for Summer 2018

A compact, entry-level Dental Assistant program that is completed in 2 weeks will run from June 22-July 7, which is perfect for anyone wanting to enter the workforce right away in a fast-growing field.

The program, a collaboration between LIT's Allied Health and Sciences and Workforce Education departments, prepares students in all aspects of administrative and clinical dental assisting. Classes are held daily, 8 am - 5 pm except Sundays and will prepare students to take the state exam.

SUMMER I, SUMMER II, AND FALL 2018

## OPEN ENROLLMENT

BEGINS MONDAY, APRIL 16, 2018

## Open Enrollment is Happening Now!

Students may register for the following semesters: May Mini, Summer 1, Summer 2 and Fall 2018. They can enroll online or on-campus.

Advisors from all departments and for all programs will be on hand Monday-Friday, from 8 am - 5 pm, to assist students. They can also call 409-880-8321 or visit [registration@lit.edu](mailto:registration@lit.edu).

## THECB Accountability/60x30TX Meeting

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board recognized our college on April 3 as a top performer in three areas of 60x30TX: Overall Completions (+42.81%), Economically-Disadvantaged Completions (+36.73%), and Graduates per full-time-equivalent student (+10.96) based on our 2017 accountability data. As a member of The Texas State University System, our college has greatly benefited from the leadership of our Chancellor, Dr. Brian McCall. In August 2016, Chancellor McCall initiated Vision 2020 goals to align institutional outcomes with the Coordinating Board's 60x30TX Plan. LIT's Shared Vision operationalizes both Vision 2020 and the 60x30TX Plan to the point where it is moving our institution to the top of Texas 2 year colleges!



## Food Truck Festival Set for May 2!

Are your mouths watering yet? No? They should be. Come one, come all and taste some delectable food served by Unick Eat'z, Gilliam Snacks & Food Shack and Jaime's Grandmother's Cakes food trucks.

It all takes place from 11 am - 2 pm on the Quad. We guarantee full bellies and fun times!

## LIT Foundation Shoot-Out Raises \$140,000 for Scholarships

Over 70 teams, including TSUS Vice Chancellor for Finance Daniel Harper, consisting of four shooters each and 118 volunteers helped make the 2018 LIT Shoot-Out a huge success. The LIT Foundation will allocate 20 total scholarships for the 2018-2019 fiscal year--10 which will go towards Fall 2018 students, and 10 for Spring 2019 students.



Daniel Harper, TSUS Vice Chancellor for Finance

A big thanks goes to our sponsors: ExxonMobil, Golden Pass LNG, Provost Umphrey Law Firm, LLP and Signature Industrial Services. The foundation supports scholarships, professional development for faculty and staff, and assistance in acquiring property for future growth of the college.





## Development (Major Donation)

ExxonMobil donated a fire truck to LIT to support training at the regional fire academy. LIT's regional fire academy, which included three instructional buildings, fire truck and training equipment, was destroyed due to floodwaters following Hurricane Harvey. The donation will allow students to gain hands-on experience with pumping operations while using the fire truck. The fire truck is a 1989 model and was completely refurbished in 2010, including a rebuilt motor and upgraded stainless steel piping. ExxonMobil has donated more than \$390,000 to LIT and funded more than 170 scholarships to students since 2009.



LIT received \$61,500 from the GHS Foundation for the Smith-Hutson Scholarship Program which provides 2018 Spring scholarships for the benefit of students enrolled in radiology, business management development, computer networking, accounting, sonography, general education/developmental studies, welding, process operating, instrumentation, emergency medical services, occupational safety and health, and the regional fire academy.



### Dr. Mark Taylor Discusses How to Appeal to Generation NeXt

Dr. Mark Taylor, MSW, EdD, president of Taylor Programs LTD, recently presented a seminar to LIT faculty and staff, discussing "Meeting Generation NeXt: Understanding, Teaching and Servicing Today's Learners." The seminar, delivered in 2 sessions, was hosted by LIT's Teaching and Learning Center.

Dr. Taylor helped everyone better understand how the social, personal and academic traits of students of this generation impact learning and success. He also provided ideas to inspire students so they could achieve their personal and educational goals.

### LIT Police Academy Conducts Hands-On Training for 2 Weeks

LIT Police Academy cadets learned how to physically disarm and take-down criminals during Defensive Tactics training that was held last week and this week. Students continued with hands-on exercises as they learned how to drive tactically and defensively during Driving Training.



In other Police Academy news that involves cross-teaching, Homeland Security/Criminal Justice Instructor Nicole Mitchell engaged Police Academy Assistant Director AJ Davis to demonstrate take-down methods with Ms. Mitchell's Fundamentals of Criminal Law Class.

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Please welcome,

### Cheryl (Sherry) Biksey

She is the new Sr. Administrative Associate for the General Education and Developmental Department. Sherry's previous experience is in the medical field, working at hospitals, and in a doctor's office. She spent her last 14 years at a dialysis company as an Operations Clinical Associate. She also sold Real Estate for a while. Besides being a married mother of 3 and grandmother, in her spare time she enjoys music, painting and gardening.



### Save the date!

Graduation is  
Fri., May 11, 2018  
9:00 AM

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## LIT and Lamar University Enter Joint Competition in California

Our Welding Department assisted Lamar University's senior Mechanical Engineering students in the construction of an energy-efficient car that was entered into a worldwide competition in Sonoma, CA, last weekend.

LIT welding students welded the frame to the super-efficient vehicle, which was designed by LU engineering students. The Shell Eco-Marathon is an annual competition that LIT has participated in for 11 years. The competition provides a forum so students can apply difficult engineer concepts to a project and produce innovative ideas that fuel green energy.

The contest presents new and challenging opportunities for welding students, Welding Technology Program Director John McKeehan said. The pipe that's welded is much smaller and thinner than what students normally encounter in class. The result is a culmination of eight months of hard work between both schools.

## MobilOil Credit Union Hosting Lunch & Learn for Faculty & Staff

Bring a bag lunch and find out how to save your hard-earned money in our Build a Basic Budget workshop, presented by the LIT Teaching and Learning Center. It will be held on Wed., May 2, from 11:30 am - 12:30 pm in PATC, Rm. 108.

If you've ever wondered where your money is going, or asked yourself what happened to your last ATM withdrawal, you need to spend your lunch (and not your money!) listening to this educational presentation. Lori Higgins, MOCU Business Development & Financial Education Manager will also help you track your spending and set up a plan.

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### Lunch & Learn

## Build a Basic Budget

Wednesday, May 2 · 11:30 am - 12:30 pm  
Petrochemical and Advanced Technology Center (PATC) - Room 108

**Can you recall where you spent your last ATM withdrawal?**

**Do you constantly ask yourself "Where is my money going"?**

Bring your lunch and join us as we learn how to set up a spending plan, track spending and ways to save hard earned money!

Presented by:  
Lori Higgins  
Business Development & Financial Education Manager, MobilOil Credit Union

LIT Teaching and Learning Center



## LIT Capital Projects

Design and Development is complete for the T-1 Building Replacement and T-4/T-5 Renovations. After board approval of the 18,900 square foot new Student Success building, construction will begin June 4. This new building will house Financial Aid, Student Government, Advising/Outreach Recruiting, Student Activities and Career Services, Admissions, the Testing Center and LIT's new Teaching and Learning Center with Online Learning and an Adjunct suite. Also included is a multi-purpose room, computer lab and gathering spaces for students. Total cost of the project is \$7,417,519.

## Student Government Association Inducts Officers for 2018-2019

Congratulations to our new, recently elected LIT SGA officers! They are: President Vicky Lopez, Vice President Devyn Dickerson, Secretary/Treasurer Hayden Moser and Representative-at-Large Annie Gil. We look forward to seeing what exciting events they will be hosting, and topics they will be discussing.



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Dr. Lori Rochelle



## LIT Students Win Medals in 2018 SkillsUSA State Competition

Congratulations go out to our 30 medal winners in the recent state competition! Nine gold winners will advance to the national competition June 25-29 in Louisville, KY.

They are: Dual gold winner Anthony Adams for Extemporaneous Speaking and Prepared Speech; Ne-reyda Diaz, CSI; Syed Habib, CSI; Raymond Leidinger, HVAC; Cecilio Lopez, Customer Service; Rebeca Martinez, CSI; Roy Moore, Tele Cabling; Joseph Mosley, Electronics Technology.

One of the largest groups ever represented LIT at the competition—50 individuals! We'll be eagerly following all the gold winners to nationals!



Judge Raquel West speaks to Nicole Mitchell's class



Chris Williams at the LIT Shoot-Out



Baby shower for Ginny Walston



**Thanks for all you do!**



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.