

# February 6, 2017

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8	Job Shadowing President-Clin Vannoy	Melissa Armer	Jonathan Smi	Lana Pigao, D.	
9		Joul Ghoreyak	Bonnie Albrig	President's Cabinet Meeting MPC	
10		BOR Academic Call-In Number		Howard/Lonnie	
11		Jonathan Smi			
12 <sup>PM</sup>		David Mosley	Meeting with President's Office	Lana Pigao	
		Steve Arnold	Howard, Lonnie	Stephen Davis	
1	Campus Walk-Around				
2	Leadership Team CB Conf Room, 224				
3	Howard, Lonnie				
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5		Veronica Colli	Melissa Armer	Steve Arnold	
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## **A Day With The President** by Clint Vannoy

On Monday, February 6, 2017, I was invited to join Dr. Howard for a day, to shadow him in his role as President of Lamar Institute of Technology. I arrived at the President's office at 7:55am Monday morning, to find him and his staff hard at work already. I was welcomed by Veronica, his assistant, and given a schedule of what to expect today. Dr. Howard emerged out of his office to shake my hand and welcome me in to sit and visit for a few minutes. He wanted me to know, that I would be involved in every facet of his normal day, and that there would be total transparency in everything we encountered. At this point I was still a little nervous, not wanting to disappoint or look foolish, so I was pretty quiet, just observing everything and taking a lot of notes. It did not take long before the day was hopping.

The first meeting of the day took place in his office with several key Faculty members. Dr. Howard told me to sit next to him during meetings, and ask any questions I had. As that meeting ended, a current student was waiting to talk to the President about some concerns with his transcripts and some of the schools policies. Dr. Howard listened carefully and advised the student that he would look into it. We quickly left his office, and went to the Multi-Purpose Center for Presidents council. He introduced me to the Council, and the meeting began. One of the very first things the President did was bring up the concerns of the student that was in his office just a few minutes ago. I thought to myself, wow that was fast. He did exactly what he told that student he would do. The meeting went on and a number of topics were discussed. As the meeting came to a close, we rushed upstairs to a conference room, with Vice President Armentor for a tele-conference with the State Education board, to discuss some new certificates and programs L.I.T. wants to offer. As the call ended, we were successful in our recommendations to the Board, which I could tell pleased them, because everyone started High Fiving each other.

As the day progressed, we began our campus walk around. We visited several different programs, and everyone was very excited to see the President come around. Dr. Howard was quick to introduce me to everyone, and explain to all what I was doing with him. At this point, I began to realize that Dr. Howard's time is one of his biggest commodities, and everyone wants a little of it. Everywhere we went, people would approach him, want to say hi and visit, ask questions, or simply tell him their problems. He was always very approachable, and truly empathetic to each person's issue. We concluded our walk around, and made our way back to the Leadership Meeting. As the meeting went on, I began to understand that the team of people Dr. Howard has around him, all have very different roles, but all worked well together. They are a very smart group of individuals. The meeting came to an end, and we went back to his office to discuss the day. I departed at 5:30pm.

So here is what I really took for my day with The President:

1. **Dr. Howard has a lot of energy, and positive energy. (If you want to shadow him, get sleep the night before, wear comfortable shoes, and come with an open mind).**
2. **He wants to be a good steward of the students and taxpayers money.**
3. **Having a Shared Vision is really what he wants, he listens to input from everyone.**
4. **He wants to help people, not just students, faculty and staff, but anyone who needs help.**
5. **He is in this for the Right reasons. He wants to do the Right thing for all.**
6. **He will make time for you. If you see him around, and he seems rushed, it's because he is, don't be offended if he can't spend a lot of time with you, he wants to, he is just busy.**
7. **I never had any idea of how much he has on his plate, he is truly a Master of Juggling Irons in the Fire, even if he didn't start the fire.**
8. **Dr. Howard is one of the most forward thinking people I've ever met. While some people are trying to put out fires, he's thinking about how to prevent them before they start.**
9. **He is very sincere.**
10. **He doesn't have time for vague answers, be direct, and say what you mean.**
11. **He likes people having different opinions, makes for a more well-rounded discussion.**  
And
12. **I believe he is the right man to Lead L.I.T into the future, and I'm Proud to be part of his team.**

To conclude, this day was a very eye opening experience for me. I have a better understanding about the inner workings of the school, and it shed a lot of light on things I didn't understand. At every turn, Dr. Howard explained everything I had questions about, and truly made me feel like a critical member of our family. I would recommend to anyone, send him an email, shadow him, and talk to him. Thank you to everyone that I encountered during the day, you were all very gracious. Last, Thank You Dr. Howard, for pulling back the curtain, and letting me see into your world. I appreciate The President you are, and The Man you choose to be. We are in good hands.