

LAMAR INSTITUTE
OF TECHNOLOGY

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- June 1, Anthony Davis
- June 4, Leslie Harris
- June 5, Kerry Mix
- June 11, Sharon Courmier
- June 14, Stanley Spooner
- June 15, Karol Allen
- June 24, William Sizemore
- June 26, Chelsea Hoke
- June 26, Alicia Placette
- June 27, Minus Hargrave
- June 27, Sharon Jacobs
- June 29, Angela Clark
- June 29, Allison Martin
- June 30, Steve Champagne
- June 30, Gary Perkins



THE PRESIDENT'S NEWSLETTER

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New Summer Hours (Rewarding The Staff)

To reward staff, Dr. Howard implemented new, innovative summer hours. Beginning Monday, June 3, 2019, LIT will operate on a four-and-a-half day schedule, flexing hours to close at noon on Fridays.

Dr. Howard, in his commitment to make LIT one of the **Best Two-Year Colleges** to work at in Southeast Texas, wanted to create an environment where having summer hours will allow staff longer weekends with more “free” time to spend with family and friends. Dr. Howard added, “This is a big deal and a first for LIT.”



LIT, SFA sign For Historic Dual Credit Agreement



Dr. Howard spoke about how LIT is bringing incredible opportunities across the state.



Dr. Howard signs historic agreement with six ISDs in the DETCCA.

Thanks to LIT’s leadership, the Deep East Texas College & Career Alliance (DETCCA) is officially part of the Institute’s Dual Credit portfolio. Dr. Howard, along with Stephen F. Austin State University (SFA) President Dr. Steve Westbrook and six rural ISD Superintendents, officially inked an agreement to provide college courses at the Jasper Higher Education & Technology Center.

Speaking before representatives of DETCCA, members of the media and other supporters Dr. Howard said, “I know firsthand the transformative power that a postsecondary degree. This marks a new chapter in LIT’s already successful Dual Credit story.”

Marketing Moment: June 2019

To efficiently reach a broader audience in a cost-effective manner with video, LIT will be using cable television in conjunction with its pre-roll, weather sponsorship and connected device approach. Along with local channels, LIT commercials will appear on popular channels like Comedy Central, ESPN, MTV, TBS, TNT and USA.

These channels hit three target demographics: students (age 18-24), parents of students and adult learners (age 25-54).

Area high school students sign letters of intent with LIT



Five students from Hardin-Jefferson High proudly display their signed commitment letters.

Students from several area high schools recently signed letters of intent with LIT. Five students from Hardin-Jefferson committed to the Institute, while a ceremony at Vidor High School was in celebration of Generation Texas Decision Day, #GenTX-Day, which recognizes high school students in the college selection and enrollment process. Thirty-five seniors from East Chambers High, several from Winnie High; 14 students from Westbrook High, and two from Beaumont United also signed letters to commit. LIT is excited to help these future students achieve their career and academic dreams.

Nederland Police Department offers future officers free training from LIT



NPD announces incentive for new officers from LIT.

The Nederland Police Department announced that it will pay for training at LIT's Regional Police Academy for four future officers. The announcement came via the Associated Press (AP) on the heels of LIT's posting dates for entrance exams starting in June.

City Manager Christopher Duque said, "Staff has attempted to fill these (four) positions as quickly as possible with minimal success."

Regional Police Academy Director Jimmy LeBoeuf said training for an officer takes about 18 weeks, and approximately 22 cadets are enrolled each semester. He added that approximately half of those cadets are sponsored by law enforcement agencies. Smaller police departments can enhance their desirability by enticing candidates with special perks like this.



Joul Ghorayeb named June Employee of the Month

Joul Ghorayeb, System Support Specialist II, earned the June 2019 Employee of the Month award after being nominated by his supervisor and Interim Director of Information Technology Sam Dockens. Ghorayeb said he was excited to learn about being nominated and actually receiving the award.

"Joul is an outstanding individual. His constant willingness to help others is unmatched," Dockens said. "Joul has recently taken on the role of our email admin in the interim. He is working hard to move into the Server System Administrator role while still maintaining his Helpdesk Level II status."

Dockens added that Ghorayeb comes in early, stays late, works through lunch and always has time to serve our campus with a great attitude and smile. He is a tremendous asset to the IT Department.

New Regional Fire Academy ready to open almost two years after Hurricane Harvey

When Hurricane Harvey ravaged Southeast Texas in late August 2017, our Regional Fire Academy, at 600 Marina Dr., was destroyed. This includes the 2,180 sq. ft. building, grounds and equipment at a loss then estimated at over \$800,000.

Now the new facility is ready for business in the same location. It consists of three modular units totaling 3,576 sq. ft. that includes a reception area, two classrooms accommodating 25 students each, offices, a storage area for all the new equipment, a bay for a fire truck, and, the best part, according to Regional Fire Academy Coordinator John Randall—is a new shower area for men and women.

The first activity at the new Fire Academy is a Kids' Fire Camp, June 3-6 and June 10-13. The Fall 2019 semester will mark the Academy's first classes at its home base since Harvey. #TexasStrong



The newly constructed Regional Fire Academy is expected to open in June 2019.

LIT, LSC-Port Arthur and LSC-Orange instructors make history as first two-year college ACUE cohort

Score one for faculty from LIT, LSC-PA and LSC-O. They recently received pins and accolades during the first partnership between The Association of College and University Educators (ACUE) and The Texas State University System (TSUS).

All successfully completed the ACUE Course in Effective Teaching Practices and obtained nationally recognized Certificates in Effective College Instruction endorsed by the American Council on Education (ACE). The development opportunity was offered free to faculty members and departments and was the first of its kind for two-year colleges in Texas. The engagement was arranged by the Institute's Teaching and Learning Center, which is also the first of its kind among two-year colleges in the TSUS.

Faculty from each college shared how ACUE increased their classroom effectiveness.



Faculty and staff from LIT, LSC-PA and LSC-O during the first collaborative ACUE Pinning Ceremony.



LIT representatives with Vice Chancellor for Academic and Health Affairs John Hayek, Ph.D.



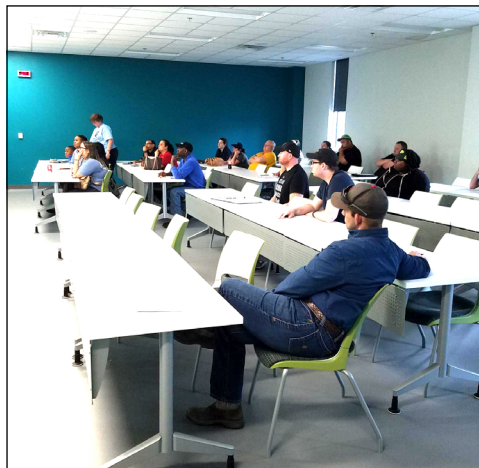
ACUE Academic Director Marth Bless, Ph.D., addresses a room full of graduates and guests.

LIT promotes transfer to Lamar University's BSIT program

LU Industrial Engineering Technology Program Director Gary Yentzen recently addressed about 20 LIT students from the Industrial Mechanics, Process Operations, Instrumentation and Welding programs.

He discussed how the students can transfer to LU's BSIT program and how their credits can apply towards a Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial Technology.

Here is the link to LU's program: <https://www.lamar.edu/engineering/industrial/industrial-technology>.



LIT students listen intently to Gary Yentzen at a recent informational session.



Process Operations Technology students with Instructor Bobby Sweeney at competition.

Process Operation students advance in competition

A team of four LIT Process Operation students and PTAC Instructor Bobby Sweeney recently attended the North American Process Technology Alliance Troubleshooting Skills Competition in Gonzalez, Louisiana.

The representing students were Rachel Green (Captain), Chris McGilbery, Brad Brown and Bailey Seal. They were one of just 20 teams to advance from the qualifying round to the semi-final round. The team tied for 5th place in the championship round. Kudos also to Mr. Sweeney for sponsoring the students and working hard to prepare them!

Do you want coverage of your event or have a story you would like to see in the newsletter?

Contact Chris at celliott@lit.edu or Rhonda at rmitchell@lit.edu.

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2019 Lineman's Rodeo deemed a huge success



LIT staffer known locally for gospel singing

Melinda White-Davis has been an LIT employee for over 18 years, but her talents surpass her duties as an Administrative Associate Senior in Public Service and Safety.

She doubles as a local gospel artist, having performed in Lake Charles, Louisiana; Savannah, Georgia; and locally at Mt. Zion, New Jerusalem, New Hope and Temple of Praise churches in the Golden Triangle.

"Singing takes me to a place where I can forget about the negative things," she said. "When I sing, I sing to glorify God so I give it my best each time."

She will be the opening performer at New Faith Church for their annual June tent revival, singing every day in June at 7 p.m.

About 150 people watched and cheered on their favorites at the Lineman's Rodeo. Twelve students participated, while industry recruiters were also on hand. Everyone enjoyed a barbecue lunch, too. If you know anyone interested in becoming a lineman, applications are now being accepted for the Fall 2019 semester at bit.ly/2W1CeIY. Or contact Leigh Burks with any questions: lburks@lit.edu, or 409-386-0225. (Photos courtesy of Pat O'Connor)



Hunter Curry in the Hurt Man Rescue Contest.



Spectators enjoyed good weather and a great competition.



Jacob Williams, Sidney Curtis and Ryan Copeland with their prizes.



Sidney Cox, Jacob Williams, Dawson Howard, Dakota Piper, Joaquin Cuevas and Hunter Curry work in tandem.

Parking lot reconfiguration for Eagles' Nest for Student Success is starting soon.

CLICK HERE TO WATCH THE VIDEO

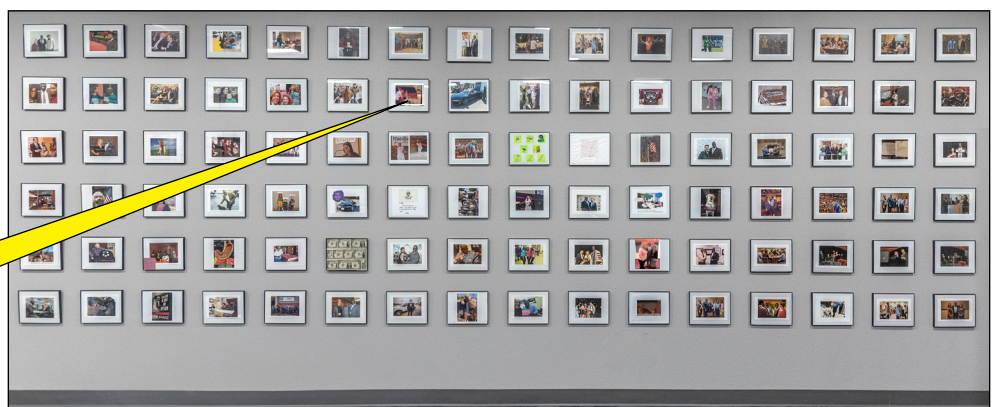


Eagles' Nest For Student Success Projected Completion Summer 2019

Featured photo from the President's Wall.



This image captures Sul Ross President Dr. William "Bill" L. Kibler feeding a deer in front of his home.



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

Thanks for all you do!