Greetings.

Ten years, also known as a decade in time, sure passes quickly. It was just ten years ago I was offered the opportunity to serve as the President of Lamar Institute of Technology. Effective July 31, 2016, I will be retiring and Connie and I will be relocating back to Florida to join our children and grandchildren.

I am very proud of our faculty, staff, students, Foundation and community partners who really excel in their support of our vision of innovative education, training, and career development for tomorrow’s workforce.

Our college now offers the Associate of Arts and Associate of Science Degrees for students wishing to complete their freshman and sophomore years of a four-year degree. These new degree options provide the opportunity for students in grades 9-12 to enroll in college-credit courses for both high school credit and college credit. Students will have the ability to complete a two-year Associate degree while still enrolled in their high school.

This May, we graduated our third cohort of high school students with a college-credit certificate in Computer Support Services before their graduation from high school.

Beginning in the fall term, 2016, LIT will be partnering with the Beaumont Independent School District and the Silsbee Independent School District in the Early College High School Program that each district has been approved to start.

Providing scholarships and support for our students and college is a major function for our Foundation. During the past five years, our scholarship distribution through the Foundation has increased by 436%.

Our college was provided funding from the Legislature to begin the construction of a new Technical Arts Building that will include classrooms and labs for Instrumentation Technology, Process Operating Technology, Biology and Microbiology, offices and conference rooms. This phase of our Master Plan also includes the design and construction of a Utility Corridor for the new building and the campus. The demolition of two existing buildings, built in 1959, will take place beginning June 2016 and the new facility will be completed by August, 2017. The college will seek funding to complete the demolition of three additional buildings, built in 1959, 1967 and 1971, and the construction of appropriate instructional classroom/lab and student support facilities.

The completion of the Master Plan includes the building of a Student Learning Support Center for all student services functions, Developmental Education Programs, open computer labs, and appropriate facilities for Workforce Development and Corporate Training.

During the past ten years, we enrolled 69,196 college credit and non-college credit students and awarded 5,330 college-credit degrees and certificates. This enrollment reflects an overall increase of 12.1% for the college since 2006. We continue to make a difference one student at a time.

The leadership and support of our Chancellor, Dr. Brian McCall and the passion of our Board of Regents has helped our college become prepared to help our students achieve the dreams they dream.

We continue to be a major partner in economic development within our community as well as improving the quality of life we all enjoy.

As I leave, I am confident that the future of LIT will be one of growth and continued excellence for all we serve.

Sincerely,

Lamar Institute of Technology

The President’s Message
Lamar Institute of Technology (LIT) offers programs in fields including Allied Health and Sciences, Business Technologies, Public Service and Safety, Technology and General Education. Each program is designed to give students the knowledge and skills necessary for meaningful employment. LIT offers 25 Associate of Applied Science (AAS) Degrees, 27 Certificates, and 6 Academic Transfer Associate Degrees (AA/AS).

Dual Enrollment Program
Lamar Institute of Technology has agreements with ten school districts to offer dual enrollment or co-enrollment opportunities for high school students. The Dual Enrollment Program allows high school students to enroll in college courses. Students must have a "B" average in high school coursework or show other evidence of special qualifications. Junior and senior students that are in good standing and enrolled in the school district may register for dual enrollment courses. Freshmen and sophomore students may enroll upon the recommendation of the parent and high school principal.

When a student completes the course they receive both dual enrollment high school and college credit. By earning college credits before graduating from high school, students reduce college tuition costs and accelerate their college degree program making it beneficial to parents and students. Over 45 credit and non-credit courses are offered during the day or in the evening at the LIT campus or at the local high schools.

The dual enrollment program also helps students obtain marketable skills for employment beyond high school. Several school districts have developed additional partnerships with local Workforce Development Boards or local businesses to support the dual enrollment program.

Participating Districts:
• Anahuac ISD
• Beaumont ISD
• Hamshire-Fannett ISD
• Hardin ISD
• Hardin-Jefferson ISD
• Lumberton ISD
• Nederland ISD
• Port Neches-Groves ISD
• Silsbee ISD
• Vidor ISD

Academic Associate Degree
The Academic Associate Degree serves as the foundation for the Bachelor’s degree in institutions of higher education in Texas. Students will be able to complete an Associate Degree and transfer to a Texas institution of higher education to complete a bachelor’s degree.

The Associate degrees offered at LIT are restricted to sixty (60) semester credit hours. Of the sixty (60) semester credit hours, forty two (42) semester credit hours must be completed to satisfy the Core Curriculum requirements and an additional eighteen (18) semester credit hours are required to meet the maximum sixty (60) semester credit hours for the Associate degree.

The Institute awards Associate Degrees in the following areas:

- **Department of Allied Health & Sciences**
  - Associate of Science in Biological Sciences

- **Department of Business Technologies**
  - Associate of Arts in Business
  - Associate of Science in Computer Information Systems

- **Department of General Education**
  - Associate of Arts in General Studies
  - Associate of Science in Mathematics

- **Department of Public Service & Safety**
  - Associate of Science in Criminal Justice
Associate of Applied Science Degree

Lamar Institute of Technology offers more than 50 programs in fields that include allied health, business, industry, and public service and safety. Each program is designed to give students the skills necessary for meaningful employment. Programs are designed to give the student training prior to entry into a career. Successful completion of one of these programs should provide the student with sufficient knowledge, skill and confidence to enter and advance in a selected field.

Department of Allied Health & Sciences
- Child Care and Development
- Dental Hygiene
- Diagnostic Cardiac Sonography
- Diagnostic Medical Sonography
- Health Information Technology
- Occupational Safety and Health
- Radiologic Technology
- Respiratory Care

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- Diagnostic Cardiac Sonography
- Diagnostic Medical Sonography
- Health Informatics
- Occupational Safety and Health
- Pharmacy Technician

Department of Public Service & Safety
- Criminal Justice Security Threat Groups
- Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Paramedic
- Homeland Security
- Homeland Security with Crime Scene Technician Specialization

Department of Business Technologies
- Accounting Technology
- Computer Networking and Troubleshooting Technology
- Management Development
- Office Technology Administration
- Real Estate
- Software Applications
- Web Design

Department of Technology
- Advanced Engine Technology
- Computer Drafting Technology
- Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning
- Industrial Mechanics Technology
- Instrumentation Technology
- Process Operating Technology
- Welding Technology

Certificate Programs

Department of Allied Health & Sciences
- Diagnostic Cardiac Sonography
- Diagnostic Medical Sonography
- Health Informatics
- Occupational Safety and Health
- Pharmacy Technician

Department of Business Technologies
- Accounting Technology
- Computer Support Technology
- Management Development
- Office Technology Clerical
- Office Technology Administration
- Office Technology-Medical Records
- Real Estate
- Software Programs
- Web Development

Department of Technology
- Advanced Engine / Diesel
- Air Conditioning
- Electronic Instrumentation
- Industrial Mechanics
- Utility Line Technology
- Welding

Department of Public Service & Safety
- Criminal Justice Security Threat Groups
- Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Paramedic
- Homeland Security
- Regional Fire Academy
- Regional Police Academy

Continuing Education

Department of Workforce Training (non-credit)
- Truck Driving

Institutional Award

Department of Allied Health and Sciences
- Nurse Assistant/Aide
There is always something going on at Lamar Institute of Technology! Thanks to Angela Bammert, Student Activities Coordinator, LIT’s students are engaged, both on campus and in the community. Every week, the campus has something to offer. Whether it’s a seminar on how to write a better resume, free popcorn before final exams or an impromptu social gathering in the Quad, LIT students are more involved than ever.

In the past year, our students have volunteered in the Texas Adopt-A-Beach Cleanup, the Southeast Texas Food Bank, and at the YMBL Babe Zaharias Relays among many other community events. Giving back to the community is a key part of the LIT mission statement, and students have taken it to heart. Through the efforts of the Student Government Association and the Student Activities office, LIT has become a place for students to earn a degree and have some fun along the way.

Anna Cormier, SGA President
Instrumentation Technology

**STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS**

- **(ACES)** Action in the Community through Education and Service
- Advanced Diesel Technology Student Organization
- **(AWS)** American Welding Society
- Child Care & Development Association
- **(CRA)** Computer Resource Association
- **(DETO)** Design Engineering Technologists Organization
- **(DSSO)** Diagnostic Sonography Student Organization
- **(HIT)** Health Information Technology Organization
- **(LIA)** Lamar Instrumentation Association
- **(LITBA)** LIT Biology Association
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- **(LOTA)** Office Technology Association
- **(OPT Club)** Operating Process Technology Club
- **(PTK - Honor Society)** Phi Theta Kappa
- **(RTSO)** Radiologic Technology Student Organization
- Respiratory Care & Pulmonary Care Student Organizations
- SkillsUSA (Leadership & Technical Skills Competitors)
- Society of Associate Accountants
- **(SCADHA)** Student Chapter of the American Dental Hygiene Association
- **(SGA)** Student Government Association
- **(SEMS Club)** Students of EMS Club
STUDENT LIFE

DODGEBALL

COLLEGE & CAREER NIGHT

WEEK OF WELCOME

PHI THETA KAPPA

GUSHER MARATHON LIT WATER STATION

FOOD FEST

MEGABYTES CAFE

ORIENTATION

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Graduates provide specific services to people in a variety of health care settings, industries and businesses. Graduates describe pleasant working conditions and competitive salaries following their education. The goal of delivering services through a team of dedicated specialists working cooperatively characterizes each Allied Health and Sciences program. Each educational program strives to provide the student a quality education with the use of innovative teaching tools, clinical and job experiences and state-of-the-art equipment and facilities. The Allied Health and Sciences Department offices are located in the Multi-Purpose Center.

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High School Students Earn Computer Support Certificate at LIT

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On April 21, the prospective college graduates visited LIT’s campus to meet Dr. Paul Szuch, president of LIT, and tour the campus. About half of the students say that they’ll enroll in LIT in the fall and complete the requirements of an associate of applied science degree in Computer Networking and Troubleshooting Technology.

Lauri Arnold spoke to them about how happy she was to have them as graduates and as prospective LIT students. “You’re halfway there,” she said, “You’re going to come in already knowing what is going on.” She also discussed the certifications that they would need to acquire during the completion of their associate’s degrees.

Taylor Career students who earned their certificates are Brandon Diaz, George Gonzalez, Kaleb Green, Ky Jawan Hadnot, Charnelle Pleasant, Xavier Prudhomme, Eric Rodriguez, Leonel San Juan and Trevian Sellers.

Lauri Arnold-Calder was the 2015 recipient for the Lamar Institute of Technology Julie and Ben Rogers Community Service Award. Lauri joined the Lamar Institute Technology faculty in January of 2005. In her time with LIT, she has served on numerous committees such as the Curriculum Review Committee, PASS Committee, Student Activities Committee, Academic Computing Committee (at Lamar University), Distance Learning Committee, STEM Committee, QEP Steering Committee, and Faculty Senate. She is a member of several professional organizations, which include the VMware Users Group, Mac Users Group, CompTIA, Group, and InfraGard, a non-profit organization serving as a public-private partnership between U.S. businesses and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. She also holds more than 20 certifications recognized in the IT industry from companies like Microsoft, Cisco, and CompTIA.

Over the years Lauri has been in the community representing LIT at numerous functions. She has been the guest speaker for the Beaumont Computer Club, the Beaumont Chamber of Commerce, the Rotary Club of Nederland, and other organizations. She has been a guest instructor in area schools and has spoken to hundreds of area high school students and beginning students at LIT as part of her recruiting efforts for our campus. For the last two years, she has been a presenter at Lamar University as part of the JASON Project.

Lauri is also a great supporter of students. She is the advisor for the Computer Resource Association, which is a student organization on our campus, contest chair for the Telecommunications Cabling contest for Secondary level SkillsUSA students, and an advisor for the Post-Secondary SkillsUSA competitions in which LIT students compete. In this capacity she has supported students at both state and national level competitions.

Lauri has supported a number of places through donations of her time, money, or supplies. She has served Goodwill Industries, the Humane Society of Southeast Texas, Sindetop Spin, Habitat for Humanity ReStore, Gusher Marathon and Strides Against Breast Cancer walk.

Lauri is a member of Wesley United Methodist church. This affiliation gave her the opportunity to participate in a number of activities in support of the church and the community. She has helped to build multiple houses as a part of the Apostles build with Habitat for Humanity, worked in the church’s annual Pumpkin Patch to sell pumpkins and raise money for the youth ministry, helped with Vacation Bible school, and participated as a character in the annual Road to Bethlehem production that brings to life the streets of Bethlehem on the night Jesus was born. She also served as the Director of Recreation for the Wesley Summer Music Camp for two years. She played in the Praise Band for the Contemporary Service and in various programs that were sponsored by the church. She has also supported the Wesley Day school by assisting the Science teacher and the Art teacher, as an accompanying musician for school performances, and many times as a member of the cleanup crew after numerous school gatherings.

The volunteer work that Lauri is most proud of is her involvement with Relay for Life. She has helped with this cause for the last 3 years. At first she helped with small projects and monetary donations. In 2013, she formed “LIT Up for a Cause.” She was the Team Captain since it began. The first year the team participated in the Relay event they won the Pip Squeak award, an award given to a small team that stays all night at the event. In that first year the team raised a little over $1000 as a team. Last year they raised over $1800 as a team. Lauri raised just over $1000 of that total. She and the recipients from Lamar University, Lamar State College-Orange and Lamar State College-Port Arthur were honored at a reception in November 2015 on the eighth floor of Lamar University’s Mary and John Gray Library.
Criminal Justice
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REGIONAL FIRE ACADEMY

NUMBER BURN EVENT

The Regional Fire Academy is a semester-long certificate of completion program which prepares the student for a career in fire protection and satisfies the basic training requirements of the Texas Commission on Fire Protection for structural firefighter certification. This year marks the 88th graduating class from the LIT Fire Academy.

LIT REGIONAL FIRE ACADEMY

夜间燃 烧活动

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Reginal Fire Academy是为期一个学期的证书完成课程，为学生提供一个消防领域的知识，并满足德克萨斯州消防保护委员会对结构消防员认证的基本培训要求。今年是LIT消防学院的第88届毕业生。

EMS Program
Thanks to the dedication and diligence of the EMS Program staff and advisory committee, the Lamar Institute of Technology EMS Program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (www.caahep.org) upon the recommendation of the Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for the Emergency Medical Services Professions (CoAEMSP).

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REGIONAL POLICE ACADEMY

The LIT Regional Police Academy 131st Class Basic Peace Officer Course had a 100% pass rate on their State License Exam (TCOLE). The Police Academy has had a 100% TCOLE pass rate since 2009. The Academy, which boasts more than 40 years of experience in law enforcement training, is offered in both the fall and spring semesters.

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NIGHT BURN EVENT

Students from the LIT Fire Academy participated in the Night Burn Event which is held at the end of the spring and fall semesters. Students have an opportunity to invite family and friends to attend in order to showcase some of what they have learned during the semester. The flames and the danger were real but the situation was staged.

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2016 LINEMAN RODEO

LIT’s Utility Line Technology program had its annual rodeo on Friday, May 6, 2016. Students showcased their skills in six events: hurt man rescue, egg climb, insulator change, arrestor change, rigging and a surprise event. They were judged on safety, proper work procedures and time.

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION IN UTILITY LINE TECHNOLOGY RECIPIENTS

Joshua Lance Antley, Shawn Everett Esparza, Tyler Dean Farrar, Jacob Edward Hiser, Matthew Leonard James, Jacob Dewayne Jones, Damien Joseph Marceaux, Coy Ray Placker, Anton Ryder Schell, Zacccary Alan Weatherford

CHENIERE CRAFT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

This marks the second year for LIT to partner with Cheniere Energy and Bechtel for the Craft Development Program - Welding Technology. An acceptance reception was held on May 11, 2016 at the Beeson Auditorium at LIT for the graduating high school students accepted into the program. Following the presentation, students had the opportunity to tour the welding instructional facilities and meet faculty and administrators at LIT. Cheniere is currently developing the first liquefied natural gas (LNG) export facility in North America in more than 40 years at the Sabine Pass LNG terminal located in Cameron Parish, La. Bechtel is in the engineering, procurement and construction contractor responsible for building the facility. The Sabine Pass liquefaction project represents an investment of ~$20 billion and an 8-year construction time line from 2013-2019.

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WORKFORCE TRAINING & CONTINUING EDUCATION

The mission of Workforce Training is to enhance the employability of students and increase the performance and career satisfaction of employees in business and industry. To accomplish its mission, the department offers an array of non-credit education and training programs to individuals and a broad range of customized training services to organizations.

Training is offered on campus, off-campus and through distance learning methods and general Continuing Education Units (CEUs). While students must apply, complete registration, and pay fees, these activities are separate from those forms and procedures required of students pursuing degrees. Transcripts and records are maintained in the Workforce Training Office at LIT.

LIT Continuing Education offers a Variety of Training Programs

Continuing Education Division of the Workforce Development Department (WDD) offers a wide variety of training programs through the summer, including: Advanced Cardiac Life Support, Commercial Truck Driving Class A, Commercial Truck Driving Class B, HealthCare Provider CPR, HeartSaver CPR, HeartSaver First Aid, Medication Aide training, Medication Aide update, Pharmacy Technician, Phlebotomy, and Structural Welding.

The Commercial Truck Driving Class A course has maintained a maximum capacity enrollment throughout the year, with a waiting list for the August 2016 session. Workforce Solutions Southeast Texas is actively promoting the Truck Driving course and providing tuition assistance to their clients. The students enrolled in the Structural Welding program is also receiving tuition assistance from the Workforce Solutions Southeast Texas.

Over the past eight months, three sessions of Child Care Development Associate (CDA) course have been completed with over 120 class participants successfully completing the training, one of which was operating as an online hybrid course. The CDA course prepares students for the CDA Certification required by the federal government for child care centers receiving Head Start funding. These training sessions have been funded by grants through Workforce Solutions Southeast Texas and Mission, Education, and Training (MET), Inc. Two new sessions of the Child Care Development program began at the end of March 2016. The Director of Continuing Education is in negotiations with MET, Inc. to also provide career development training options for the newly established Fatherhood Initiative.
SKILLSUSA

STEP (Students Taking Education Personally) Project is the LIT’s Quality Enhancement Plan designed to help improve the student learning environment. It supports a select group of students in the Process Operating, Instrumentation and Pre-Allied Health and Science programs. Thirty students from each department are selected to participate. Those students will receive priority advising and registration, and have project advisors, designated campus computers, financial aid guidance, tours of area industry, discipline-specific guest speakers and access to project equipment.

STEP Project Coordinator
Sha’Nelle Lawson

One step in the effort to improve the student learning environment is the Starfish Early Alert System. This system is an early alert and connection tool used by Lamar Institute of Technology to support student academic success. Starfish enables instructors to give praise or raise concerns regarding academic performance within a course and is a student retention system that is holistic, proven, and measured. With Starfish, faculty and staff can form closer connections with students, encourage engagement, provide more timely feedback regarding course performance, and provide information on campus resources.

LIT Hosts SkillsUSA Competition
High school students dressed in bright red jackets were spotted all over the LIT campus in February. Lamar Institute of Technology (LIT) hosted the SkillsUSA Texas District 7 competition February 19-20, 2016. For more than twenty years, LIT has been the host site where students have gathered to compete in various skill contests. Students traveled from north of Houston, College Station, Lufkin and Southeast Texas. This year’s competition was another exceptional one as more than four hundred high school students attended.

The SkillsUSA State Conference for college students was held April 7-9, 2016 in Waco, Texas. LIT sent fifty students to compete against eighteen other two year colleges across Texas. The students brought home seventeen gold, twelve silver and nine bronze medals. Every year, the students in SkillsUSA participate in multiple diverse competitions that focus on enhancing trade and industry education. Through involvement in SkillsUSA, students develop essential skills, such as communication and teamwork, as well as a competitive edge in the work force.

The LIT gold medalists will be competing at the SkillsUSA Nationals held in Louisville, Kentucky, June 20-24, 2016. More than 15,000 people, including students, teachers and business partners, participate in the weeklong event.

10 YEARS OF MEDAL WINNINGS FOR LIT*

LIT Students Compete at State and National SkillsUSA Competitions

*2016 National winners to be determined.
Jeff Bauman, a survivor of the Boston Marathon bombing who later was able to identify the bombers, was the speaker for the LIT Foundation Salute to Real American Heroes on September 10, 2015. The annual event, which provides scholarships for students in the Department of Public Service & Safety, took place at Wesley United Methodist Church.

Bauman was waiting at the finish line of the 2013 Boston Marathon for his then-girlfriend Erin Hurley when he saw Tamerlan Tsarnaev. In his book “Stronger,” he says that he felt like something was not right with Tsarnaev; everyone surrounding him was happy and celebrating, but Tsarnaev was not part of that group. The next time Bauman looked, Tsarnaev was gone and his backpack had been left behind. Bauman lost both his legs in the bombing, and when he woke up after his surgery, he immediately wanted a pen and paper, writing, “bag, saw the guy, looked right at me.” He was then able to provide a detailed description of the Tamerlan, which eventually led to a photo being disseminated quickly. Bauman is now married to Erin, and they have a daughter. He has written a book about the bombing and his recovery called “Stronger.”

Dinner was provided by the Sabine Area Restaurant Association and Cooks 2 Doz. + Inc. All first responders and active military who are in uniform plus a guest were treated to dinner.
The Lamar Institute of Technology Scholarship Banquet was held October 15, 2015 at the MCM Elegante' Hotel. The event was attended by 350 LIT scholarship recipients, donors, faculty and staff. Wealth and Asset Management, Capital One held a pre-reception to honor all LIT Foundation Endowment Trustees and LIT Annual Scholarship Donors. The keynote speaker was Robert Bilnoski, Vice President Human Resources/Public Affairs from Golden Pass LNG Terminal LLC.

A dinner recognizing Connie and Dr. Paul J. Szuch, President, on the occasion of his retirement, and the tenth anniversary of his dedication to LIT students and our community, was held on May 12, 2016 at Courville’s in Beaumont. Funds from this event will go to Lamar Institute of Technology Foundation and provide scholarships to students enrolled in all academic majors, developmental, credit and non-credit programs, many of whom could not continue their education without the scholarships. Jerry Nathan, Lee Dula, Dr. Shawn Oubre, Guy Goodson, Chief C.A. “Pete” Shelton and Jean McFaddin served as Chairs for the event. LIT Foundation Board of Directors were acknowledged by Dr. Paul J. Szuch with the 2016 LIT Presidential Award for enhancing the quality of life and positively changing not only the future of LIT students and their families, but the entire community as a whole. LIT Foundation investments increased 298%, and scholarship distributions increased 436% from fiscal year 2012 to fiscal year 2016.

The Smith-Hutson Scholarship Program was established at Lamar Institute of Technology in 2014. Over $415,500 has been donated for the benefit of 131 scholarships. Robert E. Hutson, a Lufkin native and retired Houston-area banker, is the administrator of the scholarship program, which is funded by a private family foundation that makes no solicitations for contributions.

Students with financial need receive full scholarships, books, supplies, meals, travel mileage or housing allowance, and one-on-one tutoring through these scholarships donated by one of the larger privately funded scholarship programs in the state of Texas. Students who maintain a 2.5 grade point average are eligible for renewal of the scholarship until their degree is completed.

The 2016 LIT Foundation Shoot-Out was the 9th year and most successful one yet, earning more than $260,000 for scholarships at LIT. The Shoot-Out was held at the One-in-100 Gun Club on Saturday, April 2, 2016. Teams of four traversed the course, shooting an array of clays at each station. There were three flights: 8 a.m., 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Platinum sponsors for the 2016 event were ExxonMobil, Golden Pass LNG, Creative Resource Group, Provost Umphrey Law Firm, L.L.P., Signature Industrial Services and Richard Industrial Group.
LIT Annual Scholarship Donors

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- J.C. Garcia “Smiley” Memorial Scholarship Endowment
- Libbie Campbell Nylin Scholarship Endowment
- Gisela Houseman Scholarship Endowment
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- Exxon Mobil Corporation Scholarship Endowment
- Golden Pass LNG Terminal, L.L.C. Scholarship Endowment
- J.C. Garcia "Smiley" Memorial Scholarship Endowment
- Jonathan Wolfe Scholarship Endowment
- Katrina S. J. Campbell Nylin Scholarship Endowment
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- LIT Alumni Association Scholarship Endowment
- LIT Sabine Scholarship Endowment
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2016 NISOD Excellence Awards Recipients

Lamar Institute of Technology nominated five members of its faculty for the NISOD Teaching Excellence Award for 2016. NISOD, the National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development, is a membership organization committed to promoting and celebrating excellence in teaching, learning and leadership at community and technical colleges.

LIT’s 2016 nominees are Jason Bingham, Instructor I - Welding; Tena Cobb, Clinical Coordinator, Health Information Technology; Stephen Hudsmall, Instructor I - Real Estate; Nicole Mitchell, Instructor II - Homeland Security and Dr. Tracy Spence, Professor, Dawn Davidson, Program Coordinator/Instructor I - Speech and Michelle Davis, Department Chair for General Education and Developmental Studies presented a Professional Development activity at the Conference.

LIT nominees and presenters attended the International Conference on Teaching and Leadership Excellence on May 28-31, in Austin, Texas to receive their awards.

Presidential Award of Excellence

Presented during All College Day

The LIT All College Day event on April 7th, 2016 was well attended. The keynote speaker was Sherry Freyermuth from Lamar University who discussed "Branding 101: Challenges and Opportunities in Higher Education". The event, planned by faculty and staff included workshop sessions on a variety of topics. The afternoon plenary session was delivered by Corporal Jarrod Samford of the Lamar University police department and concerned active shooter situations and civilian response. Dr. Szuch presented the faculty and staff the first Presidential Award of Excellence for their ten years of excellent service to our students and community.
In Memory of Francis Crawford

For the last fifteen years, Frances Crawford brought joy and sweetness to those she came in contact with at LIT. Francis thoroughly enjoyed her career as Coordinator of Student Services for Lamar Institute of Technology. She touched the lives of students by helping to guide and encourage them in their education and career endeavors. Francis was a member of TACRAO (Texas Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers) for 15 years and attended the annual conferences, where she served on session planning committees, facilitated sessions and served as a mentor in the New Member Program.

Before joining LIT she worked for the Sulphur School Board for 20 years. Francis passed away on Thursday, December 17, 2015. Francis Crawford was an essential part of the LIT Student Services department.

Service Awards

Gwen Welden, 10 years
Respiratory Therapy Program Coordinator

Julia Smith, 5 years
Student Services Assistant

Melinda White-Davis, 15 years
Administrative Associate Sr.

Tim Storbeck, 15 years
Instructor II, Computer Networking & Troubleshooting

Tena Cobb, 5 years
Instructor I, Health Information Technology

Vicki Fruge, 25 years
Sciences Technical Chemistry (SCT) Instructor III

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Service Awards not pictured: Jason Bingham, 5 years; Stacy Taylor, 5 years; Russell Koening, 15 years
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