

My Story, the LIT Story, & the
American Dream

Port Arthur
Rotary



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Defining the American Dream

What is It?

...the notion that every US citizen has the same opportunity to achieve success & prosperity (by hard work, determination, and initiative).

by **Google**

The American Dream

Family Defined It...

In Blood: 4-Brothers; 3-Served; 1-Didn't Make it Back.

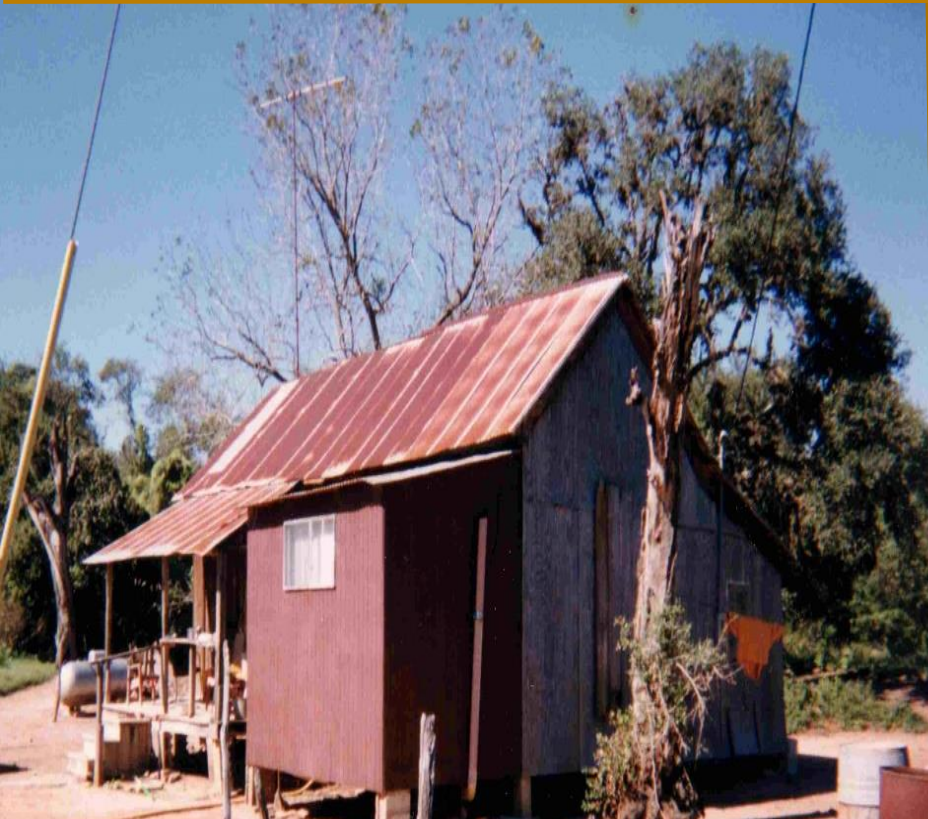
Mother Defined...

"It Doesn't Matter Where You Start From; the Important Thing, Is Where You Finish."

I Define...

"With Hard Work, Integrity, and Education, Anyone can Achieve some Measure of the Success."

American Dream (My Story)

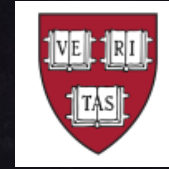


Then:

- Born in a Wooden Shack.
- Military (signed-up at 17-yrs.).
- Worked as a Janitor.
- Ate 1/2 Can Sweet Peas.



Degrees & Training



Harvard



Penn St.



UT-Austin



UH



HCC



San Jac.

Now:

- No AAS Degree Until Age 36.
- Trained at the finest Universities.
- 2x a College President.
- Adopted a Son (PhD student).

American Dream (My Story/LIT Story) **‘Skills Training’ It’s in Both Our DNA**



March 21, 2017; Dr. Howard welding final
ceremonial bead of the new building

American Dream (LIT Story)

Students (How They Come to Us)

- **Since My Arrival (July 2016).** 13,599 Students Walked thru Our Doors!!!
- **Enrollment.** Up 10.3% and 6,714 (2017).
- **Not Academically Prepared.** 65% Deficient in either Math, Reading, or Writing.
- **Diversity.** 1st Generation, Women, and of Color.
- **Age Doesn't Matter.** 14 Yrs. (**ICIA**) - 60 Yrs. Old.

American Dream at LIT

Students (How Leave Us)

- **Employment Ready. LIT Guarantee.** Students will be Job-Ready or Retrained for Free.
- **\$\$\$ Great Salaries.** LIT is #1 (TX)/#10 (US) for the Highest Student Salaries (92% Job Placement Rate).
- Earn up to **\$80,000** for AAS in Process Technology.
- **Know Various Skills.** 58 Assoc. Degrees & Certificates.

American Dream (LIT Story)

JOBS!!!

~~4-Year Degree~~



My “Vision” for LIT’s Future

10 IN 10

**TEN THOUSAND STUDENTS
IN TEN YEARS**



Questions

Answers

Thank You!