

My Family's Story

THE NEED TO MOBILIZE THE VILLAGE

(the Community, K-12, Higher Ed., Elected Officials)

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The 'Real' Value of Education

Beyond the Economics:

- Transforms the Individual (Intellectually/Socially).
- The Next Generation - Impacts Children.
- Case in Point...My Family's Story.

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Let's All SOAR!

- Attain the American Dream.
- Earned 1st AAS at Age 36.
- Adopted Son now 24-Yr old Ph.D. student.
- Career: 2nd College Presidency.

SOAR

Then!

- Sharecropper's Son.
- Born 4-Room Shack (No Plumbing).
- Under Performed in K-12.
- Almost Homeless after the Military.
- Ate ½ only Can of 'Sweet Peas.'



How to Help Others to SOAR

We Must Mobilize the Village

Who's the Village:

The local Community, K-12 (public, charter, and home schooled), Higher Ed., and Elected Officials.

Develop Strategies:

Conversation on Public Schools & Understanding the Educational Choices.

There are Many Choices

Lamar Institute of Technology (LIT)

- \$144.2M Economic Impact in Southeast Texas.
- No. 1 in TX & tied No. 3 in U.S. for the Highest Student Salary 10-yrs. after Graduation.
- LIT offers 31 Degrees and 26 Certificates.
- An Entry-Level Process Technology Graduate Can Earn up to an Average of \$77,321 their 1st year.