

# Presidential Honors Day list announced for 2020

Lee College recently announced its 2020 Presidential Honors Day Honorees, a tradition at the College for the past 30 years. Presidential Honors Day distinguishes the top student in each academic and applied science discipline program at Lee College. Honorees are nominated by their instructors and, in cases when there are multiple nominations, voted on by the instructors in that division or program. Students can be nominated for exceptional grades and academic mastery in the classroom, as well as exhibiting high levels of integrity and perseverance in their educational pursuit.

During the celebration, honorees' friends, families, and instructors come together to praise their triumphs and hard-earned victories from the past year. This year, however, among virtual classrooms and social distancing, the gatherings will be much smaller and will most likely include only people living under the same roof. Even still, the title remains one of the highest honors at the College. And that is a big reason to celebrate.

"These students have worked exceptionally hard to earn this honor, and our entire community could not be prouder of them," said Dr. Lynda Villanueva, Lee College President. "Their achievements are a bright light in the midst of these uncertain times, and we are celebrating with them even if it is from afar. I hope they know how sincerely proud we are of them and all they have accomplished at Lee College. We cannot wait to see what the future holds for these honorees."

To commemorate this distinction, all 2020 Honorees will receive a personalized letter of congratulations from President Villanueva, and a special certificate of achievement delivered to their home address.

"These students have gone above and beyond in academic excellence, hard work, leadership, and influence in their classrooms and programs," said Dr. Georgeann Ward, Honors Program Coordinator for Lee College. "For some students, Honors Day is the first time that they have had such recognition, and it opens up the possibilities they imagine for themselves. Although we aren't able to gather together for the formal celebration, I hope the students understand how proud Lee College is of them."

Congratulations to the 2020 Lee College Presidential Honors Day Honorees:

- Ashley Bliss, Alcohol & Drug Abuse Counselors Program
- Brittney Bomar, Computer-Aided Drafting & Design
- Michael Bond, Process Technology
- Kelby Buchanan, Volleyball
- Jessica Burrows, Analytical Instrumentation
- Victoria Burwell, Teacher Education
- Marco Cardenas, Chemistry
- Julio Cesar Chacon, Safety Management
- Lesly Chavez, Sociology
- Christina Contreras, Developmental Math
- John T. Elliott, Electrical Technology
- Adam Fontenot, Mathematics STEM Pathway
- Adanna Frazier, Mathematics Non-STEM Pathway
- Melissa Gill, Alcohol & Drug Abuse Prevention Program

- Joey Isaac Guerrero, Computer Maintenance Technology
- Amy Halik, Child Development
- Scott Helms, Kinesiology
- Nathan Howard, Applied General Chemistry
- Jesus Rodriguez Jaime, Industrial Instrumentation
- Pamela Johnson, Economics
- Cynthia Justice, Health Information Technology
- Melody Land, Vocational Nursing
- Ryan Lara, American Studies
- Melanie Leal, History
- Monica Erin Lilley, Social Work
- Melissa Mar, Freshman Composition
- Julio Martinez, Speech
- Juan Nevarez Martinez, Computer & Graphics Technology
- Cristina McMillin, Anatomy & Physiology
- Bryan Medina, Psychology
- Karlynn Miller, Environmental Sciences
- Aquila Mitchell, Humanities
- Karen Montemayor, Drafting
- Daniel Mullins, Process Pipe Design
- Izailah Ortuna, Philosophy
- Izailah Ortuna, Accounting Technology
- Richard Perdomo, Instrumentation Technology
- Dani Perry, Sophomore Literature
- Elizabeth Powell, Theater Arts
- Avinash Rambarran, The Human Condition
- Israel Robles, Photography
- David Rodriguez, Welding Inspection
- Andrea Rogers, Government
- Zuleymma Saldana, Associate Degree of Nursing
- Jeremy Salinas, Manufacturing Engineering Technology
- Keyma Sanchez, Learning Strategies
- Ashlyn Scheller, Business Administration
- Aldo Simental, Developmental English
- Larissa Solis, Art
- Madison Steadham, Business Management
- Grace Ann Strouhal, Music-Piano
- Grace Ann Strouhal, Music-Vocal
- Nicholas Washington, Music Instrumental