



SOUTH PLAINS COLLEGE COMMLINES

South Plains College to host annual Law Enforcement Memorial on May 5

APRIL 2021

The annual Peace Officer Memorial Service is slated for 10 a.m. May 5 (Wednesday) on the lawn at the entrance to South Plains College.

The event pays tribute to law enforcement officers whose lives were lost while serving and protecting citizens across the United States. According to the Officer Down Memorial Page, nationwide more than 359 law enforcement officers died in 2020 with 72 officers from Texas. COVID-19 caused 231

deaths among law enforcement officers.

"We honor the fallen by training the living," is the motto of the South Plains College Law Enforcement Technology program.

The SPC Law Enforcement Honor Guard will perform a 21-gun salute and Taps.

For more information, contact Mark Wittie, assistant professor of Law Enforcement, at (806) 716-2356.





BIRTHDAYS

APRIL

- 1 Ramesh Krishnan
- Travis Osborne
- 3 Kiley Leone
- 5 Gregg Walker
- 6 Joseph Beres
- Margaret Rattan
- 7 Aaron Greene
- 9 Gina Becker
- Lindsey Sharp
- Shawn Weiser
- 10 Dane Dewbre
- Sherry Phillips
- Raul Zamora
- 11 Stanley DeMerritt
- Lynn Gregory
- 12 Dalila Gonzales Quinones
- Josefina Gonzalez
- Andres Reyes
- 13 Tamie Coltharp
- 14 Mary Backus
- Timothy Holland
- 15 Abril Escamilla
- 16 Clinton Bishop
- 19 Serena Mangano
- 20 Dee Dee Odorizzi
- 21 Scotty Garcia
- Debbie Hale
- Missy Passmore
- Kaylan Thompson
- 23 Britt Bearden
- 24 Benjamin Bristow
- Rusty Fuentes
- Teresa Rice
- 25 Patricia Beres
- Regan Williams
- Thomas Williams
- 26 Denise Rosario
- 27 Sarah Maddaford
- 29 Norberto Ramos
- 30 Benjamin Alexander

COVID-19 prompts student to seek new profession through cosmetology

The Covid-19 pandemic changed the lives of people around the world. For local salesman Shelton Morris, the impact of Covid-19 on the job market motivated him to look for a new opportunity.

Morris of Lubbock considers Coronado High School his high school although during his senior year, he attended school in Fort Worth. He spent more than 37 years working in sales jobs including selling for Custom Homes and working as an inspector for the Environmental Protection Agency. Throughout his career, Morris obtained an insurance license, a real estate license as well as a food and beverage license.

However, on April 1, 2020, everything changed. Morris was laid off from his job.

"I didn't see a choice," he said. "The country was in lockdown, and nobody was wanting to talk to a salesman. You couldn't even go out and see anybody (clients).

"And, I always wanted to learn this industry so I thought I would give it a shot," he said.

After looking into cosmetology programs and barber schools in the area, he chose to attend South Plains College in Levelland. Morris said SPC stood out head and shoulders above any of the other programs he researched and visited.

In fall 2020, Morris joined the Cosmetology Program at SPC. He said he didn't expect to be the only male in the class but he is happy with his decision.

"It's been fine and a lot of fun working with my classmates," he said. "I'm quite a bit older than most of the students so I felt fairly prepared."

Morris said that while a barber school would have taught him the essentials of the cutting hair, he is glad he came to SPC where he has been able to learn and obtain hands-on experience in all of the facets of cosmetology. Although cosmetology regulations prevent cosmetologist from working straight razors, Morris said he never intended to use straight razors anyway.

He has learned to perm and color hair as well as how to perform facials, pedicures and manicures. With his new skill set, Morris said the opportunities are open for him depending on whichever path he chooses to follow.

"I may be a manufacturer's representative or work for a cosmetic company or hair care company – the door is wide open," he said. "When I interviewed for this program, I was told that opportunities would come my way. And, everything I was told has come true 100 percent!"

Although it has taken nearly 37 years to get to this point in his life, Morris said he is happy about his decision to come to South Plains College.

"I wanted to try this profession right after high school, and this program has been everything I expected," he said. "This was my goal years ago, and now it is being



Shelton Morris works on the hair of client Brooke Richardson of Slaton

realized."

Morris will graduate in May 2021 before he embarks on a new journey as a professional cosmetologist.

Cosmetology Program at South Plains College

During this two-semester program, students will be taught the rules and regulations of the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation. Students will understand the theory and skills of shampooing, hair and scalp treatment, hair cutting, chemical hair relaxing, hair styling and shaping, manicuring, cold waving, hair coloring, skin care and facials. Students will learn all applicable safety and sanitation rules and regulations in order to comply with the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation along with salon development, salon operations, professional ethics and record keeping.

Students will acquire the knowledge, skills and experiences necessary to become licensed by the TDLR and to work as a cosmetologist in the State of Texas. Students receive a Certificate of Proficiency upon completion of the curriculum from South Plains College. To qualify for the Certificate of Proficiency, the student must complete a Capstone Experience during the final semester of the program.

In addition to meeting the general admission requirements of South Plains College, students who wish to enter the Cosmetology program must make separate application to the program, must obtain satisfactory scores on the Cosmetology Entrance Test and must interview with program faculty. Entering students are required to be at least 17 years of age and have a high school diploma or GED. Once accepted into the Cosmetology program, a student is required to complete an application with the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation, pay a \$25 registration fee with the TDLR, and provide personal identification. These requirements must be completed before the student may begin class. Program faculty will assist students with the TDLR registration process.



BIRTHDAYS

MAY

- 1 Aloma Pinkert
- Lori Ware
- 2 Danielle Castillo
- Amy Shriver
- 4 Megan Hernandez
- Denise Johansen
- Eric Niederhauser
- 5 Devin Collins
- 6 Drew Landry
- 7 Nathan Boyd
- 8 Lori Cline
- 9 Kelli Blair
- Jana Daniel
- Andrew Moore
- Sharon Race
- Sesha Wallace
- 10 Nimi Finnigan
- Benjamin Keltz
- Kimberly Shober
- Audrey Trull
- 11 Mary Pierce
- 12 Joe Gonzales
- Donald Sarchet
- 13 Kara Donatelli
- 14 Conner Newsom
- 15 Elisa Melchor
- Kathryn Perez
- 16 Korbi Berryhill
- Johnny Lopez
- Larry Moffett
- Amanda Salinas
- 17 Rebecca Greene
- 18 Victoria Johnson
- 19 Leonard Hargrove
- 20 Adrian Mellberg
- 21 Diana Bruner
- 22 Karla Dunn
- James Humphreys
- Traci Sanders
- 23 Shanna Walkup
- 24 Robert Baumle
- Marcie Miller
- Whitney Payne
- 25 Crystal Cirilo
- 26 Mason Powers
- 27 Billy Alonzo
- Jennifer Bartlett
- Miranda English
- Veronica Hall
- Phillip Ricker
- Brooke Wells
- 28 Christopher Adams
- Mark Frandsen
- Manuela Ramirez
- 29 Virginia Cabrera
- Amanda Ellison
- Emily Gilbert
- 31 Ronnie Watkins

SPC Faculty Fellows to benefit from Summer Leadership Academy

South Plains College will host a Summer Leadership Academy for 15 faculty members May 17-21; the first two days (May 17-18) will be in Rooms 101 and 102 of the Student Services building on the Levelland campus and then move to the SPC Lubbock Center (May 19-20) and downtown Lubbock campus (under construction, May 21).

The purpose of the academy is to provide the faculty with information on brain-based, research-supported teaching/learning strategies and collaborative activities/technologies for course redesign projects. Faculty who complete the Academy and course redesigns will receive mini-grants/stipends for their projects.

"Enhancing the courses also helps retain students and helps with student success," said Ashley Davis, design coordinator/program evaluator at SPC.

The first two days of the Academy will feature a brain training workshop entitled "Boost Your Brain Performance" on May 17-18. Members of the Center for BrainHealth at the University of Texas Dallas will provide the training. This training was developed with Strategic Memory Advanced Reasoning Tactics (SMART) Leadership and focuses on preparing the brain to regulate its mental energy, reinforce strategic thinking and ignite innovative thinking.

South Plains College is the first community college to participate with the Center for BrainHealth at UT Dallas.

The next two days of the Academy will be in Rooms

129A-B at the SPC Lubbock Center, 3907 Ave. Q in Lubbock. Participants in past Title V grant activities will be showcased to share how they have implemented new technologies to improve their instruction. On the final day of the Academy (May 21), Academy participants will tour the new SPC Downtown Lubbock Campus and then convene for a debriefing session at the Texas Tech Club. The Summer Leadership Academy is funded by the SPC Title V Endgame Project. The grant will sponsor Leadership Academies for selected faculty each summer through 2025.

SPC Faculty Fellows are Karol Albus, instructor in mathematics; Jennifer Bartlett, instructor in mathematics; Roy Bearden-White, professor of English; Gina Becker, instructor in mathematics; Ashleigh Brewer, assistant professor of English; Leah Chenault, instructor in mathematics; Phyllis Cormier, instructor in mathematics; Emily Gilbert, assistant professor of literacy, English and education; Denise Johansen, instructor in mathematics; Raylene Nuffer, instructor in literacy, English and education; Sharon Race, chairperson of the English department and professor of English; Elaine Ramzinski, instructor in literacy, English and education; Lesley Shelton, instructor in English; Alma Lopez, professor of mathematics; and Erika Warnick, professor in literacy, English and education.

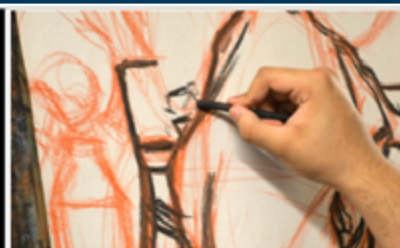
For more information, contact Davis at (806) 716-4500.

Track And Field Championships



South Plains College President Dr. Robin Satterwhite, left, presents a Resolution honoring the 2020-2021 SPC Texans and Lady Texans Indoor Track and Field Teams for winning the 2021 NJCAA Division I Men's Indoor Track and Field Championship and the 2021 NJCAA Division I Women's Indoor Championship Runners-up. Also shown are, from left, Roger Reding, director of athletics; Assistant Coaches

Wesley Miller and Frank Barker; Head Coach Erik Vance and Mike Box, chairman of the SPC Board of Regents. The U.S. Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association named Vance as the Men's Indoor Track and Field National Head Coach of the Year and Miller was named Men's National Assistant Coach of the Year. (SPC Photo)



Student Works, Spring 2021
Fine Arts Building, Hallway Gallery

April 19th -
May 7th

The creative works of South Plains College students for spring 2021 will be on display from April 19 through May 7.

This exhibit features works from Ceramics, Design II, Painting and

Drawing courses. The public as well as SPC faculty, staff and students are invited to attend.

South Plains College seeks participants to serve as academic coaches

For some students, classroom success begins with making a connection with someone who will support and encourage a student's academic journey. To help students reach their potential, South Plains College is looking to hire academic coaches for fall 2021.

"An Academic Coach will work with an assigned faculty member and their students to create an inviting, engaging and collaborative learning environment by tutoring, coaching and mentoring struggling students," said Rebecca Grunder, academic success coordinator.

Presently, the college is looking to hire Academic Coaches for English and Mathematic courses. Former teachers, retirees or anyone interested

with a background in education who want to help students and work up to 15 hours weekly are asked to apply. A high school diploma is required; however, an associate degree is preferred. To apply, click on the link: <https://southplainscollege.peopleadmin.com/postings/2269>.

"If you are looking for a part-time job, a current student or someone who wants to reenter the job market, consider becoming an Academic Coach," said Grunder. "We want people who can bring out strong skills in students and identify weaknesses that can be turned into strengths."

For more information, contact Grunder at (806) 716-2538 or email rgrunder@southplainscollege.edu.

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