

EAST WILLIAMSON
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SPRING 2021
**COMMENCEMENT
CEREMONY**





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A portrait of Mike Reeser, a middle-aged man with grey hair, wearing a blue striped shirt and a brown plaid blazer. He is holding a pair of glasses in his right hand, which also features a large gold ring. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

MESSAGE FROM THE **CHANCELLOR**

Graduates,

Congratulations! You are surely filled with pride today as you celebrate graduation, an outstanding achievement that only a few accomplish.

Today may be the end of your time at TSTC, but it is also the first day of your next adventure: a new career. Chances are you have already landed your new job. But if you haven't yet, you can find support through our Placement Office or the Alumni Network. Please know that your TSTC family is ready to help you achieve the American dream by finding a spot that matches your new skills.

We are grateful to have been a part of your college journey, and we will count on you being an ambassador for TSTC throughout the years ahead.

With Deep Respect,
Mike Reeser, Chancellor & CEO

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DESCRIPTION OF AWARDS & HONORS

THE DEGREES

The **Associate of Science degree** is specifically designed for the benefit of students transferring to a four-year university. TSTC offers this degree in the areas of biology, computer science, engineering, math and physics.

Technical programs of study offered at TSTC award the **Associate of Applied Science degree**. These programs prepare technicians who are in demand in today's industry to work on a level between engineers and skilled craftsmen.

Skill development programs offered at TSTC award **Certificates of Completion**. These programs are designed to teach students specific skills needed for entry-level jobs. This is accomplished through specialized training in the particular skills area.

TSTC offers an **Occupational Skills Award**. These short-term, skills-focused courses provide you with the basic technical skills you need to start an entry-level career.

A **Core Curriculum Completion** Certificate is awarded to all students completing the TSTC General Education Core. The state of Texas guarantees acceptance by a public four-year university of any complete General Education Core transferred from any other Texas public college.

THE REGALIA

Every college commencement ceremony reveals the regalia specific to academia. The differences in the regalia seen in the faculty procession represent the variety of institutions from which they are graduates and the different degrees they earned. The associate's gown has open sleeves and features a special cowl instead of a hood, which distinguishes it from the bachelor's, master's and doctoral regalia.

THE HONORS

Select candidates, chosen by their respective divisions, carry the divisional banners. A member of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for two-year colleges, carries the TSTC banner.

Members of Φ **Phi Theta Kappa**, the international honor society of the two-year college, are recognized with gold stoles and tassels.

***Honor graduates**, participants who have maintained a grade-point average of 3.5 or higher, are recognized with gold cords.

+Board of Regents Honor Roll members, who have a cumulative grade-point average of 4.0, are recognized with gold medallions.

SkillsUSA Medal winners are recognized with competition medallions.

» Military Veterans

TSTC takes great pride in helping veterans transition from military service to civilian careers. Graduating military veterans are honored with a red, white and blue spirit cord and recognized during the commencement program.

Welcome to the TSTC Alumni Network

Congratulations on your graduation! We would love for you to continue your relationship with TSTC faculty, staff, administrators and classmates. For more information and ways that you can become actively involved, get connected at tstc.edu/alumninetwork.

The TSTC Foundation supports Texas State Technical College, its students, career programs, faculty and staff. The TSTC Foundation supports the critical needs of students (scholarships, tools and equipment, personal hardships) and provides funds to enhance our ability to provide new and emerging technical programs to support the Texas workforce.

Please visit tstcfoundation.com for more information or to make a donation.



CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATION

Cybersecurity

Associate of Applied Science

Darrian T. Smith*

Melissa M. Wykes+

Michael D. Zuniga

Certificate of Completion

Esteban Fava Jr.

Nicholas D. Maio

Michael D. Zuniga

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Culinary Arts

Associate of Applied Science

Julio C. Diego Vazquez Sr.

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Connor S. Graves

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Raul R. Lopez

Jonathan N. Ramirez+

Certificate of Completion

Christopher D. Gonzalez+

Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning

Associate of Applied Science

Tommy G. Beaver III*Ⓢ

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Industrial Systems

Mechanical Specialization

Associate of Applied Science

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Corbin M. Sanders+

Michael Scofield*

Welding Technology

Associate of Applied Science

Mitchell P. Harris

Riley J. Kropff

Brandon E. Moore»

Cameron D. Stolle*

Ivan Tirado*»

Certificate of Completion

Sebastian Diaz

Jacob A. Gwin

Justin T. Johnson

Basic Cybersecurity

Occupational Skills Award

Tanner Koenig

William T. Lane Sr.



