

NORTH TEXAS



SPRING 2020  
**COMMENCEMENT  
CEREMONY**





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A portrait of Mike Reeser, Chancellor & CEO, 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**

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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.

## THE REGALIA

Every college commencement ceremony reveals the regalia specific to academia. Academic institutions throughout the world have created a wide variety of distinctive dress, color and ceremony to indicate the accomplishments of scholars. American academic regalia developed from English traditions and have been in continuous use in this country since Colonial times. Each institution of higher education in the United States has a well-defined code for identifying different academic degrees by distinctive gowns, hoods and colors. 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 doctor's 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 **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.

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### 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](http://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](http://tstcfoundation.com) for more information or to make a donation.



# CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATION

## DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION

### **Computer Aided Drafting & Design Technology**

Associate of Applied Science  
Brycen Detavernier  
Daniel T. Griffith  
Justin S. Rook  
Alex Sandoval

### **Computer Networking & Systems Administration**

Associate of Applied Science  
Corey L. Appleby  
David Arcivar  
Ezekiel L. Collins  
Daryl A. Golden  
Russell B. Lewis  
Aaron M. Stuart

### **Cybersecurity**

Associate of Applied Science  
Wade A. Armstrong  
Christian J. Estrada Cruz  
Daryl A. Golden  
Zulairam Holdaway

## INDUSTRIAL MANUFACTURING

### **Heating, Ventilation & Air Conditioning Technology**

Associate of Applied Science  
Omar Carreno  
Ferdinand O. Chavez  
Sumit Dey+

### **Industrial Systems**

Electrical Specialization  
Associate of Applied Science  
Laith S. Alnatour  
Jeffery A. Chase\*  
Timothy M. Ducklow  
Dwight Nemons

### **Precision Machining Technology**

Associate of Applied Science  
Romeo J. Canales  
Orlando Chavez Mendez  
Jonah Collins  
James P. Hicks

## TRANSPORTATION

### **Diesel Equipment Technology**

Heavy Truck Specialization  
Associate of Applied Science  
Jack R. Cahill  
Lucas J. Oleson

### **Certificate of Completion**

James E. Pruitt  
Ivan Rodriguez+  
John A. Salazar

### **Logistics**

Associate of Applied Science  
Hope L. Skaggs\*

Candidates' names are compiled by Admissions & Records and submitted for inclusion in the Commencement program.



