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2020 C. J. Davidson Lecture Series: Advances in Literacy

The speaker for the twenty-fourth annual C. J. Memorial Lecture Series: Advances in Literacy will be Nancy Cushen White, Ed.D. The topics Dr. Cushen White will be presenting are “Best Practices for Teaching Handwriting to Students with Dyslexia and Dysgraphia – From Skills to Functional Use” and “Words with Spelling Connections Have Meaning Connections.” The Lecture Series will be held on February 14, 2020 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Scottish Rite Building located at 1101 70th Street in Lubbock, Texas. The registration fee is \$50.00 and seating is limited. For those that are members of ALTA, 5 CEU credits will be offered for attending. A registration form is included in the newsletter on page 2 for your convenience. If you wish to attend please complete the registration form and send it along with the fee of \$50.00 to the address indicated or call the Center at 806-765-9150 no later than February 7, 2020.

Nancy Cushen White, Ed.D., is a Clinical Professor, Department of Pediatrics, Division of Adolescent and Young Adult Medicine, at the University of CA-San Francisco (UCSF). Over the past 40+ years, she has taught students in general/special education classrooms at public/private schools, provided psycho-educational assessment and literacy intervention, trained pre-/in-service teachers and practitioners, developed curricula, and been involved in policy. She piloted a San Francisco Unified School District special day class for 2e—Twice Exceptional students who were gifted with a diagnosis of dyslexia and has taught young adults in a pre-trial diversion program through San Francisco Superior Court—Mentor Court Division.



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Advances in Literacy

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Dr. Cushen White is a Certified Academic Language Therapist, Qualified Instructor, and a Licensed Dyslexia Therapist. She is also a certified Instructor of Teaching for training teachers in the Slingerland Multisensory (Multimodal) Structured Language Approach (Structured Literacy).

She has received awards from organizations such as the Slingerland Institute for Literacy (2000—Beth and John Slingerland Award), UC Berkeley Extension (2002—Honored Instructor Award), International Dyslexia Association (IDA—2007—Margaret Byrd Rawson Lifetime Achievement Award), International Multisensory Structured Language Education Council (IMSLEC—2014—Etoile DuBard Award of Excellence), Academic Language Therapy Association (ALTA—2016—Dr. Lucius Waites Award of Service), and Northern California Branch of The International Dyslexia Association (IDA-NorCal—2019—Recognition of Extraordinary Leadership and Accomplishment). She continues to publish, present workshops, serve as editor of IDA's Examiner (online newsletter), and work on numerous boards and advisory boards such as the National Joint Committee on Learning Disabilities (NJCLD) and the Northern California Branch of The International Dyslexia Association.

Please mark your calendar and plan on joining us for this event on Friday, February 14, 2020. It will be a Valentine's Day filled with information, fun, and friends.

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Something New Has Come Our Way



We are excited to announce that the Scottish Rite Learning Center of West Texas website is complete. This site features such things as the yearly calendar, introduction of the staff, applications for Therapist Training, information about the February 14, 2020 Lecture Series, and much, much more. Visit our website at srlcwt.org and let us know what you think about this new addition to our Center.

Inaugural National Alliance Conference Charlotte, North Carolina

the Alliance
for Accreditation and Certification
of Dyslexia Specialists
Alliance Conference 2019



On September 26, 2019, Olive Hester and Toni Parrish traveled to Charlotte, North Carolina to attend the Inaugural National Conference of the Alliance for Accreditation and Certification of Dyslexia Specialists. In addition to sharing knowledgeable experiences with the four organizations that makeup the Alliance - ALTA, IMSLEC, AOGPE, and WLT, these ladies were fortunate to hear a thought-provoking lecture from Dr. Eric Tridas. Dr. Tridas, a Past President of the International Dyslexia Association, is the Medical Director of the Tridas Center for Child Development and President of Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics Consultants, Inc. He is a Developmental Pediatrician who specializes in the diagnosis and management of handicapping conditions



including ADHD, learning differences, dyslexia, autism spectrum disorders, intellectual disabilities and other neurodevelopmental and behavioral problems.

While in Charlotte, Mrs. Hester and Mrs. Parrish were afforded the opportunity to attend the fall Council Meeting for IMSLEC, the International Multisensory Structured Language Education Council. The mission of IMSLEC is to accredit quality training courses for the professional preparation of multisensory structured language education specialists. The relationship and participation with such a prestigious organization as IMSLEC continues to prove quite valuable as IMSLEC advocates for high standards as it assists individuals with dyslexia to reach their potential as contributing members of society through the accreditation of quality training programs.



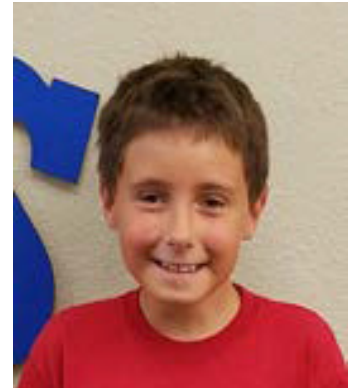
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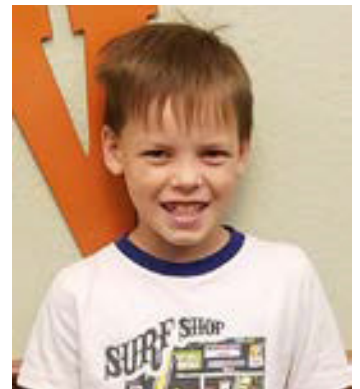
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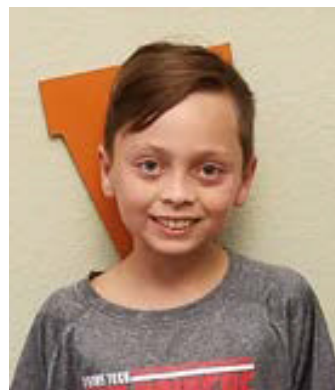
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Calendar of Events



First Semester

October 23, 2019	Parent's & Mason's Day
November 1, 2019	Intro Seminar #2 – Lubbock
November 15, 2019	Intro Seminar #2 – Amarillo
November 25-29, 2019	Thanksgiving– Center Closed
December 19, 2019	Last day of class
Dec.20, 2019, through	
January 6, 2020	Christmas Holidays – Center Closed

Second Semester

January 6, 2020	OH, SR, TP, and DC return to work
January 7, 2020	Classes Resume
January 17, 2020	Intro Seminar #3 – Lubbock
January 20, 2020	Martin Luther King Day – Center Closed
January 24, 2019	Intro Seminar #3 – Amarillo
January 31, 2020	Advanced Seminar #2 - Lubbock
January 31, 2020	Alliance Exam

February 14, 2020

February 17, 2020

March 6, 2020

March 16-20, 2020

April 3, 2020

April 10, 2020

April 13, 2020

April 30, 2020

May 3, 2020

May 25, 2020

May 28 – June 17, 2020

June 1 – 19, 2020

June 17 – 30, 2020

June 26, 2020

June 29, 2020

Lecture Series

President's Day – Center Closed
Advanced Seminar #3 - Lubbock
Spring Break – All Schools
Intro Sem. #4 – Lubbock & Amarillo
Good Friday – Center Closed
Easter Monday – Center Closed
SRLCWT – Lubbock – Last Day of Classes
Graduation @ 2:00 p.m. - Lubbock
Memorial Day – Center Closed
Intro Training - Lubbock
Keyboarding Class
Advanced Training - Lubbock
Alliance Exam
Staff Workday

End of School Banana Split Party





2019 Graduation Lubbock Campus



A huge crowd showed up to celebrate.



146 Graduates and their Therapists participated in the Graduation Ceremony.



Take a sneak peek behind the scenes. Volunteers were setting up for the reception.



Masons, Speakers, and Staff Members



Mrs. Hester congratulates her student Seth Gale.



Two graduating therapists, Carol Lunsford and Sarah Hair pose with Mrs. Hester following the ceremony.



2019 Graduation Amarillo Campus



Blake Washburn was the speaker for the graduating class. Blake's parents, Kyle and Kristee, spoke on behalf of the parents of students with dyslexia. Blake's brother, Sam attended as well.



Samuel Ndabarishe



Reece Melban

Doug Maxey, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, is congratulating students at the SRLCWT – Amarillo Graduation Ceremony for a job well done.



A student of Melinda Shemwell
from Panhandle ISD



IMSLEC School Recognition

The Scottish Rite Learning Center of West Texas is one of six schools in the country to receive special recognition from The Multisensory Structured Language Education Council (IMSLEC). This recognition “signifies the school administration and staff are committed to increasing student achievement by implementing multisensory structured, language education as taught in IMSLEC Accredited Teacher/Therapy Training courses.” The faculty of the Learning Center consists of eight Certified Academic Language Therapists, five of whom are Qualified Instructors and one who is in Qualified Instructor training. Six members of the faculty are also Licensed Dyslexia Therapists.

IMSLEC School Recognition provides the following benefits to schools:

- Evidence that the school staff has completed rigorous IMSLEC-approved Teacher/Therapy Training Courses
- Ongoing opportunities for staff professional development through IMSLEC-approved continuing education
- Periodic evaluation of academic program and staff
- Increased student achievement
- School Recognition/Prestige (IMSLEC newsletter and website, local news)
- Authorization to use IMSLEC logos and the recognition statement on school publications.
- Referrals of parents and teachers to IMSLEC Accredited Schools

Congratulations to our dedicated faculty and staff!

Alliance Exam



Five of our Therapist Trainees sat for the Alliance Exam. They all passed the exam and are now officially Certified Academic Language Therapists (CALT).



Alison Dailey
Lubbock Campus



Sarah Hair
Lubbock Campus



Kayla Kuykendall
Amarillo Campus



Carol Lunsford
Lubbock Campus



Bobbye Morgan
Amarillo Campus

Introductory Therapist Training - Lubbock Campus



In June, twenty-five teachers began the Dyslexia Therapist Training course at the Scottish Rite Learning Center of West Texas in Lubbock. This class, the largest class since 1998, had four teachers from Lubbock ISD, seven from Lubbock-Cooper ISD, three from Plainview ISD, two from Sundown ISD and one from each of the following school districts: Hale Center, Tahoka, Albany, Harmony Science, Lamesa, Smyer, Andrews, Shallowater and Roosevelt. These ladies

attended their first seminar on October 4, 2019 and as a whole they are currently teaching seventy-five classes and two hundred thirty-three students.

Introductory Therapist Training - Amarillo Campus

The Scottish Rite Learning Center of West Texas, Amarillo Campus, had seven teachers to begin the Dyslexia Therapist Training Course in June. This class had teachers from Happy ISD, Dumas ISD, Texhoma ISD, Friona ISD, River Road ISD, Miami ISD and Betty M. Condra School in Lubbock, Texas. These ladies are teaching fourteen classes and forty-six students.



Advanced Therapist Training - Lubbock Campus



The Advanced Training Class will complete their training in May of 2020, and be eligible to take the Alliance Exam to become a Certified Academic Language Therapist (CALT). This class consists of nine teachers from Lubbock ISD, three from Lubbock-Cooper ISD, two from Midland ISD and one from each of the following school districts: Andrews, Brownfield, Frenship, Plainview, San Jacinto Christian School (Amarillo), All Saints Episcopal School and Trinity Christian

Schools (Lubbock). It will be our pleasure to recognize these ladies at the annual Graduation Ceremony on May 3, 2020.

All 53 Trainees and Qualified Instructors



Semiannual Visit From Lubbock Christian University Clinical Teachers

LCU professor, Annette Mahon, M.Ed. and 6 of her clinical teaching students visited the Scottish Rite Learning Center of West Texas the afternoon of September 18, 2019. The students, who are currently student teaching in the Frenship ISD schools, attended a presentation by Toni Parrish which focused on the characteristics of dyslexia, the Texas State Laws, and the identification of students with dyslexia. Mrs. Parrish's presentation assists in complying with the Texas Administrative Code TAC §228.30 and the Texas Education Code TEC §21.044 both of which are state laws requiring a teacher training course to include characteristics, identification, and strategies for teaching students with dyslexia. The lecture is required to obtain a teacher education certificate. After the presentation, the students observed a Take Flight daily lesson taught by SRLCWT therapist, Olive Hester. It is always a pleasure to have Mrs. Mahon and her students visit the Center.



Honored with a Pay it Forward Donation

On June 19, 2019, during a therapist training seminar with over 50 trainees from both Lubbock and Amarillo, The Scottish Rite Learning Center of West Texas received a surprise visit from the WesTex Federal Credit Union and KCBD NewsChannel 11. Drew Phemister, a second-grade student that attends a morning class at the Lubbock Center, along with the help of his parents, nominated the Scottish Rite Learning Center of West Texas for a monetary donation from the Pay It Forward program. Drew wanted a way to show his appreciation for the support he is getting with his struggles with dyslexia and felt like the Center was the perfect organization to receive this honor. We are appreciative of the thoughtful nomination from Drew and the donation made to the Center by Vicki Love of the WesTex Federal Credit Union and Sydney Kessler of KCBD News Channel 11.



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