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## The Learning Center Will Soon Offer BUILD Training



### What is BUILD?

To meet the specific needs of Kindergarten and first grade students who have been identified at-risk for dyslexia, the staff of the Luke Waites Center for Dyslexia and Learning Disorders at Scottish Rite for Children has developed a 100-lesson reading intervention called *Build: A K-1 Early Reading Intervention*.

### Who may attend BUILD training?

Any certified teacher, dyslexia interventionist, or CALT is eligible to attend BUILD Training and implement this intervention with K-1 students.

### What about Continuing Education Hours?

All attendees will be offered **6 ALTA CEUs**

### What is the cost?

The SRLCWT training session is \$125. Starting in July 2022, BUILD kits will be offered through the Scottish Rite for Children portal for \$750.  
*The purchase of a kit is required to attend BUILD Training.*

### When will BUILD training be offered in my area?

Both the Lubbock and Amarillo campuses will offer a one-day training on:

**Friday, September 30, 2022**  
**8:30 am - 4:00 pm**

### How do I register for BUILD training?

Registration will be open April 18 - Sept. 16, 2022.  
Visit [www.srlcwt.org](http://www.srlcwt.org) and click on Training.

## SCOTTISH RITE CAR SHOW

Join us for this Family Friendly & Free Event!

**April 23, 2022**

9:00 am – 2:00 pm

Scottish Rite | 1101 70th St | Lubbock

Car Registration begins at 8:00 am

Car Entry Fee \$25

Awards Presented at 2:00 pm

***Music \* Food Trucks \* Prizes***

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## 2022 Graduation Speakers



**Dana King**  
Lubbock ISD  
Coordinator of Dyslexia/  
Special Services

**Dana King**, Coordinator of Dyslexia/Special Services in Lubbock ISD and guest speaker, received her bachelor's degree in multidisciplinary studies from Texas Tech University and her master's degree in mid-management/administration from Lubbock Christian University. Dana oversees all aspects of programming, intervention, and evaluation for LISD. She has a true passion for students who have dyslexia and how best to serve them.

**Elizabeth Turner**, Coordinator of Dyslexia in Lubbock-Cooper ISD and guest speaker, earned her bachelor's degree in education with a minor in math from Texas Tech University. Elizabeth has spent 38 years in the field of education, the last nine as Coordinator of Dyslexia. Along the way, she earned life certifications in math and special education, and is ESI certified. Elizabeth completed her therapist training in 2020 and is a Certified Academic Language Therapist (CALT). She is dedicated to encouraging and serving children with dyslexia.



**Elizabeth Turner**  
Lubbock Cooper ISD  
Coordinator of Dyslexia



**Haley Carson**  
Dyslexia Therapist

**Haley Carson** will speak on behalf of our 2022 graduating therapists. Haley graduated from Angelo State University in 2011 with a bachelor's degree in early childhood education through 6th grade and soon after started her career with Lubbock ISD. Haley felt called to the field of dyslexia after going undiagnosed herself, and in 2020 began serving as a Dyslexia Interventionist. Currently, she is attending LCU to obtain her master's in special education with emphasis in dyslexia through our partnership program. Upon completing her master's, Haley plans to continue her education to become a certified diagnostician. Her ultimate goal is to help struggling students find success in reading and a desire to pick up a good book.

**Adalynn Latham**, a Lubbock native, is speaking on behalf of our graduating students. Adalynn is a spunky 12 year old who has been homeschooled since she was in 1st grade. She has one older brother and one younger one who she loves to try to keep in line. She has spent 2 1/2 years going through the Scottish Rite program which has helped her transform into an avid reader. Adalynn is an active member of her preteen group at church, and in her free time she enjoys ballet, piano, gymnastics, and much to everyone's surprise, reading!



**Adalynn Latham**  
Student Representative

## Our Newest CALTS!

**Congratulations to the following Lubbock area Dyslexia Therapists who passed the National ALTA Competency Exam and are now Certified Academic Language Therapists (CALT).**



**Meredith Jones**  
Dyslexia Therapist  
Lubbock Cooper ISD



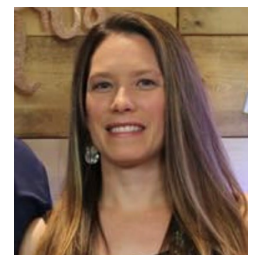
**Keely Harral**  
Dyslexia Therapist  
Lubbock Cooper ISD



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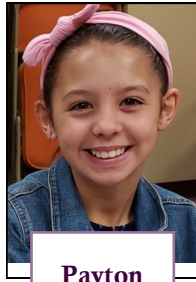


**Ami Louder**  
Dyslexia Therapist  
Andrews ISD

## *Congratulations to our 2022 Graduating Students!*



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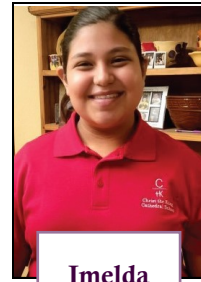
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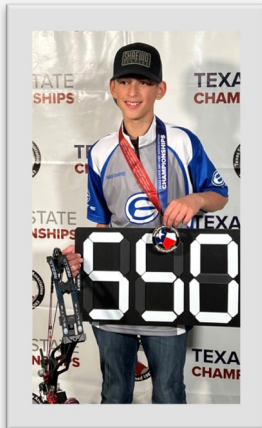
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## *Student Spotlight!*

*These recent graduates are grateful to the Learning Center for the tools they received which help them succeed in and out of the classroom!*

2020 Lubbock Scottish Rite Learning Center graduate, **Crash DeHoyos**, has a lot to smile about. According to his mom, Marisa, "The time and instruction Crash received at Scottish Rite was invaluable. Not only was he given the tools to become a proficient reader, but also the encouragement to persevere. Many aspects of the instruction he received at Scottish Rite flowed over into all facets of his life, including competitive archery."

Crash has won three state championships, received Shooter of the Year twice, set two state records, stood on the podium at three national events, and won The Vegas Shoot (the largest national event). He has also received almost \$1500 in scholarship prize money. Crash loves traveling and meeting new people at archery events around the country. Congratulation, Crash!



2021 graduate, **Luke Altman**, won Grand Champion Market Steer at the San Antonio Stock Show this year! He ended up selling his steer, Murphy, for \$109,000. Luke's mom says, "We are thankful for the Learning Center and his therapist, and for their continued support throughout Luke's journey of completing the Take Flight program. For Luke, dyslexia is a gift that gives him a unique perspective and helps him thrive in many areas of his life."

Luke said he will never forget what it was like getting the final handshake from the judge in the grand drive. "I was in shock," Luke recalls. All the money Luke won will go towards his college education. Way to go, Luke!



## *Welcome, New Students!*



**Grayson**



**Esme**



**Brayden**



## Amarillo 2022 Graduation Speakers



**Melissa Espino, CALT-QI**  
Dyslexia Therapist and  
Educational Diagnostician  
Dumas ISD

Guest speaker **Melissa Espino** is a CALT and Licensed Dyslexia Therapist who recently completed Qualified Instructor (QI) training. She received her bachelor's degree in multidisciplinary studies from West Texas A&M, a master's degree in educational leadership from Southern Nazarene University, and a master's degree in education from Midwestern State University.

Melissa is a Dyslexia Therapist and Educational Diagnostician for Dumas ISD with a passion for

the Take Flight program and working with students who struggle with the consequences of dyslexia. Melissa shares, "I love teaching the kids and seeing their confidence grow as they learn to read." Melissa hopes to be able to educate more teachers in how best to identify at-risk students and provide services to those with dyslexia.

*Scottish Rite Learning Center of West Texas Amarillo  
Campus announces our newest Qualified Instructor:*

**Melissa Espino**

*Melissa has been dedicated in the duties of becoming a QI  
and we welcome her to the Amarillo Campus!*



**Kathryn Wiggins**  
Dyslexia Therapist  
PSPCISD

**Kathryn Wiggins** will speak on behalf of the 2022 graduating therapists. Kathryn received her bachelor's degree from West Texas A&M University and spent 23 years as a kindergarten educator at West Texas and Gus Birdwell elementary schools. She has served as a dyslexia interventionist with the Plemons-Stinnett-Phillips Consolidated Independent School District for the past four years.

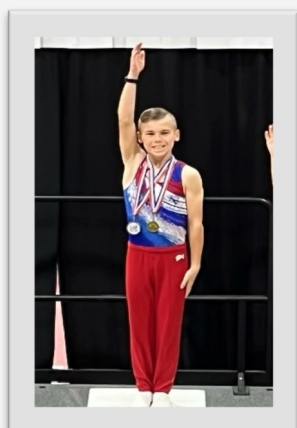
Kathryn has been a devoted educator for the past 28 years. Her teaching and dedication to her students, community, and profession have helped those in her sphere of influence achieve their highest potential.



**Ada Cruz**  
Student Representative

**Ada Cruz**, a student of Kathryn Wiggins, will speak on behalf of area graduating students. Ada is a hard-working 5th grade student at West Texas Elementary and a recent graduate of the Take Flight program. She is the daughter of proud parents David and Lawanna Cruz. Ada's hobbies include gymnastics, drawing, softball, and volleyball.

### Student Spotlight!



Recently, Amarillo Scottish Rite Learning Center 5th grader, **Miles Brassfield**, competed in the USA Gymnastics STTA State Championships. Miles earned 1st place in trampoline, tumbling, and double mini!

Miles will compete at Regionals in Dallas in May and will then compete for a National Title in Iowa in June.

You've got this, Miles!

### Welcome to our new student!



**Jackson**

## 2022 Dyslexia Therapist Training Course Graduates



**Congratulations to our most recent Lubbock Campus Dyslexia Therapist Training graduates.  
Well done, Ladies!**

*Back Row:* Becca Webb - Lubbock ISD, Shelli Thompson - LISD, Emily Smyth - LISD, Page House - LISD, Kyndra Montgomery - Plainview ISD, Sheri Dendy - Seminole ISD, Crystal Orum - Seminole ISD

*Front Row:* Haley Carson - LISD, Allison Klinke - LISD, Karen Webb - LISD, Amber Bozeman - Idalou ISD, Nicky King - Jayton ISD (*not pictured:* Barb Biard - LISD)



**We are proud to recognize the following graduates who have completed the two-year Dyslexia Therapist Training program on our Amarillo Campus:**

*Top row, pictured from left to right:* Brittany Dockery - Tulia ISD, Melissa Espino (QI Training graduate)

*Middle row:* Sammie Jones - Conroe, TX, Kathryn Wiggins - PSP CISD, and Roberta Hazen

*Bottom row:* Melissa Hale - Miami ISD. *Also pictured is Associate Director of our Amarillo Campus, June Hoffman.*



*featuring*  
**Karen Avrit**  
*M Ed, LDT, CALT-QI*

*Karen serves on the Texas State Dyslexia Handbook committee, the Texas First Grade Reading Adoption committee, as well as the committee writing the Texas standards and competencies for reading.*

*Karen Avrit is the Past President of ALTA and the current president of IMSLEC*

*She is the lead author of the Take Flight: A Comprehensive Intervention for Students with Dyslexia curriculum.*

## **SAVE-THE-DATE** **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2023**

**5 CEUs WILL BE OFFERED**

### **C. J. Davidson Memorial Lecture Series: Advances in Literacy**

*The Scottish Rite Learning Center of West Texas,  
an IMSLEC Accredited Center  
presents*

**“Working with Students in K-1  
Who are At-Risk for Dyslexia”**

**“What about High School Students with Dyslexia”**

**“How to Address the Needs of Students with Dyslexia  
Identified Through Special Education”  
and**

**“The New Texas State Dyslexia Handbook”**

*featuring*

**Karen Avrit, M Ed, LDT, CALT-QI**  
Director of dyslexia education in the Luke Waites  
Center for Dyslexia & Learning Disorders  
at Scottish Rite for Children





Dr. Eric Tridas was well received as he gave an informative presentation on "The Perfect Storm" of inattention, dyslexia, and anxiety.



Cherie Blewett, Pam Adling, and Nicky King make sure everyone checks in for their ALTA approved CEUs. All attendee were offered 6 CEUs.



Cynthia Hobbs, Lori McCullough, and Heather Abel gather for the start of a great day!



Staff members Carol Trent and Cindy Sallee visit with Elizabeth Turner



Registration check-in began at 8:00 am. Plenty of time to grab a donut and find a seat.



Shelli Thompson greets Lori Barrington at the door.



The lecture series feels like a class reunion as fellow teachers and therapists catch up with old friends.



Several of the Scottish Rite staff members (left to right: Olive Hester, Heather Jenkins, Sue Rogers, June Hoffman, Carol Trent, Toni Parrish) and esteemed Masons (Lamar Hayes, Gary Armstrong, Doug Maxey) pose with our Lecture Series speaker, Dr. Eric Tridas.



How wonderful it was to hold the lecture series in-person again, after a two-year hiatus due to COVID restrictions. There were over 150 people in attendance.



Lubbock Campus Intro students celebrate their promotion to Advanced Training with this cute backdrop provided by our very own Toni Parrish.





## *Lubbock Christian University Partnership*

Partnership with The Lubbock Scottish Rite Learning Center of West Texas continues to grow with the Lubbock Christian University School of Education.

On February 17, 2022, Toni Parrish, Associate Director of Therapist Training at our Lubbock Campus, was invited to speak to the 20 students in “The Exceptional Child” class of Mrs. Karissa Ramos, M.Ed.

The lecture included the following:

- ♦ characteristics of dyslexia
- ♦ multisensory strategies for teaching students with dyslexia
- ♦ accommodations for students with dyslexia.

The presentation helped fulfill the need to comply with the Texas Administrative Code TAC §228.30 and the Texas Education Code TEC §21.044, laws requiring a teacher training course to include dyslexia training to obtain a teaching certificate in Texas.

We value the bond we share with Lubbock Christian University.







# SCOTTISH RITE

**Awards**  
• Class Awards  
• Fan Favorite  
• Best of Show

**Music &  
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## SATURDAY, APRIL 23, 2022

Registration Beginning at 8:00 am

9:00 am – 2:00 pm

The Scottish Rite Building | 1101 70th St., Lubbock, Texas

### FUNDRAISER FOR THE SCOTTISH RITE LEARNING CENTER OF WEST TEXAS

Proceeds Benefit Students with Dyslexia at The Scottish Rite Learning Center of West Texas.  
Registration form can be downloaded from the Center's website at [srlcwt.org](http://srlcwt.org). Entry Fee is \$25.00

#### Take Flight: A Comprehensive Intervention for Students with Dyslexia Training

The Scottish Rite Learning Center of West Texas, a charitable endeavor of the Lubbock Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, offers reading, handwriting, and spelling therapy for students with dyslexia. No charges are made for the services of the Learning Center to students or their parents. The Center is a 501 (c)(3) Charitable Organization.

#### Dyslexia Therapist Training

The Dyslexia Therapist Training Course provides an opportunity for teachers to learn a curriculum and strategies that are recognized as effective for teaching basic language skills to students with dyslexia.

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## Spring/Summer Calendar of Events

### 2022

April 15	Good Friday – Lubbock and Amarillo Campuses <b>Closed</b>
April 17	Easter Sunday
April 18	Easter Monday – Lubbock Campus <b>Closed</b>
April 23	<b>Scottish Rite Car Show (on Lubbock Campus)</b>
April 28	Lubbock Campus – Last day of classes
April 29	Amarillo Campus – Last day of classes
May 1	Lubbock Campus Graduation (Invitation only)
May 1	Amarillo Campus Graduation (Invitation only)
May 27	Lubbock Campus – <b>Closed</b>
May 30	Memorial Day – Lubbock and Amarillo Campuses <b>Closed</b>
May 31 – June 17	<b>Lubbock Campus Introductory Dyslexia Therapist Training</b>
June 6 – 18	<b>Amarillo Campus Introductory Dyslexia Therapist Training</b>
June 20	Juneteenth Holiday – Lubbock Campus <b>Closed</b>
June 21 – July 1	<b>Lubbock Campus Advanced Dyslexia Therapist Training</b>
June 20 – 28	<b>Amarillo Campus Advanced Dyslexia Therapist Training</b>
Sept. 6	First Day back for students – Lubbock and Amarillo Campuses
Sept. 30	<b>BUILD Training Session– Lubbock and Amarillo Campuses</b>

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If you shop on Amazon, there is a simple way to donate to Scottish Rite philanthropies without additional personal cost. The process is simple:

- Go to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) where you will be directed to select a possible charity.
- In the “pick your own charitable organization” box, you will need to type *The Scottish Rite Learning Center of West Texas*.
- Once you have done that, you may continue to shop on Amazon.



The Amazon Smile Foundation will donate .5% of the purchase price for every eligible purchase. (Products that are eligible for donation to the Learning Center will be marked “Eligible for Amazon Donation”.)

If you have questions, feel free to call the Lubbock Scottish Rite at 806.747.3268

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The mission of the Scottish Rite Learning Center of West Texas is to  
*establish, maintain, and promote* the premier dyslexia education program in  
 West Texas, the Panhandle, and Eastern New Mexico for the purpose of  
*training and assisting* individuals with dyslexia.

Any student aged 6 through 18 who satisfies the entrance requirements is eligible to enroll in the program.  
*No child or parent is ever charged for the services provided by the Scottish Rite Learning Center of West Texas.*  
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