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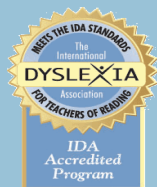
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## 2024

### C.J. Davidson Lecture Series: Advances in Literacy Presents Dr. Elsa Cárdenas-Hagan

The Scottish Rite Learning Center of West Texas is pleased to present **Dr. Elsa Cárdenas-Hagan**, Director of Valley Speech Language and Learning Center in Brownsville, Texas. Dr. Cárdenas-Hagan is the author of **Esperanza (HOPE)**, a Spanish language program designed to assist students who struggle with learning to read as well as **‘Literacy Foundations for English Learners: A Comprehensive Guide to Evidence-Based Instruction’** a resource for understanding how to teach language skills to English Learners.



**Dr. Elsa Cárdenas-Hagan**  
Ed.D, CCC-SLP, CDT, CALT-QI

#### Lecture Topics Include:

- Research on Structured Literacy for English Learners
- Language and Speech Development
- Language to Literacy Connections
- Foundational Skills of Literacy
- Oral Language Development
- Reading Comprehension

#### Online Registration & Payment Option

Visit [www.srlcwt.org](http://www.srlcwt.org) or scan the QR Code to register today!



**February 16, 2024**  
**8:30 AM – 4:00 PM**  
**Earn 6 ALTA CEUs**  
**Cost: \$50**

Location: Scottish Rite Learning Center, 1101 70<sup>th</sup> St, Lubbock, TX



Our new promotional video is now available on our website. For more details about the creation of this video, see page 11

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# Amarillo Campus News



Lydia Stang is proud of her Take Flight graduates. We are proud of Maycie, Jax, Maison, Trenton, and Allody, too!



Congratulations to Shonda Foreman's students, Bradley, Spencer, and Xollie.



Congratulations to all the graduating students of Alicia Smith from River Road ISD. Alicia is a CALT who trained in Amarillo.



Graduation speakers included a student representative, as well as parent and therapist trainee representatives.

**The Amarillo Graduation Ceremony took place on April 30, 2023. Many thanks to River Road ISD for graciously hosting the graduation ceremony!**

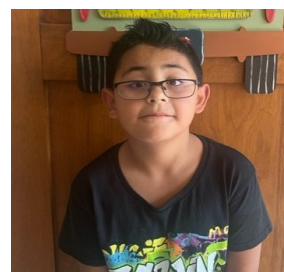
## Welcome, New Students!



**Eva**



**Kali**



**Zion**



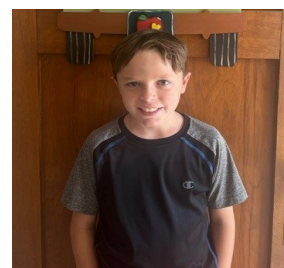
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**Asher**



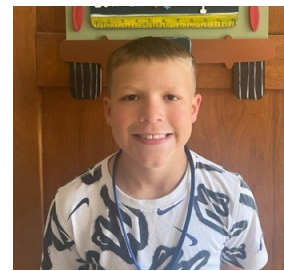
**MacKenzie**



**Orion**



**Gracelyn**



**Mason**



# Lubbock Campus News



After 2 years of training, new dyslexia therapists walked the stage!



Lydia brought flowers for her favorite therapist, Olive Hester.



The Collier family is so proud of their graduate, Mia.



After the ceremony, Sue Rodgers had a chance to catch up with her former student, William.



Gary Armstrong and Gene Eads (along with several other Masons) attended graduation!



The Partain/Braden Family had two graduates to celebrate!

**The Lubbock Graduation Ceremony took place on May 7, 2023. Parents and family members of graduates deserve recognition, too! Their commitment and collaboration play a vital role in every student's success story.**



Happy graduates Lyndie and Natalie with their therapist, Heather Jenkins.

## Welcome, New Students!



London and Holland



Cameron



Molly



Recent graduate, Lexi, always arrived for class ready to work, with an outstanding can-do attitude! (Enjoying cookies occasionally didn't hurt either.)



Brayden is a standout baseball player.

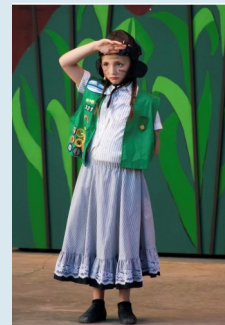


Cameron's basketball team was undefeated last season, and his baseball team "Lubbock Bananas" finished as the 9u Champions in the summer Showcase League!

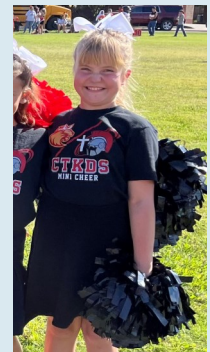
## Student Spotlight



Ava and her mom volunteered at the graduation ceremony.



London performed in Moonlight Musical's Honk Jr.



Molly's enthusiasm in cheer is contagious!



# Therapist Training Course

## Lubbock Campus



**Introductory Class**

*Back Row:* Amy Waters (Sundown ISD), Caitlyn Fowler (Stinnett ISD), Misti Warren (Shallowater ISD), Angelica Molina (Midland ISD), Trish Mathis (Frenship ISD)

*Front Row:* Mandy Campbell (Sundown ISD), Kristy Lopez (Tulia ISD), Victoria Sierra (Betty Condra School)



**Advanced Class**

*Back Row:* Emily Weaver (Cooper ISD), Stephany McDougal (Lubbock ISD), Bryan Armes (LISD), Teresa Bullock (Seminole ISD), Darla Dennis (Brownfield ISD), Tori Ramey (Big Spring ISD), Shelby Hendrick (Cooper ISD)

*Front Row:* Dana Davis (LISD), Kelly Addison (Cooper ISD), Kelley Bearden (LISD), Sheila Ward (Big Spring ISD), Holly Chowning (Idalou ISD), Deanna Swartz (Seminole ISD), Amanda Lee (Shallowater ISD)

## Amarillo Campus



**Introductory Class**

Trainees pictured with June Hoffman, Carla Parker, and Melissa Espino are: Janice Young (Bovina ISD), Jenn Belveal (PSPC ISD), and Jennifer Brandt (Panhandle ISD)



**Advanced Class**

Misty Wilkins (River Road ISD)  
Gloria Mason (Dumas ISD)  
Heather Hall (Lefors ISD)



Asher was a student volunteer during summer Intro training.



## Congratulations, CALTs!

The Scottish Rite Learning Center of West Texas is pleased to recognize the following Dyslexia Therapists who passed the National ALTA Competency Exam and are now **Certified Academic Language Therapists**.

Well done, Ladies!



Liana Garcia



Shonda Foreman



Lydia Stang



Elsa Martinez

## Are you interested in becoming a CALT?

The Scottish Rite Learning Center of West Texas offers a two-year dyslexia therapist training course which provides an opportunity for teachers to learn a curriculum and strategies that are recognized as being effective for teaching students with dyslexia. Course content and techniques are based on the original Orton-Gillingham model with additions and refinements developed in the Language Laboratory of Scottish Rite Hospital in Dallas.

For more information on requirements and costs, or to register for upcoming training, please call or visit our website [www.srlcwt.org](http://www.srlcwt.org)

## 2023 Scottish Rite Honors and Learning Center Recognition Dinner

The Scottish Rite Honors and Learning Center Recognition Dinner was held on Wednesday, November 15, 2023. The fun-filled evening recognized the Scottish Masons who received special degrees as well as those who have graciously contributed to the Learning Center. **Special guests were Dr. and Mrs. Michael Wiggins, SGIG in Texas, and Former Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives, Mr. Pete Laney.**



Doug Maxey, Pete Laney, Steve Cross, and Dr. & Mrs. Wiggins



Over 75 guests attended the event.



Guests were moved by the new promotional video produced by Cre8ive.

## Bridges and BUILD and Jet, oh my!

Both the Lubbock and Amarillo Campuses offered BUILD training and CEUs in September 2023.



### What is BUILD?

**BUILD: A K-1 Early Reading Intervention**, is a 100-lesson reading intervention for K-1 students who have been identified at-risk for dyslexia. Developed by the staff of the Luke Waites Center for Dyslexia and Learning Disorders at Scottish Rite for Children. BUILD is a small group intervention that addresses five specific components of reading intervention. Each component is taught developmentally using a direct, systematic, cumulative, multisensory method of introduction and practice to meet the specific needs of Kindergarten and first grade students struggling in reading.

Any certified teacher, dyslexia interventionist, or CALT is eligible to attend BUILD Training at both of our Scottish Rite Learning Center campuses. All attendees of the training will be offered 6 ALTA CEUs.

*For more information, including cost and available training dates, please contact either Learning Center.*

### What is Bridges?

**Bridges: A Dyslexia Intervention Connecting Teacher, Avatar and Student** is a two-year curriculum written by the staff of the Luke Waites Center for Dyslexia. Those familiar with *Take Flight: A Comprehensive Intervention for Students with Dyslexia* know it was designed for use by academic language therapists. Developing that expertise is a two-year process, and at times, that can cause a discrepancy between the number of students identified with

dyslexia and the number of trained therapists available to provide services.

*Bridges* is the carefully considered response to that problem. It is designed to maintain high-quality, research-based and highly effective dyslexia instruction while reducing teacher preparation time. The digital avatar teacher, named Ms. Hallie, delivers the more complex aspects of structured dyslexia intervention.

Certified teachers are provided with two weeks of instruction (one preliminary week and the other days offered as coaching and training throughout the first and second years). The program provides scripted manuals, that when combined with the training, equips certified teachers the tools needed to provide a research-based dyslexia intervention.

*Bridges* requires a full-time certified teacher who will follow a script for 3/4 of the lesson. The other 1/4 of the lesson will be co-taught by Ms. Hallie, our virtual human avatar.

### What is Jet?

**Jet A Fast-Paced Reading Intervention** is a one-year curriculum that builds on the success of the four previous dyslexia intervention programs developed by the staff of Scottish Rite for Children. It was developed for individuals with dyslexia fourteen years and older.

*Please contact either Center if you have a high school student needing Jet.*



SAVE THE DATE  
**April 20**  
2024



All are invited to this **FREE event!**  
You can register your car online. (see QR Code)



Hot rods, Rolls Royce, Airplane Car—they had it all at the April 2023 Car Show!

# Scottish Rite Car Show

Scan QR Code to Enter Car

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Music and Food Trucks

Awards

- \* Class Awards
- \* Fan Favorite
- \* Best of Show

SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 2024

Registration Beginning at 8:00 am

9:00 am - 2:00 pm The Scottish Rite Building - 1101 70th St. Lubbock, Texas  
Proceeds benefit students with dyslexia at The Scottish Rite Learning Center of West Texas. The registration form can be downloaded from the Center's website at [srcwt.org](http://srcwt.org). Entry Fee is \$25.00. Limit 100 cars.

FUNDRAISER FOR THE SCOTTISH RITE LEARNING CENTER OF WEST TEXAS



All proceeds from the CAR SHOW benefit the children served at the Learning Center! Will you help too?



Thank you **RAINBOW GIRLS** for serving coffee & pancakes at our last event!



Lamar Hayes and crew had hot food and cold drinks for the many participants.



Tristen's grandma works with children with dyslexia and trains other teachers to become dyslexia therapists! Tristen really enjoyed the car show!



Your generosity makes a difference in the lives of children with dyslexia.

To all the 2023 Car Show sponsors and participants, THANK YOU!

## In Recognition of Our Donors

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## A Visit from a Special Friend

What a treat it was to have **Mr. Keith Vandivere** visit the Learning Center in early November.

Mr. Vandeviere served on the first SRLCWT Board of Trustees and has been a faithful friend of the Center's since its inception in 1975.



Thank you for coming to the Center, Mr. Vandivere. What an honor it was for some of our students to meet you!

## Parent & Mason's Day

Parent & Mason's Day encourages parent and Mason observation while students demonstrate *multisensory learning techniques*. Students are eager to show their parents the new skills they are mastering. Therapists enjoy meeting parents and answering any questions they have about the program, homework, or appropriate accommodations students may need in school.



Cameron was happy to show his mom all the hard work he is doing in class.



A "full house" with Mary Abbott, Ava, Siena, and their family members!



Cindy Sallee's student, Jacob, and his mom visit during PMD.



Toni Parrish's BRIDGES student, Cate, enjoying the festive treats after class. Toni's secret talent is cookie decorating!



Parents and grandparents of student Lydia attended Parent & Mason's Day.



Holland and London were thrilled their moms could experience what dyslexia therapy is really like.



Sue Rodger's student, Molly, with her parents on PMD



# 2024 Calendar

January 8	Amarillo Center on-site student classes resume
January 8	Lubbock staff returns.
January 9	Lubbock Center on-site student classes resume
January 15	Martin Luther King Jr. Day– Lubbock Center closed
January 19	Lubbock Introductory Seminar #3
February 2	Amarillo Advanced Seminar #7
February 16	C. J. Davidson Memorial Lecture Series
February 19	Presidents' Day – Lubbock Center closed.
March 1	Amarillo Intro Seminar #3
March 1	Lubbock Advanced Seminar #3
March 11-15	Lubbock and Amarillo Spring Break
March 22	Lubbock Intro Seminar #4
March 29	Good Friday – Lubbock Center closed
April 1	Easter Monday – Lubbock Center closed
April 5	Amarillo Advanced Seminar #10
April 12	Amarillo Intro Seminar #4
April 20	CAR SHOW—Lubbock Scottish Rite
May 2	Lubbock Center – Last day of classes
May 5	Lubbock and Amarillo Graduation Ceremonies
May 27	Memorial Day – Lubbock Center closed
May 28 – June 14	Lubbock Intro Dyslexia Therapist Training
June 3 – 15	Amarillo Intro Dyslexia Therapist Training
June 17 – 22	Amarillo Advanced Dyslexia Therapist Training
June 17 – 28	Lubbock Advanced Dyslexia Therapist Training

Visit our website [www.srlcwt.org](http://www.srlcwt.org) for the full calendar and all Therapist Training info.

## C.J. Davidson Lecture Series: Advances in Literacy February 16, 2024

### 2024 C.J. Davidson Lecture Series Registration Form

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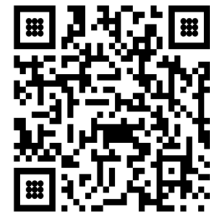
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**NO REFUNDS After Feb. 9, 2024**

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### Online Registration & payment option!

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or use the QR code.

## Welcome David Mead!

We would like to extend a warm welcome to the **new Scottish Rite office manager**, David Mead. David is replacing Lamar Hayes who has retired to travel the U.S. and spend more time with his family. We look forward to working with you, David!



David Mead, Lamar Hayes and Larry Massingill during a farewell luncheon held by the staff of the SRLCWT Lubbock Campus in October.

**Thank you, Lamar, for your service to the Learning Center!**

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## A Note to Contributors

YOU make a difference in the lives of students struggling to learn to read and write because of dyslexia. The ripple effects of your contributions are far reaching. Not only are individual student lives changed each year, but every Dyslexia Therapist trained through the Center is able to impact the lives of *new* students year after year.

**THANK YOU for your support!**

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Joey Armstrong  
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## New Promotional Video!

Former Student, *Owen Myers*, helps to create the new Promotional Video for the Center.



We are extremely proud of our new promotional video sharing the story of the Scottish Rite Learning Center of West Texas. Here at the Center, staff and participants spent only a few hours recording video footage, but **Cre8tive**, the production company designing the video, spent countless hours story boarding, balancing, and editing the piece.

and shared his story as a student with dyslexia in the video. We are thrilled with the outcome from Cre8tive as they eloquently told “Our Story” here at the Center. We are beaming with pride at this young man’s accomplishments. He is graduating early from high school, with honors, and we want to celebrate with him as he starts his new journey at the University of Texas in Austin where he has been accepted. Congratulations, Owen!



As proud as we are of the video, we take more pride in our former student, Owen Myers. Owen played an integral part in the development of our promotional video as he is serving as an intern at Cre8tive. He helped with setting up the equipment, collaborated with the story board,

Our promotional video is available on our website, [srlcwt.org](http://srlcwt.org) or simply scan the QR code.



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