

Presidential Honors Day Honorees

Presidential Honors Day is an annual Lee College tradition recognizing outstanding student achievement across all academic pathways. Held in the Performing Arts Center, the ceremony honors students who demonstrate excellence in scholarship, leadership, service, and personal growth.

Faculty members nominate students within each discipline based on exceptional effort, high-quality work, peer leadership, and meaningful contributions to their field of study. Academic divisions review these nominations and select final honorees. Each student recognized represents the highest standard of achievement in their area for the academic year.

Established by professor John Britt, Presidential Honors Day has grown into one of the college's most important celebrations. Today, the event honors more than 65 students from across Lee College's degree and certificate programs.

Lee College Hall of Fame & IMPACT High School Recognition

Each year, Presidential Honors Day also recognizes a select group of students inducted into the Lee College Hall of Fame. Students nominated for the Hall of Fame represent the very best of Lee College through their academic excellence, leadership on campus, extracurricular involvement, and service to the community. Nominations are submitted by members of the Lee College community and reviewed by an anonymous committee, which selects the final inductees.

In addition to the Hall of Fame inductees, we also recognize one standout student from IMPACT Early College High School, selected by the school's faculty and administration for their exceptional dedication and achievements.

Presidential Honors Day 2026 Student Honorees April 15, 2026

Program	Honoree
APPLIED BUSINESS	
Accounting & Finance	Laura Portillo
Administrative Technology	Keira Ra'Neisha Simon
Business Management	Adam Owens
HEALTH SERVICES	
Nursing ADN	Arturo Padilla
LIBERAL AND FINE ARTS	
Art	Layla Leeah
Audio Engineering Technology	Mark Rogers
Music — Instrumental	Evan Butler
Music — Piano	Wonda Collins
Music — Vocal	Sophia Mitzner
Photography	Jillian Reynolds

Program	Honoree
Theatre	Marcus Omtvedt
Co-Requisite Freshman Composition	Anthony Roberts
Freshman Composition	Kara Kennepohl
Freshman Composition	Daniella Rodriguez
Humanities	Monica Banuelos
Literature	Neida Del Valle
Mexican American Studies	Melissa Perez
Speech	Madison Hall
The Human Condition	Jadyn "Elora" Bell
Economics	Laura Portillo
Government	Darren Armington
Government	Brittany Bradley
History	Cynthia Garcia
History	Joseph Raines
Philosophy	Zachary Hanly-Johnson
Psychology	Joileen Coloma
Learning Frameworks	Cynthia Garcia
Learning Frameworks	Jasenia Pacheco
MANUFACTURING AND INDUSTRIAL	
Air Conditioning, Heating & Refrigeration	Jennifer Soto
Computer Aided Drafting and Design	Domingo "Mingo" Madrigal
Industrial Systems Technician	Pedro Ascencio
Industrial Welding Technology	Rayven Martin
Logistics & Supply Chain Technologies	Jazmin Cruz
Pipefitting Technology	Joshua Holder
Process Technology	Cameron Tran
Safety Management	Grecia Esmeralda Aurelio
Analytical Instrumentation Technology	Daniel Nelson
Electrical Technology	Jack Nolan
Industrial Instrumentation Technology	Mark Seymour
Addiction Counseling	Tina S Simien
Basketball	Leren Curry
Child Development	Tadasha Punch
Criminal Justice	Monica Auzenne
Criminal Justice	Alexandria Gilmer
Kinesiology	Trista Mouton
Social Work	Alesandra Rodriguez
Sociology	Stephanie Charles
Songahm Taekwondo	Kael Holborow
Substance Abuse Prevention	Mariana Velasquez
Teacher Education	Gabriella Federico
Volleyball	Zsofia Matko

Program	Honoree
STEM	
Calculus	Karson Berry
Cloud Computing	Amethyst Denice Kendrick
College Algebra	Hindamady Mohamed Tounkara
Computer & Graphics Technology	Jessica Gonzalez
Computer Maintenance	Kelo T Kaufusi
Computer Science	Leonard Watson
Co-Requisite Developmental Mathematics	Sebastian Lewis
Engineering	Rachel Roche
Engineering Physics	Duke Apedo
Game Design	Matthew Lerma
Mathematics Non-Stem Pathway	Taylor Soltau
Physics	Jenie Benavides
Chemistry	Alexis Quevedo
Environmental Science	John Ward
General Biology	Zachary Hanly-Johnson
Microbiology	Mariah Ondap

IMPACT EARLY COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL OUTSTANDING STUDENT OF THE YEAR

Madison Hall

2025-2026 HALL OF FAME

Shakuntala Bhowmick

Layla Leeah

Ruben Capetillo

Beya Almaraz, Most Representative

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