

Paramedic Graduates Recognized in Pinning Ceremony

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BRYAN - The Blinn College – Bryan campus Paramedic Program recently welcomed 23 students to the profession in a pinning ceremony hosted at the College’s Barbara L. Pearson Banquet Room.

Each graduate completed 45 credit hours to earn their paramedic technology certificate, which qualifies them for entry-level paramedic positions. Courses include basic and clinical emergency medical technician, clinical emergency medical services, trauma management, cardiology, medical emergencies and EMS operations.

Students must also complete the Paramedic Academy, a three-semester program that prepares students for certification or licensure by the National Registry of EMTs and the Texas Department of State Health Services.



Members of this year’s graduating class include: Brianna Anderson, Houston; Joshua Andrews, Anderson; Michael Berry, Huffman; Jeff Bondi, Buda; Tina Cerruti, Wichita Falls; Katherine Faulk, Brenham; Tom Ferguson, Bay City; Justin Fryer, Mineral Wells; Nathan Gawlik, Austin; Josh Gilmore, The Woodlands; Marcus Jones, Whitehouse; Cory Kruse, Taylor; Chad Lester, Gustine; Sarah Lundquist, Orange County, CA; Blake Pearson, San Juan Capistrano, CA; Samuel Porter, Lampasas; Jonathan Rushing, Lubbock; Adam Schroeder, Brenham; Charles Selensky, Beaumont; Devin Smith, Arlington; James Stewart, Deer Park; Daniel Williams, Bryan; and Jacob Zoch, Giddings.

Graduates received the Certificate of Paramedic Technology, which can be applied to working in the field or obtaining a bachelor’s degree. Interim program director Sandy Medina, a Blinn College alumna and 13-year emergency medical services veteran, attributes the students’ success to the program’s experienced instructors and rigorous coursework.

“It’s been quite a year for these 23 students and I couldn’t be more proud of them,” said Sandy Medina, interim program director. “The students had to endure three grueling semesters of not just didactic material, but countless hours of lab and clinical rotations ending with a 240-hour internship in the summer session. They’re truly a stellar class who will serve their communities well.”

Founded in 1883, Blinn is a comprehensive community college committed to educational excellence and to individual and community enhancement. With an enrollment of 18,413 students, Blinn ranks among the nation's leaders in transferring students to leading four-year universities and has received national recognition for its affordable educational excellence.

As part of its commitment to student success, Blinn is currently implementing a Quality Enhancement Plan titled, "Destination Success: First-Year Focus," which utilizes learning communities to support first-year college students.

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