Fall Commencement Dec. 11

BAYTOWN, TX — More than 150 graduates will receive associate degrees and certificates Friday, Dec. 11, at the 2015 Lee College Fall Commencement Ceremony. Todd Monette, site manager for the LyondellBasell Industries chemical complex in Channelview, will be the special guest speaker.

Commencement will begin at 7 p.m., inside the sports arena on campus. It is the second time that Lee College has hosted a graduation ceremony in the fall semester.

As site manager for one of the world's largest olefins, polyolefins, chemicals and refining companies, Monette is responsible for the safe, environmentally sound and reliable operation of the Channelview complex. He has 30 years of experience in the refining and chemical industry – including previous leadership positions with Shell and Motiva — and is known for driving culture change and personal development while providing senior-level oversight of engineering, operations, maintenance, turnarounds, reliability, cost reduction, process safety, work process and refinery management.

Monette is also actively involved with industry trade and advocacy organizations and several community initiatives. A past member of the board of directors of the Houston East End Chamber of Commerce and former executive sponsor for the Minority and Women's Business Council in Port Arthur, he currently sits on the boards for the Galena Park Education Foundation and the San Jacinto Community College Education Foundation. He has also served as a board member for the Texas Chemical Council and as past board chairman for the East Harris County Manufacturers Association, which raised more than $275,000 this year at its second annual golf tournament to provide scholarships to Lee College and San Jacinto College students.

Monette holds a master of business administration degree from Rice University and a bachelor of science degree in chemical engineering from Mississippi State University. He and his wife, Terri, are the parents of three daughters.