Lee to recognize more than 500 graduates at commencement

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BAYTOWN, TX — Lee College will recognize more than 500 graduates who have earned associate degrees and certificates of completion at the Fall 2017 Commencement Ceremony. Dr. Cody Abshier, superintendent of the Liberty Independent School District, will deliver keynote remarks.

Fall Commencement will be held at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 16, in the sports arena on campus. The ceremonies will also be streamed live online via the Lee College website at www.lee.edu.

Selected by the Liberty ISD Board of Trustees to serve as superintendent of the district in 2012, Abshier holds a Doctor of Education degree in Educational Leadership from Lamar University, where he also earned a Master of Education degree in Educational Administration and Bachelor of Science degree in Education with an elementary endorsement and reading specialization. His doctoral dissertation, “Superintendent Perspectives of Financial Survival Strategies in Small Schools,” was published in “The Rural Educator,” the official peer-reviewed academic journal of the National Rural Education Association.

Prior to taking the reins at Liberty ISD, Abshier served as superintendent, assistant superintendent and principal for Devers Independent School District over the course of a four-year tenure. He was the principal of Anahuac Middle School from 2002-2008, and started his educational career as a teacher at Liberty Elementary School from 1990-1999 and Devers Junior High School from 1999-2002.

A member of numerous civic organizations — including the First Baptist Church, Lions Club, Rotary Club and Fine Arts Society in Liberty and the Liberty Independent Education Foundation — Abshier was chosen to receive the Community Builder’s Award in Liberty in 2015. He was also recognized as Educator of the Year for Chambers County in 2007 and Administrator of the Year for the Anahuac Independent School District in 2005, and earned honors from the Liberty ISD school board in 1995 for going “Above the Call of Duty.”

Abshier and his wife, Kristi, are the parents of two grown children, Wil and Whitney.