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Lighthouse College Prep student graduates from TJC

Tyler, TX – Brittanye Thompkins started her college journey in the summer of 2013 through The Lighthouse College Prep Program. The program is an opportunity for blind and visually impaired students to get a head start on college success. Students live on the campus of Tyler Junior College while taking classes through TJC and The Lighthouse.

Upon completing her summer session, Brittanye continued her education at TJC in the fall of 2014, graduating with an Associates of Science in Social Work on May 13, 2016. She will be continuing her education at the University of Houston and plans to return to Tyler at some point in her future.

“The program, centered on exposure, experience and expectation, has paved the way for unlimited success.” said Lori Arteaga, Educational Services Specialist at The Lighthouse. “Participants gain a better perspective of college life and are able to utilize not only Lighthouse services, but campus and city of Tyler services as well, making for a smooth transition into higher education and adulthood.”

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About East Texas Lighthouse for the Blind

Created in 1976 to serve the needs of the blind and visually impaired the mission of The Lighthouse is to empower blind Americans through rehabilitation, education, training, and employment leading to a fully independent lifestyle. To accomplish that, The Lighthouse offers a wide range of programs and services through Client Services and Horizon Industries. For more information, visit www.tylerlighthouse.org

About TJC

TJC is one of the largest community colleges in Texas, with 306 full-time faculty members and 248 part-time faculty members, approximately 11,000 students enrolled per semester, and 1,011 May graduates. The mission of TJC is to provide a comprehensive collegiate experience that is anchored in the rich traditions of a quality education, vibrant student life and community service. For more information, visit www.tjc.edu