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The Lighthouse in Tyler, TX to host graduation for first external round of ProMOTE

East Texas Lighthouse for the Blind completed its first external round of ProMote (Professional Mastery of Technology for Employment) March 5th – March 29th in Tyler, Texas. Participants were honored with a graduation held at 411 W. Front St. Tyler, TX 75702 with agency representatives in attendance via Zoom online video conferencing software. Graduates included, Gerald Robertson, Contact Center Representative of New View Oklahoma, Donovan Ainsworth, Assistive Technology Trainer of Outlook Nebraska, Amando Ortiz, Assistive Technology Trainer of Dallas Lighthouse and Jill Thurmond, Clerk/Cashier for Base Supply at Sheppard Air Force Base, Beacon Lighthouse. Graduates earned a certificate of completion from National Industries for the Blind for the intensive, 4-week training in Microsoft Office, with Amando Ortiz, and Jill Thurmond also earning their Microsoft Office Outlook Certification.

“This has been an incredible experience stated Amando Ortiz, ProMOTE graduate. “I want to thank everyone here at The Lighthouse and to the Dallas Lighthouse for supporting me during this time.”

Amando is currently an Assistive Technology Instructor at Dallas Lighthouse for the Blind and will be taking these skills learned back to his agency to better equip his students in Microsoft Office.

The goal of the ProMOTE program is to ensure students are ready for the rigors and pacing of the modern workplace thus enabling them the opportunity to enhance skills for upward mobility and career opportunities. NIB's motivation behind the program was to allow graduates an opportunity to secure higher internal and/or external career avenues, providing them the skill set to compete for positions in any field of work and the knowledge that would be applicable in a variety of job positions.