

Baytown City Councilman to award \$500 scholarship at Lee College basketball game

Any LC student at Dec. 9 game could win scholarship from Charles Johnson of District No. 3

BAYTOWN, TX — One Lee College student who attends the Lee home basketball game against Lone Star College — Tomball on Saturday, Dec. 9, will walk away from the Sports Arena with a \$500 scholarship, courtesy of Baytown City Councilman Charles Johnson.

Johnson, a Lee College alumnus who campaigned for the District 3 council seat on the slogan “We Are ‘IT’: Improving Together,” is donating the scholarship money in hopes of giving a student the boost needed to fund his or her education and improve the future both for the recipient and his or her family.

“I really enjoyed my time at Lee College, learned so much and made new connections. Now I have the opportunity to pay it forward,” said Johnson, who graduated with an Associate of Applied Science degree in Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counseling and later returned to earn a credential in Child Development. His mother, Charlene Jones, is a long-time instructor of cosmetology.

To be eligible for the scholarship, Lee College students must show their ID at the game and receive a raffle ticket. The student whose ticket number is called at halftime will have three chances to make a shot with the ball starting at the half-court line. No special basketball skills will be necessary, however, because of a surprise twist that Johnson will reveal during the scholarship presentation.

The winning student can be enrolled in any Lee College degree or certificate program, and use the scholarship to pay for any educational needs — whether tuition, textbooks, classroom or laboratory supplies or something else entirely. Johnson said he did not place any stipulations on how the money should be spent, because he understands that unexpected situations can arise.

“This scholarship may inspire a part-time student to take a few more hours, or help someone have the opportunity to enjoy college as much as I did,” Johnson said. “Lee College helps Baytown residents prepare for, plan and even re-imagine their futures — and no matter what age you are, if you have an education, you have a future.”

Lee will tip off against Lone Star College – Tomball at 6 p.m.