


Amanuel Abreha, MD

Hospitalist



Amanuel Abreha, M.D. joined LDRMC in 2005. Dr. Abreha serves as Director of Medical and Respiratory Services, LDRMC Vice Chief of Staff, Liberty Dayton Medical Clinic Provider, Emergency Room Provider and Inpatient Hospitalist.

Dr. Abreha's desire to practice medicine started in his early teen years as he grew up in Eritrea, Africa, where he witnessed a significant need for doctors, nurses, and medical facilities to reduce deaths in his country. He received his M.D. at Addis Ababa University School of Medicine. After practicing medicine in Ethiopia for more than 6 years, Dr. Abreha and his family moved to the United States in 1994 to further his education. He completed his residency in Internal Medicine at Mount Sinai Health Services at Queens Health Network in June 2000. Dr. Abreha continued working as faculty for Mount Sinai for 5 years. He worked in the department of ambulatory care and as an Associate Program Director of the Residency Training Program.

Dr. Abreha brings more than 30 years of clinical experience to LDRMC. His compassion for his patients shows in his medical practice as he says, "I love my patients and bond to them immediately like my own family members."

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Not Done Flying Yet

by Mike Ely and Linda Street-Ely

Mike: Last week, I retired. Like many who reach this point, I find myself adjusting to the absence of something that has long defined my days - the steady pull of goals, the pressure to keep moving forward. I started working at fifteen, and now, after all these years, the stillness feels unfamiliar. Not unwelcome, just... different. It's not that I lack things to do. In fact, the list of projects ahead is longer than ever. But I've recalibrated my compass.

When I was young, my father gave me advice that has stayed with me. He told me that whatever my passion, I should give it everything I had but not expect results or success to happen quickly. "Learn patience," he said. My parents gave me encouragement and a roof over my head, but paying for college and flight training was up to me.

So, I went to work. I re-floored semi-truck trailers, long days that left my hands so stiff I could barely make a fist by evening. I bussed tables in smoke-filled restaurants, worked in warehouses, and took shifts in



retail stores. Flying lessons came when I could afford them, often with long gaps in between - sometimes long enough that I had to relearn what I'd forgotten. Looking back, it might have been wise to save my money and do all my training at once, but I hadn't learned that lesson yet. More importantly, I needed to keep flying - keep the dream alive.

After earning my private pilot certificate, I bought a car. Small progress, but it opened the door to better pay at a defense manufacturer. I continued working while finishing high school and, little by little, made my way through college as money allowed. Every job, even the ones I didn't particularly enjoy, taught me something worth carrying forward. Along the way, I learned patience - and the value of a dollar.


Building flight hours was slow. There were no easy paths, no loans to speed the process. I worked overtime, saved what I could, and added ratings one at a time. For a while, I held two full-time jobs while attending college. When I finally earned my flight instructor certificate, doors began to open. I left both jobs and took a significant pay cut to pursue flying full time, starting in a worn single-engine aircraft hauling cancelled checks over desert and mountains.

From there, my career grew. I've spent a lifetime in aviation, and even now, I've never really stopped teaching. I doubt I ever will.

Every experience - flying and otherwise, good and bad - has been stored away. I suspect many of them will find their way into the books I've long wanted to write. Now, at last, I have the time to pursue that creative side, along with the many projects that have awaited my attention for years.

It is time to begin again. I've learned patience, but there is still much to do. And in any case, I'm not done flying - not by a long shot.

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DISD sixth-graders attend Lamar's Literacy STAAR Camp

DAYTON - Dayton ISD sixth-grade students at Woodrow Wilson Junior High (WWJH) are strengthening their reading skills and building confidence through the Lamar University Literacy STAAR Camp,

hosted in partnership with the Nancy Evans Center at Lamar University.

The camp focuses on key English Language Arts (ELA) skills designed to support student success on the STAAR assessment. Presenters from Lamar University are working directly with students, providing targeted instruction and strategies to help them grow as readers and test-takers.

The camp emphasizes both skill development and confidence-building, reinforcing the idea that when students read, they succeed.

"Opportunities like this give our students the tools and confidence they need to be successful," said Superintendent Dr. Travis Young. "When we invest in literacy, we are investing in their future, and we are grateful for our partnership with Lamar University and the Nancy Evans Center for supporting our students every step of the way."

Dayton Independent School District is proud to partner with Lamar University and the Nancy Evans Center to help ensure students are prepared for success in the classroom and beyond.

LIBERTY GAZETTE
936-336-6416

An Eggcellent adventure at the library

LIBERTY - Beginning April 6 and continuing through April 30, the Liberty Municipal Library will host a fun, hands-on after-school experience. All ages are invited to will learn how eggs develop into chicks and see the incubation process from start to hatch day. Participants will learn about the lifecycle of a chicken, how incubators work, egg candling, the excitement of hatch day and so much more. Programs will be held

Monday through Thursday, each week, from 4:30-5:30 p.m.

The program will be overseen by Katie Clark, Prairie View Texas A&M 4-H extension agent serving Liberty County. The extension service provides research-based education and services to county communities that support youth development and improve quality of life.

To register or for information, contact the library at 936-336-8901. Library hours are Monday-

Thursday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Friday, 1-5 p.m., and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The library is located inside the Geraldine D. Humphreys Cultural Center at 1710 Sam Houston Street.



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Barbara Parrish

Computer classes at library

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Monday through Thursday, 1 to 5 p.m. on Friday, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Liberty Municipal Library will provide reasonable accommodation for persons attending and/or participating in this event. To better serve you, requests must be made at least 24 hours prior to the event. The building is wheelchair accessible with parking available on the north and east sides of the building.

Hillhouse elected to Phi Kappa Phi at TAMU

BATON ROUGE, LA - Haley Hillhouse of Dayton was recently elected to membership into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective all-discipline collegiate honor society, at Texas A&M University.

Hillhouse is among approximately 20,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni to be initiated into Phi Kappa Phi each year. Membership is by invitation only and requires nomination and approval by a chapter. Only the top 10 percent of seniors and 7.5 percent of juniors are eligible for membership



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