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Petroleum Engineering



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SCHOLARSHIP IMPACT REPORT

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LETTER FROM DEPARTMENT HEAD

Throughout the fall and spring semesters, we have seen firsthand the profound impact of your generosity on the students in the Petroleum Engineering Department. Your support empowers the next generation of Aggie engineers, leaving a lasting influence on their educational experience here in Aggieland.

By contributing to our students' journeys, you create an environment that fosters innovation, curiosity, and dedication. Every class they attend, every project they tackle and every step in their academic journey is enriched by your commitment to their success. They are continually reminded of how donors like you are instrumental in shaping their path forward.

Within this report, you will find personal stories and reflections from our students, expressing their gratitude for the doors that have opened because of your support. Your belief in their potential reinforces the powerful Aggie tradition of paying it forward, inspiring others to follow in your footsteps.

Thank you for making such a remarkable difference in our students' lives and for supporting opportunities that make their ambitions possible.

Sincerely,

Thomas Blasingame

Department Head, Harold Vance Department of Petroleum Engineering
Texas A&M University College of Engineering



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OSVALDO ALVEAR-REYNA '25

*Petroleum Engineering
Houston, TX*

MESSAGE FROM THE STUDENT

YOUR GENEROSITY HAS HAD AN IMPACT

This scholarship has allowed me to continue my education by easing the financial burden that I previously had. Previously, I would work a lot of hours at my part time job to save up money for groceries, textbooks and other expenses and still had to ask for financial help from my parents as well as look into loans. However, thanks to this scholarship I've been able to reduce the amount of hours I work during the semester as well as take the financial burden away from my parents. Because of this, I've been able to better focus on my studies and be more involved with the various organizations I'm involved with. This scholarship has allowed me to grow so much, both in and out of the classroom. It's allowed me to save up a lot of the funds that I earned during my summer internship and use the scholarships to pay for classes and materials. It's facilitated my finances, which has contributed to me becoming a better Aggie and I look forward to being able to give back to many Aggies in the future, just like they've done for me.

THANK YOU

Thank you for all your help this year, it's truly been a blessing to be able to receive this scholarship and keep studying at the best university in the world. I'm super thankful to receive this scholarship and to know that there are fellow Aggies that believe in me and trust me to responsibly use these funds. I'm currently a senior, with plans to graduate in December of 2025. I spent this last summer in Midland, TX working for an operator and will be returning to that same operator next summer in Denver, Colorado. I'm super proud to be an Aggie Petroleum Engineer, and can't wait to give back to Aggies once I graduate, just like so many Aggies have done with me.

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HERSON AMAYA '26

*Petroleum Engineering
Houston, TX*

MESSAGE FROM THE STUDENT

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This scholarship has impacted my life in more ways than I could imagine. With this scholarship I am able to have enough money to pay tuition and rent for the semester. This has allowed me to focus more school as I don't have to worry about working and going to school at the same time. This scholarship has also helped me pay for required textbooks for my courses and any other school related materials that I need such as notebooks and pens. All of this has also impacted my parents life as my dad is the only one in my family that works. Now he doesn't have to feel stressed as to how I will be able to pay for tuition or that I'm not having enough money to make rent. This scholarship has given my parents some peace of mind that I am able to be a bit more financially independent. All of this combined has helped me have better focus in all of my classes and just be able to be less stressed about any financial situations.

THANK YOU

This scholarship has brought peace to my parents and I by allowing my focus to be 100% on my studies instead of worrying about getting a job and going to school. The scholarship has helped fund my tuition and even buying textbooks for my courses.

All of this has had a positive impact on my parents life as my dad is the only one that works and I still have a younger brother that goes to high school. The scholarship has allowed me to become a little bit more financially independent from my dad and it's one less burden he has to worry about. Once again, thank you for making all of the above a possibility.

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MICHAEL MORGAN '26

*Petroleum Engineering
Alamo, TX*

MESSAGE FROM THE STUDENT

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The scholarship has impacted me by allowing me to attend school without the financial burden that usually comes with it. Throughout my college journey, I've always needed to take out student loans to afford tuition, but for the first time this semester, I won't need to take out a loan. Every year, I worried about how much financial aid I would receive from FAFSA or other sources because I knew the cost of attendance, and I never received enough to fully cover it. But now, I am able to attend school completely free of charge, all thanks to your kindness. This financial assistance has allowed me to fully focus on my studies and has given me the opportunity to be more active within the SPE student chapter, where I can learn from others who came before me.

THANK YOU

I would like to say thank you for believing in me. When I first got admitted to A&M, I had a difficult time during my freshman year and didn't perform as well as I had hoped, finishing the year with a 2.44 GPA. While it wasn't the worst, it wasn't enough for me. I even questioned if I belonged at the university. However, going into my sophomore year, I was able to adapt and meet the standards I had set for myself, finishing with a GPA above 3.0. I applied for university scholarships, not believing I would receive anything, but I did. One day, I checked my financial aid portal and saw that I had received scholarships from multiple donors. The joy I felt was indescribable. The financial relief was overwhelming, but what meant the most was knowing that someone believed in me and my future, especially at a time when I had doubted my place at the university. So, with that, I want to say thank you for believing in me, thank you for your generosity, and thank you for recognizing the potential in me. I am truly grateful for the investment you've made in my future, and I hope to make you proud with all that I accomplish. One day, I will pay it forward, just as you have done for me.

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JAMES PALOMARES '26

*Petroleum Engineering
Katy, TX*

MESSAGE FROM THE STUDENT

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This past year has been incredibly challenging, but receiving this scholarship has made a significant impact on my family and me. My freshman year was difficult due to the culture shock of joining the Corps of Cadets and handling rigorous engineering courses. Things got harder with the loss of my grandmother, which affected my academic performance and led to the loss of other scholarship opportunities. Coming from a family with a history of educational struggles, my parents have worked tirelessly to support my college education. Despite their own hardships, including financial struggles and health issues like diabetes, they've sacrificed a lot to send me to Texas A&M. My father, at 67, even took on a second job to help cover tuition, while my mother works overtime, both battling the costs of insulin and medical bills. This scholarship has been a lifeline, easing the financial burden on my family and allowing me to focus on my academics. It has provided stability and helped me avoid additional loans, giving my parents much-needed relief. Most importantly, it has brought us closer to achieving the dream of becoming the first college graduate in my family.

THANK YOU

I am incredibly grateful for this scholarship and the opportunities it has provided for me and my family. Your support has eased a significant financial burden, allowing my parents to focus more on their health while I continue pursuing my education with renewed determination. This scholarship has made a difference in our lives, and I can't express how much it means to us.

Thank you for believing in me and helping make the dream of becoming the first college graduate in my family a reality. Your generosity has given us hope and stability, and I am committed to working hard to honor the faith you have placed in me.

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ADAN PLATA '26

*Petroleum Engineering
Houston, TX*

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This scholarship has had a tremendous impact on my financial situation this semester. Over the summer I was working on an oil rig and I was saving pretty much everything I earned in hopes that it would cover most of my tuition and some of my housing. I am so thankful that the scholarships I received covered all my tuition and educational expenses. This gave me the opportunity to help my mom out financially with payments on my car as well as with school materials and clothing for my sister. With the funds that I have received from these scholarships, I can now fully focus on school without having to worry financially. I plan on using the remaining amount of money to pay for a portion of my housing which is also a huge help. The fact that I can support my mother financially is probably the most important takeaway from getting this scholarship. Overall I am very grateful for this opportunity and the impact that it has had on me is nothing short of a blessing.

THANK YOU

I would like to start off by saying thank you for having the heart and goodwill to provide this opportunity to students like myself and to hundreds of other students within the Petroleum Engineering Department here at Texas A&M. With the funds that you have provided me with, I can fully focus on my education without having to worry about getting a job or relying on my mother to help me financially. I live with my mom, sister, and grandma whom my mom supports on her own which makes her life tough back in Houston. Although I am in College Station, she is able to sleep knowing that I am doing okay financially and it takes a lot of stress off of the both of us. With the aid that I have received it has covered all of my educational expenses as well as some of my housing here in College Station. These scholarships are truly a blessing and I cannot thank you enough for this award.

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CORBIN RASH '24

*Petroleum Engineering
Montgomery, TX*

MESSAGE FROM THE STUDENT

YOUR GENEROSITY HAS HAD AN IMPACT

This scholarship has allowed me to focus on school without the worries of money issues. Before this scholarship I had to work 20+ hours a week to pay for my tuition and bills. However now I can afford to work less and thus my education has been drastically benefited. So far I am much more productive with my school work and have been able to build bonds with classmates more than ever. This has allowed me to network and really enjoy my major.

THANK YOU

I would like to thank you very much. I come from a poor background and pay for school myself. This scholarship allows me to focus more on school and not have to work as much. As an engineer it's impossible to ace some classes while working. I have been able to enjoy networking with my classmates more and my attendance is at all time high. No more am I just exhausted throughout the week and having to drag myself to class. Now I wake up and get to class ready to learn. For this I cannot thank you enough!

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