



**Wharton County
Junior College**

NEWS RELEASE

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THE MEANS TO CONTINUE

WCJC students receive HLS&R scholarships

WHARTON, TEXAS – Eight Wharton County Junior College students are receiving financial help with their college careers, thanks to the Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo (HLS&R).

The HLS&R's Education Programs division recently awarded each student up to \$5,000 in scholarship funding, with disbursements of \$2,500 per semester beginning in fall 2017. Since 2015, the HLS&R has provided scholarships for WCJC students entering technical fields like engineering design, process technology, electronics engineering technology and welding.

WCJC students earning the scholarships included:

- Paul Easton of El Campo — \$5,000
- Jerome Ervin of Rosenberg — \$5,000
- Sarah Felder of El Campo — \$5,000
- Ismael Mendez of El Campo — \$5,000
- Kim Merryman of Houston — \$5,000
- Amy Santner of Sweeny — \$5,000
- Huan Nguyen of Palacios — \$2,500
- David Penrod of Katy — \$2,500

A recipient dinner was held on Jan. 29 to provide students with an opportunity to network with scholarship committee members and donors. Several of the scholarship winners were all on hand in addition to college

Campus locations in ♦ Wharton ♦ Sugar Land ♦ Richmond ♦ Bay City ■ Extension Center in El Campo

representatives including Engineering Design Instructor JoAnn Shimek, Counselor Patti Lawlor and GPS
Campus Coordinator/Online Academic Advisor Sara Fira.

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