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Academic Honors Day 2015

The Financial Executives International - Houston Chapter (FEI) honors twelve accounting or finance students attending accredited colleges and universities in Southeast Texas annually with a scholarship award and an Academic Honors Program. The Academic Honors Day (AHD) is held each February and is hosted by a local Houston business organization in conjunction with FEI.

By linking the award of financial support to students with exposure to real world experiences as part of the FEI's Academic Honors Program, we can better personalize the educational experience. Our focus is on ethical business conduct and the pursuit of accounting and finance as outstanding career choices.

During the Academic Honors Day program the students experience the opportunity to interact with both senior management and a short tenure employee panel, comprised of recent hires in both industry and the public accounting profession, to broaden their experience.

A Special Thank You to **Shell Oil** for hosting this year's Academic Honors Day Program for the students and distinguished guests.

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We would also like to thank ExxonMobil, Halliburton, Hein & Associates, KBR, Mutual of Omaha Bank, R R Donnelley, and Aventine Hill Partners, Inc. for their generous contributions toward the AHD program. Donations like theirs help make the AHD event a success and positively influence the lives of the FEI Scholarship Students.

Since 1970, the Houston FEI organization has awarded over $450,000 in scholarships through its Academic Honors Program, funded primarily by The FEI Houston Chapter, voluntary contributions and Corporate Sponsors. Thank you to all who have been involved and donated over this extended period.

The mission of the FEI Scholarship Foundation is to protect and strengthen the financial viability of the Houston FEI Academic Honors Program that provides student opportunities for recruiting, mentoring and business exposure and awards non-discriminatory, need-based scholarships to high caliber accounting and finance students attending accredited Southeast Texas area universities who can be future financial leaders.

The long range goal is to create an endowment with annual income sufficient to fund the scholarship program on a continuing basis and to facilitate the relationship between local Business School Deans, the Houston Chapter of FEI and leading corporate organizations to benefit future students and local industry.

We would like to thank the following organizations for their generous contributions and **Lifetime Sponsor status** to the FEI Scholarship Foundation:

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We would also like to thank the following organizations for their contributions over the years to the FEI Scholarship Foundation:

- **Bobby Bizzell Memorial Donations**
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- **FEI National**
- **FEI – Women's Auxiliary**

The FEI Scholarship Foundation is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization.

Our 2014 Academic Scholarship Recipients are:

David Rey Amaya	Houston Baptist University
Jonathan Lee Gay	Lamar University
Eric Alexander Martinez	Prairie View A & M University
Duncan Thomas Dickerson	Rice University
Michael A. DeFrancesco	Sam Houston State University
Kourtney Lee McDonald	Stephen F. Austin University
Marissa Nicole Bartkowiak	Texas A & M University
Derrick DeJuan Smallwood	Texas Southern University
Adil Razi Rajabali	University of Houston – C.T. Bauer College of Business
Lauren Samantha Giangrosso	University of Houston – Clear Lake
Jeff Thomas Abraham	University of Houston – Downtown
Gwen Thanh-Hang Pham	University of St. Thomas

The Academic Relations Committee of FEI is pleased to recognize these students. In addition, we would like to assist the students and faculty of these area universities in any way we can. Questions or comments about the Academic Relations Committee should be directed to Vance Tillman at vance.tillman@tidelandsignal.com.

David Rey Amaya

University

Houston Baptist University

Major

MPA - Accounting

Overall GPA **3.90** Major GPA **3.90**

Awards/Honors

Alpha Chi National Honor Society, Member

Delta Mu Delta Business Honor Society, Member

Dean's List

Community Activities

Walk-a-thons, benefiting Kidney & Liver organizations, Participant

HBU Campus Service Day, Volunteer

Campus Activities

Order of Omega-Greek Honor Society, Treasurer

Kappa Alpha Order, Treasurer

Greek Week, Created and managed new campus event

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Jonathan Lee Gay

University

Lamar University

Major

MPA - Accounting

Overall GPA **3.84** Major GPA **3.67**

Awards/Honors

Beta Alpha Psi

Beta Gamma Sigma

Community Activities

Habitat for Humanity, Volunteer

Church/Former Student Pastor, Volunteer

Campus Activities

Beta Alpha Psi, Vice President

Tutor Accounting Students

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Eric Alexander Martinez

University

Prairie View A & M University

Major

BBA - Accounting

Overall GPA **3.5** Major GPA **3.8**

Awards/Honors

Dean's List & University Honors

Beta Gamma Sigma, Member

Community Activities

Highway Cleanup, Volunteer

Student Mentor & Tutor

Campus Activities

Beta Alpha Psi, Vice President

The Collegiate 100, Member

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Duncan Thomas Dickerson

University

Rice University

Major

MBA

Overall GPA **3.7**

Awards/Honors

NCAA Regional Qualiflier and Conference Champion

Parliamentary Debate National Qualiflier

Community Activities

The School at Columbia University (Middle School), Debate Coach Volunteer

Level The Field, Mentor and Campus Recruiter

Campus Activities

Captain of Division I Track and Field

Parliamentary Debate Executive Board at Columbia University

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Michael A. DeFrancesco

University

Sam Houston State University

Major

BBA - Finance

Overall GPA **3.6** Major GPA **3.65**

Awards/Honors

Associates of Business, Cum Laude

COBA Keener Family Scholarship

Community Activities

Ironman Texas, Volunteer

ACS Breast Cancer Walk, Participant

Campus Activities

Banking and Finance Club, Member

COBA Ambassador

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Kourtney Lee McDonald

University

Stephen F. Austin University

Major

MPA - Accounting

Overall GPA **4.0** Major GPA **4.0**

Awards/Honors

University Scholar Scholarship

Regents Scholarship

Community Activities

The BIG Event, Volunteer

Officiated Adult Co-Ed Softball Tournament, benefiting family in need

Campus Activities

Beta Alpha Psi, VP Memberships and Programs

Accounting Club, VP of Programs

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Marissa Nicole Bartkowiak

University

Texas A & M University

Major

BBA - Accounting

Overall GPA **3.63** Major GPA **4.0**

Awards/Honors

Dean's Honor Roll

National Society of Collegiate Scholars

Community Activities

The BIG Event, Volunteer

Texas A & M Cupcakes, Volunteer

Campus Activities

Dance Arts Society

Texas A & M Cupcakes

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Derrick DeJuan Smallwood

University

Texas Southern University

Major

BBA - Finance

Overall GPA **3.84**

Awards/Honors

Tom Joyner Foundation Hercules Scholar

Thomas F. Freeman Honors College

Community Activities

Houston Food Bank, Volunteer

Community Missionary Baptist Church, Children's Church Aide

Campus Activities

Collegiate 100 Black Men of America, Inc

Thomas F. Freeman Honors College, Undergraduate Student Aide

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Adil Razi Rajabali

University

University of Houston – C.T. Bauer College of Business

Major

BBA - Finance

Overall GPA **4.0** Major GPA **3.95**

Awards/Honors

Excellence in Leadership Award

Finance Association, most Distinguished Member Award

Community Activities

Business Professionals of America, Regional Judge/Secondary - Level

The Finance Association, Research and Trade Director

Campus Activities

Finance Association, Vice President

Student Government Association, Director of Finance

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Lauren Samantha Giangrosso

University

University of Houston – Clear Lake

Major

MPA - Accounting

Overall GPA **4.0** Major GPA **3.70**

Awards/Honors

Dean's List

Federation of Schools of Accountancy –

Outstanding Graduate Student Award

Community Activities

Caregiver, Volunteer

Church, active membership

Campus Activities

Student Tutor

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Jeff Thomas Abraham

University

University of Houston – Downtown

Major

BBA - Finance/International Business

Overall GPA **4.0**

Awards/Honors

Global Health Scholars Program: American Medical Student Association

Officer of the Year Award: University of Houston - Downtown

Community Activities

University of Houston - Downtown Healthcare Disparities

Awarness Health Fair, Volunteer

Gulf Coast Regional and MD Anderson Cancer Center blood drives

Campus Activities

Financial Management Association, Member

National Model United Nations, Member

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Gwen Thanh - Hang Pham

University

University of St. Thomas

Major

BBA - Finance

Major GPA **3.74**

Awards/Honors

Dean's List

Celt Award

Community Activities

Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) Society – Houston, Member

K-9 Angels Rescue, Volunteer

Campus Activities

ALPFA Club, Treasurer

Finance Club, Member

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In recognition of their service to the FEI - Houston Chapter, scholarships have been awarded to recipients in acknowledgement of the following individuals that served as outstanding speakers to the Houston Chapter during 2014 and 2015:

Jay Bryson	Managing Director/Global Economist, Wells Fargo Securities, LLC
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David Zerros	Managing Director, Jeffries & Company

The FEI Houston Scholarship Foundation Board of Directors and the Academic Relations Committee would like to thank this year's Academic Honors Day panelists for their time and commitment in sharing their educational and professional experiences with this year's scholarship recipients:

Stephanie Abt, Controls Analyst | ExxonMobil
Stephanie was born and raised in Houston, Texas. She attended the University of Oklahoma, receiving a BBA in Finance with a minor in Spanish. Prior to graduating, Stephanie interned with ExxonMobil, then returned to Houston for a full-time position in July 2013. Stephanie is currently on her second assignment and is the Controls Analyst for the Contracting & Materials Management group within ExxonMobil's Development Company. Stephanie is involved in various other ExxonMobil initiatives including the Finance Women's Leadership Network, Project Controllership Controls Network, and the University of Oklahoma recruitment team. In the community, Stephanie is involved with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Houston where she serves as a Big Sister and part of the Young Professionals Group.

Lindsay Camiscione, Houston Advisory Practice/Internal Audit | Deloitte
Lindsay joined Deloitte with an internship in the fall of her senior year at Texas A&M University. Since joining Deloitte's Houston Advisory practice, Lindsay has specialized in Internal Audit Transformation, working primarily with clients in the oil and gas industry. Her experience has included testing Sarbanes-Oxley controls for IT and business processes, performing SOX readiness procedures, and conducting various internal audits. In addition to client work, she has also had opportunities to help the firm with initiatives such as recruiting and industry brochures, giving her exposure to other professionals and practice areas within Deloitte. Prior to graduating from Texas A&M University, Lindsay was also able to sit for the CPA, passing all exams before returning to work full-time at Deloitte in July of 2013.

Josh Cloud, Audit Staff Accountant | Hein & Associates
Josh Cloud is an audit staff accountant who joined the Hein team in 2014. Prior to joining Hein, he worked as a staff accountant for a medium sized publicly traded company called Cardtronics. During his tenure with Hein, he has assisted in several audits across multiple industries including oil & gas, manufacturing, distribution, and private equity. Joshua has also participated in assisting the transaction services group with several purchase price adjustments. Josh is a graduate of the University of Texas at San Antonio, where he earned his bachelor of business administration in accounting. He is also a member of the University of Texas at San Antonio alumni association.

Ross Menachof, Supply, Trading & Logistics Analyst; Motiva Enterprises | Shell
Ross joined Shell in May 2013 in the finance graduate program as an Onshore Revenue Analyst within the Upstream Americas division. He has recently transferred roles, and is now a Supply, Trading & Logistics Analyst for Motiva Enterprises. His role within Motiva primarily involves supporting robust end-to-end economic decision making and results delivery. He is primarily focused on optimizing refinery margins and the daily crude/feedstock's the organization needs in order to support three separate Gulf Coast refineries. Ross also recently completed his CPA examinations and will soon be a fully licensed CPA.

We would like to thank the following FEI members as Platinum level contributors to the FEI Scholarship Foundation during calendar year 2014 at a level of $1000 or greater:

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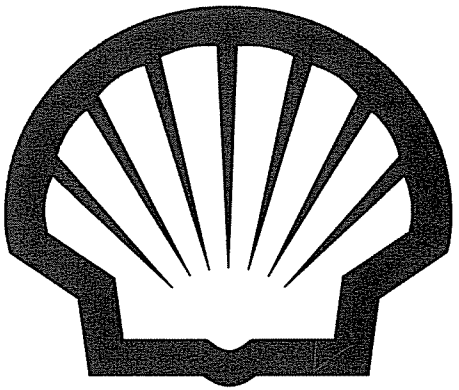
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***ExxonMobil's** continued support of the Academic Honors Program makes it possible to annually recognize students from colleges and universities in Southeast Texas with scholarship awards*

We also thank ExxonMobil for being the FEI Academic Honors Program's longest standing contributor

The FEI Houston Scholarship Foundation Board of Directors recognizes Chancellor's Club Member

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The FEI Houston Scholarship Foundation Board of Directors recognize President's Club Member

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as one of FEI's Lifetime Contributors

KBR's *continued support of the Academic Honors Program makes it possible to annually recognize students from colleges and universities in Southeast Texas with scholarship awards*

The FEI Houston Scholarship Foundation Board of Directors recognize President's Club Member

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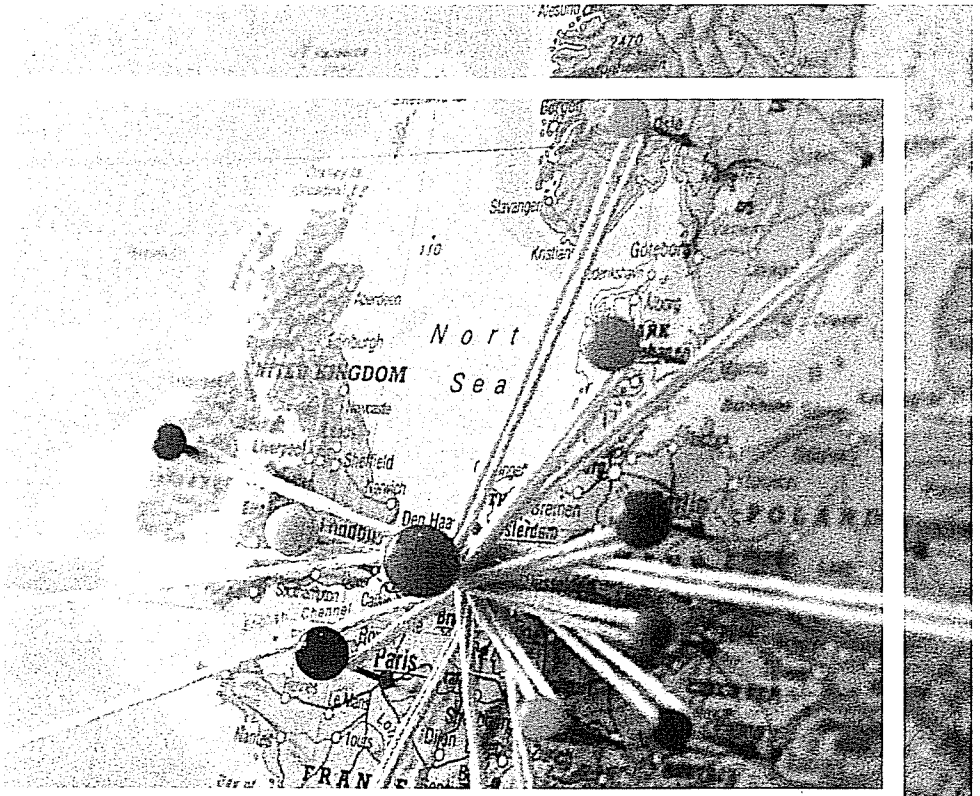
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