

# 2019 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

**CHAD METCALF**

Acton School of Business

**ETHAN R. HOLMES**

Baylor University

**RILEY DUZENACK**

Dallas Baptist University  
The Mitchell Family  
Foundation Scholarship

**TAMIRA LATRICE FLEMING**

Dallas Baptist University  
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**JAKE LoGRASSO**

Dallas Baptist University  
The Mitchell Family  
Foundation Scholarship

**EVAN SANDMANN**

Dallas Baptist University  
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Foundation Scholarship

**MADISON DORA SPIKES**

Houston Baptist University  
The Stewart Morris Scholarship

**CASEY SMITH**

Lamar University  
The Ben J. Rogers Scholarship

**LANCE MIGUEL TAYLOR**

Lamar University  
The Ben J. Rogers Scholarship

**ANDRIA BALOGH**

Rice University  
T.T. & W.F. Chao Scholarship

**BLAKE BROUSSARD**

Sam Houston State University  
AT&T Future Legend First  
in Family Scholarship

**CORNÉ GARCIA**

Sam Houston State University  
The SWBC Foundation Scholarship

**LUIS ESTEBAN LINAN**

Southern Methodist University  
The Robert H. Dedman Scholarship

**WESLEY WILSON CLINGMAN**

Southern Methodist University  
The Signor Family Scholarship

**JOSEPH SAAHENE**

St. Mary's University  
The Carlos and Malu Alvarez  
Scholarship

**MEGHAN GERACI**

St. Mary's University  
The William E. "Bill" Greehey  
Scholarship

**AHAD AZIMUDDIN**

Texas A&M University

**BROOKE FRANCES**

**HONCHARIK**  
Texas Christian University

**MADELINE KINGSBURY**

Texas Christian University  
T.T. & W.F. Chao "Chairman's"  
Scholarship

**LANDON C. MORRIS**

Texas Southern University

**JESSICA RAMOS-KARMAKER**

Texas State University

**JAKE ANDERSON**

Texas Tech University  
The Pefanis Family Scholarship

**AYODELE AIGBE**

Texas Tech University –  
Free Market Institute  
The McLane Company Reading  
Program Scholarship

**JOHN TATE HEGSTROM**

Trinity University  
The Doug & Martha Hawthorne  
Family Fund Scholarship

**JASMINE ADAMS**

University of Dallas  
The Mitchell Family  
Foundation Scholarship

**SANDRA BECHEM**

University of Dallas  
The Mitchell Family  
Foundation Scholarship

**CESAR CEDILLOS**

University of Dallas  
The Mitchell Family  
Foundation Scholarship

**JOSHUA MAPULA**

University of Houston  
T.T. & W.F. Chao Scholarship

**CHARLES C. CAROLUS, JR.**

University of the Incarnate Word  
The H-E-B Scholarship

**JONATHAN DEVANE**

University of North Texas

**TRENT SEGERS**

University of Texas  
The Mike A. Myers Scholarship

**JEAN GAMARRA**

University of Texas - Arlington  
The Kelcy Warren Graduate  
Fellowship for Engineering

**SHAWNEE BLOCKER**

University of Texas - Dallas  
The Mitchell Family  
Foundation Scholarship

**MOHAMMAD ELASHI**

University of Texas - Dallas  
The Mitchell Family  
Foundation Scholarship

**NGAN NGUYEN**

University of Texas - Dallas  
The Mitchell Family  
Foundation Scholarship

**PATRICK L. GNEHM**

University of Texas - San Antonio



### **CHAD METCALF**

#### **ACTON SCHOOL OF BUSINESS**

A high school golfer with plans to play college golf, Chad gave up those plans after the events of 9/11. He served from 2003-2015 as a U.S. Navy SEAL, completing his undergrad while on active duty. He then chased his PGA Tour dream for three years before shifting focus to the business world. In May of 2019, he earned his MBA from Acton School of Business and was honored to receive the Acton Scholar Award.



### **ETHAN R. HOLMES**

#### **BAYLOR UNIVERSITY**

Ethan Holmes, a native Texan, is the Executive Chef for Mattie's at Green Pastures in Austin, Texas. He earned his bachelor's degree in communication from St. Edward's University in Austin, Texas, and his associate's of occupational studies in culinary arts from New England Culinary Institute in Montpelier, Vermont. Ethan has worked his way up in professional kitchens over the past 19 years. Currently, Ethan is pursuing his Executive MBA from Baylor University. He intends to leverage his extensive culinary and hospitality background, along with his EMBA, to start his own hospitality group.



### **RILEY DUZENACK**

#### **DALLAS BAPTIST UNIVERSITY**

##### *The Mitchell Family Foundation Scholarship*

Riley Duzenack graduated from Dallas Baptist University in May 2019 with her BBA in Management and the honor of Summa Cum Laude. She is currently working at DBU where she is also pursuing her MBA with a concentration in Health Care Management. After completing her MBA, she hopes to eventually own her own physical therapy clinic, that integrates faith-based values and traditional medicine.



### **TAMIRA LATRICE FLEMING**

#### **DALLAS BAPTIST UNIVERSITY**

##### *The Mitchell Family Foundation Scholarship*

Tamira is currently pursuing a doctorate in Educational Leadership, K-12. She graduated from Tennessee State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical engineering and a master's degree in elementary education from Faulkner University. Tamira combines her years of classroom experience, knowledge of the engineering field and entrepreneurial spirit to manage STEM Connexion, which is a non-profit she founded. STEM Connexion provides STEM educational programming to students in Dallas; particularly those from low socioeconomic backgrounds.



### **JAKE LOGRASSO**

#### **DALLAS BAPTIST UNIVERSITY**

##### *The Mitchell Family Foundation Scholarship*

Jake LoGrasso graduated Cum Laude with his BBA and is currently pursuing a Master of Science in management, with a focus in entrepreneurship. Jake currently serves full-time with Dallas Baptist University as the Staff Assistant in the Center for Business as Mission. Jake is involved in a number of ways on campus, such as sponsoring the University's chapter of Enactus. Jake is also the founder of EquipScholars—a service that helps families minimize their financial burden and maximize their children's college experience.



### **EVAN SANDMANN**

#### **DALLAS BAPTIST UNIVERSITY**

##### *The Mitchell Family Foundation Scholarship*

Evan Sandmann is currently pursuing his MBA in marketing at Dallas Baptist University, having completed his BBA in management in the Spring of 2018. Evan competed in NCAA Division 1 athletics during his five years at DBU as a member of the baseball team. In the Spring of 2019, he was honored by being named as a First Team All Missouri Valley Conference Scholar-Athlete member. Evan looks to complete his MBA in December of 2019 and aspires to open a restaurant business geared towards college students and athletes focused on healthy eating options.



### **MADISON DORA SPIKES**

#### **HOUSTON BAPTIST UNIVERSITY**

##### *The Stewart Morris Scholarship*

Madison graduated in the inaugural class at Houston Baptist University with an MS in management and entrepreneurship from the McNair Center for Entrepreneurship and Free Enterprise. She is passionate about equality and access for all students to higher education. She is in the process of developing a social media application called UNI FIT which helps to match students to the college that is the best fit. Madison strives to bring out the best in others and help people reveal their true potential.



### **CASEY SMITH**

#### **LAMAR UNIVERSITY**

##### *The Ben J. Rogers Scholarship*

Casey Smith is from Orange, Texas and is currently studying management and human resource management at Lamar University. After graduating in May 2020, he will continue his education by pursuing an MBA. Having previously interned with Chick-Fil-A, Casey is passionate about the company's values (as well as its delicious chicken) and hopes to open the first Chick-Fil-A in his hometown of Orange, Texas.



### **LANCE MIGUEL TAYLOR**

#### **LAMAR UNIVERSITY**

##### *The Ben J. Rogers Scholarship*

Lance is a senior at Lamar University majoring in finance and accounting. He recently completed a summer internship at Chevron, fueling his desire to further learn corporate business structure. While attending college, Lance used funds from a successful lawn care business to establish a small real estate business, the revenues of which he is currently saving to finance future business ventures. Lance plans to pursue a CPA license in 2020. He also wants to help other entrepreneurs by using his finance and accounting skills.



### **ANDRIA BALOGH**

#### **RICE UNIVERSITY**

##### *T.T. & W.F. Chao Scholarship*

Andria Balogh is the founder and executive director of the STEM-E Youth Career Development Program and founder of Tutoring with Andria and ScholarPro, an app-based education company. Balogh earned a BS degree in biology at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and an MS degree in immunology at the University of California, Los Angeles, followed by 14-years of biomedical research. She is currently earning an MBA at Rice University and serving as acting co-president of the Entrepreneur Association.



### **BLAKE BROUSSARD**

#### **SAM HOUSTON STATE UNIVERSITY**

##### *AT&T Future Legend First in Family Scholarship*

Blake will graduate in the Spring of 2020 with a bachelor's degree in business management from Sam Houston State University. He recently graduated amongst the Top 11 students in his class at Lone Star College-Tomball, and is a current member of the Alpha Chi National Honors Society chapter at SHSU. While attending SHSU, Blake has assisted his Dad in the reconstruction of his flooded home. Blake is the owner of a successful residential power washing business and is currently in the process of scaling and marketing that business to the commercial sector.



### **CORNÉ GARCIA**

#### **SAM HOUSTON STATE UNIVERSITY**

##### *The SWBC Foundation Scholarship*

Corné Garcia is currently pursuing her MBA at Sam Houston State University. She publishes *Neighbors of The Woodlands*, a monthly community magazine in The Woodlands, Texas. Corné also strives to live by her university's motto "The Measure of a Life is its Service." Appointed by Judge P.K. Reiter, Corné serves as a volunteer guardian-at-litem through CASA Child Advocates of Montgomery County, representing and advocating for the children's best interests while in the child protection system.



### **LUIS ESTEBAN LINAN**

#### **SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY**

##### *The Robert H. Dedman Scholarship*

Luis is currently a second year MBA candidate at Southern Methodist University concentrating in strategy and entrepreneurship with a minor in marketing. He is a co-founder and the director of advertising at Latinx Spaces, a media start-up that provides a platform for the analysis and promotion of the art, culture, and politics created by leading Latinx artists and thought leaders. Luis plans to invest his award back into Latinx Spaces for marketing initiatives to raise awareness.



### **WESLEY WILSON CLINGMAN**

#### **SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY**

##### *The Signor Family Scholarship*

Wesley Clingman grew up in Montgomery, Alabama and completed her bachelor's degree from The University of Virginia. Wesley began her career in Little Rock, AR as an investment banking analyst for Stephens Inc. After several years, she transitioned into an associate role in the Financial Sponsors Group where she focused on cultivating relationships with private equity clients. After three and a half years at Stephens Inc., Wesley went to work for Jim Wilson & Associates, a family office that primarily focuses on real estate investments in her hometown of Montgomery, Alabama. Wesley is currently pursuing a double concentration in Strategy/Entrepreneurship and Management with a minor in Real Estate as an MBA Candidate at SMU's Cox School of Business. Wesley has an idea for developing a business that bridges education material into traditional baby products.



### **JOSEPH SAAHENE**

#### **ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY**

##### *The Carlos and Malu Alvarez Scholarship*

Joseph Saahene is a passionate business entrepreneur. Being a first-generation college graduate within his family, Joseph is self-motivated to accomplish any and every task out before him. Joseph received his Bachelor of Science at Texas Tech University in animal science business and agricultural communication. After his bachelor's, Joseph then worked as a biochemist and business development manager. Currently, Joseph attends St. Mary's University pursuing both his Master of Business Administration and Juris Doctorate. Joseph is actively engaged in a variety of volunteer legal services and hopes to use this experience to open a one-stop accounting and legal practice for lower income and under resourced entrepreneurs.



### **MEGHAN GERACI**

#### **ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY**

##### *The William E. "Bill" Greehey Scholarship*

Meghan Geraci received her BBA from St. Mary's University, graduating summa cum laude with honors and double majoring in finance and risk management and marketing. She went on to get her MBA from St. Mary's and will graduate with her master's in December. Meghan plans to blend her love of learning with her passion for creative problem-solving in her career and hopes to one day become a member of the Texas Business Hall of Fame.



### **AHAD AZIMUDDIN**

#### **TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

Ahad Azimuddin is a current dual degree MD/MBA student at the Texas A&M Mays School of Business and Texas A&M Health Science Center. Additionally, he holds a BS in biomedical sciences and a BS in liberal studies from the University of Houston. After developing a strong passion for innovation and entrepreneurship, Ahad hopes to use his academic background to develop impactful and sustainable solutions to the challenges in medical practice. Ahad is the current Business Development Director of Saber—a company that has developed a novel approach to eliminate surgical site infections (SSIs). Saber was recently awarded a National Science Foundation grant to evaluate its this device.



### **BROOKE FRANCES HONCHARIK**

#### **TEXAS CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY**

Brooke is a student at Texas Christian University. She is pursuing her MBA in marketing and entrepreneurship, while simultaneously obtaining a BA in graphic design. Brooke is the co-founder and creative director of Moose N Otter Productions LLC, a videography company in Fort Worth. Pairing her dual degrees and experience in theatre and film, Brooke aspires to help others tell their stories through visual media.



### **MADLINE KINGSBURY**

#### **TEXAS CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY**

##### *T.T. & W.F. Chao "Chairman's" Scholarship*

Maddie Kingsbury is a senior at Texas Christian University, pursuing a degree in business administration with a concentration in marketing and a minor in finance. She is a serial entrepreneur, having already started two companies: a custom college apparel business and a hearing aid app, Sounde. Sounde competed in the 2019 Values and Ventures Competition and placed third out of 56 teams from around the globe.



### **LANDON C. MORRIS**

#### **TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY**

Landon C. Morris was born in The Woodlands, Texas to two ambitious medical professionals. Throughout his youth, ethics, education, work, volunteering and community, which all began at home, were highly sought after. Holding onto such values, he branched out of his home and founded both a for-profit and a non-profit organization, JaJa Lotus LLC and Persistent Scholars, respectively. Morris plans to expand on these foundations and establish more after his MBA/JD program at Texas Southern University.



### **JESSICA RAMOS-KARMAKER**

#### **TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY**

Jessica, a first-generation graduate from "El Valle," has overcome adversities and smiles at new challenges. Jessica will be completing her MBA from Texas State University this December. She was recognized as an outstanding management student and inducted into Beta Gamma Sigma. Jessica serves on the Graduate House of Representatives and as vice-president for the graduate student association. She is the board of directors vice-president for FunNation, a non-profit organization. Jessica enjoys Zumba and spending time with her husband and children.



### **JAKE ANDERSON**

#### **TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY**

##### *The Pefanis Family Scholarship*

Jake Anderson is in graduate school at Texas Tech University pursuing his Master of Science in accounting. Jake is also working on his undergraduate degrees in finance and accounting. Next spring he will be working an internship with Ernst and Young in their Fort Worth audit practice. At the Rawls College of Business, he is in the business valuation club, serves on the accounting leadership council and works in the Dean's Suite.



### **AYODELE AIGBE**

#### **TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY - FREE MARKET INSTITUTE**

##### *The McLane Company Reading Program Scholarship*

Ayodele Aigbe is an Electrical Engineering undergraduate at Texas Tech University. Ayodele is also the CEO & founder of Hangio, a startup that is revolutionizing the closet industry through well-designed and innovative hangers. To date, she has been featured in articles like "Dallas Innovates" and has raised over \$35,000 in startup funding. Spurred by her passion for entrepreneurship, Ayodele hopes to continue to build products that people love and create a positive impact in her communities.



### **JOHN TATE HEGSTROM**

#### **TRINITY UNIVERSITY**

##### *The Doug & Martha Hawthorne Family Fund Scholarship*

John "Tate" Hegstrom, a Lubbock, Texas native, graduated from Texas Christian University with a Bachelor of Business Administration in marketing. After graduation, he worked as an analyst for DaVita Inc. in Denver, Colorado. Tate is currently pursuing his Master of Healthcare Administration from Trinity University in San Antonio, Texas. He has accepted an administrative residency position with HCA Healthcare as a member of the executive residency program starting January 2020. Tate is also in the process of developing a prototype for an in-home preventive care "box" system.



### **JASMINE ADAMS**

**UNIVERSITY OF DALLAS**

*The Mitchell Family Foundation Scholarship*

Jasmine is a junior Business and English major at University of Dallas and the creator of Smudgies, a line of washable and reusable makeup remover cloths that work without water or additives. Her mission is to revolutionize the makeup industry—both by helping women worry less about their makeup and by partnering with organizations that provide support to women whose daily problems far exceed their makeup. Smudgies partners with organizations that support victims of domestic violence.



### **SANDRA BECHEM**

**UNIVERSITY OF DALLAS**

*The Mitchell Family Foundation Scholarship*

Sandra Bechem is a Cyber/Information Security professional who has been working as a contractor for AT&T for three years. She moved to Texas in 2015 from Cameroon, West Africa after earning her B. Eng. in Computer Engineering. She will obtain her Master of Science in Cybersecurity from the University of Dallas in December. She is grateful for the TBHF scholarship which will aid in achieving her goal of starting a security consulting business and a security awareness application.



### **CESAR CEDILLOS**

**UNIVERSITY OF DALLAS**

*The Mitchell Family Foundation Scholarship*

Cesar is currently pursuing his doctorate from the University of Dallas and hopes to teach business courses in the near future. He is a first generation American and college student. Cesar has helped start and run his family's successful facilities maintenance business. While attending college and graduate school, Cesar has progressed from working as a branch manager at United Rentals to serving as District Manager for the southeastern United States. Having held various leadership roles throughout his career, Cesar hopes to help future business owners develop leadership and management skills that will sharpen their business acumen and strengthen their ability to effectively manage a business and successfully lead their employees.



### **JOSHUA MAPULA**

**UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON**

*T.T. & W.F. Chao Scholarship*

Joshua Mapula is a student at the University of Houston, whose passion for business led him to the Wolff Center for Entrepreneurship. He will graduate in May of 2020 with his Bachelor of Business Administration in Entrepreneurship and Marketing. He has successfully started two businesses, an automotive fabrication shop and a t-shirt print shop. Joshua is passionate about the Houston community where he was born and raised and hopes to improve his surrounding communities throughout Texas.



### **CHARLES C. CAROLUS, JR.**

**UNIVERSITY OF THE INCARNATE WORD**

*The H-E-B Scholarship*

Charles is a Veteran who honorably served ten years in the United States Navy. Born and raised in the San Antonio, Texas area, he immediately joined the Navy out of high school and was deployed twice as a hospital corpsman. Today, he is an inductee to the Military Times Hall of Valor and the recipient of the President's Lifetime Achievement Award. Charles recently attended Georgetown University and is pursuing an MBA at the University of the Incarnate Word. Charles is the proud owner of Hi-Five Sports NW San Antonio, where the mission is to provide the highest quality youth sports programming with the utmost convenience for parents.



### **JONATHAN DEVANE**

**UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS**

Jonathan DeVane will be graduating from the University of North Texas in May of 2020 with a Bachelor of Business Administration in Management - Entrepreneurship. Highlights of his time at UNT include being named one of the top 40 student leaders on the campus, G. Brint Ryan College of Business Ambassador, Resident Assistant, and Vice President of the Sports Marketing Association. He is currently weighing his options between Law School and an MBA program for post-graduate plans.



### **TRENT SEGERS**

#### **UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS**

##### *The Mike A. Myers Scholarship*

Trent studied engineering at Texas A&M University, which surprisingly led to a career in consulting at Deloitte. For four years, he consulted clients on technology implementations and worked in corporate innovation as a virtual reality subject matter expert. Currently, Trent is earning his MBA at University of Texas McCombs School of Business with a focus on entrepreneurship. In 2018, he cofounded ReVRse, a technology company focused on reengaging seniors in retirement homes using virtual reality.



### **JEAN GAMARRA**

#### **UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS-ARLINGTON**

##### *The Kelcy Warren Graduate Fellowship for Engineering*

Jean Gamarra holds a bachelor's and master's degree in Civil Engineering and is a doctoral candidate from the University of Texas at Arlington. He works as an FAA program manager with extensive experience in construction and precast/prestressed concrete. Jean is an accomplished researcher of the applications of Ultra-High Performance Fiber-Reinforced Concrete, and is focused on bridging policy, academic research and private-sector investment in cutting-edge infrastructure improvement projects. Outside of research, he is an internationally certified 6th degree black belt and Master Instructor with 35 years of competitive experience in Taekwondo.



### **SHAWNEE BLOCKER**

#### **UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS-DALLAS**

##### *The Mitchell Family Foundation Scholarship*

Shawnee is chief digital officer of Racing and Cars, responsible for executing the digital strategy for an online community of car enthusiasts. She is also an owner of Exotic Drive Club, overseeing the organization and execution of exclusive events for exotic car owners. Furthermore, Shawnee is an independent consultant, helping organizations create unique marketing strategies and implementing specialized methods to maximize customer engagement. Shawnee is a student at The University of Texas at Dallas, pursuing her MBA.



### **MOHAMMAD ELASHI**

#### **UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS-DALLAS**

##### *The Mitchell Family Foundation Scholarship*

Mohammad Elashi is the Founder and CEO of Synaptic Pediatric Therapies, a multi-location Outpatient Rehabilitation Facility that focuses on Pediatric Speech and Occupational Therapy. He is also the Co-Founder and CEO of Synaptic Solar, one of the largest residential solar Engineering, Procurement and Construction contractors in Texas. He has recently co-founded and is the CEO of Dynamic SLR Inc., a sales-driven solar sales company that is growing rapidly. Mohammad graduated with his MBA at the University of Texas at Dallas and is currently pursuing a master's degree in Entrepreneurship.



### **NGAN NGUYEN**

#### **UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS-DALLAS**

##### *The Mitchell Family Foundation Scholarship*

Ngan Nguyen is currently pursuing a Master of Science in finance at The University of Texas at Dallas. She received a dual BS degree in Molecular Biology and Healthcare Management in 2017 and an MS degree in Healthcare Leadership and Management in 2019. Ngan founded Code Blue Jewelry, a direct-to-consumer medical jewelry brand that offers functional, stylish medical IDs catering to the needs of people with chronic illnesses and physical disabilities.



### **PATRICK L. GNEHM**

#### **UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS-SAN ANTONIO**

Patrick Gnehm is a graduate from McGill University and is currently pursuing an Executive Master of Business Administration at the University of Texas at San Antonio. He is a corporate recruiter for Marathon Petroleum Corporation and previously gained experience at Robert Half International. Patrick launched his own recruiting company called Texas Recruiting Insight in 2019. This start up aims to leverage artificial intelligence, subscription-based fees and comprehensive candidate assessments to provide a better client experience.