

2019 AREA Scholarship Recipients

Joy Peng, the daughter of **Tina Chen**, a Customer Insights Manager at HQ, received the top AREA scholarship of **\$5,000** for outstanding academic achievement and community involvement. She will enter the University of Texas at Dallas this fall seeking an Economics degree. While attending the Texas Academy of Math and Science, Joy was a National Merit Finalist, on the President's list and volunteered at the Salvation Army and was a figure skating coach. In 2013, Joy was a US Figure Skating Triple Gold Medalist.



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Rhys Arana, the son of **Luis Arana**, who retired in 2006, received one of two **\$5,000** scholarships awarded. He plans to major in Mechanical Engineering at Duke University. While attending the St. Mark's School, Rhys was a National Merit Finalist in the National Spanish Honors Society and is a National Spanish Exam Gold Medalist. He had an internship at the University of North Texas Pediatric Mobile Clinic and attended the Southern Methodist University Engineering Summer Program. In addition to his academic pursuits, Rhys played varsity tennis and the guitar.



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Cason Cloud is the son of **Robin Cloud** a Senior Corporate Policy Specialist in Dallas. He is also the grandson of AAFES retiree **Jerry Cloud and his wife Carlon**. He was awarded the top **\$3,000** scholarship to attend the DePaul University in Chicago majoring in Music Performance (trombone). Cason was a member of the National Honor Society for the last three years and was on the Texas TMEA all-State Philharmonic Orchestra where he played the trombone.



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Ashrita Kondala is the daughter of **Anitha Kondala**, an Application Systems Program Analyst III in Dallas, and a **\$3,000** scholarship awardee. An Advanced Placement Scholar, she plans to major in Psychology at the University of Texas at Austin. She achieved recognition in both the Spanish and Science National Honor Societies and volunteered in both hospitals and schools as a tutor.



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Abby Moore, the daughter of **Kathleen Moore**, who retired from Softlines in 2016, was awarded a **\$3,000** scholarship. She will be an Internal Relations/Global Studies major at Florida State University. Abby is a member of the National Honor Society, National Technical Honor Society, and the National German Honor Society. Abby performed in the marching band and orchestra.



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Yasmeen Hassan, the daughter of **Doaa Hassan**, the Services Business Manager at Selfridge AFB, is the recipient of a **\$3,000** scholarship. She graduates Summa Cum Laude, is a member of National Honor Society, and served on the student council. She served as a tutor in Math, Chemistry, and Spanish. Yasmeen is a Bioengineering major who plans to attend Oakland University in the fall.



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Savannah Walts is the daughter of **Marcus Walts** on the Cycle Inventory Team at the Waco Distribution Center and recipient of a **\$3,000** award. She will attend the University of Texas at Austin as a Biology major. Savannah was inducted into the National Honor Society, served on the student council, and played in the concert and varsity bands. She volunteered at the Special Olympics and the Art Center of Waco.



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Miracle Dickinson, the daughter of **Jerry Dickinson**, a Restaurant Manager at Fort Benning, was awarded a **\$3,000** scholarship. She will attend the University of Alabama-Tuscaloosa studying Biochemistry this fall. Miracle is a member of the Academic Honor Roll and won the National Academy of Future Physicians Award of Excellence. She aspires to be a doctor in the Obstetrics/Gynecology field.



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Rajesh Murti, the son of **Thanavathy Murti**, a Strategic Pricing Manager in Dallas, was awarded a **\$3,000** scholarship. He will major in Finance at the University of Houston in the fall. Rajesh is a member of the National Honor Society and the Math National Society. In addition to his academic achievements, he volunteered at the Special Olympics and played football at Martin High School in Arlington.



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Sofia Main, the daughter of **George Main**, a Store Manager in Alaska, was awarded a **\$3,000** scholarship. She will attend the University of Notre Dame as a Computer Science major. She achieved several athletic awards including state championships in shot put, long jump, and the 100M dash. She served as President of Peer Mentorship and volunteered at the Monastery for children with disabilities.



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Caleb Hemsworth, the son of **Arthur Hemsworth**, an Applications System Analyst Program manager at HQ, was awarded a **\$3,000** scholarship. He plans to major in Civil Engineering at Abilene Christian University. Caleb graduates Summa Cum Laude and was selected to play the trumpet in both All Region and All State Texas bands. He is an Eagle Scout and a volunteer at his church. In his spare time, Caleb creates and produces music.



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Matt Sirivongpaisal, the son of **Navarath Sirivongpaisal**, a Business Analyst III at HQ, was awarded a **\$3,000** scholarship. He plans to major in Biology at the University of Texas at Dallas. Matt played in the Symphony Orchestra and Junior Varsity Tennis. He volunteered at the Buddhist Center of Dallas as well as for the national Honors Society and Key Club. Matt aspires to become a doctor.



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Ian Guastafierro works at the Ft. Sam Houston mini mall and was awarded a **\$3,000** scholarship. He is enrolled at Palo Alto community college working on a certificate in business technology. He is a member of the student group Delta Sigma Omnicron.

