

# Chesapeake Energy Corporation Gives Additional \$50,000 to SWOSU

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Chesapeake Scholars at Southwestern Oklahoma State University for the 2007-08 year were recently announced on the Weatherford campus. Chesapeake Energy Corporation Scholarship Coordinator Alison Mainers (front middle) was on the campus to make the \$1,000 scholarships to 10 SWOSU students. The scholarships are part of an additional \$50,000 donation from Chesapeake to SWOSU. The gift brings the total scholarship commitment from Chesapeake to \$75,000. Chesapeake Scholars are (front from left): Tabitha Cox, Kingfisher; Kyleigh Risinger, Elk City; Cindy Eichelberger, Hydro; and Jordan Eaton, Weatherford. Back from left—Ashleigh Streit, Weatherford; Christopher Baker, Clinton; Joe Wilson, Weatherford; and Cammi Valdez, Enid. Not pictured are Jon Keahey of Cheyenne and Jessica Mengers of Mustang.

Oklahoma City-based Chesapeake Energy Corporation recently announced an additional \$50,000 donation to Southwestern Oklahoma State University to assist in the funding of student scholarships. The funds will be distributed over five years and bring the total scholarship commitment from Chesapeake to \$75,000.

Ten \$1,000 scholarships were presented to SWOSU juniors and seniors majoring in business, mathematics and engineering physics at a ceremony on the Weatherford campus.

In addition to the 10 scholarships, Martha Burger, senior vice president, corporate and human resources said the corporation will present an additional five \$1,000 scholarships to incoming freshmen at SWOSU.

“The energy industry has historically provided leadership and economic development in our state. At Chesapeake Energy we believe that our industry’s next leaders are attending our colleges and universities today,” Burger said. “We are pleased to be able to provide support for top students to help us continue our history of growth and industry-leading performance.”

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- Christopher Baker, Clinton
- Tabitha Cox, Kingfisher
- Jordan Eaton, Weatherford
- Cindy Eichelberger, Hydro
- Jon Keahey, Cheyenne
- Jessica Mengers, Mustang
- Kyleigh Risinger, Elk City
- Ashleigh Streit, Weatherford
- Cammi Valdez, Enid
- Joe Wilson, Weatherford

Chesapeake, which is the third largest independent producer of natural gas in the nation, currently employs over 40 SWOSU graduates. The company's employees number 5,000, with over 2,500 of those working in offices and in the field in Oklahoma.

"Chesapeake's generous gift is very much appreciated by Southwestern Oklahoma State University," President John Hays said. "The support from external sources makes a difference in how we serve our students. Chesapeake is a corporate leader in providing support to higher education in Oklahoma. We appreciate Chesapeake's presence in western Oklahoma and look forward to continuing a close working relationship."

Chesapeake pledged \$25,000 in scholarship funds to SWOSU in 2004. The additional \$50,000 gift will allow the university to give scholarships in the areas of accounting, finance, computer science, management information systems, general business, marketing, management, engineering physics and mathematics.