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Dear Ms. Nogradi:

Thank you very much for your contribution to the School of Engineering. I am a recipient of the 2021-2022 Houston Chapter - American Petroleum Institute Scholarship and Excellence Fund.

A little about me, I was born in Humble, TX, and moved a lot and ended up living in a small town of Cut & Shoot, which is by Conroe, TX. I graduated from Caney Creek High School, which I was the treasurer of The National Honor Society and Vice-President of the Welding Skills U.S.A.

When I finally got into UT's PGE program, I was so excited because the Energy field excited me. I wanted to find more efficient ways to extract and consume petroleum-related products. Through my first year of college, I persevered being all online, and I felt like I adapted well to the situation. I was relieved in my second semester I finally took an actual Petroleum Engineering-related class, PGE 301, which further fueled my passion for Petroleum Engineering.

After that semester, I wanted to explore further into my degree. I decided to take some of the free training courses through UT, so I have received four certifications related to Petroleum like ComboCurve and NSI certified. I am now a part of the SPE and the AADE here on campus, eager to find more. I am interested in Carbon Capture technology, but I am not 100 percent sure if that is what I want to pursue after college. I do plan, however, to get a Doctorate in Petroleum Engineering.

I want to thank you on behalf of my family and me. I appreciate the generous scholarship support that you and your organization have granted to me. This scholarship will allow me to focus on my studies and look for more opportunities like different groups or internships instead of finding a job. Again, thank you so much for your contribution to my education.

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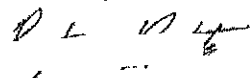
I am from Seabrook, Texas right by the NASA Space Center. I attended Clear Falls High School, where I was an active member of the Marching Band as a First Chair Clarinet Section Leader in top band. Moreover, I was very active in the Scouts of America where I got my Eagle and participated as well as organized many service opportunities in leadership roles in their Honor Society. Much of the influence I received towards engineering and the sciences came from the activities I took part in as a member of Scouts of America and from my high school education.

When I arrived at UT, I chose Petroleum Engineering because I was always very interested in geology and rocks. I didn't have the opportunity down in Seabrook, but since moving to Austin I have pursued my passion in rock climbing and received excellent grades in Geology. I wanted to combine this love of rocks with my interest in engineering and problem solving. I had also heard of UT's nationally recognized engineering program. Once I came here and experienced all that UT has to offer, I am proud to call myself a Longhorn!

I am now a sophomore in Petroleum Engineering and pursuing two certificates in Computer Science. While at UT, I have been a member of several engineering societies and organizations, including Society of Petroleum Engineers and Longhorn Racing's Electric Team. I will graduate in the spring of 2024, but I would like to continue my education at UT. I hope to receive my B.S. in Geosystems Engineering & Hydrology soon after to further my interest in this field. Someday I would like to be able use the education I received at UT to design, operate, and analyze all sorts of hydraulic fracturing equipment.

I really appreciate your generous scholarship support. It has helped me greatly by allowing me to concentrate more on schoolwork without having to worry about finances. I would not be as far along in my education without your support. I would have had to take several jobs to support myself through college. Again, I am very thankful for your contribution.

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Dear Ms. Nogradi:

Thank you so much for the scholarship. I am a recipient of the 2021-2022 Houston Chapter - American Petroleum Institute Scholarship and Excellence Fund.

I currently reside in Humble, TX. I recently moved here from League City where I attended Dickinson High School. At Dickinson, I was the Varsity Tennis captain, member of NHS, Mu Alpha Theta, and AFJROTC. I decided to join engineering at first due to the challenging nature of it. I definitely got a challenge. I also enjoyed science and how it all can apply to real world problems. Unlike many, I found myself to enjoy physics and its problems.

Arriving at UT, I was unsure in my decision of PGE, since I really had no actual knowledge of what they do and what the job entailed. I wanted to do something different and interesting. I had always been interested in geology and what the earth could tell us. The combining interests of math, science, and geology led me to PGE and the top national program at UT. Though my first year was online, all the classes peaked my interest in PGE and I hope to fully experience what UT and the PGE program has to offer me.

As an incoming sophomore, I have a lot to look forward to. The obstacles life will throw at me and the solutions that will avail. The necessary experience of balancing school, work, and life. And the environment and experiences UT has to offer. I plan to continue my path with a masters and maybe even take it a step further with a law degree and become a patent lawyer in the petroleum industry.

Again, I thank you for this support that was greatly needed. It allowed me more flexibility in working and more ability to focus and succeed even more. With this support, I know I will be able to make it further. I really appreciate this gracious hand you have offered me.

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Dear Ms. Nogradi:

Thank you very much for your contribution to the Cockrell School of Engineering here at the University of Texas at Austin. I am a 2021-2022 recipient of the Houston Chapter – American Petroleum Institute Scholarship and Excellence Fund.

I am from the suburban area of Klein, Texas which is north of Houston. I attended Klein High School where I was involved in organizations including National Honor Society, Science National Honor Society, Technology Student Association (TSA), and Promoting Education Across the Country (PEAC). I also found happiness in playing for the football team and having the time to have a part time job during high school.

Surprisingly, I have known since I was quite young that I wanted to work with hydrocarbons and in the energy industry. I did a project about Petroleum Engineers while in elementary school even though at the time, I knew little about the industry. My strengths subjectively have always been math and science, but more importantly, problem-solving.

Coming to UT is one of my proudest moments considering they were ranked #1 in the nation for Petroleum Engineering in both undergraduates and graduate students. I have been nothing but thrilled to be here and learn so much. Currently I am a second-year student and involved with organizations such as Society of Petroleum Engineers (SPE), American Association of Drilling Engineers (AADE), and Equal Opportunity in Engineering (EOE). I plan to graduate in the spring of 2023 with a Business Minor, but I may come back to either pursue law or an MBA.

I really appreciate your support in helping me continue my education. This has helped me by giving me more time to focus on my studies rather than worrying about finances. I cannot thank you enough for all you have done to support me and my goals in life.

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Dear Ms. Nogradi:

My name is Anahi Montes, and I am the recipient of the 2021 – 2022 Houston Chapter American Petroleum Institute Scholarship and Excellence Fund. Thank you very much for your contribution to the Cockrell School of Engineering.

I am from the small town of La Porte, Texas, which is on the outskirts of Houston and right along the coast. I attended La Porte High School, where I had the opportunity to enroll in an early college program with the purpose of receiving my associate degree in mathematics upon high school graduation. The courses I was able to take during my time at high school influenced and encouraged me to pursue engineering as my lifelong career path.

At the University of Texas at Austin, I chose to study Petroleum Engineering in my first year. It was difficult to choose an engineering discipline, but I quickly came to realize the versatility of the petroleum industry. I wanted my career path to be complex and provide different experiences and learning opportunities each day of work, and I have found that in the Petroleum Engineering department. Being able to be a part of UT's highly ranked engineering program has made me proud to call myself a Texas Longhorn.

Now, I am a sophomore in Petroleum Engineering. During my time at UT, I have been a member of several engineering organizations such as the Society of Petroleum Engineers and have even been an officer in the American Association of Drilling Engineers. I will graduate in the spring of 2024 and hope to enter the workforce upon graduation. I would like to work in the drilling and completion sectors and someday work to expand renewable energy.

I personally wanted to thank you and say that I appreciate your generous and kind scholarship support. It has aided me greatly by allowing me to focus on furthering my education without the strain of financial hardship. The generosity and aid you have given me is immense, and I would like to thank you for the opportunities made accessible to me because of your contribution.

Many thanks,

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Dear Ms. Nogradi,

Thank you very much for your investment into the Petroleum Engineering department here at UT, and specifically for choosing me as the recipient of a 2021-2022 Houston Chapter - American Petroleum Institute Scholarship and Excellence Fund.

I was born and raised in Houston, Texas, and attended Westside High School near the Energy Corridor. As an active member of the Wolf Band Drumline and a part of the "graphic-design" pathway, my love for engineering was not initially apparent. However, when it came time to choose my major, I knew I wanted to be an engineer because of my father being an A/V engineer and always loving hands-on approaches to math and science. I was initially worried my lack of engineering involvement in high school would hinder my possibilities to become a successful engineering student, especially at a place as prestigious as UT. However, I have found that through and through, there are wonderful resources and supporting groups who make the journey possible to obtain my dreams.

Coming to UT, I had decided to major in Petroleum Engineering because of a specific unit in my AP Environmental Science class discussing the ins and outs of drilling, fracking and their effects on the environment. I loved that unit in particular, and it acted as the basis for my decision to choose petroleum. I am very happy with my decision so far. Even despite the recent pandemic, I still have lots of hope for myself and the outlook of the energy sector well into my adulthood.

I am currently a junior in Petroleum Engineering. I recently began a research assistant position for the summer, working under Dr. Matthew Balhoff on enhanced oil recovery with polymer flooding techniques. Additionally, I am one of the founding members of the UT Skate Club and served as an instructor for that group until it dissolved due to the pandemic. I am also a member of the American Association of Drilling Engineers, and I will graduate in the Spring of 2023 with plans to sign full-time with an oil company hopefully.

Having such a gracious gift will help tremendously with my ability to focus on my education and not have to work as much as I had initially thought. Without this support, I would have to take fewer classes and could have delayed my graduation. I am beyond thankful for your contribution; I am not sure where I would be without it. Again, Thank you so much.

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Thank you very much for your contribution to the College of Engineering. I am a 2021-2022 recipient of the Houston Chapter - American Petroleum Institute Scholarship and Excellence Fund.

Allow me to tell you a little bit about myself. I come from a small family where I am the youngest child. I am from Klein, Texas and attended Klein High School. I finished in the top 1% of my class and achieved the rank of Eagle Scout. Currently, I am just starting senior year at UT. I am active on campus through Society of Petroleum Engineers and OneWay (Christian Org).

From a young age, I knew I wanted to have a career in a science related field. Originally, I was interested in obtaining a chemical engineering degree; however, I was offered petroleum engineering at UT. Soon, I understood that there is a lot of interesting chemistry, physics, and problem-solving in petroleum engineering which was the original reason I was attracted to chemical engineering. In addition, I talked to some relatives who worked as Petroleum Engineers. After those discussions, I really felt that petroleum engineering could be a good fit for me.

Truly, the decision to study petroleum engineering has been one of the best decisions of my life. I have been so pleased with the opportunities my department offers me. I have been afforded the privilege to attend a Shell Drilling and Production Camp and intern with both Hilcorp Energy and ExxonMobil gaining so much knowledge to start my promising career in petroleum engineering. To add on, I actually love learning about technical concepts in the degree; last school year, my favorite course was Formation Evaluation (Well Logging). Currently, I am doing an Energy & Utilities consulting internship outside of Oil & Gas due to lack of internship opportunities in petroleum engineering. However, I am hopeful to find a full-time role in the fall.

Once again, thank you very much for your contribution to the College of Engineering. Please realize that it is deeply appreciated as my sister is also attending college, and any financial support helps ease the burden off my family.

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Dear Ms. Nogradi:

Thank you very much for giving me the honor of being a recipient of the Houston Chapter - American Petroleum Institute Scholarship and Excellence Fund for 2021-2022.

I am from the city of Camaguey, Cuba, though I have resided in Katy, TX for nearly 14 years. Being an immigrant from an impoverished Latin American country, and having moved from house to house within Katy, Texas constantly, I have always sought to better not just my own knowledge base and financial status, but to alleviate the stresses of hardship placed upon my family. Thankfully, I have always had an extremely supportive family to constantly push me to continue with my education as far as I can no matter how long it takes. This constant motivation resulted in my joining several clubs and groups based around mathematics and science throughout my education, ultimately sparking an interest in engineering very early on in my life.

Once I entered high school and began learning biology, chemistry, and advanced mathematical concepts, I knew that engineering was the right career choice for me. My decision to specifically pursue a petroleum engineering degree was also as a result of having accompanied my father to several oil fields and refineries where he would drop off materials and electronic components. My interest in petroleum and the processes behind its extraction became engraved in my mind ever since. Which is why as a sophomore at The University of Texas at Austin, I am currently pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree for petroleum engineering, with the hope of graduating in the spring of 2024, and beginning my journey to receive a masters degree with my ultimate goal being to become a reservoir engineer.

Witnessing my family risk everything to build a better life in this country has instilled a tremendous yet humble value of financial freedom within me. Therefore, I am entirely humbled and grateful for the opportunity to pursue my career goals with the aid of a scholarship from the American Petroleum Institute and excellence fund. I would not be able to complete my studies and place all my energy into becoming a petroleum engineer without your generous aid and support.

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