



## **KATARINA RICHARDSON**

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#### **BECAUSE YOU GAVE...**

With the deepest gratitude for your help and generosity, I thank you for your investment in my education. Before school began, I had a narrow understanding of the impact being a PA could have on a community, but as the didactic year has progressed I realized that my profession will truly serve people of every nation, background, and socioeconomic status. Like physicians, PAs are equipped to treat diseases and touch lives, but furthermore, as a PA we are positioned to care for people who are truly underreached due to the provider shortage in the region. Your gift as a donor is vital to reaching those in rural towns, the impoverished pockets of West Texas, and the whole Southwest. Thank you for believing in me as a student and helping me invest in this community too. I am so grateful that

#### **WITH YOUR SUPPORT, I CAN...**

Receiving each of these scholarships is an honor and a blessing during the critical year of clinical rotations as a Physician Assistant Student. Throughout the year, my husband and I have strategized how to minimize and budget student loans and other awards in order to complete this program. We are excited to move to Amarillo for rotations and less expensive cost of living than Midland. These funds will be applied towards my tuition primarily because this is my most expensive semester yet. Also, it allows me to purchase a reliable computer and any additional resources required by my preceptors. Clinical rotations have unexpected costs included for housing, travel, and food when working outside of my home region, and I am so grateful to receive this aid to alleviate those burdens as well. Thank

#### **WHY I CHOSE TTUHSC...**

TTUHSC has always been well respected as an institution of quality and accessibility. I chose TTUHSC for several reasons. First, it is located in West Texas which supplies healthcare and other services to the greater southwestern region of the US. Growing up in eastern NM, my family felt the disparities in health care and lack of access to providers. TTUHSC offers hope and a solution by educating providers here. Secondly, TTUHSC is comprised of people who are friendly, passionate, and hardworking. I knew that attending school here would help me excel in knowledge and compassion which are essential as a PA. Finally, TTUHSC offers a complete package with being an affordable, capable, and well-placed institution. As a student, I had to consider the cost of my investment and what I



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