

**CAITLIN HALE**School of Health Professions

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

This scholarship will greatly decrease the financial burden of PA school. After completing my education at TTUHSC, my goal is to practice primary care medicine in a healthcare shortage area in order to improve the health of my community and lives of my patients. This scholarship will allow me to focus on finding the right position after graduation to meet my goals, rather than being solely focused on paying off student loans.

## WITH YOUR SUPPORT, I CAN...

With this scholarship, I will be able to pay in-state tuition as an out-of-state student, which was a deciding factor in attending TTUHSC. I will now be better able to afford tuition, fees, supplies, and housing costs that would otherwise have been cost-prohibitive. Thank you for taking this burden off my shoulders.

#### WHY I CHOSE TTUHSC...

In selecting PA programs to apply to, I wanted to attend a school with a strong focus on primary care and serving communities in healthcare shortage areas. TTUHSC has a proven track record of preparing students with the medical knowledge, technical skills, and experiences necessary to expand medical access in such communities. On my interview day at TTUHSC I was blown away by how welcoming the staff, faculty, and current students were. I also loved the small town feel of Midland, which was similar to the small town I grew up in. Attending TTUHSC was the clear choice for me.



**BIRENDRA PURI**School of Health Professions

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

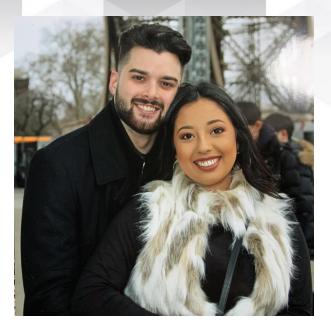
I am very appreciative of your assistance to future PAs like myself. Your belief in us has added one more reason to give our best and push forward to be the best healthcare provider we can be. Your kind gesture has instilled the sense of commitment to future health care providers and patients. I would like to extend my gratitude and sincere thanks to the donor Marshal Verne Ross Scholarship.

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

I was born and raised in Nepal, small under-developed country in south Asia. I had experiences where my aspirations were compromised due to financial reasons. After moving to US for undergraduate studies, scholarships of various forms and amounts have helped and encouraged me tremendously to pursue my career goals. This scholarship from TTHSC has added one more driving force for me to excel in the PA program. This fund will be used to purchase textbooks for the PA program. I am grateful for the sponsors of this scholarship and can not thank them enough.

## WHY I CHOSE TTUHSC...

After completing undergraduate studies, I moved to west Texas to work as Medical Technologist. I have worked in multiple rural hospitals in west Texas. After visiting TTUHSC in Midland, I was able to witness their contribution in rural communities around Permian Basin. Being born in Nepal, I have seen the desperation of rural communities for health services. TTUHSC's commitment to help serve the rural and underprivileged communities attracted me to their PA program. I am very familiar to Midland and the surrounding communities so that will make my transition easier.



**RICKEY MORAZZANO**School of Health Professions

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

Thank you for making this scholarship a possibility. I cannot express my gratitude enough! It is because of your generosity, that students such as myself have one less thing to worry about as we begin a rigorous program such as the TTUHSC MPAS program. Without the help of this scholarship, I would be busy worrying about my financials rather than focusing on my corses. So thank you for taking those worries away.

## WITH YOUR SUPPORT, I CAN...

Because of this scholarship, I will now be able to better afford my tuition and living expenses while attending the TTUHSC MPAS program. Before receiving this award, there were many uncertainties about how I would afford both tuition and living expenses, but those uncertainties no longer exists thanks to this scholarship.

#### WHY I CHOSE TTUHSC...

I choose TTUHSC because their values were in line with my own. Additionally, while I was on campus for my interviews I felt as if I were home. All of the faculty, staff, and current students were easy to talk to and made it a point to make you feel welcomed. I just knew that this is where I needed to be, and knew that I would succeed as there is a general consensus that everyone wants each other to be successful.



WILLIAM GRIFFITH
School of Health Professions

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

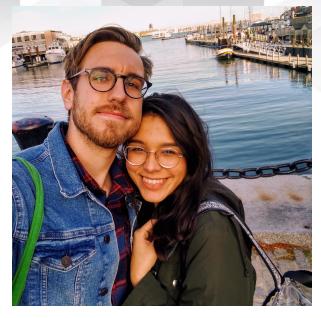
I am deeply appreciative for this scholarship. This scholarship will help me to reduce the stress and loans I have while in school. This will help me to focus more on my schooling and become the best PA that I can become. This will allow me to offer world class health care to rural communities when I graduate. some rural clinics do not pay very well but with my reduced loan load I will have the freedom to work where ever I want. TTUHSC and you the donor will help me to achieve my my dreams.

## WITH YOUR SUPPORT, I CAN...

These scholarship funds will allow me to purchase my medical equipment and possibly some of my text books. This medical equipment will not only get me through school but will hopefully last for my whole career. Being married with 3 kids, life is expensive and any aid that I receive will be a blessing to my family. Receiving this scholarship takes some stress off of me and allows me to focus on my studies.

## WHY I CHOSE TTUHSC...

When I visited I felt very comfortable at TTUHSC. I was very impressed with the campus and liked how only PA students attended there. I really appreciated how passionate and friendly the staff was. TTUHSC has clinicals that are specific to west Texas which for the most part is very rural. I wish to practice in a rural area when I graduate and I feel that they will give me the best preparation to pass the pance and also be successful in my future career.



ANA CANTU
School of Health Professions

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

Thank you so much for this scholarship and for the opportunity it represents for me. Receiving this scholarship gives me confidence because it shows that the faculty of my top choice program believe in me and my abilities. I will honor this scholarship every day by being the best student I can be and reminding myself that I am capable and well equipped for this new journey that I am about to begin. I am excited to get started and to serve my community.

## WITH YOUR SUPPORT, I CAN...

This scholarship has allowed me to attend my top choice program because it qualified me to pay in-state tuition. This lifted a huge weight off my shoulders and gave my husband and I confirmation that Texas Tech was the school for me. I am excited to be able to purchase a new laptop to replace my current one that needs retirement after 8 years of loyal service!

#### WHY I CHOSE TTUHSC...

I chose TTUHSC because I want to return and give back to my community. I am so grateful for the experiences I've gained while living in New York, but I am even more grateful that I have been given the opportunity to come back to West Texas. The support of my family, who live in Odessa, will be invaluable to me while participating in a rigorous academic program. What stood out to me most of all was the warm and welcoming character of the school and of all of the faculty I met. This made me feel right at home.



**ANDREA HANSHEW**School of Health Professions

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

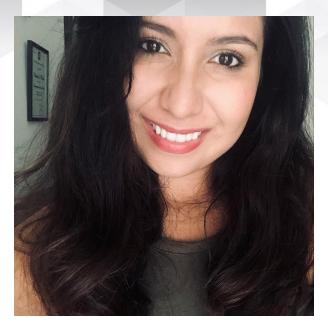
This scholarship means a great deal to me, as well as, my family. We are honored and very appreciative of this selfless act. My goal is to become a successful PA, and through this journey, I hope to show my children that with hard work and dedication, anything is possible. Again, thank you for assisting in making this all possible.

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

I am truly grateful to be receiving this scholarship that will further assist in making my dream of becoming a Physician Assitant reality. This scholarship will help in purchasing the many books and equipment required to be successful during this program. Overall, it will provide relief to the financial struggles and worries that come with being a mom and a student. The scholarship will allow me to focus more on the demands of chasing my dreams.

## WHY I CHOSE TTUHSC...

The reputation of TTUHSC speaks volumes. I have witnessed first-hand the quality of healthcare workers that emerged from this school and program. This shows the dedication that TTUHSC has in wanting to make their students successful. After visiting, I knew this was exactly where I wanted to attend, and am now honored to be able to do so.



**CLAUDIA PINEDA OSORIO**School of Health Professions

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

As a first generation college graduate, I am eternally grateful for those that have helped me reach every stepping stone in life. Coming from a family of immigrants, it was often difficult to have the financial support needed to pursue my dreams. Scholarships such as this one, and knowing there are people that believe in my capabilities to succeed, are a great motivation to keep pushing forward. As a PA, I hope to give back to my community and be an example for others to always pursue their aspirations.

## WITH YOUR SUPPORT, I CAN...

This scholarship will help me pay for medical equipment and books needed for my Physician Assistant program. I am funding my own school through loans, and this scholarship will help relive some of that expense. Long term, my goal is to pay back my student debt as quickly as possible so that I may pursue other endeavors, such as starting a non profit clinic of my own one day. A dream that is close to my heart due to my own experiences of going to non profit clinics as a child.

#### WHY I CHOSE TTUHSC...

TTUHSC stood out to me because they have a drive to help underserved and rural populations in the Texas region. Growing up, I went to non-profit clinics for my own healthcare, and understand the importance of making healthcare available to anyone that needs it. As an aspiring PA, I hope to give back to my community and bring more healthcare access to areas with limited healthcare availability.



**ERIN ROYE** 

School of Health Professions

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

Like previously stated, this scholarship is going to provide me an opportunity to put money towards purchasing books, medical supplies, and pay for tuition. This is going to give me a financial advance needed to become a PA. Once I become a PA, I wish to serve medically in under served communities. I strive to give back to communities with my health care. I could never give enough thanks for the opportunity to put money towards my education. This money supports my career goals and my education.

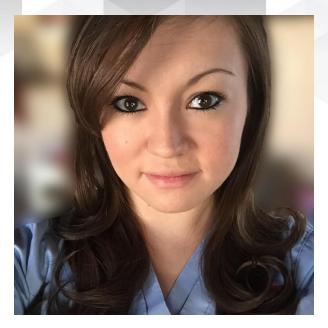
## WITH YOUR SUPPORT, I CAN...

This scholarship is going to help me pay for my academic studies to become a Physician Assistant. I have worked very hard to get to this place. Since I have started school, I have had to take out student loans to get me through. This scholarship will help me pay for some of my tuition and books so I don't have to continue to take out such large student loans. I have never qualified for financial aid and I have already accumulated a large student debt. This scholarship will help pay for my education that I have worked hard toearn.

#### WHY I CHOSE TTUHSC...

I chose TTUHSC for many reasons. Mostly, TTUHSC PA program is in Midland, my stomping grounds. I was born and raised in Midland. I learned a lot about myself in this community and I am happy to become a health care provider so that I can give back to this community through my career in health. Midland and the surrounding counties do not have as much access to health care as larger communities, I would love to use TTUHSC to further my career goal of being able to provide health care to under served communities like those in West Texas.





**GRACE NEVAREZ**School of Health Professions

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

I want to sincerely thank you for offering this scholarship. Coming from a low income family is not easy; especially when you have high hopes of becoming a physician assistant. I always knew it was going to be a struggle paying off my schooling but because of your generosity, I can worry a little less on the financial aspect and focus more on my educational goals. My plan is to learn every bit of knowledge needed so that when I graduate, my patients will get nothing but the best health care from me.

## WITH YOUR SUPPORT, I CAN...

These funds received will be used towards tuition fees. Not being able to work while attending the physician assistant program puts a financial strain on things, especially when attending school in the Permian Basin where I have no family, therefore any aid is extremely helpful. Receiving this scholarship will help me be one step closer to paying for the education that is going to allow me to reach my goals of becoming a PA.

#### WHY I CHOSE TTUHSC...

While applying for PA school, I got the opportunity to work with students from TTUHSC which helped guide me in deciding what school would best suit me and my educational needs. I chose TTUHSC because I loved how involved the professors are in their students' studies, how a student's success is theirs, and how committed the faculty and staff are as a whole in making sure students' goals are achieved. Simply put, they care. The state-of-theart education and support provided from every aspect at TTUHSC is grounds for my success.



**LOUIS LOMBARDI**School of Health Professions

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

I would like to personally and sincerely thank all of the individuals that make the Marshal Verne Ross Scholarship possible. This scholarship is greatly appreciated, and brings a great sense of gratitude to those which receive it. These funds go a long way in obtaining tools necessary to excel in the education process on the way to becoming a lifelong learner. It means a lot to me to obtain this scholarship and I will be a proud representative of those that receive this scholarship!

## WITH YOUR SUPPORT, I CAN...

I am grateful to say that I will be able to use these funds to purchase a new laptop! I have had my current laptop for 6 years, and it is by no standards "state of the art". Obtaining a new laptop will help me reach the technical standards of TTUHSC, and will also provide me a valuable tool to further my education to become the physician assistant I strive to be!

### WHY I CHOSE TTUHSC...

I chose TTUHSC due to the close alignment of both my own medical mission, and the mission of the TTUHSC PA program. Being from a rural community, I have always wanted to attend a school that would provide me with the education and skillset necessary to be an exemplary PA. I know that TTUHSC will provide me with the knowledge and abilities to be able to one day give back to those communities that need it most.



MARCELA TORRES GUTIERREZ
School of Health Professions

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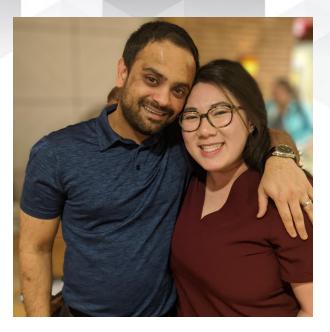
My desire for lifelong learning, enjoyment of medicine, patient education, and commitment to the vulnerable and under-served population leads me to pursue the PA profession. I am eager to pass along that knowledge to meaningfully help patients who don't speak fluent English, or struggle to find affordable healthcare in their communities. I am excited and honored to one day serve my community by providing accessible health care thanks to your generosity.

## WITH YOUR SUPPORT, I CAN...

First, I would like to say thank you for your generous \$1000 scholarship. By awarding me this scholarship, you have lightened my financial burden which allows me to focus more on the important aspect of school, learning. Your generosity will allow me to pay for tuition, books, and housing.

### WHY I CHOSE TTUHSC...

My upbringing in a Catholic family was the foundation to my compassion and charity for others. My religious background, along with my understanding of unrepresented communities, drove me to allocate my time, attention, and educational experiences on individuals facing hardships. My empathy from unrepresented communities along with my moral principles can be incorporated into this respected, diverse program. My aspirations firmly align with this respective program, and I humbly consider myself an ideal candidate for this scholarship due to my relevant medical experiences, wide cultural understanding, and alacrity to keep learning to eventually become a respected, ethical PA.



TRAM TRAN
School of Health Professions

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

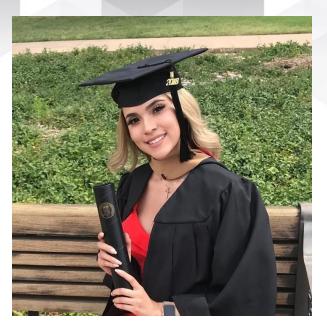
]After I complete the program and start practicing as a Physician Assistant, I have plans to volunteer at a free health clinic and be employed at company that will provide healthcare to those who don't have access to it. I also have plans to make donations to TTUHSC as an alumni or provide scholarship opportunities like this one. Thank you for investing in my future and believing that I can achieve my goals. I will make sure to pass on the act of kindness.

## WITH YOUR SUPPORT, I CAN...

I will use this scholarship to purchase a new laptop and medical equipment such as a stethoscope. I had plans to make do with my laptop from undergrad but it will be a necessity to upgrade my laptop. It will allow me to have many applications, tabs and watch lecture videos all at once. This will help make me more efficient in studying, especially in Anatomy and Physiology. As for the stethoscope, this will help me for training during school and I can also have it for the future once I start practicing medicine.

#### WHY I CHOSE TTUHSC...

I decided to attend TTUHSC due to the extensive background and focus in serving the under served population. During my adult life, I had the pleasure of volunteering at a free health clinic. It was extremely rewarding and every day I spent there made me realize what my true focus in medicine is. My parents also live in a small town without a local hospital or physician offices. I know TTUHSC will provide the appropriate training to practice medicine in a rural and under served population setting.



**VELIA MARTINEZ**School of Health Professions

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

I sincerely appreciate your selfless gift in providing funds for students like me through the Marshal Verne Ross Scholarship. As a financially independent student who has moved out of their parents house, I worry about future expenses, and this will help with part of my budget. This scholarship will benefit me in my education, but also indirectly benefit the patients I will be caring for in the future. I hope to one day be a blessing to others by starting a scholarship foundation just like yours, to be able to give back to the future healthcare students of our community.

## WITH YOUR SUPPORT, I CAN...

This scholarship will allow me to buy my books for the first three semesters. Allowing me to buy the books rather than rent will strengthen my knowledge as a PA in having something to reference back to whenever needed. Keeping books is essential in a life-long learning career such as one in the medical field.

#### WHY I CHOSE TTUHSC...

My learning and educational experiences during my master's in TTU led me to pursue a job with TTUHSC. I was then reassured that the people who work for this university are extremely helpful and caring towards their students. They are people who care and always strive for the student's success and overall well-being. TTUHSC is very special to me thanks to the people who work behind the scenes in every program to make sure expectations are met, and graduating students succeed in life.



VICTORIA ROSAS
School of Health Professions

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

I would like to thank the donors in their contributions to making our studies possible. After graduation, I would like to return to the El Paso region and help mentor others as the did for me. Without the help of staff and past alumni on both the El Paso and Midland campus, I would not have the opportunity to become a PA.

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

This scholarship will help me in purchasing my medical equipment needed during my studies at TTUHSC. As a first generation student, it can be difficult to pay for an education, especially in the health professions. Therefore, this scholarship will ease the financial burden and allow me to use my saving in my transition from El Paso to Midland.

#### WHY I CHOSE TTUHSC...

As an individual born and raised in El Paso, I have experienced first hand what receiving medical treatment is in an underserved population. While pursing my undergraduate studies, I had the opportunity to work with individuals in the Texas Tech system at the El Paso Paul L. Foster School of Medicine campus for 3 years. I always appreciated the staff's friendliness and willingness to mentor aspiring health professionals. I was happily surprised to see that the same environment was shared at the Permian Basin campus during my interview process.



**ASHLEY DAVIS**School of Health Professions

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

Thank you so much for this scholarship! Due to covid, I had extra expenses i did not for see coming and had to spend quite a bit of money lately. This scholarship will help me not have to worry about how I will pay for getting my license. In getting my license I will be able to provide the nest health care I can to others.

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

Thank you for the scholarship. I plan on using this scholarship to help pay for my medical license as a PA-C. The process of applying and getting board certified has been very costly. The scholarship will help me pay for that and any other expenses that may pop up with that process.

#### WHY I CHOSE TTUHSC...

I choose TTUHSC because I went to TTU as an undergrad and loved the school as a whole. TTU really welcomed me as a transfer student and gave me a scholarship for transferring. I love the network ability that the Tech system has provided for me on my medical journey. I am so glad to receive both of my degrees from the Tech system.



**ELIZABETH PAUL**School of Health Professions

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

Thank you so much for making new graduates like myself eligible for this scholarship. As a new physician assistant graduate, there are so many new costs associated with getting started and it is with this money that I will be able to afford it without adding on to my debt from school itself. I plan on working in primary care/family medicine and plan on being a preceptor once I am comfortable practicing. This scholarship will help future graduates like me have an easier transition from graduate school to their professional career.

## WITH YOUR SUPPORT, I CAN...

With this scholarship I will be able to afford licensure and DEA expenses associated with getting my license as physician assistant. This will help with getting a job and making myself more attractive to employers since most appreciate having a DEA license beforehand. It will also help with the process of seeking out more job opportunities.

### WHY I CHOSE TTUHSC...

I chose TTUHSC because I knew the emphasis this program had on primary care and serving the underserved populations of West Texas. I've always wanted to give back to the community, especially in areas were healthcare providers are in such high demand. The friendliness of the staff and the emphasis the program had on serving the underserved was what stood out to me the most when I visited. TTUHSC is special to me and has prepared me for success by allowing me to have the training and confidence that I can practice alone and make clinical judgment based on myeducation.



**JARRET FAUST**School of Health Professions

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

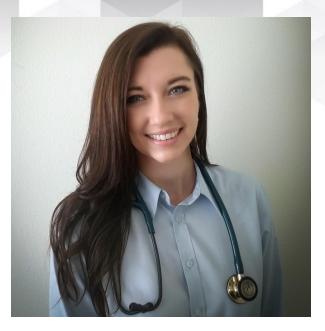
PA school has been a stressful time for my fiancee and I due to the time required for studying, lectures, etc, so I cannot thank you enough for assisting in lessening the financial burden that comes with graduate school. Upon graduation, I look forward to serving the people of West Texas, especially those in rural areas with a shortage of healthcare providers.

## WITH YOUR SUPPORT, I CAN...

This scholarship will allow me to purchase a highly reliable study guide called Rosh Review that is used to prepare for end of rotation exams as well as the national certifying exam upon graduation. After purchasing Rosh Review, the remainder of the money will be used towards rent for my apartment, which is a huge help considering the high rent prices in the Permian Basin.

#### WHY I CHOSE TTUHSC...

One of the main reasons I chose to attend TTUHSC was due to the great academic experience I received from Texas Tech in my undergraduate degree. Second, I was very impressed with the faculty/staff when visiting the TTUHSC PA Program during my interview. Lastly, the price of TTUHSC compared to other PA programs in the state made the choice even easier for me.



KATARINA RICHARDSON
School of Health Professions

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

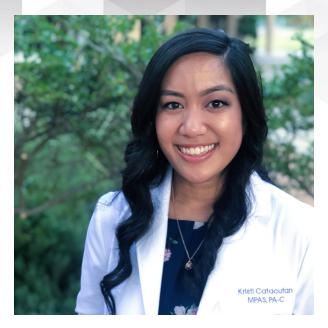
I am beyond grateful for your generosity and kindness to award this scholarship to me. I have never been without financial struggle, but have also never wanted that to be the barrier that defined my purpose in the world. Your gift to me has helped alleviate a burden that gave me doubt that I was supposed to be a Texas Tech PA student. I intend to be a primary care provider in pediatrics or family medicine to do just what you have enabled me to do -- use my skills and education to serve in the Southwest. Thank you!

## WITH YOUR SUPPORT, I CAN...

The funds for this scholarship are greatly appreciated and will allow me to pay for the end of program fees licensure, my certification exam, and the white coat required for graduation. In addition, as I have accumulated student loans, this award will allow me to start making payments while I job search on my loans. Finally, these funds will help me lighten the burden of my housing situation and education material that was necessary to purchase this summer.

## WHY I CHOSE TTUHSC...

West Texas is basically home for me, and over the years as I have been lead to pursue a career as a physician assistant, I've known that TTUHSC would be at the top of my list to attend. It's not home because of the location, but because of the resilient, kind, and generous people that make up the communities all around. Through my travels, I have seen and experienced the disparities in healthcare, and my heart is that West Texas would feel that less, that my people would be taken care of! I love being apart of the TTUHSC mission!



KRISTI CATACUTAN
School of Health Professions

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

Thank you so much for your generosity to help me afford my Master of Physician Assistant Studies degree. It is with generous donors like you that help me on this road financially to help me care for my future patients. I have future goals in the profession, leadership-wise within Texas Academy of Physician Assistants: starting with serving as the Student Director. I only hope to pay it forward, and give back in some way, shape or form in the future as I become a license PA.

## WITH YOUR SUPPORT, I CAN...

This scholarship will help me to afford my licensure fees, applications, and more. This is especially helpful since my rent has been expensive in the Permian Basin secondary to the petroleum/oil field. Lastly, this also helps me to further afford my licensure review course/materials for my physician assistant license: which is providing more reassurance that I will be prepared for the PANCE, or national certification exam.

#### WHY I CHOSE TTUHSC...

While my brother is a TTUHSC alumna, I personally loved how close the preceding class was on the day of my interview/tour. I believe this was secondary to our program having our own program in Midland, TX. I then grew to love how impactful our program is: seeing how the program is part of the largest health sciences center in Texas, and serves the backbone of Texas' economy (caring for those in agriculture and petroleum).



NATHANAEL LONGACRE
School of Health Professions

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

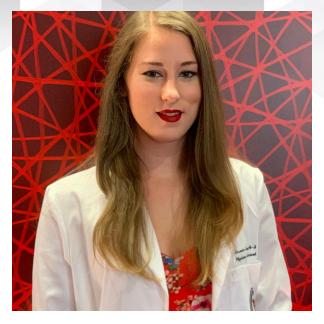
Thank you so much for this large donation and your generosity towards me and my education. This financial gift alleviates a lot of stress while going through this rigorous program. It is helpful in so many ways because of having a family and the extra financial responsibilities that come along with that. With this gift I will be able to impact those in need of medical care for future years. I look forward to giving back to my local community after graduation! My goal in all of this is to be an ER physician assistant.

## WITH YOUR SUPPORT, I CAN...

This generous financial gift will assist me in getting supplies, scrubs, and whatever else I need for clinicals. This will allow me to be less stressed about having to purchase these extra things. This gift will also enable me to keep pursuing my dream of becoming a PA. My goals are to provide care to rural west Texas communities such as Midland while working as an ER Physician Assistant.

### WHY I CHOSE TTUHSC...

I chose TTUHSC because of its strong academic record and the strong family oriented community behind it. My having a family of four, it has been reassuring to have the support and understanding of this program while pursuing my dream as a PA. I look forward to giving back once I graduate!



**ALEXANDRA TREADAWAY**School of Health Professions

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

I am so humbled to be awarded this scholarship. With this help, I will be able to purchase the materials needed to achieve my clinical year and graduate. I was worried thAt I would not have the funds to be able to afford any secondary study materials....but now I can! Thank you so much!

## WITH YOUR SUPPORT, I CAN...

I am honored to receive this scholarship because I will be able to afford PANCE PrepPearls and ROSH Review which will help me prepare for not only my licensure exam but also my EOR Exams! I'll also use the scholarship to help me pay off my tuition faster, which is a huge blessing.

#### WHY I CHOSE TTUHSC...

I choose TTIHSC because It was obvious to that the faculty works so hard to help the students achieve their goal of becoming PAs. The faulty have always made me feel at home and so prepared for exams. Even when I was struggling and at my lowest, the faculty went above and beyond to encourage me to push forward and I owe my academic achievements to that!





**BRANDON RAYNE**School of Health Professions

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

Thank you for this scholarship. Without the community support you have shown, many students like myself would not be able to attend TTUHSC, and embark on a new healthcare career. This is my second career, and it is great to know that the community is supporting me through this time.

## WITH YOUR SUPPORT, I CAN...

This scholarship will help me and my wife this coming year. The money will help relieve the significant finical burden during my schooling. This will allow for me to purchase review books and travel to my rotation sites during this year. Thank you for the help, and I look forward to a very successful year with this scholarship.

#### WHY I CHOSE TTUHSC...

Living in the Permian Basin, I wanted to stay close for school. I have grown to love this community, and wanted to help fill the need for healthcare professionals in the area. The school is well known, and I am excited to be able to call TTUHSC my school now.





JAMES MILLER
School of Health Professions

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

I am grateful to the generous donor who is providing these funds to me and my family. We are quite nervous to take on such a hefty amount of financial debt, but we know that my future career as a Physician Assistant will be well worth it and with this scholarship, we will be able to take fewer student loans. Thank you very much!

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

I have been looking into buying a travel trailer/camper to live in while I am in school. My wife and kids will be unable to move with me to Midland because the cost of rent is so high, so this will be the best decision for our family to save money. With the scholarship, the financial burden of this purchase will be made easier and this is a big relief for me and my wife.

#### WHY I CHOSE TTUHSC...

I have been a fan of Texas Tech for as long as I can remember, and I married a wonderful woman who is from Lubbock. My education and work experience have brought me to the point where I am able to pursue a Master's Degree and when I saw that TTUHSC had a PA program, I knew this would be a great fit for me. TTUHSC is an excellent school and the PA building at Midland college is an incredible place to complete my journey.





JOSEPH RASBERRY

School of Health Professions

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

This scholarship means a lot because its based on my performance and how hard I've worked. It's not however based on non-modifiable factors that have prohibited me from so many other scholarship opportunities. Upon graduation and obtaining a level of competency in my position, I plan on volunteering a day out of the month at a local community health clinic to provide healthcare access to underserved populations in my community. I also plan on continuing to serve globally through annual medical/evangelical missions for those without health care in third world like countries.

## WITH YOUR SUPPORT, I CAN...

This scholarship will go directly to tuition. With the reimbursement of my student federal loans, I will use the extra funds to cover standard of living costs including but not limited to apartment rent, travel costs, groceries, medical supplies, and yes my pup roommate. This scholarship is extremely helpful for financial means at this time of my life.

#### WHY I CHOSE TTUHSC...

Originally TTUHSC was my second choice for PA programs behind University of North Texas. After visiting the campus and meeting faculty on my official interview, I had a knowing in my spirit this was the place for me. TTUHSC has provided me with the best education to date and I plan on giving back this knowledge through application in caring for my future Texan patients. I knew that TTUHSC was the place for me, and I am so glad I made the choice to come here.





KANE MATA
School of Health Professions

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

I would like to personally thank you from the bottom of my heart for this donation! As a first generation college graduate, and even more so a first generation graduate health professions student, it is difficult to support my self financially while in this program. My future goals include working in the Emergency Department in underserved communities. I grew up with people in those exact demographics and I feel it is my calling to provide care and service back into that community. Thank you for allowing me to pursue my dream!

## WITH YOUR SUPPORT, I CAN...

This scholarship will help me purchase the day to day expenses like food, gas, and partially some of my housing costs. This funding removes a huge load off my shoulders and allows me to focus on my next portion of PA education: clinicals. The less outside stress (money, resources, etc.) there is, the more I feel that I can focus on performing to the best of my abilities while in the clinical phase of my education.

#### WHY I CHOSE TTUHSC...

I always like to say I didn't choose TTUHSC, but TTUHSC chose me. I applied to multiple PA programs in Texas, but what really stood out to me about TTUHSC was their mission statement. Although I am from a metropolitan area (San Antonio), we still have huge pockets of underserved medical communities, which I grew up in. I love that this program is centered around providing healthcare in areas where healthcare scarce. To me, I see so many similarities between the program's values and my own values. The faculty at TTUHSC has given me the best opportunity for future success.



PRIYANK PATEL
School of Health Professions

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

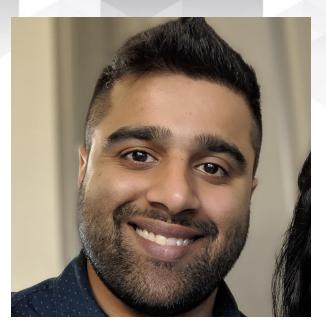
I would like to thank you for your kind generosity. I came from a background that was not financially affluent. All throughout high school, college, and post-bac, I have worked at least 2 jobs to provide for myself in order to pay for tuition while financially supporting my elderly and disabled parents. As a PA in the future, I plan on paying my gratitude to those that have helped me along my journey. I look forward to extending the generosity forward and medically serve the people that are in medical need.

## WITH YOUR SUPPORT, I CAN...

Thank you for this generous scholarship. This financial support will help me pay for rent and have groceries for one month. I am incredibly grateful to have been qualified; scholarships and support such as these truly help drive students' continued efforts to do well in school. I have also been planning on purchasing a review course for my upcoming boards exam.

### WHY I CHOSE TTUHSC...

TTUHSC made me feel so welcome when if first interviewed. I love their Texas passion and their service toward their own. The culture that they have built is truly incredible, warm/friendly and accommodating. The program is very understanding and truly listens to their students and make adjustments accordingly. The mutual respect the exists between student and faculty is truly paramount.



**PUNIT PALA**School of Health Professions

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

Thank you so much for this generous scholarship. Becoming a PA has been a dream of mine for many years, and it has given me the conviction to live a life of altruism. This fund will help me exceed my expectations by providing additional resources and supplies to help me succeed in my clinical year especially in the field I am most interested in joining (surgery). When I become a PA, I plan to do what I can to help further the education and experience of other PA students just as you have for us.

## WITH YOUR SUPPORT, I CAN...

I am grateful for this generous scholarship awarded for my clinical year as a PA student. These funds will help me in affording much needed PPE, especially during the nation-wide PPE shortage due to COVID-19), textbooks, clinical supplies, and so much more. It is wonderful to have less financial stress during this hectic year of clinical education.

### WHY I CHOSE TTUHSC...

TTUHSC shares many of the same traditional values as I honor. I know many students that have attended TTUHSC, and they have only had great things to say about the faculty and curriculum coordinators. TTUHSC is also very special to me because they saw a potential in me that no others schools did. I will always value this school and do what I can to help in its success as the faculty has for me.



**RONNIE VAUGHN**School of Health Professions

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

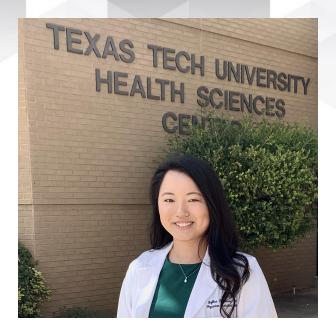
I have been working towards becoming a PA since high school. As you can imagine, that adds up to a lot of loans and fees for licensure, tuition, books, and exams. You cannot imagine the financial relief that this gives me!! Thank you so much, from the bottom of my heart.

## WITH YOUR SUPPORT, I CAN...

I am so grateful. As a new grad of PA school, there are many financial hoops you need to jump through. I will be applying these funds towards the fees for my licensure and board exams! I have so much relief financially now. I cannot even put it into words! Thank you so much!

#### WHY I CHOSE TTUHSC...

I have always wanted to go to PA school. After three years of applying, TTUHSC gave me the option to pursue my dreams that I had been working toward since high school. It has been a very long road. I am so happy I made this choice, and that TTUHSC allowed me to make it.



**SKYLLAR POLVADORE**School of Health Professions

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

Thank you so much for your generosity! I hope that I can represent TTUHSC and the PA program as a compassionate, competent, and innovative provider for those who need it most. The journey had been long but I am ready to step into a new role as a physician assistant. Thank you for helping me along the way especially in these times.

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

With this scholarship fund, I will be able to pay for my housing while at my rural rotation site. Covid-19 had turned the world upside down thus creating unusual circumstances for everyone. The aid will certainly alleviate some of the financial stress of paying for housing at my rural site but also my apartment in my region.

#### WHY I CHOSE TTUHSC...

TTUHSC pioneered health care for West Texas and beyond. TTUHSC certainly met its goal to provide for the region, the people, and the state of Texas, while continuing to make strides for better obtainable healthcare. It resonated with me that they are actively trying to make these communities healthier which is manifested in their alumni and facilities throughout West Texas. My education here will help me provide healthcare to those that need it most.





TAYLOR KRINGS
School of Health Professions

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

I am so incredibly thankful for this donation towards my education! Thinking about the financial burdens I will have in the future is stressful, but this definitely helps to relieve that feeling. One of my goals for the future as a PA is to volunteer my services at a free clinic. I saw so many other healthcare providers do so during my undergrad and it was so admirable!

## WITH YOUR SUPPORT, I CAN...

I will be using this loan to apply towards tuition costs. This past year was my first year out of college and I saved most of my money working, but it is not nearly enough to cover all expenses. This money will help lessen the the amount I have to pay off in the future, which will ease the burden while I am working as a PA!

#### WHY I CHOSE TTUHSC...

During my undergrad, I was able to volunteer in a lot of free clinics and areas where people didn't have as much. One of my favorite trips was a medical brigade to Honduras. I chose to attend PA school here because I felt this program provided the opportunity to work with underserved populations and upheld values I find important in my education. This place is special to me because it is where I will learn so much of what it means to be a PA!

