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## **BUCKS FOR EDUCATION**

*HLS&R provides \$50,000 in scholarship funds to WCJC*

WHARTON, TEXAS – Ten Wharton County Junior College students are receiving assistance with their schooling thanks to the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.

The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo's Educational Programs division recently awarded WCJC with \$50,000 to be used for student scholarships. The funds are earmarked for students entering technical fields of study such as process technology and engineering design.

Dr. Amy Brandt, WCJC's Dean of Vocational Instruction, said the rodeo wanted to provide funding for students entering technical programs that would be of potential value to the Houston job market. That included careers in welding, process technology and engineering design.

"These programs feed into the workforce needs of Houston most readily," Brandt said.

Students applied for the scholarships this past summer. Applicants were required to have completed at least one semester in the process technology, welding or engineering design programs.

Students receiving scholarships for the 2015 fall semester were:

- Austin Tevin – process technology
- Clinton Bacak – engineering design
- Heather Bannert – process technology
- Steven Cortez – process technology
- Wyatt Hinze – process technology
- Alexandria Svoboda – engineering design
- Jody Tucker – process technology
- Ashley Villarreal – process technology
- Dakota Wallace – process technology
- Sydney Zahradnik – process technology

Brandt said the scholarships serve as an incentive for students to continue in their education.

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