



Dear Alumni and Friends,

Have you ever felt so excited about something that you just couldn't wait to tell your friends or even strangers for that matter? Well, the Olney Education Foundation wants to spread that enthusiasm by sharing some success stories with you, and best of all, your donations made them possible!



Meet Jazlyn, a pre-nursing major at West Texas A&M. Jazlyn took a heavy class load, worked part time, and served as a small group leader on the leadership team at WT Wesley Foundation.

Meet Michael, (left), a physical therapy major at Texas State. Michael was accepted into Honors College and maintained a 4.0 average his first two semesters.

Meet Epi, (right), a biomedical science major at Sam Houston State. He was accepted into Honors College and hopes to become a dentist.



These three students have shown such desire to advance their education and to make the right decisions to move forward in life. Please remember that the Foundation only awards college/technical school scholarships to students who have such struggles in their lives, whether it's financial difficulties or family circumstances, that they need outside support to help them succeed. The Foundation offers this support with financial aid and a viable support system through mentors. Through your generosity, these students are realizing their dreams!

But wait! We have even more good news to share! Three new OEF scholarship recipients have enrolled in colleges this Fall! Not only does the Olney Education Foundation offer scholarships, but also funds ACT testing for all juniors, pre-ACT testing for all sophomores, and offers dual credit scholarships and laptops for qualifying students. To learn more about how students qualify for these services, please visit our website at <http://olneyef.com>. You can familiarize yourself with our goals, learn who serves on the board, see pictures, read stories, discover who our donors are, and learn how to make a memorial/honorarium.

To continue supporting these deserving students, we are once again asking for your help. On September 13th, for the third consecutive year, the Foundation will participate in Texoma Gives, a 16-hour day of giving sponsored by the Wichita Falls Area Community Foundation. Although you can donate any time of the year, this is the only day we actively seek donations from you to support Olney's students with funds that are not available through local, state, and federal tax revenue. We would love for you to participate in Texoma Gives because it affords us an opportunity to win "prize money." Last year the Foundation was awarded \$500.00 just because an individual/company made a donation exactly at the noon hour.

To be a part of this giving day, on September 13th, between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m., please visit

- <https://www.texomagives.org/organizations/olney-education-foundation>
- click DONATE and make your \$25.00 or more tax deductible donation

You can even make your donation in honor or in memory of someone. Simply furnish the necessary information in the message/suggestion box provided and the address to send the acknowledgment.

Only through online donations can the Foundation be eligible for prize money. However, if you do not wish to contribute online, we will be happy to accept your tax-deductible donation by mail. Simply make your check payable to OEF and mail to PO Box 68, Olney, TX 76374.

Another **BIG** thank you to all who donated last year! We hope to include your name again this year along with many new donors! Please spread the word about Texoma Gives through email and social media. Challenge your OHS classmates, family, and friends to donate, too! Remember, a small key can open **BIG** doors and so can you!

Sincerely,

Olney Education Foundation
Board of Directors

"Our kids really are our Foundation"