

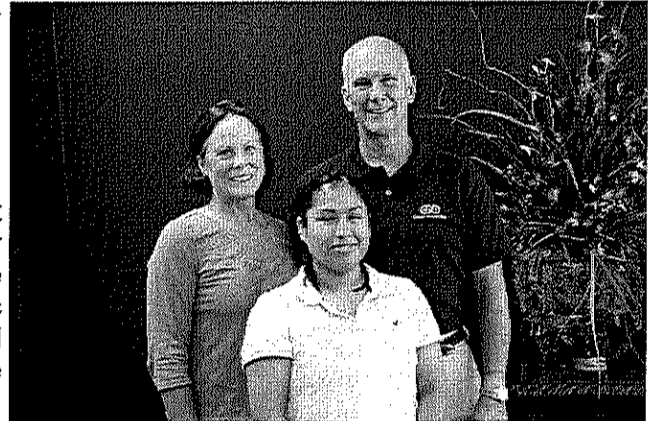


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CARL ALBERT STATE COLLEGE NEWS

CASC Scholarship Offers Unique Opportunity for Hispanic Students

A scholarship specifically established to assist Hispanic students who do not qualify for other financial aid is available at Carl Albert State College. The Steve and Pam Holton Hispanic Student Scholarship focuses on helping local Hispanic students attend CASC and pursue opportunities in their chosen career fields.



"We have a growing Hispanic population that includes many high school graduates with the potential and the desire to continue their education and pursue productive careers," Steve Holton stated. "Pam and I initially funded this as a \$100,000 endowed scholarship. Considering the current low interest yields, we are now requesting that the Foundation use up to \$10,000 of the principal each year to fund scholarships, with the remaining balance being invested by the Foundation."

The first recipient of the Holton Scholarship is Cindy Torres of Panola, Oklahoma. Torres is a Radiologic Technology major at CASC. This is Torres' second year to receive the scholarship and she will complete her studies next May.

Garry Ivey, CASC Development Foundation CEO/Assistant to the President stated, "Steve has served as a CASC Development Foundation Trustee for over 30 years and currently serves on the Foundation Executive Committee. Pam is a former instructor and serves on several Foundation Committees. Both are involved in many community projects, and we certainly appreciate their decision to fund this scholarship. Through their generosity, the Holtons will be providing an educational opportunity to students who have no other financial assistance."

The Holtons have a long term commitment to education. Pam served ten years on the Poteau Board of Education, including two terms as board president. Steve is a founding trustee of the Oklahoma Foundation for Excellence and recently served as president of that statewide organization. He also founded the Poteau Schools Education Foundation and has served on the executive committee of the Oklahoma State University Alumni Association. He currently serves on the OSU Foundation Board of Governors.

Local Hispanic students with a 3.0 GPA who plan to attend CASC full time can access a scholarship application from the CASC Financial Aid Office, from a CASC high school recruiter, or online at www.carlalbert.edu. First priority goes to Hispanic students entering the Health Sciences, however those considering other majors are encouraged to apply. If no health science majors apply, students pursuing other degrees will be given consideration for the award. After receiving the scholarship, it is also available for a student's second year at CASC if satisfactory grades are maintained.