

December 15th, 2008

Re: The Houston Chapter of The Hydrographic Society of America - Scholarship Award

Dear THSOA Members,

I am writing the Houston Chapter of The Hydrographic Society of America to say thank you for the generous contribution the society and its members made in awarding me with scholarship funding for the spring 2008 semester. I am currently enrolled at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi at a junior level Studying Geographic Information Science with an emphasis on Geomatics.

At Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi I am an active officer for the G.I.S. Student Organization (GISSO) acting as the organizations "Historian" documenting activities and GISSO functions. Involvement in professional organizations and societies include being a student member of the Texas Society of Professional Surveyors (TSPS), the National Society of Professional Surveyors (NSPS), the American Council of Surveying and Mapping (ACSM) and a recent member of THSOA. I also serve on the Marketing Committee for the TAMUCC Chapter of Ducks Unlimited where we organize fundraising events and promote public awareness of our organization to local businesses and communities.

Previously I graduated from Texas State Technical College with an associate's degree of Applied Science in Drafting and Design Technology. Shortly thereafter I moved to Fort Worth, Texas and began my career with a prominent engineering and consulting firm as a structural draftsman where I worked directly with professional engineers generating quality construction documents for civil structures. Following my transfer to TAMUCC this past fall I was employed part-time as a drafting and mapping technician with a civil engineering and surveying firm in Corpus Christi, Texas while pursuing a degree in Geomatics. Working in the field of surveying and engineering has provided insightful and valuable knowledge as well as strengthened my professional skills.

I look forward to applying my professional experiences and the knowledge gained thru my degree curriculum to a career in hydrographic surveying and positioning. I strongly believe enrollment in the Bachelors of Science degree in Geograhic Information Science at Texas A&M-Corpus Christi will assist in preparing me for my endeavor to become a hydrographic surveyor. This summer I intend to fulfill an internship position that will provide a solid applicable experience in the field that will lay a foundation for my success in hydrographic surveying.

Again, I want to thank the Houston Chapter of The Hydrographic Society of America for its generous contribution to my educational endeavor; it is greatly appreciated!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cody J. Musick". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Cody J. Musick