

HII Scholarship Fund Video – Early Childhood Education

Mike Petters

One of the things that I have discovered is that about 90 percent of your brain is developed by the time you are five. How do we take full advantage of that time when they're learning how to learn and they're learning to love learning? And that's a very powerful tool to have at your disposal as you go through life.

Julie Kennedy (Ingalls Shipbuilding Employee)

He's really like a sponge right now. He just wants to learn and grow and ask questions. I think going to preschool is just going to open up his mind to so many different things and it's really going to encourage his love of learning.

Mike Petters

A company with a long horizon, like HII, has a responsibility I think in our society to stand up and say that that's important.

Oliver Sutton (Ingalls Shipbuilding Employee)

I just want him to be successful and just be great. And just be the best person, man, father figure, that he can be. Whatever that may be. And I'll be there to support him in whatever way possible.

Mike Petters

Well, we have various scholarship programs. We've also created, and I think it's a one-of-a-kind program, to allow for parents of young children to get access for their children to preschools.

Chrysany Collier (Newport News Shipbuilding Employee)

My dream for Cilicia's future is for her to excel above and beyond in anything that she does and that's going to start with her early childhood education. And maybe she one day can be a doctor or a lawyer or even an astronaut.

Mike Petters

So I was really proud that we were able to go and kind of get that started. That's just consistent with our world view, that, you know, you certainly have to be able to take care of your workforce development needs today, but a truly strategic company is going to be also thinking about its workforce development needs of the future.

Terry Jackson (Newport News Shipbuilding Employee)

From the family, we want to say thank you Huntington Ingalls. I wish we had the opportunity when I was child, but thanks anyhow. And hopefully, you will see the success of what you started.