

HII Scholarship Fund Video – Post-Secondary

Mike Petters

I grew up on a farm in Florida. Mom and dad really cared about education but there wasn't any means for us to just assume that we might go to college. I didn't know if I was going to go to college. So I've had twice in my life. I've had scholarships available to me, just at that right time. Scholarships were the things that created access for me in ways that on my own devices, I wouldn't had that access otherwise. The scholarship actually helped me get on a path that I wanted to be on. Somebody did that for me. My theory is you pay it forward and do it for somebody else.

Darius Price

My father is a software engineer here at HII. My parents came from like a small town in Mississippi and they came all the way up to Virginia and made a life for themselves so education means a lot to me and my family.

Mike Petters

People that come to work in our company through the scholarship program can provide even more for their families than maybe they were able to before.

Savanna Meyer

The scholarship is definitely helping me with the burden of paying for this and knowing I have the looming burden of grad school after undergrad.

Caleb Box

I'm the first of all my siblings to go to college so it's basically a whole new world for us.

Mike Petters

Access gives people with potential the opportunity to achieve their potential. That's really what our scholarship program is all about.

Terry "TJ" Barnes Jr.

I'll be double majoring in computer engineering and also electrical engineering. I hope to obtain an internship here next summer. That'd be a great start for me.

Mike Petters

Working on the education front is a way to create a more competitive situation for our country, and so to me that's a national security issue. What kind of employees are you going to need in five years, and how are you thinking about helping them get ready so that you can hire them.



Video Transcript

Jacquelyn Hendricks

You know college is so expensive now and we were really trying to figure out how we were going to afford it and so earning the scholarship will really help reduce that stress and that burden of having to pay for it.

Tamra Boone

My education is an investment my future. I was born as a preemie weighing one pound and nine ounces, and to be able to sit here today it's very important to me.

Mike Petters

We create workforce. That's what we do is we take people who want to do something that's pretty cool...

Natalie Abreu

My name is Natalie Abreu I received scholarships from Huntington Ingalls industries. I work at Newport News Shipbuilding in the nuclear propulsion construction engineering department and I'm a nuclear engineer. I would tell families and children to apply for scholarships because you never know where it can take you and how much help and benefit it can have for your family in the future.