

## 2019-20 DFW AAE Scholarship Recipients

**Gunnar Merrick: Colorado school of Mines** - Gunnar Merrick is from Anchorage, Alaska and attends Colorado School of Mines. He is in his Junior year of Petroleum Engineering with a graduation date of December 2020 and minors in Geology and Data Analytics. He will be interning with Ovintiv in the summer of 2020 and looking for full-time employment in January of 2021. [gmerrick@mymail.mines.edu](mailto:gmerrick@mymail.mines.edu)

**Billy McVey: Texas Tech University** - Billy Jack McVey is from Huntsville, TX. He attends Texas Tech University and will graduate with a degree in Petroleum Engineering in the Spring of 2021. He will be interning at Concho Resources Inc. in the summer of 2020. He aspires to be a Drilling Engineer with the opportunity to work around the world. He also plans to further his education after spending a few years in the workforce obtaining experience. [bjm1091@yahoo.com](mailto:bjm1091@yahoo.com)

**Luis Barajas: Texas Tech University** - Luis Barajas is from Fort Worth, TX. He attends Texas Tech University and will graduate with a degree in Petroleum Engineering in the spring of 2021. He will be interning with Acid Tech Services, in Midland, in the summer of 2020. He enjoys spending his free time outdoors, fishing and camping with his family. In addition to this, he likes to help the ones in need by volunteering in elderly programs. When he graduates, Luis expects to work as a reservoir in engineer. [luis.barajas@ttu.edu](mailto:luis.barajas@ttu.edu)

**Nicholas Willis: West Virginia University** - Nicholas Willis is from Columbia, MD. He attends West Virginia University where he will graduate with a degree in Petroleum and Natural Gas Engineering in May of 2020. He was an intern at National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation during the summer of 2019. Nicholas has been passionate about engineering and energy resources since he was a kid. [naw0006@mix.wvu.edu](mailto:naw0006@mix.wvu.edu)

**Amaan Varachia: University of Texas at Austin** - Amaan Varachia is from Dallas, TX. He attends The University of Texas at Austin and will graduate with a degree in Petroleum Engineering in the Spring of 2020. He has managed to work 3 internships, most notably an internship with Chevron last summer. He is currently looking for full time employment for Fall 2020 and has a competitive GPA as well as internship and research experience. Amaan has worked a part time job for all four years while balancing his degree plan workload. Amaan enjoys spending his free time outdoors or in the gym with friends! [amaan.varachia@gmail.com](mailto:amaan.varachia@gmail.com)

**Benjamin Davis: University of Oklahoma** - Ben Davis is originally from Visalia, California. He is currently enrolled as a Petroleum Engineering student at the University of Oklahoma and plans to graduate in spring of 2022. He will be interning with ExxonMobil for the summer of 2020. His family includes his Mom (Jennifer), Dad (Bill) and his two brothers Zach and Drew. [davis.ben8862@yahoo.com](mailto:davis.ben8862@yahoo.com)

**Syed Ali: Colorado School of Mines** - Syed Ali is from Anderson, SC. He attends the Colorado School of Mines and will graduate with a degree in Petroleum Engineering in May 2020. He is seeking a full time job starting next summer. In his free time, he likes to watch college football or try at snowboarding. His parents are still back in Anderson. [sali@mymail.mines.edu](mailto:sali@mymail.mines.edu)

**Lacia Engels: Colorado School of Mines** - Lacia Engels is from Houston, TX and will graduate in May of 2020 with a B.S. in Petroleum Engineering from the Colorado School of Mines. After this, she will be seeking a full time position in the oil and gas industry or returning to Mines for their Engineering and Technology Management graduate program. In her spare time, Lacia enjoys to cook, paint, and work on her drilling research at Edgar Experimental Mine. [llengels@mymail.mines.edu](mailto:llengels@mymail.mines.edu)

**Nicole Bourdon: Colorado School of Mines** - Nicole Bourdon is from Los Angeles, California. She attends the Colorado School of Mines and is graduating in May 2020. She will be interning at Cimarex Energy in Tulsa, Oklahoma for Summer 2020 before entering the M.S. Petroleum Engineering program at the Colorado School of Mines in Fall 2020. She is a first-generation college student with family in Rhode Island and California. She enjoys traveling around the United States and has field experience in California, Oklahoma, and Texas. [nbourdon@mymail.mines.edu](mailto:nbourdon@mymail.mines.edu)

**Tyler Roane: Texas A&M University** - Tyler Roane is from Valley View, TX. He is currently at senior Petroleum Engineering major at Texas A&M University and is prepared to graduate in December of 2020. He is spending his upcoming summer interning with Concho Resources as a drilling and completions engineer. When he can get away from school Tyler enjoys going home to enjoy the hunting, fishing, and other outdoor activities that North Texas offers as well as spending time with his parents and three younger sisters. [thetyroane@gmail.com](mailto:thetyroane@gmail.com)

**Gabrielle Joubran: Texas A&M University** - Gabrielle Joubran attends Texas A&M University and will graduate with a degree in Petroleum Engineering in the Fall of 2020. She is from Houston, TX where being located in such a heavily oil and gas based city initially sparked her interest in Petroleum Engineering. In addition to getting her Petroleum Engineering degree at Texas A&M Gabrielle is in the Zachry Leadership Program where she is getting a certificate in business leadership. She will be interning at Marathon Oil in the summer of 2020 in Houston, TX. In her free time she enjoys exercising and spending time with her friends and family. [gabbyj5@tamu.edu](mailto:gabbyj5@tamu.edu)

**David Galateanu: Texas Tech University** - David Galateanu is from Chicago, Illinois. He attended Harper College in the suburbs of Chicago for two years and received his minor in mathematics. In 2018 he transferred to Texas Tech University for Petroleum Engineering and will graduate in the summer of 2021. He chose Petroleum Engineering as his major because he's grown up in a family that works in the industry. David's older brother (35 years old) works as Director of Coil Tubing Services at Key Energy and his brother-in-law works with ExxonMobil on their downstream digital transformation initiatives. As a result, his interest in the industry stems from stories about fracing, pipeline, and offshore drilling. Ultimately David's goal is to leverage the great learning environment at Texas Tech and his family's background in O&G to continue the family tradition of providing leadership in the industry. [david.galateanu@ttu.edu](mailto:david.galateanu@ttu.edu)

**Jaime Laws: Texas A&M University** - Jaime Laws is originally from Johannesburg, South Africa and is currently attending Texas A&M University. She graduated in December 2018 with a degree in Geophysics and is now pursuing a second degree in Petroleum Engineering which she is set to graduate with in May 2021. This past summer, she interned with EOG Resources and will return to work for them in the summer of 2020 in Midland, Texas. In her free time, Jaime enjoys camping and playing Tennis. [jaime.laws@tamu.edu](mailto:jaime.laws@tamu.edu)