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## Texas Bank and Trust Scholarship Established

Recently Dr. Rod Mabry, President of The University of Texas at Tyler, met with Mr. Rogers Pope Jr., CEO of Texas Bank and Trust, and other bank officials at the UT Tyler Longview University Center to celebrate the establishment of the *Texas Bank and Trust Endowed Scholarship*. The fund was established to provide financial assistance to students attending the Longview University Center.

"We are grateful to Texas Bank and Trust for their generous gift to the Longview University Center. The students enrolled at the Center are an exceptional group of individuals, and this gift will help make a real difference in the lives of both current and future students," said Dr. Mabry. "Financial issues can be a major obstacle to students working toward achieving their educational goals, and scholarships such as the one established today ensure that assistance will be available when one of them needs help."

"The mission of Texas Bank and Trust's Spirit of Giving has been to provide a positive and measurable impact on the communities we serve, in part, through our financial support of educational programs throughout East Texas," said Rogers Pope, Jr, Texas Bank and Trust Vice Chairman and Chief Executive Officer. "The University of Texas at Tyler Longview University Center has proven to be a significant asset to our community. Today, we join in celebration of the Center's growth in making higher education accessible, advancing opportunities for individual's professional growth, and empowering students for success in a new economy. In doing so, we believe this endowed scholarship will serve to create a lasting legacy while benefiting generations of students for years to come."



Photo: (L to R) Jennifer Harris, Texas Bank and Trust Vice President for Business Development, Tom Tibiletti, Vice Chair of the UT Tyler Longview University Center Development Council, Dr. Rod Mabry, Rogers Pope Jr., Kevin Hood, President and COO of Texas Bank and Trust and Karen Partee, Chief Marketing Officer for Texas Bank and Trust.