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## **New Scholarship Program for Process Technology Students**

BP Exploration and Production, The Dow Chemical Company, and the Producers Assistance Corporation have donated funds for a scholarship program to help Gulf Coast students pursue Process Technology degrees. The Center for the Advancement of Process Technology (CAPT), at College of the Mainland, will serve as the administrator of the scholarship program.

Grants of up to \$2,000 per student are available to those who enter or continue studies in Process Technology, a growing career field that supports core businesses of all three companies. Students at many Gulf Coast colleges are eligible for the grants.

“This promises to be a great career opportunity for people seeking high-technology jobs,” said John Payne, a resource coordinator with BP. “Identifying talented persons early will help us staff our many facilities on the Gulf Coast.”

Process technology includes work disciplines such as chemical manufacturing, oil and gas exploration and production, petroleum refining and power generation. Graduates directly support operations of process systems, maintain safe work areas that comply with regulations, assist with maintenance and repairs, and ensure superior operating environments for the industry.

Dow Chemical’s Mike Gragg said, “We are pleased to provide these scholarships in support of the Center, and welcome students who want to enter this exciting career opportunity.

The Center for the Advancement of Process Technology is a national center for process technology education funded by the National Science Foundation. Students at more than twenty colleges in multiple states are eligible for the grants.

“These scholarships allow industry to provide scholarships to the best students in Process Technology programs, regardless of their geographic locations or community college affiliations” said Joanna Kile, Director of CAPT. “It is an excellent example of the synergy created when industry and education collaborate.”

Applications are available through the Center for the Advancement of Process Technology. Call 409-938-1211, ext. 100, for more information or visit the Center’s website at [www.capttech.org](http://www.capttech.org). Completed applications must be postmarked on or before April 1, 2004.

Eligible schools include:

**Texas**

Alvin Community College -- Alvin, TX  
Brazosport College -- Lake Jackson, TX  
Del Mar College -- Corpus Christi, TX  
Lamar Institute of Technology -- Beaumont, TX  
Lee College -- Baytown, TX  
San Jacinto College Central -- Pasadena, TX  
Houston Community College -- Houston, TX  
The Victoria College -- Victoria, TX  
College of the Mainland -- Texas City, TX  
Texas State Technical College -- Marshall, TX  
Wharton County Junior College -- Wharton, TX

**Louisiana**

Louisiana Technical College -- Sorrento, LA  
Louisiana Technical College -- Lake Charles, LA  
McNeese State University -- Lake Charles, LA  
Baton Rouge Community College -- Baton Rouge, LA  
Louisiana Technical College-River Parishes -- Reserve, LA

**Mississippi**

Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College -- Gulfport, MS

**Oklahoma**

Northern Oklahoma Community College -- Ponca City, OK