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### **ConocoPhillips donates \$60,000 for NM College Scholarships**

New Mexico Business Coalition is pleased to recognize and highlight businesses that are not only job providers but also know what it means to be a good corporate neighbor. We have a great example with ConocoPhillips who recently went above and beyond to support Native American students seeking higher education in energy related fields.

Thanks to the generosity of ConocoPhillips, San Juan College's School of Energy in Farmington, New Mexico now has \$60,000 in scholarships available for Native American students in New Mexico.

ConocoPhillips and San Juan College have once again joined forces to prepare current and future generations for jobs in the evolving energy industry. San Juan College will award scholarships to as many as 20 Native American students residing in the state of New Mexico. Funds can be used to offset the cost of tuition, books and housing for those who qualify. Students can select from a wide variety of programs offered by the School of Energy, all of which are in demand and are positioned for transitioning industry. These programs include: Instrumentation Controls and Electrical Technology, Industrial Process Operator Program, Advanced Petroleum Production, Industrial Maintenance Mechanic and Natural Gas Compression Program.

"We are grateful that ConocoPhillips is providing Native American students across New Mexico with a means of achieving their dreams and securing lifelong high-wage careers," said Alicia Corbell, dean of San Juan College School of Energy. "We look forward to contributing to the achievement of New Mexico's energy goals by providing a skilled workforce."

"Our commitment to building a diverse and inclusive workforce is foundational to our SPIRIT Values. Our partnership with San Juan College helps ensure that students have the training and resources needed to explore, advance, and evolve in a career within our vital industry," said ConocoPhillips Senior Advocate Louis Salazar.

Over the course of the past 25 years, ConocoPhillips has contributed nearly \$850,000 in support of San Juan College and its students. ConocoPhillips is a global, independent exploration and production company headquartered in Houston, Texas with operations in New Mexico.

"Donating funds for education that provides next-generation New Mexicans greater access to high paying jobs is a clear reflection of a company that cares about the long term welfare of people in the communities where they do business," said New Mexico Business Coalition President Carla Sonntag. "Our state is lucky to have great corporate neighbors like ConocoPhillips,"

Students interested in the scholarship program, should contact Summer Begay at San Juan College School of Energy. (505) 566-4100. Enrollment is ongoing throughout the academic year.