

Charles P. Lake/Rain for Rent Scholarship

History of Scholarship

The Charles P. Lake/Rain for Rent Scholarship was established in honor of the company's founder who passed away in August of 1988 at the age of 94.

Mr. Lake started Western Oilfields Supply Company in 1934 to supply used equipment to the local oilfields. In 1948, Rain for Rent was created to pioneer the rental of irrigation equipment in the San Joaquin Valley. Mr. Lake's idea was to allow farmers to rent the irrigation equipment—in effect “try before you buy”. Mr. Lake received the Irrigation Association's Industry Achievement Award in 1977 for his efforts in developing the irrigation equipment rental industry. The company now operates over 60 branches providing pumps, pipe, tanks and accessories to petrochemical, industrial, agricultural, environmental, and construction businesses nationwide.

Mr. Lake was well-traveled, well-read and involved in community activities — president of the Kern County Board of Trade and Bakersfield Rotary. He believed in education and supported the construction of the Kern County Beale Library. In his memory, the Charles P. Lake/Rain for Rent Scholarship was established in 1988. Over the years the scholarship has grown to providing thirty-five scholarships in the amount of \$1,500.00 each annually.

2011 Scholarship Recipients



Bryce Canady
University of Texas,
Arlington
Civil Engineering



Beck Fritzsche
Gonzaga University
Mechanical Engineering



Ellen Brumley
Cal Poly, San Luis
Obispo
Crop Science



Crystal Jamaica
University of Texas,
Arlington
Civil Engineering



Marsha Palasota
Texas A&M University
Civil Engineering



Lauren Roberts
CSU, Fresno
Ag. Education, Animal
Science



Skyler Holloway
Arizona State University
Construction Management



Kristen Perano
UC Davis
Biological Systems
Engineering



Anthony Cemo
CSU, Fresno
Civil Engineering



Intern Program

Rain for Rent's College Internship Program is designed to give students valuable on-the-job training experience.

To be eligible, students must have completed at least one year of full-time undergraduate studies with a GPA of 3.0 or greater and be currently enrolled in a minimum of 12 units.

If you are interested in gaining real-world experience to supplement your classroom education, Rain for Rent offers summer internships in Engineering, Sales, Management, Information Technology, Human Resources, Safety, Accounting and Marketing.

To apply, request an Intern Application from careers@rainforrent.com and send to Rain for Rent, P.O. Box 2248, Bakersfield, CA 93303. Inquiring minds can visit our webpage www.rainforrent.com to obtain additional information about Rain for Rent's locations, products and services.



Kelley Higgins
Cal Poly San Luis Obispo
Kern County Farm Bureau
Agriculture Management

2011 Scholarship Recipients (cont'd)



Cheyenne Poitra
Cal Poly San Luis Obispo
Imperial County Farm Bureau
Agribusiness

Megan Reese
UC Davis
Plant Sciences



Vance Elmore
CSU, Bakersfield
Business

Tyler Niday
Cal Poly San Luis Obispo
BioResource and Agricultural Engineering



Logan Kostroun
Texas A&M University
Biological & Agricultural Engineering



Craig Diener
Cal Poly San Luis Obispo
Fresno County Farm Bureau



Ariana Gehrig
Chico State University
Crop Science, Horticulture

David Pain
UC Santa Barbara
Mechanical Engineering



Nicholas Orsino
Texas A&M University
Construction Science



Celine Morales
Cal Poly Pomona
Plant Science

Career Opportunities

- Marketing
- Finance and Accounting
- Audit
- General Management
- Office Management
- Information Technology
- Business Operations
- Customer Service
- Engineering
- Human Resources

- Construction/Project Management
- Contracts
- Product Development
- Sales
- Field Operations
- Commercial Drivers
- Manufacturing
- Purchasing/Procurement
- Fleet Management