

MADISON MASTERS

MAJOR: Construction Engineering Technology

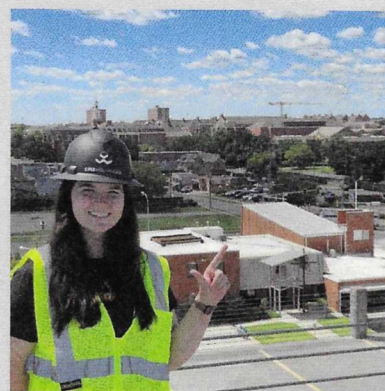
SCHOLARSHIP: Oklahoma State University Emeriti Association Scholarship

HOMETOWN: Sapulpa, Oklahoma

CLASS YEAR: Senior

What has been your proudest or most meaningful moment at Oklahoma State? The moment that I am most proud of myself for while here at Oklahoma State University is when I presented at the Association of General Contractors Annual Convention in 2024. The reason for this is because the Construction Management Society (CMS) won the "Emerging Student Chapter Award" for the year that I was president of CMS. I am usually a nervous public speaker and don't do well with presentations, but after attending a leadership conference about a month before the convention, I developed a confidence in my speaking abilities and gave a smooth presentation. There was even a moment during the presentation where I had to stop because the audience began cheering! This was when I said we had about 100 companies at the Construction Career Fair in the fall of 2023. Having this good of an experience while public speaking has definitely made me feel a lot better.

Without scholarship support, I would be... Home? I really don't know where I would be if I did not receive financial assistance for college, but I knew I needed it, so I have always worked hard in school to make a better future for myself. I have no support on my own, so I have to work throughout the school year, even as a full-time student, to afford my rent, car payment, food, health insurance and other expenses, so the fact that I receive tuition assistance is life-changing.



*Dear donor,
"Attending college is the overarching accomplishment I have achieved. I am a first-generation student who was raised by a single mother on disability, so I had very little growing up. We lived in the cheapest apartment she could find when I was a baby, and she continues to live there. Seeing her have to decide whether or not we could afford groceries made me realize that I wanted to do something great, but I wouldn't have been able to do it without your support. I am forever thankful."*

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AIDAN OEHLBERG

MAJOR: Actuarial Science

SCHOLARSHIP: McCollom Emeriti Scholarship

HOMETOWN: Tulsa, Oklahoma

CLASS YEAR: Junior

What does Oklahoma State mean to you? Oklahoma State has meant everything to me. It has challenged me each and every day as a student to push my limits and achieve my goals. In turn, I have developed exceptional work ethic and pride regarding the work I do. Not only has it allowed me to grow academically and intellectually, but it has also provided me with a community like no other to help me grow as a person. Oklahoma State has supplied many opportunities to integrate myself into the community, such as volunteering at Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Stillwater for the past three years.

What does scholarship support mean to you? Being a first-generation college student, the prospect of college almost seemed impossible to me. During my first year, while moral support was high from my family, it was not able to be matched financially. As the years have passed, help from generous donors has allowed me to continue my academic journey and pursue my goals. The financial support that I will be receiving will be crucial to ensuring my successes as I finish out my bachelor's degree.



Dear donor,

"With this incredible support, I have been able to continue pursuing my bachelor's degree without any external restrictions. I have also been able to gain access to vital tools that have been necessary to my success. Aside from schooling, I have been able to meet my basic needs to keep my mind and body in a healthy state so that I can continue to work hard. Thank you for your support; it means more than you know."

Aidan Oehlberg