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Joshua Wahrmund ('10)

Your gifts help students succeed

Joshua Wahrmund ('10), a physics Ph.D. candidate at UNT, is realizing his potential to advance science.

"I have a real fascination with the natural world," he says. "As a kid, I was interested in science, nature and math."

Wahrmund's research interests have come together in polymer physics, an interdisciplinary materials science that involves chemistry and biology. His dissertation focuses on a special polymer gel that could be used in many areas from artificial muscles to drug delivery.

Wahrmund devotes the time he needs to his research because of the support he received through the John A. Altermann III and Katherine M. Bradford Scholarship and additional fellowships and scholarships. The scholarship was established in 2002 by UNT alumni Mark Anthony "Tony" Altermann ('65, '68 M.S.) and his late wife Linda for College of Arts and Sciences graduate students studying science and mathematics.

"What a joy it is to pass on the opportunity for an education," Altermann says.

Wahrmund came to UNT after earning his undergraduate degree. He hoped to find a tight knit community and was pleased with what UNT and the Denton area had to offer.

While earning his master's degree in physics at UNT, Wahrmund discovered yet another interest.

"I learned that I love teaching and discussing ideas with people," he says. "I was not expecting to be able to be a teacher when I came here, but I was asked to teach a summer course, and that was a really good growth experience for me."

Upon completion of his fellowship next May, Wahrmund hopes to find work as a professor in his field.

When asked what he'd say to the generous UNT supporters who make scholarships possible for students all across the university, Wahrmund answers, "Thank you a thousand times over."

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Accounting alumna

paying it forward



UNT alumna Emily Mauzy ('06, '06 M.S.) at her PricewaterhouseCoopers office

As a tax manager for PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP (PwC), accountant Emily Mauzy ('06, '06 M.S.) advises companies about how to make the most of their earnings, a talent she demonstrates in her personal life, too.

After graduating from UNT's five-year master's in tax accounting program, Mauzy created her own scholarship by pledging \$1,000 a year for at least five years.

"I received several scholarships while at UNT, so I wanted to do something. I liked the accounting program and the complete college experience that UNT offered," she says. "I thought, 'When I get out in the real world, how cool would it be if I could pay my experience forward?'"

Carol Haman, a senior majoring in accounting and recipient of the 2011-12 Emily Mauzy PwC Scholarship, is grateful for Mauzy's support.

"She is helping me get the education I need to find a meaningful, fulfilling career," Haman says. "Supporters like her help current students, especially in this economic environment, to be able to obtain their educational goals."

Inspired by the generosity of those who came before her, Mauzy joins thousands of committed UNT alumni, parents and friends who give to UNT each year. It's your annual gifts that make great things possible for the next generation of UNT students. Thank you for your ongoing support!

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Scholars program helps young engineer succeed

Emerald Eagle Scholar Juan Carlos Franco ('10) was 10 when his father gave him his first computer. He redesigned it from the ground up.

"I took it apart and rebuilt it to make it faster. I was motivated to do a good job because I knew if I messed it up, I wouldn't have a computer anymore," says Franco, whose father realized his natural ability and then signed him up for an adult computer programming class when he was just 11.

A 2010 alumnus, Franco is a member of the first graduating class of Emerald Eagle Scholars, a program that has helped more than 2,000 high-achieving, academically talented high school graduates with financial need realize their dreams of earning a college education. The Emerald Eagle Scholars program helped Franco earn his undergraduate degree in three and a half years so he could begin graduate school even earlier. He plans to graduate with his master's degree in computer engineering in May 2012.

While an undergraduate, Franco was named the 2009 Outstanding Computer Engineering student by the College of Engineering, and had internships at Raytheon and Los Alamos National Laboratory that helped steer the focus of his education.

"Because the Emerald Eagle Scholars program took the financial worry out of college, I was able to focus on my classes and take about 15 hours each semester," Franco says. "This also helped me have time to take more internships and still graduate early."

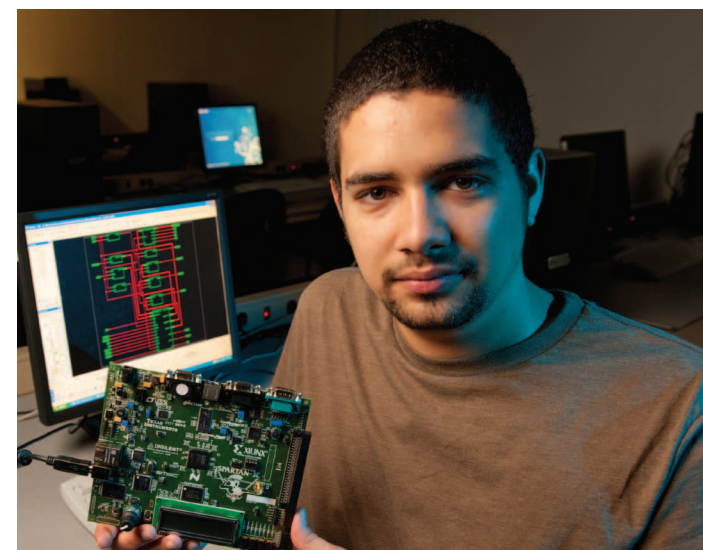
The program is open to incoming freshman students who are Texas residents and live in households with annual incomes of \$40,000 or less.

Recipe for success

President V. Lane Rawlins says that as much as UNT has changed the lives of Emerald Eagle Scholars like Franco, the scholars have reaffirmed UNT's commitment to student success.

"The program proves that when you give a student the resources to succeed in class and to engage in campus life, you end up with a college graduate who is a role model for many and a go-getter for life."

All Emerald Eagle Scholars receive financial support through federal, state and institutional funds, which cover the average cost of 15 undergraduate credit hours and fees each fall and spring semester for up to four years.



Juan Carlos Franco ('10) credits the Emerald Eagle Scholars program for allowing him to graduate early and pursue a master's degree in computer engineering.

Your gift can go twice as far

Thanks to a unique grant opportunity, you can help Emerald Eagle Scholars achieve more. Gifts to the Title III Emerald Eagle Scholars Endowment will be matched dollar-for-dollar up to \$295,000 by the U.S. Department of Education. That means your gift will have twice the impact for students who depend on financial support to earn their college degree. But this matching opportunity is only available for a limited time.

Simply designate your gift to the Title III Emerald Eagle Scholars Endowment to double your support and help students achieve more.

Join us Feb. 25 for the **Emerald Ball**, an annual fundraising event to raise money to support the program. The theme for this year's ball is "The Emerald Ball Goes Green," and it will be at UNT's Apogee Stadium. Enjoy dinner, meet Emerald Eagle Scholars and let them share how your support has changed their lives.

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Thank you for answering the call



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When you see UNT on your caller ID... it could be one of us!

Greetings from the Call Mean Green Phonathon team! As student callers for UNT, we talk with many alumni and friends like you who believe in supporting the university and its students.

The phonathon is a team of 34 students who work on campus to continue the UNT tradition of philanthropy. We call thousands of alumni, parents and friends of UNT each year to reconnect, build lasting relationships, share campus news and raise money for student scholarships and programs.

The next time you pick up your phone to find someone calling from the Call Mean Green Phonathon you may be speaking with:

- ♦ A freshman psychology student who volunteers annually to promote autism awareness
- ♦ A junior biology student who works on a genetics research team and will be the first in her family to graduate from college

Most of the callers attend UNT on scholarship or some other type of financial aid. We are just a few of the thousands of students who benefit from your generosity every day.

On behalf of the Call Mean Green Phonathon team and all of my peers here at UNT, thank you for taking the time to speak with us.

*Lorin Skinner, junior strategic communications major
Student Supervisor, Call Mean Green Phonathon*

- ♦ A junior public relations student who works two jobs and takes a full course load so she can be the first in her family to get a college education

You too can leave a legacy at UNT

With more than 18 years' experience in estate planning and elder law, Leigh Hilton ('89 B.S.) understands the extraordinary impact a legacy gift can have on the University of North Texas.

"I help people protect the two most important things in their lives: everyone they love and everything they own," says Hilton, a Denton attorney who specializes in helping her clients set up their wills and estate plans. When she visits with people about their plans, Hilton says she always asks whether they want to leave a legacy gift to the organizations they have supported during their lifetime.

In fact, Hilton incorporated UNT into her own estate plans. She is one of more than 200 UNT alumni and friends who have chosen to invest in future generations.



Leigh Hilton ('89 B.S.)

"I included UNT in my estate plan because I realize the value that the university provides to the Denton community," she says.

Gifts made through wills, trusts, or other estate gifts ensure the University of North Texas will continue our tradition of excellence from one generation to the next.

By including UNT in your will, you can become a member of the **1890 Society**, an elite group of donors who have named the university in their estate plans.

Have you named UNT in your will or other estate plans? Please let us know so that we can thank you for your commitment and welcome you into this prestigious group of donors.