MEAL PLAN SCHOLARSHIP GIVES STUDENTS A HELPING HAND

Houston, January 12, 2011 – Students never have to worry about paying for a meal on campus with the meal plan scholarship. Each year, UH Dining Services provides the scholarship to support the success of its students and contribute to their college experience by supplying their meals throughout the semester. This year six students in the Spring 2011 semester and six students in Fall 2010 won the scholarship.

Winners receive a Lifestyle 21 meal plan which includes 21 meals per week and $100 in Cougar Cash. The meal plan is normally purchased for $1,550 a semester. All winners have a 3.0 GPA and are enrolled in at least 12 hours of classes. They were reviewed and selected by the University Scholarship Committee.

Fall recipients were Ami Patel, Minh Le, Ann Geiger, Adam Moore, Alyson Gussio and Nhung Nguyen. Spring semester recipients are Ashley Coates, Vinh Hoang, Ann Geiger, Adam Moore, Devonte Handy and Syed Amir.

“I think this is an excellent scholarship. Since food is an important factor for effective learning, the meal plan scholarship provides an opportunity for students to concentrate on studying without worrying about some money burdens.” – Vinh Hoang, Spring semester recipient

“This type of scholarship is great for me, because with the new cafeteria at the Towers, I will be focused on eating healthy and diverse food unlike my usual diet of Taco Bell and other food/TV dinners. This semester I will be on campus often, so it will make it easier to eat and get back to work on school-related activities.” – Adam Moore, Fall and Spring semester recipient

“This will make my semester so much easier! I always worry about how I will pay off my student fee bill, and this scholarship helps me out so much. Also, the fact that it is the 21 meals per week means I don't have to worry about running out of meals, and I can eat a good three meals a day.” – Ann Geiger, Fall and Spring semester recipient

“It is great because being an international student from Canada, there are many scholarships which I am ineligible for. Between the cost of tuition, books, gas, food and everything else, having one less thing to worry about makes life so much less stressful! Not to mention international
students are ineligible for federal loans as well, making it even harder to get by. The meal plan scholarship is a great help!” – Ashley Coates, Spring semester recipient

“I personally think it is a great idea that shows UH cares for its students and is very beneficial. This will greatly help me in my semester for I will have all my meals available to me throughout the day saving me both time and money.” – Syed Hamza Amir, Spring semester recipient

The University of Houston congratulates the Meal Plan Scholarship recipients for the 2010-2011 school year. For more information on services offered, visit www.uh.edu/auxiliaryservices.

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