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Williams reaches for its checkbook to support higher education *\$150,000 donation to provide scholarships for energy management students*

Grand Junction – Mesa State College and Williams today announced a \$150,000 gift from the Williams Foundation, the philanthropic arm of Williams. The gift will provide scholarships to students in Mesa State’s landman/energy management concentration of the Bachelor of Business Administration program.

“We are delighted to partner with Williams. This is a great way to support our students,” said Mesa State College President Tim Foster. “It is also an opportunity for Williams to play a role in growing their own future employees through internships and summer job opportunities.”

Williams has played a significant role in developing the landman/energy management program at Mesa State. Williams project manager Steve Soychak teaches part-time in the program. Williams contract landman Bryan Hotard serves on the program’s advisory committee and is also a student.

"It is our sincere pleasure to provide scholarships over the next five years for students in the Landman/Energy Management Program. This program provides well-educated graduates who have the tools to directly assist us in our business of producing natural gas," said Alan Harrison, Vice-President of Williams, Denver Region.

To be eligible for a Williams Energy Scholarship of up to \$6,000 a year, a student must carry at least a 3.0 grade point average, submit an essay on how energy impacts their life and be interviewed by a scholarship committee that includes representation from both the college and Williams.

“It has a very positive experience working with Williams to put this scholarship opportunity in place. I would like to thank Vice President of Williams, Denver Region, Alan Harrison and Williams District Manager Steve Soychak, who have been instrumental in bringing this fruition,” Foster said.

Williams, through its subsidiaries, finds, produces, gathers, processes and transports natural gas. Williams' operations are concentrated in the Pacific Northwest, Rocky Mountains, Gulf Coast, and Eastern Seaboard. More information is available at <http://www.williams.com>.

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