

# Brooke Heather Chapman Memorial Scholarship

**Established in 2018 by the Plant Maintenance, Inspection and Engineering Society and Kay Lynn & David Chapman**

The *Brooke Heather Chapman Memorial Scholarship* was established in memory of our precious daughter and sister. Unlike many Aggies, Brooke did not dream of growing up and attending Texas A&M University. She grew up in a family of Texas Tech Red Raiders and always thought she would become a Red Raider herself. As her senior year in high school approached and she became more serious about her college search, she was drawn to all that A&M offered. The friendly atmosphere, loyalty of the students past and present, the integrity of the university, and most importantly the Aggie Ring— all fit perfectly with her personality.



Brooke was born September 20, 1992 in Houston, Texas. She graduated from Clear Lake High School in 2011 where she was a member of the Falcon Band, pole vaulted for the track team and was active in numerous organizations. Brooke was a beautiful, fun loving, adventurous girl who was filled with a contagious joy. She enjoyed her life and the people in it were the most important thing to her. She dearly loved her family and friends. Few people have ever had as many “best friends” as Brooke.

After high school, Brooke attended Texas A&M University in Galveston. Once at TAMUG, she continued to stay active in organizations including the student government. Brooke did not intend to stay at TAMUG more than a year. Her plan was to transfer to College Station, but after her first semester in Galveston and traveling to Aggie football games (which she loved) she knew Galveston was where she wanted to be. The island life fit her. She thrived on the smaller campus, making many friends and enjoyed the opportunity to get to know her professors well.



Brooke graduated from Texas A&M Galveston in May of 2014 with a degree in Maritime Administration after 3 short years. That Aggie Ring was her motivation to take a heavy class load and get her ring as soon as possible which lead to an early graduation date. After graduation, she went to work for Kirby Offshore Marine. Brooke had such an impact with her loving spirit that shortly after her death in an auto accident in 2016, Kirby named a tugboat in her honor, the MV BROOKE CHAPMAN. The christening of the tugboat appropriately took place at her beloved Texas A&M University Galveston.

While Brooke was a dedicated student and employee, personal relationships were the most important thing to her. She was a constant reminder that true kindness still exists. Our wish is that each recipient of this scholarship knows the impact kindness can have on the world.