

Joseph B. Morreale Memorial Endowed Scholarship

Established in 2014 by Theresa & Robert O'Donel



Katelyn and Lauren with their grandfather, Joe

My parents, Joe and Judy Morreale, were always hard-working people raising a family of five children and helping as many people as possible when they could. While my mother stayed home and ran us to many activities, my father worked nonstop providing what he could for his family. Together they built a business in 1998. Two of my brothers soon joined the business full time with the other three of us helping where and when we could. My father passed away in 2011 and my mother and brothers sold the business a year later with all of us kids receiving a portion of the sale. We feel very blessed to have received such a gift and wanted to give back. That is when we reached out to Texas A&M University at Galveston to start an endowed scholarship in my

father's name. He would have loved the campus, the hands-on curriculum, and we felt that having the scholarship would be a good way to help hard working students like him reach their goals.

Both of our daughters started at the Galveston campus with our oldest, Katelyn, obtaining her degree from main campus in 2017. Lauren enrolled in the 3+2 Master of Maritime Business Administration program and graduated from Galveston in December 2020. We watched them both work hard to complete their degrees and know that their grandfather would be very proud of them. We felt compelled to give back again and established a second scholarship in my father's name. We hope that the students that receive these scholarships will also put the hard work and time that my father was used to doing into their time at Texas A&M University at Galveston.

Theresa and Rob O'Donel Class of 1990