

Jason E. Tieman '97 Maritime Scholarship

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When I graduated high school in 1992 my parents made it clear that I was going to college. I looked forward to getting out of Baytown, but I was the first in my family to go to a four-year college and did not get much guidance on what to expect and how to navigate this new experience. I didn't know how the scholarship process worked and assumed it wasn't for me but was fortunate that my parents, Leon and Lynda Tieman, had saved up money to pay my way.



After spending some extra time in college trying to find my way, I finally graduated in 1997 with a license and degree in Maritime Transportation. I had grown a lot and went on to work on various vessels and drove harbor tugs for a few years before deciding it was time to move shoreside and took a direct commission into the Coast Guard. Eventually I ended up working with an innovative start-up company and helped launch a new web-based service called PortVision. These opportunities truly opened my eyes to how many various paths a graduate from Texas Maritime Academy could take as a future career. In that job I spent countless hours with various customers learning what they do, how their organization makes money, and what we could do to improve their bottom line. Throughout my years, I always tried to stay connected to the Galveston campus and even help start the Sea Aggie Former Student Network.

My 20 plus years of experience in both the regulatory side of the maritime industry as well time spent leading commercial maritime technology solutions and data analytics, eventually lead me back to Texas A&M Galveston as a part of the Texas A&M Foundation team. Upon returning to the campus and becoming engaged with the students and seeing all the new programs and course offerings, I realized that if I could do it over again, I would likely had also gotten a minor in Maritime Business Administration. I feel that the additional knowledge provided in a Maritime Business degree would have benefited my path through industry. For this reason, I wanted to

provide funds to assist a Maritime Transportation cadet that is also seeking a minor in Maritime business Administration.

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