

# Del Papa Distributing Company College Scholarship

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## Established in 2010 by the Del Papa Distributing Company

For over 100 years, Del Papa Distributing has helped the communities where we do business, and we take great pride in our traditional commitment to civic involvement.

Del Papa Distributing Company was founded in 1910 in Galveston, Texas by Omero Del Papa, Sr. who immigrated to the island from Lucca, Italy. He later converted his retail grocery business into a wholesale business that ultimately became today's Del Papa Distributing Company. Currently the Company has three distribution facilities in Texas City, Beaumont and Victoria and service the following 17 Texas counties: Brazoria, Calhoun, Chambers, DeWitt, Galveston, Hardin, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Lavaca, Liberty, Matagorda, Newton, Orange, Sabine, Victoria and Wharton.

In 2010, in conjunction with its 100th anniversary celebration, the Del Papa family initiated a Company-wide college scholarship endowment at all the community colleges and four-year universities in the communities where the company conducts business. "Education is the foundation upon which our communities and business prosper and, as such, has always been valued by our company. These scholarships will help many deserving students who need some extra support to continue their education" said Larry Del Papa.

Larry Del Papa was born in Galveston, Texas on June 6, 1955, where he attended St. Patrick's grade school, Lovenberg Junior High School, and graduated from Ball High School in 1973. Larry then attended Southern Methodist University (SMU) and in 1977 graduated from SMU with a B.B.A. in Business Administration. Larry began his full-time career with the Company as a third-generation family member upon his graduation from SMU. Today Larry serves as President, CEO and Chairman of Del Papa Distributing Company.

Larry has two children; a daughter, Caylin, who graduated from Vanderbilt University in 2014, and a son, "LJ", who graduated from Baylor University in 2018. They are both involved in Del Papa Distributing Company.

The following 13 schools within the 17 counties have been chosen to receive the 100-year anniversary scholarship endowments:

- Alvin Community College
- Brazosport College
- College of the Mainland
- Galveston College
- Lamar Institute of Technology
- Lamar State College – Orange
- Lamar State College – Port Arthur
- Lamar University
- Texas A&M University at Galveston
- University of Houston – Victoria
- University of Texas Medical Branch
- Victoria College
- Wharton County Junior College.