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State Water Heaters Honors Hispanic Student with Scholarship *Student in McAllen, Texas Focused on an HVAC Career*

Ashland City, Tenn. (April 9, 2008) – State Water Heaters recently awarded Angel Espericueta, a South Texas College student, with an academic scholarship to continue studies in the HVAC & Plumbing associate degree program.

The scholarship was awarded as part of State's Hispanic outreach efforts and provides Espericueta with tuition and book assistance.

"On behalf of State Water Heaters, we are delighted to award Angel Espericueta with this scholarship," said State Brand Manager Jeff Storie. "We believe in being a good partner with our friends both in the field as well as those who are preparing to be in the field."

"The HVAC & Plumbing Trades program at South Texas College is a solid one, and we want to support students who seek a career in this area," Storie continued. "Contractors and technicians are critical to ensuring our water heater products are installed correctly in homes and businesses across the country, and we want to help provide students with proper training."

With the help of South Texas College administrators, State identified Espericueta as the scholarship recipient based on prior academic success and his dedicated interest in the HVAC & Plumbing Trade.

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Espericueta is a full-time student, holds a 3.5 grade point average, and is dedicated to the program at South Texas College. “The instructors provide incredible detail in their explanations and offer individual attention to each student,” he remarked.

Espericueta was delighted to be the first recipient of a Hispanic student-aimed scholarship from State. “I jumped with joy when I heard the news about the scholarship, knowing that I am one step closer to graduating,” said Espericueta. State plans to offer an annual scholarship to a devoted student in the trades.

The scholarship also reinforces State’s commitment to supporting the training and education of contractors and technicians. State anticipates that awareness of the scholarship will provide students with visibility into the industry, and will encourage other manufacturers to support students interested in technical careers.

For more information, please visit http://www.statewaterheaters.com/index_sp.html.

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