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Dear Qatar Harvey Fund Scholar,

Congratulations on your selection as a Qatar Harvey Fund Scholar.

The Qatar Harvey Fund Scholars program is part of a $1,164,116 grant to Lamar University provided by the State of Qatar through its Qatar Harvey Fund, a $30 million fund established in 2017 for the long-term recovery of southeast Texas. The funding is granted through a partnership between the Qatar Harvey Fund and the Rebuild Texas Fund. The Rebuild Texas Fund, a collaborative project of the Michael & Susan Dell Foundation and the OneStar Foundation, was created to support the rebuilding of Texas communities hit hard by Hurricane Harvey.

Both the Qatar Harvey Fund and the Rebuild Texas Fund consider education to be a fundamental investment in a community’s greatest resources — its people. But all too often, a disaster like Hurricane Harvey can jeopardize the pursuit of higher education as the lives of students and their families are upended. Recovery for those most impacted by the storm will be long and challenging but it is our hope that this scholarship is a reminder that the journey need not be undertaken alone.

To date, the Qatar Harvey Fund and Rebuild Texas Fund have provided nearly $3M in scholarships and student support to four college and university systems in Houston and southeast Texas. Up to 1,457 students from Houston Community College, Lamar University, the University of Houston System and the Texas A&M University System will be selected as Qatar Harvey Fund Scholars in the coming months. We are proud to invest in your future as you continue your education.

Meshal bin Hamad Al-Thani
Ambassador of Qatar to the U.S.
Chair of the Qatar Harvey Fund

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