

# STASMO supports future Valley electricians with scholarships, equipment | South Texas College News



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STC students Noe Cantu and Teodoro Rocha both received scholarship worth \$500 per semester for the 2009/2010 academic year from STASMO. From left are Rick Hosea, member of the STASMO scholarship committee, and STC students Noe Cantu and Teodoro Rocha.

The South Texas Association of School Maintenance Officials is doing its part to support the development of the tradesmen of tomorrow. The group not only provides members to serve on the South Texas College Electrician's Assistant Program Supervisory Board, STASMO provided two scholarships to support the continued education of two program students. Noe Cantu and Teodoro Rocha both received scholarship worth \$500 per semester for the 2009/2010 academic year.

"It felt very good to be selected as a scholarship recipient," said Rocha. "It was a big help because I work part time and go to school part time. I've been doing electrical work for more than 10 years, but I needed the book knowledge to get ahead and earn my journeymen's license. It will help me make more money at a better job. And the scholarship made it all possible."

In addition to the scholarships, the group also provided seven electrical multi-meters valued at more than \$100 a piece to the program. The top seven students in a program drafting competition received the meters as a prize.



STASMO provided free electrical multi-meters worth more than \$100 to the top seven finishers in a drafting contest through STC's Electrician's Assistant Program. From left front are Marcos Hernandez, STASMO scholarship committee member; STC students Emmanuel Hernandez, Brisa Llanas and Ruben Valencia; and Rick Hosea, member of the scholarship committee. From back left are Arnulfo Flores, STC Electrician's Assistant Program chair; and STC students Oscar Escobedo, Gonzaldo Garza, Armando Salinas, and Luis Guerra.

"My dad does construction and electrical work and I want to work with him and that's why I'm in the program," said Brisa Llanas, a graduate from Veteran's Memorial High School. "I like hands on work and I'm excited about the meter because it will save me money and come in handy. I will be graduating this May so I will put it to good use right away."

Through the program, students are prepared to install, connect, test and maintain electrical systems for a variety of purposes including climate control, security and communication. Graduates are also prepared to install and maintain electrical systems for electronic controls for machines in business and industry.

"It's a great program to develop students to be a labor force to attract new businesses to the area and support current businesses in the Valley," said Rick Hosen, member of the STASMO scholarship committee. "The program gives students the basics to really be of value to employers right out of the gate. And it feels really good to help students get an education because you need it to succeed. Plus, this is a trade field and the skills go with you for the rest of your life. It's a good basis to build upon for other careers like engineering."

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