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## **SMU and UHD Students are Awarded ICT Scholarships**

The Insurance Council of Texas (ICT) has awarded academic scholarships to students at Southern Methodist University (SMU) and the University of Houston – Downtown (UHD). The students represent each school’s Insurance and Risk Management program.

In Dallas, ICT’s Education Foundation president Tony Gonzalez awarded the academic scholarship to Robert Sajovich, a student at SMU’s Cox School of Business. In Houston, ICT’s Mark Hanna awarded academic scholarships to UHD’s Amanda Underwood and Christopher Alvarado.



ICT’s Education Foundation President Tony Gonzalez and Robert Sajovich



Wendall Braniff, Director of UH-D’s Insurance and Risk Management Center, Amanda Underwood, Chris Alvarado and Mark Hanna – Insurance Council of Texas, Spokesman.

Both SMU and UHD were recently added to the list of colleges and universities that the ICT Education Foundation is supporting through academic achievement funds and student scholarships. Hanna said the location of both universities is critical in providing the insurance industry with well-qualified applicants.

“These ICT scholarship recipients are at the top of their class in each school’s insurance and risk management program and the insurance industry is eager to bring them on board,” said Hanna.

To date, ICT’s Education Foundation has provided academic funding and scholarships to nine universities. They include the University of Texas at Austin, Baylor University, the University of North Texas, the University of Texas at San Antonio, the University of Texas Pan

American, Huston-Tillotson University, Texas Southern University, Southern Methodist University and the University of Houston-Downtown.

ICT's Education Foundation has distributed more than \$300,000 to 154 students and their degree programs in Texas.

The Insurance Council of Texas is the largest state insurance trade association in the country consisting of more than 500 property and casualty insurers writing business in Texas. For more information turn to ICT's Web site at [www.insurancecouncil.org](http://www.insurancecouncil.org).

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