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The Coastal Bend Midstream Program (CBMP) and the Pipeline Open Data Standard Association (PODS) are pleased to announce the 2026 PODS Scholarship recipients at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi (TAMU-CC). Scholarships of $1,500, funded by PODS, were awarded by CBMP to two exceptional students in the Geospatial Science program, which is part of the College of Engineering and Computer Science. The students were selected by their department based on their outstanding academic performance and reputation. The recipients of the scholarships are:

PODS Pipeline Open Data Standard

Martin Almonaci
BS
Geospatial Systems Engineering
May 2027

Anthony Rossi
BS
Geospatial Science
May 2027

Erin Mara, PODS Scholarship Committee Chair, said, “The PODS organization is honored to support the next generation of geospatial professionals through our scholarship program. Students like Mr. Almonaci and Mr. Rossi bring the talent, passion, and innovation our industry needs to rise to the challenges of the future. Congratulations to you both. We look forward to celebrating your achievements!”

Thomas Kalb, Director of CBMP, said, “We are truly honored by PODS’ generous support of our students and our university. CBMP’s mission is to build the value proposition and partnership between TAMU-CC, its faculty and students, and the midstream industry through research, education, and knowledge transfer. PODS is extremely important in helping us accomplish this mission.”

PODS is a non-profit 501(c) member-driven organization that provides the widely recognized data model standard adopted by pipeline operators, service providers, vendors, and regulatory agencies for managing spatial data. The PODS Standard is the best starting point for implementing a GIS and data management program due to its effectiveness and scalability. Learn more about PODS at pods.org.

CBMP is a midstream-focused educational and research program housed in the College of Engineering and Computer Science at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi. Learn about CBMP at cbmp.tamucc.edu/.