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Odessa College receives \$19,000 from Stripes College Scholarship Fund to benefit 2014-2015 students

ODESSA (May 9, 2014) – Students attending Odessa College during the 2014-2015 academic year have a new scholarship opportunity thanks to the generosity of Stripes Convenience Stores and their customers.

In the first year of the Stripes College Scholarship Fund campaign, Stripes customers contributed more than \$545,000 in just four weeks, from December 2 to December 29, 2013. Customers purchased one-dollar Stripes College Scholarship Fund paper cut-outs during the campaign to benefit local students in obtaining a college education.

"Young people are our future, and there's no better investment we can make in the communities where we live and work than helping our youth go to college," said Sam L. Susser, Chairman, CEO, and President of Susser Holdings Corporation, the parent company of Stripes LLC.

The scholarships will be awarded in the fall, and students can apply on the Odessa College Website, www.odessa.edu. Just click on "Foundation/Scholarships," then click on the "STARS Online" logo on the Institutional Advancement and OC Foundation home page.

To be eligible for the scholarships, students must be full-time students, have a minimum 2.5 grade point average and be a U.S. citizen or legal permanent resident.

The Stripes College Scholarship Fund will award \$1,000 scholarships to 545 students in Texas, New Mexico and Oklahoma. All funds raised from the in-store campaign will be distributed as student scholarships in the 2014-2015 academic year, and Stripes Convenience Stores will underwrite all administrative costs of running the scholarship program.

"As we look to the future, we believe that education is the key to unlocking the potential for success. Today, historically disadvantaged students are not reaching the same level of

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educational attainment as the general population, and it is our hope that by partnering with our customers and our team members, Stripes can positively impact this critical issue."

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