

# Jesus Magdaleno

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My name is Jesus Magdaleno, and I want to thank you very much for awarding me this APWA scholarship. It means a great deal to me that people like you care enough about students like me to provide such valuable assistance.

Things have not always been easy for me. I grew up in Compton, California in the '80s and '90s, and at that time it was considered the most dangerous place in the country. I attended Compton Community College and LA Trade Tech for one term each after high school, and then put a long pause on my education.

As a young man in my 20s, I started in the construction field and eventually became a finish carpenter. After being laid off from my job when the construction bubble burst in 2012, I decided to go back to school and chase my big dream of becoming a civil engineer. I also met my wife at that time, and since then we have had two beautiful little girls. I spent two years each at Rogue Community College and SOU working on my pre-engineering courses, and I am SO happy to finally be at OSU on the last leg of my journey towards my degree. I am honored that you chose me as an APWA scholarship recipient, and thank you again.

