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AMAZON FUTURE ENGINEER AWARD

Amazon announced this week the 2023 Amazon Future Engineer Scholarship recipients. This year, Del Rio High school senior and Computer Science and Cybersecurity CTE Student Ambassador, Desiree Alderete, was one of the 400 students across the US awarded the Amazon Future Engineer scholarships, providing a total of \$16 million in paid tuition for students to attend the U.S. college or university of their choice. Through Amazon Future Engineer, a global philanthropic education initiative, she will receive \$40,000 over four years to pursue a degree in computer science or engineering and a paid internship after their freshman year to gain practical work experience with mentorship from Amazon leaders.

This year's cohort, which includes high school seniors from nearly 40 U.S. states, Washington, D.C., and Del Rio, is the most diverse yet with representation from groups that are currently underrepresented in jobs related to science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM).

Scholarship recipients applied for the opportunity and were selected based on academic achievement, demonstrated leadership, community involvement, work experience, future goals, and financial need. Amazon surprised the 400 students with news of the award this week.