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Scholarship helps student achieve his dream

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As a young boy in Argentina, Martin Nespolo, a junior electrical engineering major, always dreamed of becoming an engineer. But he never thought he would be the recipient of a \$10,000 scholarship.

"My family and I immigrated to the United States in 1987 to escape the economic regression in Argentina," Nespolo said. "In my youth, I took interest in science and engineering and dreamed of one day becoming an engineer. My parents encouraged me to pursue my dream and stressed that an education was vital to becoming successful."

DENSO International America, a leading supplier of advanced automotive technology, systems and components, created the two-year scholarship for an underrepresented **School of Engineer and Computer Sciences** student at OU. The international company, based in Japan with North American headquarters in Oakland County, awarded Nespolo the scholarship at the beginning of the fall 2004 semester.

"As one of the world's major automotive components manufacturers, we believe it is important to help preserve and enhance the quality of life in the communities in which we live, work and conduct our business," said Barbara Wertheimer, contributions officer for DENSO International. "We believe Oakland University makes a significant contribution to the quality of life in southeastern Michigan, and it is with a great deal of pleasure that we provide this support."

Nespolo, who has earned a 3.46 grade point average, also was recognized in his sophomore year as one of the top 25 SECS students by Tau Beta Pi honorary society.

"My family and I are extremely excited and honored that DENSO has chosen me to be the recipient of their scholarship," Nespolo said. "This scholarship is a well-appreciated gift that inspires me to continue my academic excellence."

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