

Lynette and Darnell Knippa '70 Summer Sea Term Endowed Scholarship

Established in 2023 by Lynette and Darnell Knippa '70

After their initial visit to the Maritime Academy and touring the A&M training vessel KENNEDY, the Knippas have become regular visitors and supporters of the Galveston campus. Lynette received bachelor's degrees from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette and University of Houston. Darnell received a bachelor's degree in petroleum engineering from A&M. Both Lynette and Darnell spent the majority of their careers in oil and gas in the Houston region before Darnell started his own engineering consulting company in Houston.

Now retired, they live in Yoakum, Texas, where they operate a small cattle ranch.

With each visit to the Galveston campus, they deepen their appreciation and passion for the



academy and all it has to offer. This past summer they enjoyed hearing cadet sea stories, received a picture frame made by engineering cadets from metal scraps onboard the ship, and even flew to Philadelphia to see the construction progress on the new training ship, LONE STAR STATE. The Knippas continue to be motivated by their interactions with the cadets and the Maritime Academy.