The paths of Zac Winstead, Dan Corey, and Bryan Jenkins converged at SIU’s Automotive Technology program in the late 1990s. All three grew up in small towns across Illinois and Indiana. When they arrived on campus, they immediately knew it felt right. At first, they didn’t know each other’s names, but they knew each other’s trucks.

They became close friends and enjoyed spending time together, singing karaoke renditions of the Highwaymen country music group’s songs. However, they more enjoyed their friendship.

After graduation, their careers led each to different corporations and different parts of the world. Their ties with SIU Automotive and each other continued over the years. Today, their careers have located them close together once again in Michigan.

Zac, Dan, and Bryan developed the Highwaymen Automotive Scholarship to support students as they continue their journey through the SIU Automotive Technology program while forming life-long friendships. It is their belief that a successful life is built on a solid foundation of strategic planning, optimistic outlooks, extra effort, higher education, and strong friendships.