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Family, Friends Tour Encino Energy Well Pad Named in Memory of Late Petroleum Engineering Student

CADIZ, OH – Encino Energy hosted family and friends of a Marietta College student who passed away unexpectedly last year, for a tour today of a well pad named in his memory. Joel Wunnenberg was an aspiring petroleum engineer in his first year at Marietta College when he tragically passed away in the spring of 2017.

The naming of the wells was the outcome of a question asked over a year and a half ago, when Derek Krieg, a Marietta College student who previously interned at Chesapeake Energy, approached the company with an idea about how to further Wunnenberg's legacy since his was tragically cut short.

"I wanted to find a unique way to honor Joel and since he was a petroleum engineering major, naming producing wells in his honor seemed fitting," said Derek Krieg, Class of '19. "I'm grateful that Encino Energy has worked with us to make that a reality."

Encino Energy acquired Chesapeake's Ohio assets last year and has been drilling on the site near Cadiz for the past few weeks.

"Joel was an outstanding student who challenged himself athletically and academically as a petroleum engineering student and McDonough Scholar. His loss is still felt by the Marietta community," said Marietta College President William N. Rudd. "Tributes such as this help keep his memory alive, and we're thankful that Encino has partnered with us, his friends and family to remember his life."

Earlier this year, a wellhead – named the Wunnenberg 38H – was donated and installed on Marietta College's campus to help petroleum students better understand the components of modern shale operations.

"I graduated from Marietta with a degree in Petroleum Engineering, so, as a Pioneer, to be a part of this dedication is something really special," remarked Joe Baker, Encino Energy operations manager. "Encino is honored to see this project to completion and to have a small part in remembering Joel's life."

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