



# STAR/CSF-Ft. Worth Times



Helping students achieve a choice in education!



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## Vision Statement

The Board of Trustees of STAR Sponsorship Program, Inc./CSF FW is dedicated to increasing educational options for children in Tarrant County whose parents do not have the financial means to provide an education best suited to their children's unique needs.

We believe the well-being of the entire community is enhanced when children are given a quality education that allows them to achieve to their utmost ability. Therefore, we intend wherever possible, to encourage partnerships with schools, parents, community organizations and concerned citizens in supporting its children to achieve the American Dream.

If you are interested in sponsoring a student or would like more information about the STAR Program for you or someone you know, please contact us at:  
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## STAR Student Spotlight



When I was a little girl I used to look into my princess snow globe. I would wish that I was a princess. As I prepare for high school, I look back at my life with gratitude. I thank God for guiding me in the right direction, for giving me the strength and courage I will need to have in order to prepare me for the future.

I am very thankful for the support of my family, coaches, teachers, friends, STAR family, and my sponsors. It seems like just yesterday that I was in kindergarten and met my sponsors for the first time. I was so excited to meet them, and from that day, we started a wonderful relationship that I will treasure for the rest of my life.

The STAR Program has given me the opportunity to meet wonderful people, friends, teachers, and leaders in the community. Being a STAR student helped me maintain good grades, behavior, attendance, and a positive attitude toward education. It helped me become a better student and a better person. It made me want to do my best in the classroom, and in everything in life. All the studying and hard work was worth it because I will be attending All Saint's Episcopal High School with a four year scholarship from the Boy's and Girl's Club.

For my entire 8<sup>th</sup> grade year I maintained all A's and I was awarded perfect attendance for 1,795 days without an absence. I was one of 48 students in the Dallas/Fort Worth area chosen to attend the Bernard Harris Summer Science Camp at UTA. I was also given a leadership award from Nolan called the Esto Dux achievement award and received altar server, volleyball, soccer, track, and band awards.

My experiences with the STAR Program have prepared me for high school and college. They are helping make me into a well-rounded individual so I will be ready to conquer the world. I know I have an enormous support system behind me backing me up. I feel like royalty when I remember all the love, support, and guidance I have received from God, STAR, and my sponsors, so I feel like I am actually that princess I used to dream about. The drive that I have, the help of those who love me and all I have accomplished lets me know that I can do whatever I put my mind to. Again, I thank my sponsors. This whole process would not have been possible without their help and generosity. I will forever keep their family in my prayers as I continue my journey in life. **Briana Wallace**  
8th Grade Graduate of All Saints Catholic School, May 2011

"STAR has made [Briana] aware of what is available for her life. It has showed her what hard work and determination can do. STAR has been her guardian angel and so are her sponsors. We are so blessed to be a part of STAR, and I am so grateful for the support we have received."

**Monica Wallace, Briana's mother**

"Briana is one of the most exceptional students I have worked with in my career. I have taught numerous athletes, students who are academically gifted, etc. but she is all of these things rolled into one student! She carries herself with dignity and grace and has a gentle spirit of generosity and welcome to all. We are going to really miss her at All Saints Catholic but we know she will do great things in high school and beyond!"

**Christina Mendez, Principal of All Saints Catholic School**

"We are proud of Briana. She has worked hard for many years. This past year she maintained all A's and received numerous awards. We have been blessed to be able to share in her success and know she will be an excellent addition to All Saints Episcopal School next year."

**Rory and Amy Connor, Briana's Sponsors**

"Briana has been a joy at the club. She received this scholarship based on her total commitment to her education as well as her community service. She is a phenomenal young lady who is a great example of what hard work and determination can get you. I am proud to support her and expect great things from her. I am just very proud of her."

**Kevin Foster, Boys and Girl's Club of Fort Worth**

"We are delighted that Briana will be joining the All Saints' Episcopal School community! She is a recipient of the Boys & Girls Clubs Martin Scholarship Award, which carries high academic, involvement, and character standards. Briana is a wonderful example of all three and will be a tremendous asset to our school."

**Dr. Tad Bird, Head of All Saints Episcopal High School**

"Having personally known Briana through Little League athletics, I have witnessed her strength of character in integrity, humility, work ethic, quiet leadership, and approach to challenge. I especially look forward to seeing her constant brilliant smile on a daily basis!"

**Mary Tracy, Assistant Director of Admissions, All Saints Episcopal High School**



# 8th Grade Graduate Showcase



“The *STAR Program* has helped me in so many ways: First, always reach for the stars. Second, always give the best work you can give. Third, someone is there to help, never be afraid to ask! Fourth, *STAR* helped me open my doors of opportunity. They have always helped me stay on the right track. Studying and hard work always pay off because studying commits to memory what I learned that day, and working hard shows the effort I give to learning.”

**Ralph, St. Rita Catholic School**

“I have set my goals high and I have challenged myself more. At school, I felt there was nothing I couldn’t accomplish. *STAR* has definitely taught me self-perseverance. During my years of being a *STAR* student I have learned responsibility. I have learned to take my work seriously and choose which things were more important. To me, being a *STAR* student means being the best. I have learned to be just that. I wouldn’t change that for the world.”

**Sonie, Our Mother of Mercy Catholic School**



“*Success Through Academic Readiness* is what *STAR* stands for. It teaches those who go through the program to be not only academically ready, but also morally ready. The *STAR Program* teaches you to be your best; and when obstacles are set in your way, then that is the time to really show your ability.”

**Kristopher, Our Mother of Mercy Catholic School**

“There are many benefits of being a *STAR* student. One of the benefits is having a sponsor and knowing that someone wants to inspire me and help me get a good education. Being held accountable was a factor that motivated me and helped me stay on track. It made me work harder, but it wasn’t the only reason I studied hard. I know that studying and having good grades will affect the rest of my life. Studying was worth the effort, because now I will be able to learn a lot more in high school and take more advanced classes. Also, I have formed good study habits and I am more determined to get the best grade possible. Being a *STAR* student also helps me to be determined and confident, to set my mind on something and do it.”

**Judy, St. Rita Catholic School**



“All of the studying and all of the effort was worth it because I got better grades and did well in school. Having a sponsor means that not only do you have to try to be a good student, but you also have to be on time to school, not be absent, be respectful, and always have good behavior. It helped to know that there were people other than my parents making sure I was doing well in school. I wanted to make sure all the people that cared about me were proud of me.”

**Michael, St. Rita Catholic School**

*Michael attended UTA’s Summer Science Camp and will be attending Nolan Catholic High School in the fall.*

“I have heard so many stories about people being with *STAR*; graduating high school and college, and going for their dreams. I believe that I can, too. I want to be able to have people say good things about me and the program, when I grow up to be successful. Being a *STAR* student means a lot to me. I was given an opportunity – not every child in the world gets that. I believe that all the studying, participating, and listening to my mother’s, *STAR*’s and my sponsor’s advice about school and life has really had an affect on me and made me want to keep doing something with my life.”

**Alesis, Our Mother of Mercy Catholic School**



“To be a *STAR* student is a privilege and a big honor. The *STAR* program has helped me to be able to go to a Catholic school. I will never forget my sponsors, because without them, I would never have had the opportunities that I have today. Without them I would never be as fortunate as I am today.”

**Juan, All Saints Catholic School**

“The *STAR Program* has influenced me in many ways. The program taught me to be the best that I can be. They have given me an opportunity to earn a valuable education at a private school. I also learned that I should grasp this opportunity and see it as a privilege that I was given, not a right that I deserve.”

**Minh, St. George Catholic School**



“Being a *STAR* student has made me work twice as hard and work to excel in all that I do. It has also helped me develop skills I never knew I had. All the effort was worth it because I did get high grades and I made my sponsor and my parents very happy. I feel blessed that other people care about my education. Being able to go to my school has brought me to an even closer relationship with God and without *STAR Sponsorship* and my sponsor I would not be the same person I am today.”

**Grant, Calvary Christian Acadmey**

“As a *STAR* student, I am checked every semester to make sure I am doing my best. My sponsor and I have a mutual commitment; mine is keeping up with my grades and conduct, my sponsor’s is to support and encourage me. Because of that, I try to excel in my studies. It is a great feeling to keep a promise and builds a character of trustworthiness in me.”

**Haley, Our Mother of Mercy Catholic School**



“The *STAR Sponsorship Program* has opened my eyes to see all the opportunities which God has blessed me with and how anything is possible. I feel that the way to a brighter future is through education. The program and my sponsor have helped me receive an excellent Catholic education. This is the stepping stone in my life that has made all the difference. My sponsor helped me by financially supporting my education and their emotional support encouraged me to be a better student and person. The *STAR Program* has been a catalyst for success; made me not set limits, but push myself for my goals.”

**Amado, Our Mother of Mercy Catholic School**

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