



STAR Sponsorship Times

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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.

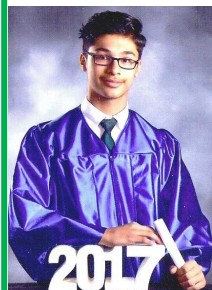
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A Chapter ends as Another Begins!

As graduation time rolls around for our STAR students, we love to look back and celebrate the accomplishments of these wonderful students. And we look forward to the exciting opportunities awaiting them in their bright futures with a firm basis of hard work yielding high scholastic achievement. Isaias Tinajero and Ruby Valdez are exemplary students with many accolades to their credit. Both students were inducted into the National Junior Honor Society, both received the prestigious American Way Award (given to one outstanding 8th grade boy and girl), and both were selected to represent their school at a rally in Austin, Texas. They strive to maintain academic excellence and are role models for their peers.

Isaias has been a STAR student since Kindergarten. He is ready for high school and shares this, "The



Isaias Tinajero

time has finally come for me to open a new chapter and a big step forward in my life. My sponsors have been a huge impact in my life that caused me to succeed through the hardest moments of my life. I couldn't imagine being able to have such amazing help towards my education..." He sees himself becoming an engineer and

says of his experiences with STAR, "STAR has prepared me for my future. I'm glad I've had this extraordinary opportunity to succeed and work hard for others to have the same opportunity. To me a STAR student is someone who works hard, helps others in need, and stands up for what is right. My parents and I are so thankful that we were blessed to find STAR and to have such amazing sponsors supporting me and caring for me to have a brighter future."

Gary and Cyndy Tonniges, founders of TriQuest Technologies, Inc., became sponsors at the encouragement of Mark Walton and Jim Leito in the early 90's. Isaias is their current student whom they have sponsored since 2008. They feel satisfaction in giving children an opportunity they might not otherwise have and helping families provide their children a parochial education.

When asked why a strong educational foundation is important, they replied, "When you learn something, it is yours for life. It cannot be taken away. Having the freedom to worship God in



Gary and Isaias

school is a gift in this world."

Gary and Cyndy share this advice for prospective donors, "It is an amazing opportunity to watch a young kindergartner grow into a responsible 8th grader throughout the program. Receiving the quarterly letters from the child and watching them learn and mature is priceless. The ability to help a family is a gift to ourselves. STAR is a wonderful organization and we are proud to be involved. STAR is allowing children and families opportunities they would not have otherwise. Isaias is a nice young man who has taken advantage of the opportunity. He should be very proud of himself. We look forward to his new adventures into high school."

His principal at Our Lady of Victory, Linda Kuntz, offers this of Isaias, "Isaias is a dedicated and driven student. His education is very important to him and he knows how to accomplish the goals he has set for himself. He has seen the sacrifice his parents are making for his education. He wants to make a difference."

Ruby Valdez has been a STAR student since

2012. She does not take her success for granted. For, as Ruby says, "Because of this program I found a great treasure, which is to be grateful for what I have been blessed with. STAR taught me how to handle my responsibilities and understand how important my grades are. If it wasn't for STAR I don't think I'd be the student I am today. If



Ruby Valdez

I was to give someone who wants to be in the STAR program advice, I'd tell them the journey is not always going to be easy, but in the end it is worth it. It is important to have good priorities and never become lazy. I would like to give a huge thank you to my sponsor, without them, I would not have the education I have or be as dedicated as I am to learning." Ruby's sponsor feels education is the foundation to future success and it sets students on a great path. They love the success stories from the students; they are so empowering. They say, "STAR is impacting our area one student at a time. We are always impressed and hopeful after meeting our students. We have a lot of admiration for what they accomplish, as to their success and for their future."

Please introduce us to a friend who may be interested in providing hope and opportunity for a family who wants more in education. We have many fine students who need a sponsor for the '17-'18 school year.



STAR Sisters Shine!



Savannah Antwine-'08-'17

"When I hear the words 'STAR student,' I think of a student who works hard in all of their activities, academic and extracurricular. They always strive for greatness in their work, and maintain an excellent reputation. Being a STAR student has given me plenty of opportunities, such as having more confidence in achieving my goals, as well as exhibiting good behavior to my elders and teachers.

And this is just the tip of the many benefits. Knowing that someone other than my parents and family members is looking out for me, and helping me reach that high standard of achievement makes me extremely motivated. It also makes me a little nervous knowing that all my scores are being seen by my amazing sponsor, but knowing that just makes me want to work harder.

Now that I am in the 8th grade, I have become more

responsible. The STAR Program has caused me to be more organized, more outspoken, and a better role model in my desire to reflect the image of Christ. If I could only say one thing to my sponsor it would be thank-you, for believing in me, and helping me to believe in myself."

Savannah attends Christian Life Prep School. She is a gifted classically trained pianist, playing piano since the age of 3. She has won several local and district competitions. As an honor roll student, she works hard balancing academics, civics, and the arts. She is an officer in the 4H Youth Council and a guest artist & speaker for area schools. She is active in her church, winning 1st place in the area Bible Scholar Bowl and was invited to participate in a TEDxYouth workshop this summer. She plans to attend IL Leadership of Texas High School in Grand Prairie. She desires to attend Julliard or the Eastman School in New York for college and her ultimate aspiration is to perform in major concert halls all over the world. Savannah is a shining STAR!

STAR Sponsors - Luther and Teresa King

*"My wife **Teresa** and I have been involved with the STAR program for over 20 years. We are honored to continue being a donor. The STAR program is an excellent program and it plays a very important role in our community. Without this program there would be some students that wouldn't have the opportunities to excel without STAR. We are currently sponsoring these two students, Lauren and Savannah Antwine, and have met with their parents. It is also very important to meet your student(s) and their support group, to better help the student(s) understand the importance of their education and involvement." - **Luther King***



Lauren Antwine, a 17-year-old Senior at Nolan Catholic High School, is 1st chair for the Nolan String Orchestra, where she has received level 1 competition rating for solo instrumental performance 2 years in a row. She was a 2-year member of the Fort Worth Youth Philharmonic Orchestra and is a current member of the Arlington Youth Symphony.

Lauren, in addition to volunteering each summer with the FW Central Library, is a very active member of several local community service organizations. This includes the Fort Worth 4H East Side Club, where she is a club delegate to the county. She is also a former youth board officer for the Tarrant County Extension Office. Lauren was also chosen to be an ambassador for the Fort Worth Sister Cities and was a 2015 delegate to Reggio Emilio, Italy.

Lauren, a talented artist, avid writer, and speaker, has written several published articles as well as placed in the local Toastmaster's competition with her speech on "Creativity is an Addictive Drug." She was elected President of the local Toastmasters Club for 2015-2016. She has also published several short stories to a sizeable Fan Fiction audience. Lauren is very active in her church, where she is a junior usher and an active member of the youth department. There she and her sister represented them in the area Bible Scholar

Bowl, bringing home first place for the event. She is a recipient of the Women of Excellence Teen Excellence Award for 2016.

Lauren says, "STAR students only strive for greatness. Why? Because they know that they are the best and can be something that others think is impossible. It could also be the fact that someone else other than their parents are receiving their report cards. There is a subconscious effort to do better when someone who is not your parents receives reports about your behavior and grades. Your parents are always going to support you no matter what, but a complete stranger? It makes you do better. Not just in school, but in life too."

Parents **Arthur & Lydia Antwine** say, "As parents we are very blessed to have watched both of our daughters, through the STAR Program, grow into intelligent, confident, and beautiful young women. We know that the steps they will continue to take in faith will be ordered by Him. He is able to keep them from falling and will give them the wings to soar."



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