



STAR Sponsorship Times

Making a difference...one student at a time!



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Vision Statement

The Board of Trustees of the STAR Sponsorship Program, Inc. 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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Stellar Success

STAR school administrators are a true gift to the program. We are honored to recognize Christina Mendez from St. Peter the Apostle Catholic School and Bill Broderick from Fort Worth Academy. Here's what they had to say about STAR:



"I have been privileged to be associated with the STAR Sponsorship Program for nine years as a principal in two different Fort Worth schools. I have seen firsthand the impact the program makes not only on the children in the program, but also on their families and their schools.

STAR students are challenged to meet the high academic, behavior and attendance standards of the program. Often, I have found that these students go above and beyond the minimum expectations. It is not unusual to have STAR students who have perfect attendance for the entire school year...or their entire school career (yes, Briana W., I'm talking about you.) However, not only are they challenged to meet those high expectations, they're also given support and encouragement and even at times, "tough love" to help them reach their goals.

Our STAR kids are courteous to others and helpful to not only their classmates but to the whole school community. I have always been able to count on my STAR students to be excellent ambassadors for the school. Whether it was to be a buddy for a new student, give school tours or welcome guests, my STAR students were friendly, polite and ready to meet the challenge.

By working with STAR, the students' families are also impacted. Their parents already knew they wanted more for their children and so they have sacrificed quite a bit to put their children into their schools of choice. STAR Sponsorship helps those families to maintain that choice, but it also helps them build the skills necessary for them to help their children in the future. Through the help and support they receive from Mrs. Myers and other STAR families that she connects them to, the parents learn valuable skills like meeting deadlines and

how to negotiate the college process so their children will be able to make wise financial and academic decisions regarding college.

Finally, as I have said before, the best analogy I can come up with is that the STAR students in our schools are like leaven in bread. Our STAR students are models within the school that our other students can look to as guides. Just as leaven causes bread to rise, so too, do the STAR students, as models, raise their schoolmates to higher achievements because others want to be like them.

I am so blessed to have worked with the STAR Sponsorship Program in my time as a principal in Fort Worth. I have seen how the program has touched and transformed countless children and their families and ultimately, me. Though I am moving on to Houston to pursue graduate work and help another school, I will treasure the lessons and experiences I have learned by working with Mrs. Myers and STAR." - Christina Mendez

"Fort Worth Academy treasures its affiliation with STAR! As we enter our fifth year in partnership, we value more than ever our ability to receive the students recommended by STAR and provide them a world-class elementary/middle school experience. Our STAR students arrive at Fort Worth Academy academically-able, motivated, ready to work hard, and persevere, while demonstrating qualities of exceptional character. Further, our STAR students are fully supported by their parents, all of whom make a concerted effort to stay abreast of school happenings and frequently provide volunteer assistance.

We are grateful to STAR and to the generous corporations, foundations and individuals who team with Fort Worth Academy to cover the costs of tuition, fees, and activities for these students of great promise, who, without this support, would be attending underperforming schools and at serious risk of underperforming themselves. At this writing, all ten of Fort Worth Academy's STAR students are performing very well and often serve as role models for other students." - Bill Broderick



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**Nikki (2008-16)**

- Straight A Honor Roll
- Perfect Attendance
- Highest GPA in English, Bible, Science, Spanish I, World Studies & Music

“My sponsor has really inspired me and has set the perfect example of the person I desire to be. They made a huge impact on my life and opened the path for opportunities I would have never experienced. One of the biggest lessons I’ve learned is that I am never too young to start preparing for the future.”

**Jesse (2007-16)**

- Honor Roll Award
- Perfect Attendance
- STEM Leadership Award (TCC)

“The lessons that I learned being in the STAR Program are that a good moral foundation and education are important factors in life. I plan on entering the robotic engineering field at TCU and getting a degree in Engineering. I see myself in the next decade being financially stable and traveling the world.”

**Paola (2010-16)**

- Outstanding Academic Achievement
- Leadership Award
- Excellence in Social Studies Award

“I would like to help young people today so they can be driven to stay in school. I would like to have an impact on the future generation, especially those who come from lower classes and smaller towns. I want all kids to know they can go far no matter what their circumstances.”

**Manuel (2015-16)**

- American Way Award
- Writing Award
- Artist Award

“I now have a whole different outlook on my education and future. Seeing and hearing the success stories of former STAR students has really impacted me. I see now that there are many opportunities out there.”

From Little Rascals to Turning Tassels

**Jennifer (2014-16)**

- Honor Roll
- Perfect Attendance
- National Junior Honor Society Member
- Scholar Athlete

“If someone is considering being a donor for the STAR Program, I would try to encourage them by telling them that they have the power to change a student’s future. They will help them be successful and maybe even become a sponsor for other students. Those students will be so grateful.”

**Antonio (2013-16)**

- Honor Roll Student
- Perfect Attendance
- Scholar Athlete
- National Junior Honor Society Member

“The STAR Program allowed me to achieve my goals and focus more on my grades. Also, it taught me to help others during times of difficulty. Inspiring others is a life goal and I will always remember what I’ve been taught.”

**Magan (2014-16)**

- Perfect Attendance
- Straight A Honor Roll
- Exemplary Behavior

“I’ve been blessed with an amazing sponsor who has invested precious time and money in me. To know that I was accountable each quarter for my grades, effort, attendance, and conduct meant that I had to try my hardest to be successful in all areas.”

**Julius (2011-16)**

- Perfect Attendance
- Honor Roll

“Now that I’m soon moving on to a higher level of education, I would like to thank my sponsor for their immense generosity and willingness. Without them I wouldn’t have the strength or the mindset to be the best I can be.”

**Genesis (2014-16)**

- Honor Roll Student
- Perfect Attendance
- American Way Award

“To be a STAR student makes it that much more motivating to

never give up no matter the circumstances, to strive and work hard. My dream for the future is to be a doctor or marine biologist. My goal to accomplish this is to make my family proud and to be a college graduate.”

**Orlando (2011-16)**

- Straight A Honor Roll
- Perfect Attendance
- American Way Award

“After high school I want to be in the Engineering

and Mathematics fields. MIT is a dream school for the careers I’m pursuing. I know these careers are some of the most competitive, but I know because of STAR’s help, I can pursue my dreams.”

**Maryfer (2011-16)**

- Perfect Attendance

“I am grateful for all the financial help I received by being a STAR student, but I am also

grateful for all of the opportunities that they have given me. It has been an honor to be a STAR student.”

**Eduardo (2011-16)**

“Having a sponsor is life-changing. It changes your life because as a kid you try as hard as you can to get good grades in

order to make your sponsor proud. These kids strive to do their best because they want to show their sponsors gratitude for what they are doing for them. My dream for the future is to get a master’s in Mechanical Engineering, then help other children like my sponsor did.”

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