



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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XTO Energy Congratulates Their STAR Graduate

"It is a joy to have our STAR graduates come for a visit to XTO. It gives us and the students an opportunity to connect on a deeper level and to give them a glimpse of a corporate office. We enjoyed hearing Ricardo's plans and dreams and hopefully gave him some valuable advice and encouragement. We are continually amazed by our STAR students and their families." - XTO Energy, Inc.



Peter Tunnard, Ricardo, Tammy Ekru & Gregg Wechsler

"Thank you a lot for sponsoring my education. I think being in the STAR program is a really good thing, and it greatly improved my life. Looking back five years ago before I was part of the STAR program, I had not seen or been to many places. Now I have even had the pleasure of visiting our nation's capital. I have a future in mind. The STAR program has really prepared me, by pushing me to be the best I can be." - Ricardo



Maria, Alex & Peter Philpott

Maria Lerma brought her oldest to the STAR Program in hopes of a better future for her young son. She felt so lucky and proud of Alex as she watched him receive his FWA 8th grade diploma!

"This program helps mothers like me who want the best for our children." I want to thank Mrs. Myers for finding such wonderful people who care about children's education. Thanks to Mr. Philpott for allowing my son to have such an amazing opportunity." - Maria Lerma

"Thank you for everything that you all have done to help my education and not only that, but teaching me how to persevere and be a better person on the inside as well as on the outside. You have taught me I am blessed and that if you work hard enough, in the end, everything you have worked for will pay off in the future. My life would have been completely different if I didn't have the STAR program in my life. The STAR program made it possible for me to have a higher education and more values to live up to. I adapted to these criteria of rules and expectations. I have better manners and I owe it all to STAR. I have come a long way from where I was three years ago, and grown as a person. I have learned a lot and there is still much for me to learn." - Alex



Celeste S. & Diego Semper

"STAR has taught me, "No matter how hard life will be, never give up and always reach for the stars. Never forget where you came from, always be kind. Remember to always help those in need. So from the bottom of my heart, thank you for your help in giving me the opportunity to have the best education anyone could offer me & my family."

GREAT SUCCESS AT FORT WORTH ACADEMY!

Proudly associated with the STAR Program for the last five years, Fort Worth Academy awarded eighth grade diplomas to its first two STAR graduates on May 26, 2017. Both young men excelled at FWA, and both will continue their studies come August as freshmen across the street at Trinity Valley School. A treasured tradition at the Fort Worth Academy graduation ceremony involves the offering of a public tribute to every individual graduate by the Head of School, just prior to the awarding of the diploma. Following are the tributes spoken to honor Ricardo Garcia and Alex Lerma by Head of School William Broderick.



"Ricardo Garcia has a winning, magnetic smile, yet still unassuming personality - lots of charm. People flock to him, just because of who he is - no pretense. He is an amazing big brother, too. Ricardo came to Fort Worth Academy as an intelligent, somewhat reticent fourth grader brimming with potential. He leaves for high school with freshman, even sophomore, credits in his back pocket, as well as successes in soccer, basketball, National Junior Honor Society and Trailblazer techies."

"Alex Lerma is a gentleman, a scholar and a wonderful big brother. A role model, ever polite and respectful, considerate, humble and kind, and always ready to lend a hand, frequently BEFORE being asked. Alex's dependability, creativity, intelligence and ability to get along with everyone make him a joy to teach and a treasured member of every classroom community."



Fort Worth Academy has enrolled eight STAR students for 2017-2018 school year. Says Mr. Broderick, "The students and their families referred to us by the STAR Program are highly valued, contributing members of our community. We remain most grateful to Executive Director Patty Myers, the STAR Board of Trustees, and every STAR Sponsor for making such an amazing difference for so many."

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.



Meet a Few of Our 2016-2017 Graduates

Jordan Al-Rihani



- National Honor Society
- Perfect Attendance
- Esto Dux Leadership Award
- Student of the Month
- St. Augustine House Leader
- Scholar Athlete: Martial Arts, Volleyball, Soccer, & Basketball

"Many people say that having a sponsor is a lot of pressure. However, you are my inspiration when I do all my work. I remember all that you do for me. I feel like it is my duty to keep my grades up and try my best in everything that I do. It was my little way of showing you that I do care about everything you've helped me accomplish."

Said Garcia



- Perfect Attendance
- Honor Roll
- Scholar Athlete

"Everybody dreams about graduation. I was excited to graduate, but that wasn't my only goal, I wanted to be the first in my family to get a complete education, including college. This, however, we were afraid of: Are we going to be able to afford it? Is there anyone that could help? The STAR program showed up just to help people like us. They had seen that I was trying in school, and lucky me, they gave me the greatest sponsors in the world."

- National Honor Society
- International Goodwill Ambassador Award
- GTO Leadership Program
- Yearbook Co-Editor
- Trojan Tutor
- Global Initiative Ambassador
- FW Sister Cities
- Servant Leader

Carmen Johnson



"The STAR Program isn't solely about academics; it's about developing you into a highly respected individual who takes accountability for ones actions through writing letters and keeping up with your conduct and tardiness in school. Due to this constant push to reach academic success, I have been on the honor roll almost all my time at TVS."



Ashley Castillo

- National Junior Honor Society
- Principal's Honor Roll
- Perfect Attendance

"If I could say one thing to my sponsors, I would say thank you for all the support and help they have given me through the years. Their support means a lot to me; they are like my family because they also cared about my education. Being in the STAR Program has helped me a lot. It made me realize how important school really is and that I should always be focused and prepared for whatever comes my way."

Nicole Quintero



- National Junior Honor Society
- Esto Dux Leadership Award
- Perfect Attendance
- Honor Roll Student
- Scholar Athlete

"I wanted to thank you for investing your money on my education instead of using it on other things that you might have benefitted you. Because of your generosity I am able to attend an "Early College High School" this fall. Your selflessness and generosity helped motivate me to strive to become the best person I can be. I also wanted to tell you that your actions of helping me and my family does not go unnoticed and I wanted to tell you that I will never forget the most amazing gesture anyone has ever done for me."



Bailey Castro

- Senior National Honor Society
- Honors in:
- Algebra, Spanish, World History, and Chemistry
- Honor Roll Student
- Perfect Attendance

"My education has helped me envision the scope of how much I can do to help change someone's life as a mechanical engineer. I see my-self impacting a younger generation through things I will make using my education. Being an engineer is a job that molds the future through ideas and planning which makes the career seem exciting and interesting. No matter where my path takes me in life, it is my hope that I will leave the world a better place with the knowledge and support I have gained from my family and my sponsor who I will never forget. Your support has meant more to me than words can express. Please know that your investment in my education is going to make a positive difference in the world because I promise to never stop learning."

Domingo Rodriguez



- National Junior Honor Society
- Scholar Athlete: Football, Soccer, Baseball and Basketball
- Honor Roll Student
- Perfect Attendance

"STAR has prepared me because they have pushed me beyond my limits to be better in school and in my actions. If someone wanted to be a STAR student I would encourage them because this is a life changing program, in my opinion. The one thing I would say to my sponsor would be that I really appreciate all he has done for me and my mom these past years. I would definitely encourage someone to become a sponsor because even though you are making a child happy, you get joy out of knowing that you're really helping a child be the best they can be."



Gilberto Garcia

- National Junior Honor Society
- Scholar Athlete
- Football, Soccer, Baseball and Basketball
- Honor Roll Student

"When I hear the words "STAR student" many things pop into my head. I think: top of the class, motivated, hardworking, and a leader. STAR has taught me to be and do all those things and that they will help me, not just in school, but the rest of my life."

- National Junior Honor Society
- Scholar Athlete: Football, Soccer, Baseball and Basketball
- Honor Roll Student
- Perfect Attendance

Joseph Rogers



When I hear STAR I think about being a good role model, being responsible for everything and working hard in school to make good grades. I want to tell future generations to stay in school, work hard and study. Thank you for sacrificing to donate money and assisting students like me to better myself through education. You help to encourage me and others to push ourselves and never give up."