WELCOME SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS, SPONSORS AND GUESTS
Thank you for joining us today to celebrate the 2015 Career & Technical Education Scholarship recipients. After opening remarks, a delicious gourmet meal prepared by our Culinary Arts students will be served. We will present the scholarship awards towards the end of the luncheon, in order of appearance in this program.

Academy of Finance and Academy of Hospitality & Tourism Scholarships

The $2,000 First Community Credit Union Outstanding Student Award is given to an Academy of Finance student who has made significant contributions to his/her AOF chapter. Consideration is given to leadership, scholarship, attendance, attitude, community service and future business career goals.

The $1,000 awards are provided to Academy of Finance and Academy of Hospitality & Tourism students who have made significant contributions to their chapters. This year we are honoring Loc McNew from MetroNational. He was our keynote speaker at the fall AOF/AOHT Induction event.

Kyle Mosby, Stratford | First Community Credit Union Outstanding AOF Student
Mary Jackson & Kristy Schaper, Teachers

Determination, focus and a great work ethic are a few of the qualities that describe this incredible young man. Kyle Mosby is a true gentleman who leads by example and is the first one to volunteer to help with whatever job needs to be done. He is not only respected by his peers but also by the adults in his path. It has been wonderful watching Kyle succeed in the classroom, in Business and Professionals of America, UIL Accounting and on the basketball court. Recently, he won the Spartan Award in basketball. This represents the character this young man exhibits on and off the court. His drive to excel, be the best he can be, his eagerness to learn and his commitment to obtain his goals leaves no doubt that he will be successful. He had the privilege of completing his summer internship with KPMG Accounting Firm. One of Kyle’s greatest characteristics is empathy. His kindness and compassion for others will only add to his future successes. Kyle plans on attending either the University of Texas or Southern Methodist University.
Fernando Gomez Osegueda | Guthrie Academy of Hospitality and Tourism
Lorraine Hamilton, Teacher

Professional, intelligent and hardworking are just a few of the positive comments Fernando receives from his supervisors at the Omni Houston Hotel Westside where he participates in the hotel management practicum this year. He has been an active and dependable member of the National Technical Honor Society at the Guthrie Center. Fernando enjoys volunteering for school and community events. He is conscientious, always willing to help others and wants to excel at whatever he does. Fernando has played the viola in Orchestra since the sixth grade and is still actively involved in Orchestra at Northbrook High School. Fernando has been involved in football at Northbrook playing defensive end through his junior year. He made a career decision to participate in the Academy of Hospitality and Tourism at the Omni Hotel this past school year. Fernando will begin his college studies at Houston Community College and plans to complete his business degree at the University of Houston.

Lauren Almstedt | Memorial Academy of Finance
Lori Baker, Teacher

Lauren Almstedt is a stellar student and the student every teacher wishes he or she could have in class. She has been in all Advanced Placement core classes during her high school years and has excelled in each one of them. As part of the Academy of Finance requirements, she interned this past summer with Lime Rock Partners, a private equity investment firm specializing in the oil and gas industry. Lauren was elected Academy of Finance Treasurer by her peers and CTE teachers. As Treasurer she did an excellent job at coordinating the fundraiser and overseeing financial decisions. Even with her demanding schedule, she still finds time to serve her community as a volunteer. Some of the organizations she volunteers for include: Memorial Assistance Ministries, Houston Food Bank and Volunteer Houston. In the fall, Lauren will be attending the McCombs School of Business at the University of Texas at Austin and will major in Accounting or Finance.

Alexandra Pierce | Stratford Academy of Finance
Mary Jackson and Kristy Schaper, Teachers

Intelligent, determined and confident are just a few words to describe this remarkable young lady. Her organizational skills are top-notch and she is a hard-worker who is always willing to accept new challenges and achieve them. She has an excellent aptitude for the field of business. Alex has been an active member of the Academy of Finance. She completed her internship by working for Vincent and Elkins Law Firm. They have asked her to return this summer to work for them again. Alex's strong leadership ability is evident in the classroom and on the basketball court. Her plans are to attend the University of Texas and major in International Business.
Haley Groce | Spring Woods Academy of Finance
Lisa Slattery, Teacher

Haley is an outstanding and well-respected student at Spring Woods High School. She is very involved, as a student and leader, in both the Academy of Finance and Young Life at Spring Woods. In fact, she had two AOF internship positions last summer: one at an insurance agency and the other at a Young Life camp in North Carolina. These were very different jobs. However, she gained valuable work experience from each of them. Even with all the activities she is involved in, she still has time to volunteer at a local Alzheimer’s care facility. Haley will attend Baylor University in the fall where she will major in Social Work with minors in Business and Ministry. She plans to work in a memory care unit with senior adults and someday operate her own non-profit agency.

CTE Partners Scholarships

We genuinely thank our partners from business and industry who provide guidance and expertise to help steer our programs. These partners have generously provided funding for scholarships to students pursuing their education goals after graduation.

Samya Irfan, Stratford | Village Family Practice Health Careers
Sean Plake, Teacher

This $2,500 scholarship is given to a senior pursuing a career in a Health Occupation area. Consideration is given to leadership, scholarship, attendance, attitude and community service. Funding is annually provided through the generosity of the Village Family Practice on the Katy Freeway.

Compassionate and caring are two words that would describe Samya. She wants to help make a positive and direct difference in the lives of others. Last summer she decided she wanted to become a nurse when she helped nurse her father back from a critical, life threatening illness. She said, “This was an extremely stressful time for my family, but I am proud of the manner which I took care of my father.”

Samya is not only involved in Health Science courses at Stratford High School. She has also been a committed cadet with the Navy JROTC program at the Guthrie Center. She completed the NJROTC Leadership Academy designed for and attended by the top NJROTC cadets from each unit in Texas. She also commanded the nationally recognized Guthrie Center NJROTC Academic Team which this year was ranked in the 97th percentile against all NROTC programs in the nation. Samya will be combining both medical and military experience by choosing to attend Texas A&M University where she will be joining the S2 Navy Nursing Unit in the Corp of Cadets.
Career & Technical Education Scholarship

This $1,000 award recognizes a high school senior who greatly benefited from his/her respective CTE program. Consideration is given to personal dedication, effort, and accomplishments.

Ben Johnson, Guthrie & Stratford | Excellence in CTE
Jane Primrose, Teacher

Strong work ethic, highly motivated and a self starter are some of the characteristics Ben Johnson exhibits inside and outside of the classroom. Ben began his career in Agricultural sciences in a traditional sense by raising livestock. However, he showed true growth by continuing his involvement and commitment to the Spring Branch ISD FFA chapter by participating in leadership development, career development and public speaking events. Ben was selected from over 1,000 junior FFA members to be named one of the ten students for the Texas FFA Ford Leadership Scholars. As a result of this, he is currently working on a facility improvement project. His participation in the program has brought immeasurable accolades to our program and allowed the FFA chapter to expand facilities that will permit other FFA members to continue contributing to the Spring Branch community. Ben will attend Texas A&M to pursue a degree in Agriculture Leadership.

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