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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



I am honored to be serving in my third year as President of the Travel and Sports Legacy Foundation. Our mission connects underserved youth and adult students with successful careers, tourism enterprises with amazingly talented people, and our entire community with a more sustainable economic future.

TSLF has a dedicated board of eleven directors and wonderful community volunteers. These individuals work tirelessly with community leaders and educational institutions, to help us develop and support activities that will assist students in becoming successful.

TSLF works diligently focusing on youth who can become our future workforce. We feel that our goal is to provide students with job skill experiences from various industries that will result in gainfully employed young men and women. Training in workforce, developing internship opportunities, providing mentors, scholarships to both the Community College and University, and materials that will make students successful on the job are made possible by generous donors. This financial support enables students to graduate high school, complete post-secondary education and become employed in communities within our area.

TSLF has collaboration with these dedicated community partners, Workforce Solutions for Tarrant County, Arlington ISD, Tarrant County College, University of Texas at Arlington, and several nonprofit organizations. Developing skill sets, careers, and pathways in Hospitality, Sports, Travel, and Leisure for students.

TSLF has been in existence for more than 6 years. It is our belief that helping students to identify a future career path and hands on experiences will result in productive and successful citizens who will have employment in various outstanding companies within our community.

Lastly, we are proud of the clear objectives for student success that we have developed. With the help of employers in our local communities, we have been able to inspire students at both the Secondary and post-Secondary levels. Our goal is to have you join us as we move ahead in developing numerous and new employment experiences for students.

Sincerely,

*Michael E. Cinatl*

# WE HELP FIRST JOBS BECOME AMAZING CAREERS



## 7 STUDENTS

received scholarships. Six students received the TSLF scholarship, and one student received the Francis Kobty Hospitality Scholarship.

## 700 STUDENTS

impacted by TSLF programs and affiliated partnership programs that provided job training, career exploration programs, and mentoring programs.



In partnership with tourism employers and education officials, TSLF provides tourism job training, scholarships, mentoring, and internship placement assistance for underserved youth and adults interested in careers in travel and tourism and sports management. TSLF is focused on closing the opportunity gap that exists in Arlington's underserved communities and addressing the workforce needs of the travel and tourism and sports industries.

Scholarships were awarded to Lizbeth Aguilar, Destiny Calvillo, Jessica Hasty, Brenda Long, Joselyn Torres, Natasha McLemore, and Toni Chiles



## MISSION

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Scholarship recipients' donor letters can be accessed by scanning the QR code.



# FISCAL YEAR 2023 HEADLINES

## OCTOBER 2022

The first Francis Kobty Hospitality Scholarship was awarded. The full scholarship is funded by the Kobty Family, the owners of Prince Lebanese Restaurant, in memory of Francis Kobty, the founder of the Prince Lebanese Restaurant.

## NOVEMBER 2022

Arlington ISD Dan Dipert Hospitality Services students interned at Crowne Plaza Hotel.

## JANUARY 2023

TSLF Awarded a scholarship to a UT Arlington Kinesiology Sports, Leadership & Management Program student.

## FEBRUARY 2023

TSLF was featured in an iHeart Radio interview.

## MARCH 2023

TSLF launched a YouTube Channel.

TSLF was featured on billboards in the DFW Area.

TSLF hosted students from the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Tarrant County for an Esports Stadium program and a Texas Live! tour.

TSLF partnered with the Arlington ISD, the Texas Hotel & Lodging Association, the Hotel Association of Tarrant County and Workforce Solutions for Tarrant County to host the Arlington ISD Career Day event at Texas Live! The three-day event brought over 600 culinary arts and hospitality services students and teachers to the Entertainment District.

Arlington ISD Dan Dipert CTC Hospitality Services Practicum students received on-the-job training at the Crowne Plaza Arlington.

## MAY 2023

TSLF hosted its second Annual Meeting during National Travel & Tourism Week.

TSLF presented the Legacy Award to Jim Watry, Chief Operating Officer, Texas Live! and Dr. Marcelo Cavazos, Retired Superintendent, Arlington ISD, for their continuous support of TSLF initiatives and their impact in the community.

## JUNE 2023

TSLF hosted the first Hospitality & Sports Opportunities Forum for high school educators.

## JULY 2023

TSLF launched its Resources Page on the TSLF website. The page includes articles and videos about job opportunities in the travel and tourism industry.

## SEPTEMBER 2023

TSLF awarded six scholarships to TCC Hospitality Management & Culinary Arts students.

The second Francis Kobty scholarship was awarded to a Culinary Arts student.

Mark Amin, TSLF Scholarship Recipient 2020-21 and TCC graduate, and general manager at the Homewood Suites Arlington South Hotel was featured in the Arlington Today Magazine September issue.

## TSLF BY THE NUMBERS:

**51K** Donor Contributions  
down by 53%

**69K** In-kind Donations  
up by 165%

**7** Programs  
down 42%\*

**700** Student Impact up 250%  
(TSLF sponsored and TSLF partnership programs)

**23** Donors  
up 10%

**4767** Volunteer Hours  
up 90%

\*TSLF has streamlined its programs to offer programs that benefit the community and tourism employers.