

Future Leaders of

IRVING

2011-2012 CLASSBOOK



Future Leaders of Irving (FLI)

Future Leaders of Irving (FLI) is a program for high school seniors with the mission "... to identify, educate, and develop our local youth to become future business and civic leaders," by exposing them to the elements and operations of local government, nonprofit and businesses through introductions by appropriate role models.

The vision of FLI is to create future leaders who will have greater awareness of, participation in, and contribution to the local community. FLI is timed to introduce seniors to these areas as they evaluate their college and career options. As a result of participating in the program, students have consistently broadened their views of the opportunities available to them.

After each session students have reported an improvement in self-confidence, writing skills, public speaking, decision making, problem solving, leadership skills and personal growth as well as an expanded view of their educational and career options.

Future Leaders of Irving Committee Members

Ray Cerda — City of Irving

Joe Chapa — U.S.-Mexico Chamber of Commerce

Tanisha Clark — Irving YMCA

Doug Fox — Irving YMCA

Joy Goodrum—Greater Irving-Las Colinas Chamber of Commerce

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Joe Moses — City of Irving

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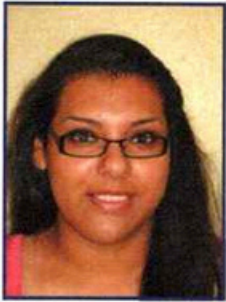
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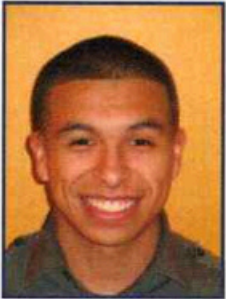


Kasfren Acevedo

Irving High School

- AVID
- Basketball, Volleyball, Track & Field

Enjoys cooking, reading, and spending time with friends. Travels to El Salvador every year with her parents.



Phillip Avila

Jack E. Singley Academy

- Army JROTC

Interests include cooking and architecture. Plans on attending Kansas State University.



Martha Barrera

Irving High School

- AVID
- Academic Decathlon member

Loves singing, dancing, helping others, and being involved in school activities.



Eric Buchanan-Williams

Jack E. Singley Academy

Enjoys playing video games. Plans on attending North Lake College and studying criminal justice.



William Canales

Jack E. Singley Academy

- Robotics Club founding member

Plays the trumpet and guitar. Also enjoys volunteer work.

Lawrence Carrington

Ranchview High School

- Student leadership Team
- MDA

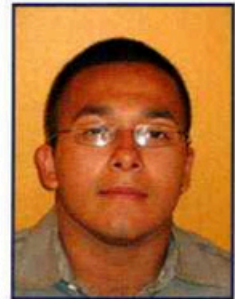
Enjoys martial arts, performing and organizing charity events. Also loves spending time with friends and family.

**Mario "Albert" Cerda**

MacArthur High School

- JROTC

Enjoys working out, helping people and relaxing.

**Jurea Crowder**

Irving High School

Likes reading, talking and volunteering. Plans on attending Oklahoma State.

**Caterine "Cat" Cruz**

Nimitz High School

- Student Council

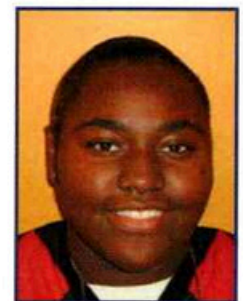
Likes playing soccer, swimming and plays the violin. Loves animals and hopes to become a veterinarian.

**Nygia Cudjoe**

Nimitz High School

- Basketball
- Step Team

Enjoys playing basketball, writing poetry and writing music. Also likes to help others.





Israel Cuellar-Vargas

Irving High School

- Earthkid
- Irving Youth ACTION Council

Enjoys playing tennis and giving back to the community. Developed a recycling club at Irving High School



Katherine Diaz

MacArthur High School

- Choir

Likes to draw and listening to music. Was born in Los Angeles, California.



Kaije Drennon

Nimitz High School

Loves football and track. Plans on attending Maryland State.



Trenton "Trent" Endicott

Nimitz High School

- Naval JROTC
- Junior Historians

Interests include physical fitness, marksmanship, and band. Also volunteers for the Benevolent Food Ministry



Artemissia Ford

MacArthur High School

- Select Choir
- FBLA

Has a love of animals, helping people and singing. Sang at Disney World.

Erick Ginn

Ranchview High School

- Student Council
- Football, Cross Country

Enjoys running, working out, and BMX riding. Plans to enlist after graduation.

**Fredy Gonzalez**

Nimitz High School

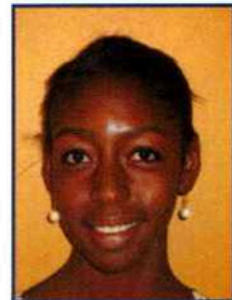
Enjoys reading, philosophy, psychology, and theology. Also likes riding his BMX. Plans on attending University of North Texas.

**Merissa Hall**

MacArthur High School

- PALS
- Dynamic All Starz II

Likes reading, collecting, and listening to music. Also plays tennis.

**Enereida Hernandez**

Irving High School

- Saint Cecilia Church School

Enjoys drawing, baking, and reading. Plans on attending the University of North Teas.

**Courtney Kelly**

Nimitz High School

- PALS
- Viking Crew

Is interested in designing wedding dresses. Also likes to play softball.



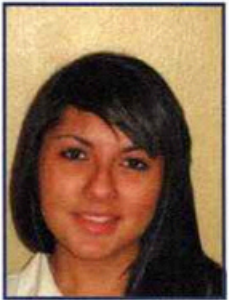


Sandra Marcos

Jack E. Singley Academy

- Jack E. Singley Ambassador

Enjoys reading, writing, painting, and taking pictures. Is interested in anything that involves creating and building.

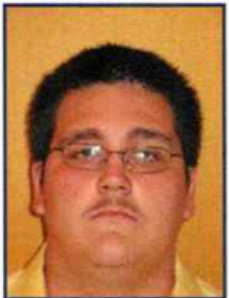


Crystal Navarro

Irving High School

- Saint Mary's Church volunteer

Interests include playing soccer with friends and family. Spends a lot of time volunteering at church.

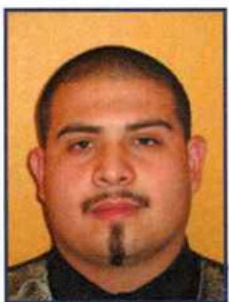


Stephan Ramirez

MacArthur High School

- DECA

Loves all sports both watching and playing. Plans on attending Texas A&M.

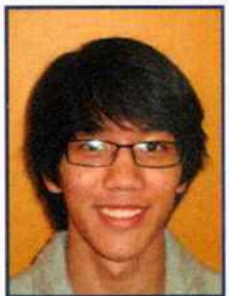


Florentino Rivera

Barbara Cardwell

- Hydrotechnology Program

Enjoys drawing and reading. Also likes to work on cars.



Jean-luc Rodemacher

Ranchview High School

- Student Council Junior Executive
- MDA

Enjoys martial arts, math, and drawing. Likes spending time with his dog.

Lizbeth Rodriguez

Nimitz High School

- Softball
- Marching Band

Likes softball, volleyball, marching band and hanging out with friends

**Alexa Stewart**

Ranchview High School

- Wolf Nation
- Statistician for basketball team

Loves to draw, sing, and plays flute. Is the athletic trainer for the football team.

**Benjamin Taboada**

Barbara Cardwell

Likes playing soccer and drawing. Spends time working out and hanging out with family and friends.

**Nohely Venegas**

Jack E. Singley Academy

- STUCO—Class Officer
- MacArthur HS Drill/Dance Team

Likes dancing, drawing and movies. Also enjoys the law and trials.

**Elexus Williams**

Jack E. Singley Academy

- GOT—Girls of Technology

Interests include solving problems and playing games like Scrabble. Loves reading mysteries.



Orientation & Post-Secondary Education



Drama Teach
Public Speaking—Gary Schepf
Character Development—Mike Overby
North Lake College—Arthur James, Christa Stejko
DeVry—Robin Papathanasiou
University of Phoenix—Barbara LaCesne
U.T.I.—Gail Paul



Non-Profit and Community Involvement



City of Irving—Joe Moses
 Chamber of Commerce—Joy Goodrum
 U.S.—Mexico Chamber of Commerce—Joe Chapa
 The Main Place—Sharon Johnston
 Irving Cares—Teddie Story
 Humane Society—Sarah Kammerer
 Salvation Army—Major Mark Craddock
 Irving Independent School District—Gary Schepf
 YMCA of Metropolitan Dallas—Gordon Echtenkamp



Government

City of Irving—Tommy Gonzalez,
City Manager

City of Irving—Brenda Haney, Director of
Solid Waste Services

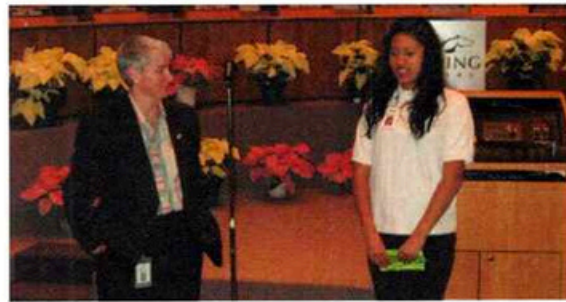
Irving Police Department— Larry Boyd,
Chief of Police

Irving Police Department— Officer Kelley

Dallas County Justice of the Peace—Katie
Hubener, Precinct 4 (Place 2)

Irving Fire Department—Rusty Wilson,
Assistant Chief

City of Irving—Chris Dodson, Director of
Library Services



Transportation & Infrastructure



State Representative Linda
Harper-Brown

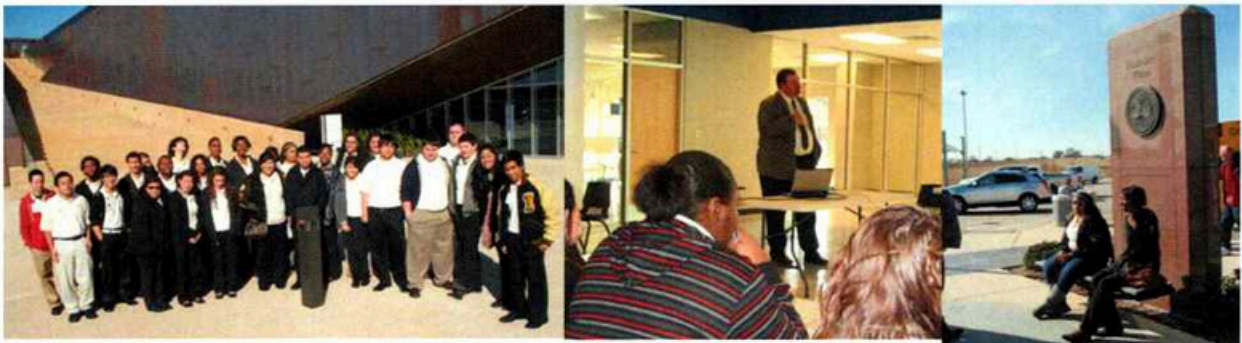
DART—John C. Danish,
Chairman of the Board

Irving Conventions and Visitors Bureau—
Maura Gast, Executive Director

Dallas County Utility and Reclamation
District— Jacky Knox, General Manager

Irving Chamber of Commerce—
John Bonnot, Director of Business
Recruitment

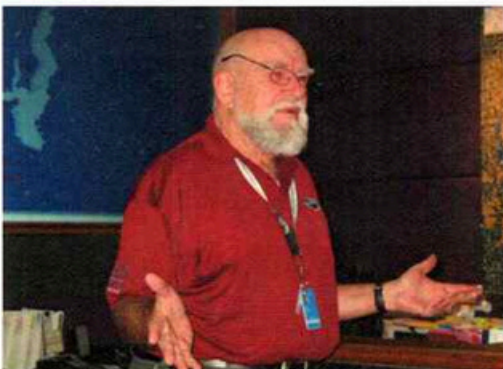
City of Irving—Casey Tate, Capital
Improvement Director



Communications & Technology



ESPN—Pete Ditz, General Manager
Fox Sports Southwest Television —
Kristi Roberts, Media Relations Manager
ICTN— Cathy Whiteman, Arts and
Entertainment Producer
DFW Airport—Harvey Holden, Noise
Compatibility Planner



Hospitality & Graduation

La Cima Club

Baylor Irving—John Drake, President
of Irving Healthcare Foundation

Le Cordon Bleu , Marcos Canales,
Administrator

Four Seasons Resort— Vail Tolbert,
Director of Public Relations

Verizon—Cesar Moncada, Director of
External Affairs



Congratulations 2011-2012 Graduates!



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