

DREAM!

Listening

Integrity

Senior

Team Building

Government

MACARTHUR HS

Mustang
Sculpture

Honor

Visio

Volunteerism

Future Leaders of

RESPECT

YMCA

Service

EDUCATION

Communication

Equality

IRVING

Education

KPMG

Public speaking

Personal
Growth

Career

Decision-making

NIMITZ HS

CLASS OF

GREATER
IRVING-LAS
COLINAS
CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE

Academia

2013-2014

Diploma

Verizon

KNOWLEDGE

OPPORTUNITY

City Council

Trust

RANCHVIEW
HS

CITY OF IRVING

Mentor

Confidence

IRVING HIGH SCHOOL

IRVING-LAS COLINAS
ROTARY

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Diversity

Business

COMMUNITY

City Hall Nonprofit

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Character

CREATIVITY



“The mission of Future Leaders of Irving is to identify, educate, and develop our local youth to become future business and civic leaders.”

This is accomplished by exposing participants 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.

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IISD



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City of Irving



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IISD

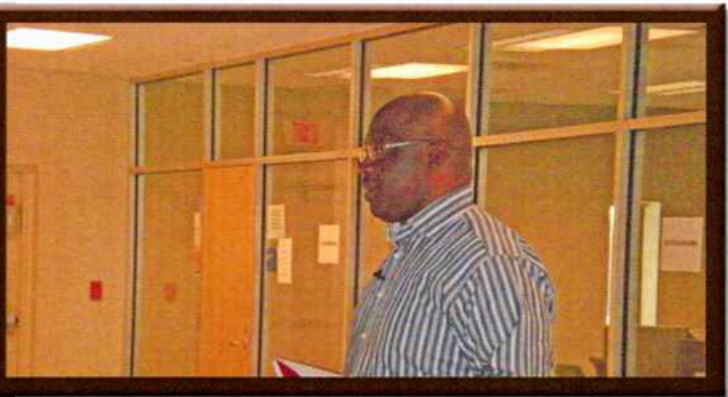


Al Zapanta
President & CEO
USMCOC

Class #1: Orientation and Leadership Development

October 9, 2013

FLI overview - Jill Martinez • "What's in your Leadership Toolbox?" - Michael Brown, Experiential Solutions • Leadership Development: The 24 Traits - Gary Schepf, Chris Allen



Class #2: Nonprofit Organizations & Volunteerism

November 13, 2013

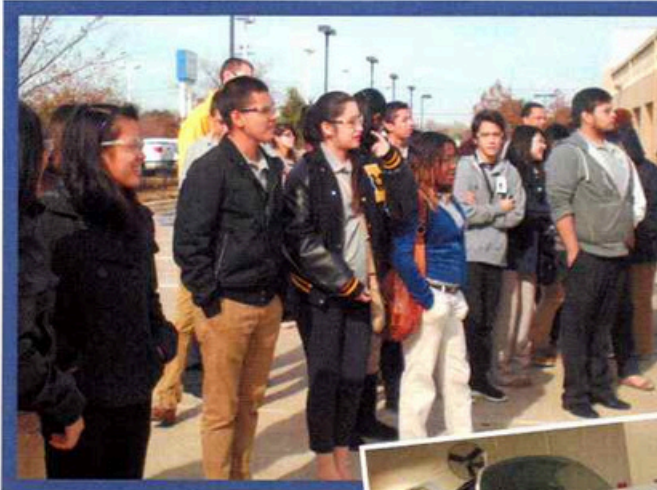
Pam Pena, C-FB ISD • Teddie Story, Irving Cares • Sharon Johnston, The Main Place Clothing Closet
• Sarah Kammerer, DFW Humane Society • Gordon Echtenkamp, YMCA of Metropolitan Dallas •
Weldon Hafley, Interim Superintendent Irving ISD



Class #3 Career & Education

December 11, 2013

Gary Schepf, Irving ISD, College vs. Career Planning • Crystal Scanio, Irving Schools Foundation • Jill Martinez, Dressing for Success, Résumé 101 • Interviewing - Sarah LaPuma, Insperity • Christa Slejko, President, North Lake College • Taquilla Potts, Dr. Robert Steinman, Aviation Institute of Maintenance • Julie Janik, University of Dallas • Military recruiters: Army, Navy, National Guard



Work Ethic
Interview
Resume



First Impressions

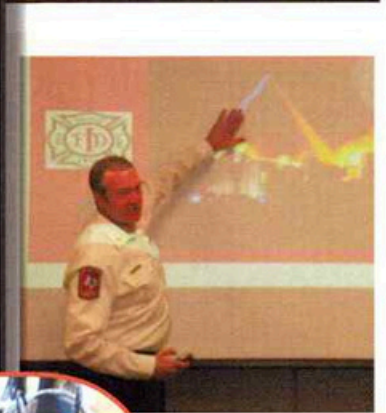


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Class #4: Government Day

January 15, 2014

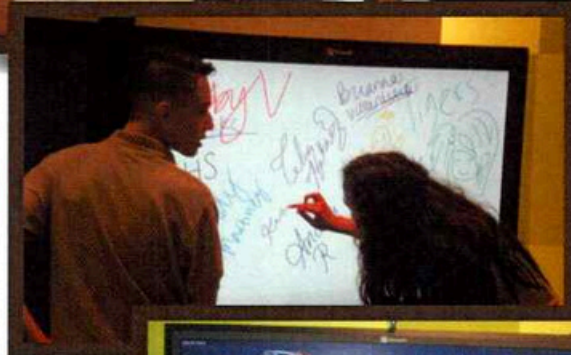
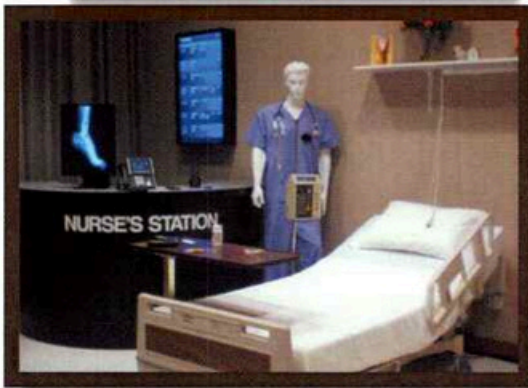
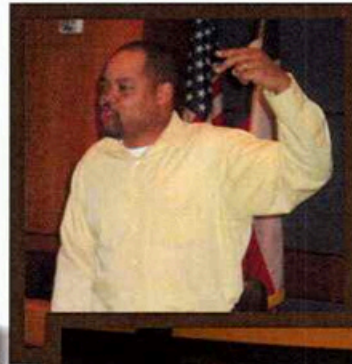
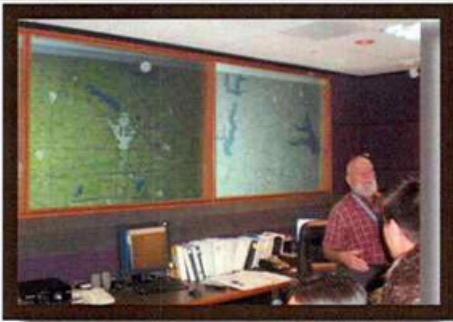
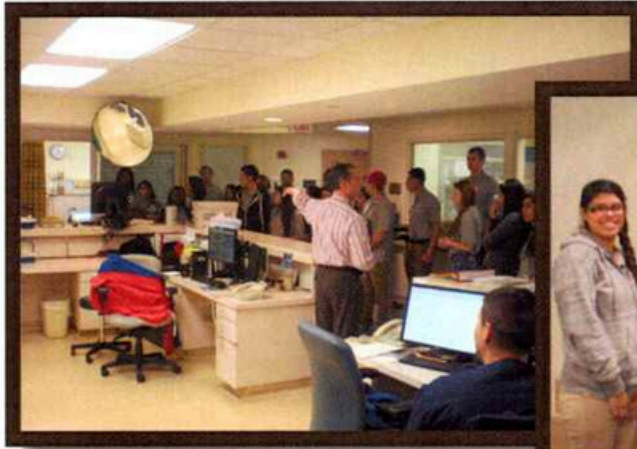
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Class #5: Medical Technology & Communications

February 19, 2014

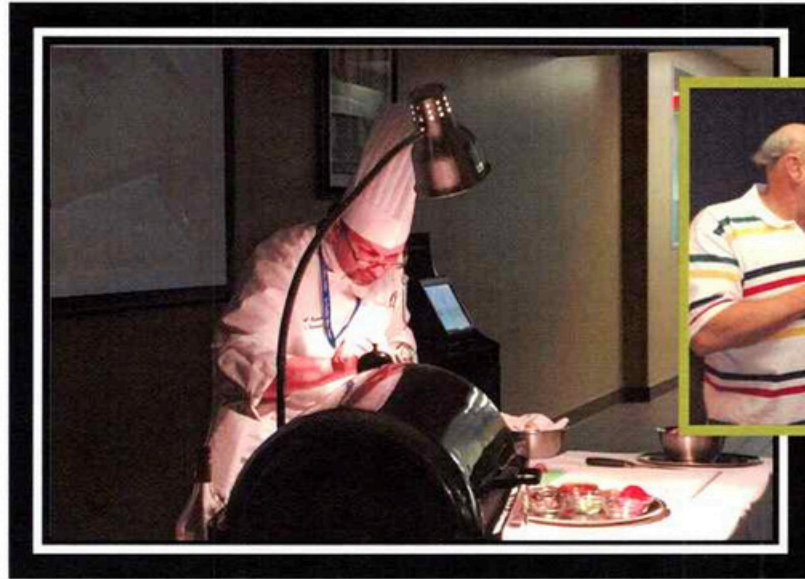
Scott Williams, Baylor Irving Hospital • Tony Hicks, NEC Solutions Showcase • Paul Kimbel, Microsoft Corp. Technology Center • DFW Airport Communications Center



Class #6: Hospitality & Media

March 19, 2014

Cathy Whiteman, ICTN • Mike Goff, La Cima Club • Mary Higbie, Mustang Museum • Marco Canales, Le Cordon Bleu College of Culinary Arts • John Fleming, ESPN Radio Studios



Graduation

April 9, 2014

Four Seasons Resort & Spa

Keynote speaker: Troy Bassham • Other guest speakers: Dr. Elba Garcia, Dallas County Commissioner • Dr. Jose Parra, Superintendent of Irving ISD • Chris Wallace, former president/CEO, Greater Irving-Las Colinas Chamber of Commerce



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Yamilleth Aguilar

Nimitz High School

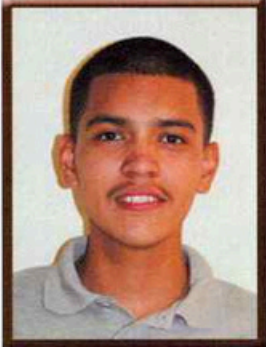
Interests: Digital media arts, journalism, communications

Hobbies: Art, learning about issues, reading, shopping, working out, eating

Plans: To get my masters and either work as a media artist as a cartoonist or a reporter for Univision. Live in California.

"It was awesome!"

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Eduardo Almaraz

Irving High School

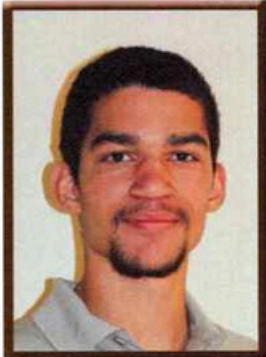
Interests: Hospitality

Hobbies: Music, movies, writing

Plans: Graduate from high school and attend Northwood University to begin with my career.

"Better on leadership skills."

almaraz.eduardo5@gmail.com



Teven Benn

Nimitz High School

Interests: Engineering, aviation

Hobbies: Reading, writing, cooking, sports of all kinds, meeting new people

Plans: I plan to obtain a degree in aerospace engineering after I graduate high school.

"My participation in the FLI program has enhanced my understanding and capacity for leadership."

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Beth Canales

MacArthur High School

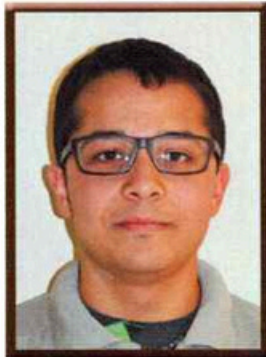
Interests: Architecture, sustainable design, math, art, band, water skiing

Hobbies: Band, TYM, NAWIC, AIAS

Plans: Attend UT and study architectural engineering

"[FLI] has provided me with a fun way to learn about the different inter-workings in our community."

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Joseph Castilleja

Nimitz High School

Interests: Pharmacy, sports, baseball, football, basketball, golf, disc golf.

Hobbies: Golf, disc golf, hang with friends

Plans: Go to college to become a pharmacist

"It has been a great experience visiting all the different places and learning leadership skills."

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Anna De La Cruz
Irving High School

Interests: Learning and teaching
Hobbies: Reading, volunteering, soccer and working out
Plans: Attend UNT, work on a Ph.D. in education, and become a superintendent
"I feel a genuine gratitude for having the privilege of seeing important aspects of my community."
Annagdelacruz@gmail.com



Sasha Ferdinand
Ranchview High School

Interests: Reading, hanging with friends
Hobbies: Playing sports
Plans: Going to LSU
"Always be teachable."
ferdinandsasha@yahoo.com



Victor Figueroa
Jack E. Singley Academy

Interests: Building things and photography
Hobbies: Taking care of my pets.
Plans: Go to college and major in computer engineering. Make a foundation for a cause, get a good job, create.
"An important experience for the future."
victorfigueroa39@gmail.com



Robert Garcia
MacArthur High School

Interests: Civil engineering, mechanics, aviation
Hobbies: Working with tools, carpentry, landscaping, welding
Plans: Become an officer in the military and pursue a civil engineering career.
"Learn how to learn." Dwayne Washington, DFW Airport
robertgarciax1@gmail.com





Sergio Garcia
Nimitz High School

Interests: Success

Hobbies: sports, games, hanging out with friends

Plans: Business management and become a millionaire!!!

"Learn how to learn." Dwayne Washington, DFW Airport
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Cassandra Gonzalez
MacArthur High School

Interests: Writing, technology, hospitality

Hobbies: Dancing, shopping, eating

Plans: Be successful :D

"Learn how to learn." Dwayne Washington, DFW Airport
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Rubinique Jenkins
MacArthur High School

Interests: Communication

Hobbies: Shopping, eating out, spending time with favorite friends, reading, going to the movies, singing

Plans: Graduating high school then go to college and be successful

"Always be open to learn more." Dwayne Washington, DFW Airport
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Wences Jimenez - Torres
Jack E. Singley Academy

Interests: Painting, animals, teaching

Hobbies: Painting, volunteering, swimming, volleyball and hiking

Plans: Go to college and become a teacher, get married and have children

"Learn how to learn." Dwayne Washington, DFW Airport
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Frida Knipp
Winfree Academy

Interests: Philosophy, neurology, engineering

Hobbies: Reading, biking, running, design

Plans: Join the National Guard, living life collectively with gradual changes

"Opportunities are available for our career choices and how to go about launching ourselves into our own success."
elfknipp@gmail.com

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Karina Lazo
Irving High School

Interests: Business, theatre

Hobbies: Theatre, reading, sports for fun.

Plans: Attend SFA and double major in business and theatre.

"FLI has helped me become a better leader."

karina_lazo22@yahoo.com



Patricia Lorenzo
Winfree Academy

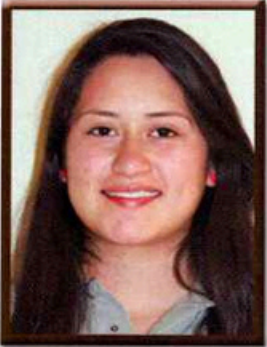
Interests: Running, playing ball, learning

Hobbies: Basketball, track and writing

Plans: Attend college to become an obstetrician

"Stay open to new people and ideas."

pattyl638@gmail.com



Cecilia Martinez
Irving High School

Interests: Photography, dancing, school

Hobbies: Running, playing basketball

Plans: Attend UNT and major in early childhood education.

"Learn to learn."

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Cindy Martinez
Irving High School

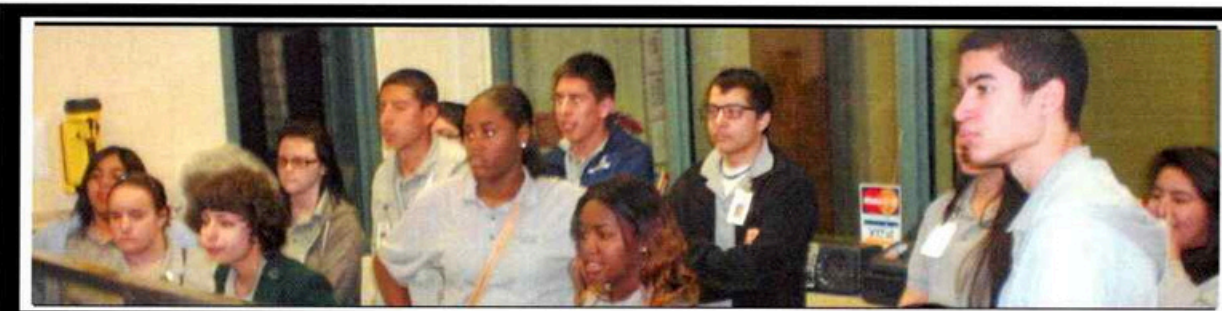
Interests: Studying criminal justice

Hobbies: Playing basketball, going out, and watching movies

Plans: Attend college and graduate, be professional and successful in life.

"Do something based on your passion for it and not for the money."

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Karina Martinez

Barbara Cardwell Career Preparatory Center

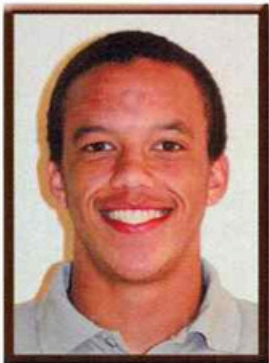
Interests: Reading horror novels

Hobbies: Listening to music, going to the movies, running in the park

Plans: To go to college to become a registered nurse and always be successful

"It has been informative and has opened options to what I may do in the future."

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Aaron Mazyck

Ranchview High School

Interests: Airplanes, sports

Hobbies: Being athletic

Plans: Graduate college

"Got a good look into the professional environment."

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Makala McNeil

Ranchview High School

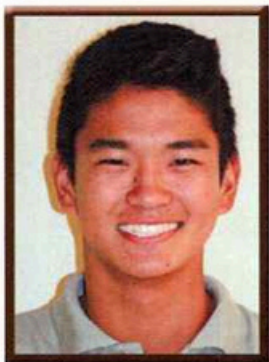
Interests: Education (teaching), sports (volleyball)

Hobbies: Playing volleyball, hanging with friends

Plans: Go to college

"Amazing opportunity to gain knowledge about the future."

makalamariem@gmail.com



Kazuomi Motoike

Ranchview High School

Interests: Percussion, swimming, baseball

Hobbies: Percussion, swimming, baseball and friends

Plans: Studying music education at UT Austin

"It's been a great experience being able to learn about my community."

kazuomi.motoike@gmail.com



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Bri Needum
Irving High School

Interests: Hanging out with friends

Hobbies: Playing sports—basketball and discus

Plans: Going to college, finishing high school

"You don't know where life is going to take you, so let FLI help you."

brineedum@stu.irvingisd.net



Maria Ramirez
Jack E. Singley Academy

Interests: Design, architecture

Hobbies: Art, photography

Plans: Obtain a bachelors degree in interior architecture

"Don't be afraid to explore your options."

ramirez.maria112@gmail.com



Elizabeth Redding
Winfree Academy

Interests: Psychology, philosophy, health, literature

Hobbies: Reading, writing, cooking and baking

Plans: I plan to move to Chicago, attend community college for two years, then transfer to a university to study psychology and work on a masters and eventually my doctorate. I hopefully will open my own practice.

"Your future is what you make of it."

elizabethredding14@gmail.com



Anahi Robledo
Irving High School

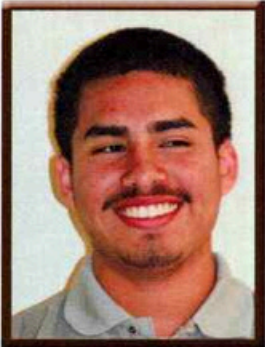
Interests: Dancing, acting, Ellen

Hobbies: Drill team, drama club

Plans: Attend Texas A&M to study forensics therapy.

"FLI has given me the experience to go above and beyond my expectations."

anahi.robledo79@gmail.com



Israel Rodriguez
MacArthur High School

Interests: Technology, nursing, languages, rugby

Hobbies: Working out, soccer, basketball, watching sports, sleeping and eating

Plans: College

"An experience that you will never forget; an eye-opening experience."

israelmx13@gmail.com

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Eunice Rosales

Irving High School

Interests: Traveling, cooking, technology, body, medical and business

Hobbies: Working, doing homework, watching television when possible, reading/watching news

Plans: Major either in kinesiology or physical therapy and double major in Spanish, travel world-wide

"My leadership skills have been broadened along with my mindset. Various opportunities have been made including volunteerism in my community."

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Luciana Salinas

MacArthur High School

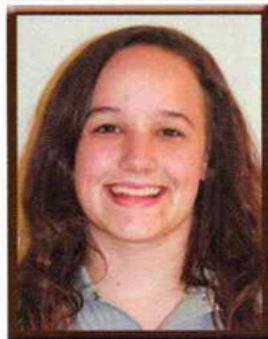
Interests: Music, travel, cultures

Hobbies: Baking, technology, film, photography, dancing

Plans: Travel; major in graphic design

"FLI is a great learning experience that has taught me so much about my community."

luciana.salinas14@gmail.com



Sam Scharett

Irving High School

Interests: Storms and law

Hobbies: Swimming, DECA, FLI, mission work, reading, criminology, and storms

Plans: Going to Texas A&M and majoring in criminal justice or meteorology; in fall, 2014, I will be going to MCC in Waco and majoring in criminal justice.

"In order to succeed, you must fail."

samscharett4@gmail.com



Cyndel Solano

Nimitz High School

Interests: Neurology

Hobbies: Spending time with my family, traveling and getting to enjoy new experiences

Plans: To get my doctorate and help in-need families through my work.

"I have learned you must always remain teachable; be able to have a great attitude regardless of the situation."

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Robert Verduzco

Irving High School

Interests: Business or talent agent, or own my own company.

Hobbies: Watching movies.

Plans: Own my own company.

"I have learned you must always be ready to learn."

robertlbc1@gmail.com



Brianna Villanueva

Irving High School

Interests: Aviation and children

Hobbies: Playing soccer, watching movies, shopping.

Plans: I plan to attend the Aviation Maintenance Institute or get a bachelors degree in Social Work.

"Learning was put in a fun, unique way that helped plan the future."

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Irving High School

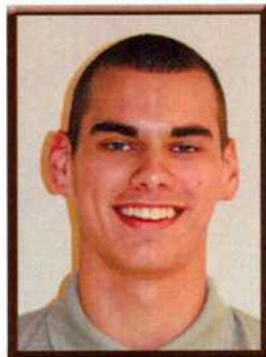
Interests: Dance, art

Hobbies: Dancing, drawing, eating, travel, listen to music.

Plans: Become a successful woman.

"Do what you love to do and not because you are tied to it."

anvo@stu.irvingisd.net



Austin Weiher

Winfree Academy

Interests: Cars

Hobbies: Basketball

Plans: Attend college then play basketball professionally somewhere.

"It is not that I am so smart but I stay with the questions much longer." ~ Albert Einstein

austinweiher@hotmail.com



Adriana Zarazua-Guel

Nimitz High School

Interests: Reading magazines

Hobbies: Running, listening to music, shopping, traveling

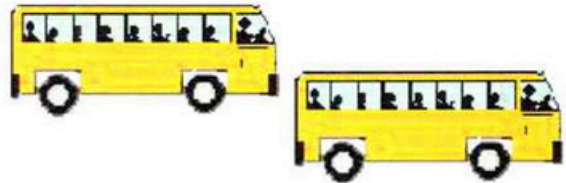
Plans: Be successful and, achieve all my goals

"Every moment is an experience" - Jake Roberts

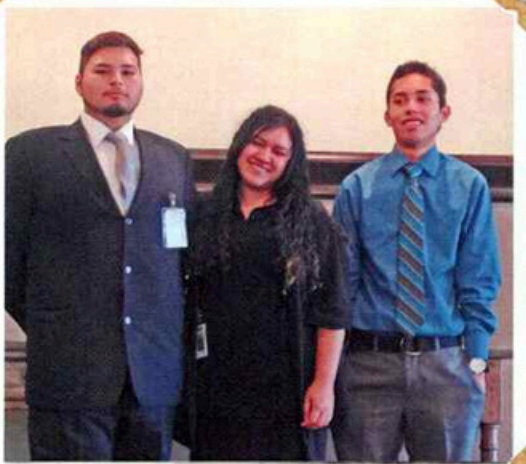
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"IT IS NOT IN THE STARS TO HOLD OUR DESTINY BUT IN OURSELVES" ~ William Shakespeare



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