

**Trust**

**COMMUNITY**

**Diversity**

**Team Building**

**Honor**

**UNDERSTANDING**

**Academia**

**Decision-making**

**Scholar**

**Communication**

**OPPORTUNITY**

**COURAGE**

**LEADERSHIP**

**Career**

**RESPECT**

**Personal Growth**

**CREATIVITY**

**Graduation**

**Communication**

**Integrity**

**Service**

**Contribution**

**Diploma**

**DREAM!**

**Volunteerism**

**Listening**

**CHARACTER**

**Education**

**Equality**

**Vision**

**Confidence**

**EDUCATION**

**KNOWLEDGE**

**Six Count**

**FUTURE LEADERS of IRVING**

**CLASS OF 2016-17**

**SINGLEY ACADEMY**



**PHOENIX**



**CARDWELL**

**Career Preparatory Center**



# “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, non-profit 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 high school 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.

“I consider it my honor and privilege to be associated with this program. When I envisioned this program more than five years ago, I had faith and trust in the members of the team and in the students who would participate in Future Leaders of Irving.

“Our sixth class graduated in April 2015. The positive experiences Future Leaders of Irving brings to our students grows with each successful year. I look forward to the continued growth of FLI.” - Al Zapanta, President & CEO, USMCOC



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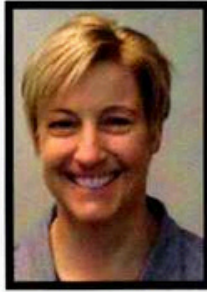
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# FUTURE LEADERS OF IRVING CLASS OF 2016-2017

**FLI 2016-2017 Team Members**

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Center Supervisor  
City of Irving



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Leadership Foundation



Joy Goodrum  
Executive Director  
La Buena Vida Youth  
Leadership  
Foundation



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City of Irving



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Lead Counselor  
APEX Students  
Cardwell Prep



**SPECIAL THANKS!**

WE WISH TO THANK THE FOLLOWING GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS WHO MADE THIS YEAR'S FLI PROGRAM A SUCCESS:

- IRVING ISD HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELORS ENCOURAGING THE STUDENTS TO APPLY, ATTENDING THE SESSIONS AND JOINING US ON OUR FIELD TRIPS;
- DON JENSEN AND THE IRVING-LAS COLINAS ROTARY;
- ALL OF THE INDIVIDUALS AND COMPANIES WHO DONATED SUPPLIES, MEALS AND SWAG;
- THE COMPANIES WHO GAVE GENEROUSLY OF THEIR TIME AND EXPERTISE TO GIVE OUR STUDENTS A VIEW INTO THE WORLD OF POSSIBILITIES;
- THE NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS WHOSE WORK DEMONSTRATED THE IMPORTANCE OF VOLUNTEERISM AND INSPIRED THE STUDENTS TO WANT TO GIVE BACK TO THEIR COMMUNITY; AND
- THE PARENTS, FAMILIES AND FRIENDS AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE VILLAGE WHO WORKED TOGETHER TO RAISE THESE YOUNG PEOPLE TO BECOME THE VERY SPECIAL PEOPLE THEY HAVE BECOME.

# Class #1: Orientation, Leadership and Team Building

OCTOBER 19, 2016 • LEADERSHIP CHECKLIST/ WHAT'S IN YOUR LEADERSHIP TOOLBOX?, MICHAEL BROWN • PROGRAM OVERVIEW • LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT: THE 10 TRAITS, JILL MARTINEZ



**I**f your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader.

- John Quincy Adams

## TEAM-BUILDING



## Class #2: Education and Financial Aid

Welcome Future Leaders of Irving

NOVEMBER 16, 2016 • TEAMBUILDING • NORTH LAKE COLLEGE, ARTHUR JAMES, EXECUTIVE DEAN  
• UNIVERSITY OF DALLAS, LUCAS PREBLE • CHAMBERLAIN COLLEGE OF NURSING, ABIGAIL UCUR  
• DeVry UNIVERSITY, ASIA ALLEN • UNIVERSAL TECHNICAL INSTITUTE, TIFFANY SMITH-PAUL • FINANCIAL AID, STEPHANIE COOK, IRVING ISD



**Rising Star**  
The Rising Star Program provides qualified high school graduating seniors with academic support services and up to \$4,000 for tuition and books.



CHAMBERLAIN UNIVERSITY

DeVry University



**UNIVERSAL TECHNICAL INSTITUTE**  
Chosen by Industry. Ready to Work.



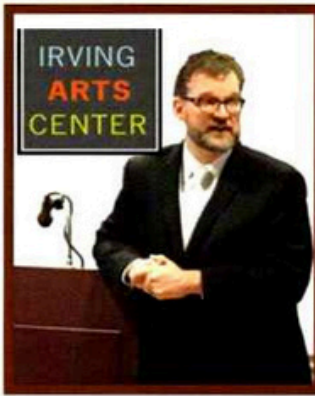
  
UNIVERSITY OF DALLAS

# Class #3: Irving City Government and Departments

DECEMBER 14, 2016 • IRVING POLICE CHIEF LARRY BOYD • IRVING CITY COUNCILMAN DAVID PALMER • IRVING CITY MANAGER CHRIS HILLMAN • RAY CERDA, DIRECTOR OF IRVING PARKS AND RECREATION • KATY HUBENER, JUSTICE OF THE PEACE • IRVING ARTS CENTER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TODD HAWKINS, ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR KASS PRINCE, IAC VOLUNTEERS • IRVING FIRE ACADEMY, CHIEF VICTOR CONLEY • IRVING-LAS COLINAS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, DEXTER FREEMAN



Council  
In  
Session



# Class #4: Nonprofit and Volunteerism

JANUARY 18, 2017 • TEAMBUILDING • IRVING CARES, CEO TEDDIE STORY, COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT DIRECTOR, KYLE TAYLOR • THE MAIN PLACE, SHARON JOHNSTON, FOUNDER AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR • DFW HUMANE SOCIETY, SARAH KAMMERER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR & SHELTER VOLUNTEERS • LA BUENA VIDA YOUTH LEADERSHIP FOUNDATION, JOY GOODRUM, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

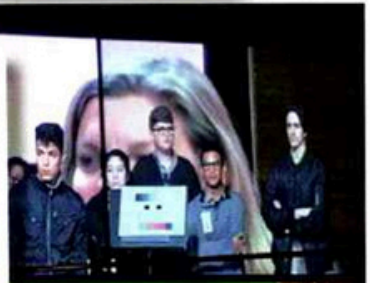


**VEGGIES**  
 CORN / HOMINY  
 GREEN BEANS  
 PEAS  
 MIXED VEGGIES  
 CARROTS  
 LEAFY GREEN VEGGIES  
 POTATOES / YAMS



## Class #5: Hospitality and Communications

FEBRUARY 15, 2017 • DFW AIRPORT, VAL MARTINEZ, JESSE CRAWFORD • LUNCH AT LA CIMA CLUB, MIKE GOFF, GENERAL MANAGER • CLASS PHOTO IN FRONT OF THE INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNIZED SCULPTURE, THE MUSTANGS AT LAS COLINAS • IRVING CONVENTION CENTER AT LAS COLINAS, DIANA PEAFF, VICE PRESIDENT, IRVING CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU • ICTN, KATHY WHITEMAN, ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT PRODUCER



## Class #6: Technology, Medical & Construction

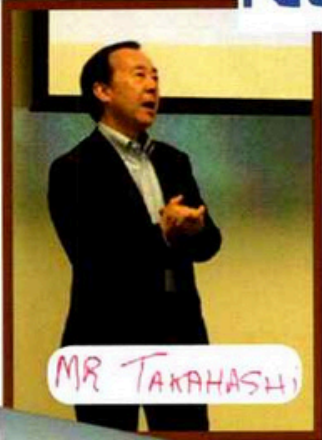
MARCH 22, 2017 • VIDEO ON CONSTRUCTION OF MUSTANGS OF LAS COLINAS • NORTH LAKE COLLEGE WEST CAMPUS, MIKE COOLEY, DEAN • TEXAS CENTER FOR PROTON THERAPY, GARY BARLOW, DIRECTOR • NEC, CARTER HOLSTON



TEXAS CENTER  
for PROTON THERAPY



NEC



Orchestrating a  
brighter world



## Class #7: Four Seasons Resort Tour & Graduation

APRIL 19, 2017 • TOUR OF FOUR SEASONS • WELCOME, JILL MARTINEZ • INTRODUCTIONS, AL ZAPANTA • PRESIDENT & CEO, USMCOG • 2017 FLI GRADUATE, NATHAN MARTINEZ • KEYNOTE, BILL DENDY • REMARKS, DR. JOSÉ PARRA, SUPERINTENDENT, IRVING ISD • PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES, DR. PARRA, SHERIE SKRUCH, PRINCIPAL, RANCHOVIEW HIGH SCHOOL, FLI TEAM



# Graduation & Reception

"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."  
- President Nelson Mandela



**PROGRAM**

Welcome	Bill Martinez <i>Coordinator Future Leaders of Irving</i>
Introductions	Al Zapata <i>President &amp; CEO, USMDC</i>
2017 FIJ Graduate	Nathan Martinez <i>MacArthur High School</i>
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Don Jensen <i>Irving Leo Galinas Rotary</i>
Keynote	Bill Deady
Remarks	Dr. Joel Perea <i>Superintendent, Irving Independent School District</i>
Presentation of Certificates	Dr. Perea <i>Members of the FIJ TEAM</i>
Announcements	Bill Martinez
Reception and Class Photos	

**FUTURE LEADERS of IRVING**

Class of 2016-17



Graduation Ceremony  
April 19, 2017  
Four Seasons Resort & Club  
Irving, Texas







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**SARAH ALEDANEY**

**IRVING HIGH SCHOOL**  
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I wanted to participate in FLI to ...

*to be able to contribute to and be involved in my community.*

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**FERNANDA ALVARADO**

**IRVING HIGH SCHOOL**  
.....

I wanted to participate in FLI to ...

*being a part of FLI would benefit me by opening my perspective to the lives of different people & the ways they impact the world.*

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**RIKKI ALVARADO**

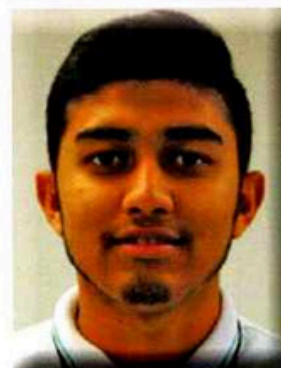
**MACARTHUR HIGH SCHOOL**  
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I wanted to participate in FLI to ...

*I would like to participate in FLI to learn how to soar above average in my goals and gain more experience.*

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**SHEEBAN AZHAR**

**MACARTHUR HIGH SCHOOL**  
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I wanted to participate in FLI to ...

*enhance my leadership skills and have a unique experience benefiting my future profession.*

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**Nicole Beltran**

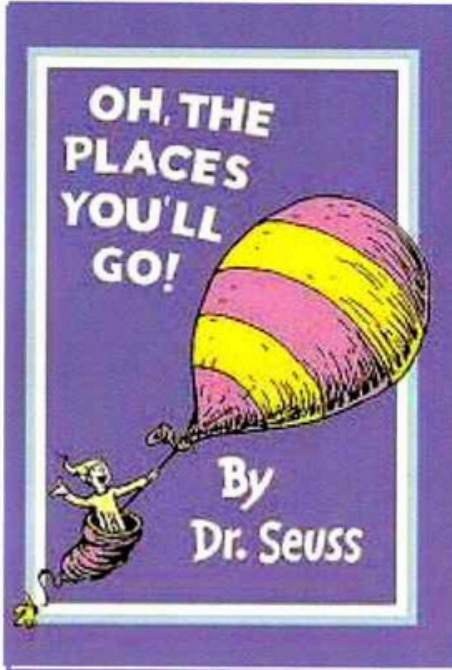
**IRVING HIGH SCHOOL**  
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I wanted to participate in FLI to ...

*I want to be a part of FLI so I can expand my communication and leadership skills. I want to give back to the city that has raised me.*

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**KAYLA CALDWELL**

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I wanted to participate in FLI to ...

*I want to participate in this program because I want to service the community and learn to be more of a responsible influential leader.*

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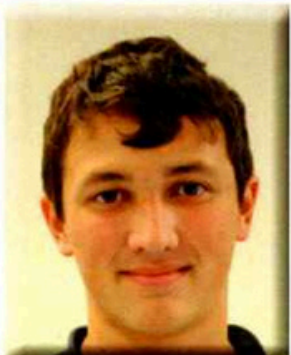
**SNEHA CHOWDHURY**

**MACARTHUR HIGH SCHOOL**  
.....

I wanted to participate in FLI to ...

*I want to participate in this program because I like learning new skills and qualities which this program will ensure me.*

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**THOMAS COOK**

**RANCHVIEW HIGH SCHOOL**  
.....

I wanted to participate in FLI to ...

*I would like to participate in Future Leaders of Irving because I would like to learn more about the City's leadership.*

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**SAM DENNEHY**

**MACARTHUR HIGH SCHOOL**  
.....

I wanted to participate in FLI to ...

*I want to become more involved in the community and more connected with its leaders.*

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**TRINH DUONG**

**IRVING HIGH SCHOOL**  
.....

I wanted to participate in FLI to ...

*I have received an email from my counselor to be honor to be one of the part of FLI.*

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**NATALIE FONSECA**

**MACARTHUR HIGH SCHOOL**  
.....

I wanted to participate in FLI to ...

*I want to work on having better leadership skills, to be a better role model and learn more of the city of Irving.*

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**JALEET GEORGE**

**RANCHVIEW HIGH SCHOOL**  
.....

I wanted to participate in FLI to ...

*I want to participate in Future Leaders of Irving because I'm a firm believer in the idea that there is no limit when it comes to service.*

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**JESSICA GRIDER**

**RANCHVIEW HIGH SCHOOL**  
.....

I wanted to participate in FLI to ...

*Living in Irving & hearing our mayor speak at local events fueled my love of public speaking & now my future interests truly lie within our city.*

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## FLI Class of 2016-2017 Graduates



**PRISCILLA HERNANDEZ**

**IRVING HIGH SCHOOL**  
.....

I wanted to participate in FLI to ...

*I am eager to broaden my leadership abilities. Being placed in leadership positions, has given me experience however I am looking to gain new skills.*

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**DREW JONES**

**NIMITZ HIGH SCHOOL**  
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I wanted to participate in FLI to ...

*why i want to participate in FLI is to be a leader for the community and be a leader for the younger children*

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**ALYALI MARCANO**

**NIMITZ HIGH SCHOOL**  
.....

I wanted to participate in FLI to ...

*Gain leadership because it will help me in life but also in my career that I want to pursue.*

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**NATHAN MARTINEZ**

**MACARTHUR HIGH SCHOOL**  
.....

I wanted to participate in FLI to ...

*I want to participate in FLI, because it allows me to invest in my community in a new way.*

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**MAX MATSUSHITA**

**RANCHVIEW HIGH SCHOOL**  
.....

I wanted to participate in FLI to ...

*It would be a good experience to have. Giving me the opportunity to see what the place I was born really is.*

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**PHILIP McDONALD**

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.....

I wanted to participate in FLI to ...

*As a highschool senior, about to attend college I would like to see the "Real World" functions. I want to see a real Irving workplace in action.*

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**TASHA MCGEE**

**NIMITZ HIGH SCHOOL**  
.....

I wanted to participate in FLI to ...

*I would love to participate in FLI, because I believe it will give me a chance to better myself as a person and my opportunities in the future.*

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**STEPH MENDOZA**

**NIMITZ HIGH SCHOOL**  
.....

I wanted to participate in FLI to ...

*I think it is a great opportunity for me to better my leadership skills, and learn from others.*

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**ABEL MENTADO**

**IRVING HIGH SCHOOL**  
.....

I wanted to participate in FLI to ...

*I want to see what other careers there is out there.*

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## FLI Class of 2016-2017 Graduates

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**DIEGO MERCADO**

**IRVING HIGH SCHOOL**  
.....

I wanted to participate in FLI to ...

*To gain leadership skills, to get to know Irving better, and to help make a change by contributing to the community.*

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**IVAN MONREAL**

**NIMITZ HIGH SCHOOL**  
.....

I wanted to participate in FLI to ...

*I want to improve my leadership skills that I have learned through my 2 years of section leader. I feel like FLI is right to improve them.*

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**ANGELES MORENO**

**NIMITZ HIGH SCHOOL**  
.....

I wanted to participate in FLI to ...

*I really want to participate in the group projects and go and visit the hospital.*

ANGELESMORENO27@GMAIL.COM

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**CLAUDIA ORELLANA**

**NIMITZ HIGH SCHOOL**  
.....

I wanted to participate in FLI to ...

*Because thinking about the future, I thought of opening a business in Irving and it would be nice to do something that's not already in the city.*

CLAUDIA.ORELLANA12@GMAIL.COM



**ALEJANDRO PEREZ**

**MACARTHUR HIGH SCHOOL**  
.....

I wanted to participate in FLI to ...

*Yes I would like to participate in the program to increase my knowledge learn what it takes to become a leader*

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**CHELS RUIZ-GUERRERO**

**NIMITZ HIGH SCHOOL**  
.....

I wanted to participate in FLI to ...

*I believe FLI will help me be more involved and teach me to help others in my community. As well as getting more insight on what goes on in Irving.*

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**JAN SACHI**

**MACARTHUR HIGH SCHOOL**  
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I wanted to participate in FLI to ...

*I want to participate in FLI to take advantage of the opportunities it will provide for me in the future.*

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## FLI Class of 2016-2017 Graduates

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**JENNIFER SANCHEZ**

**MACARTHUR HIGH SCHOOL**  
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I wanted to participate in FLI to ...

*I want to participate in the Future Leaders of Irving Program because I want to expand my horizons by learning about my community.*

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**GERARDO SERRANO**

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I wanted to participate in FLI to ...

*I would like to participate in the future leaders of Irving because I want to get more involved in the community.*

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**ILLEANA VALLEJO**

**MACARTHUR HIGH SCHOOL**  
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I wanted to participate in FLI to ...

*I want to find out more about Irving and see what it has to offer. I want to grow as a person and learn new things about my community.*

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**FRANCISCO VARAS**

**MACARTHUR HIGH SCHOOL**  
.....

I wanted to participate in FLI to ...

*I want to participate in FLI simply because I want to accomplish a greater goal in my education rather than just meeting the standards.*

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**CHRIS VIDALES**

**MACARTHUR HIGH SCHOOL**  
.....

I wanted to participate in FLI to ...

*I want to participate in FLI to pick up new skills and to prepare myself for the future.*

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**ABE VILLEGAS**

**SINGLEY ACADEMY**  
.....

I wanted to participate in FLI to ...

*I want to participate in FLI because I want to become a bigger part of Irving, and be with people that want to become leaders in there generation.*

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**MAX VILLEGAS**

**NIMITZ HIGH SCHOOL**  
.....

I wanted to participate in FLI to ...

*It will help me decide what I want to do after high school. I worry sometimes about my future. I know I want to go to college.*

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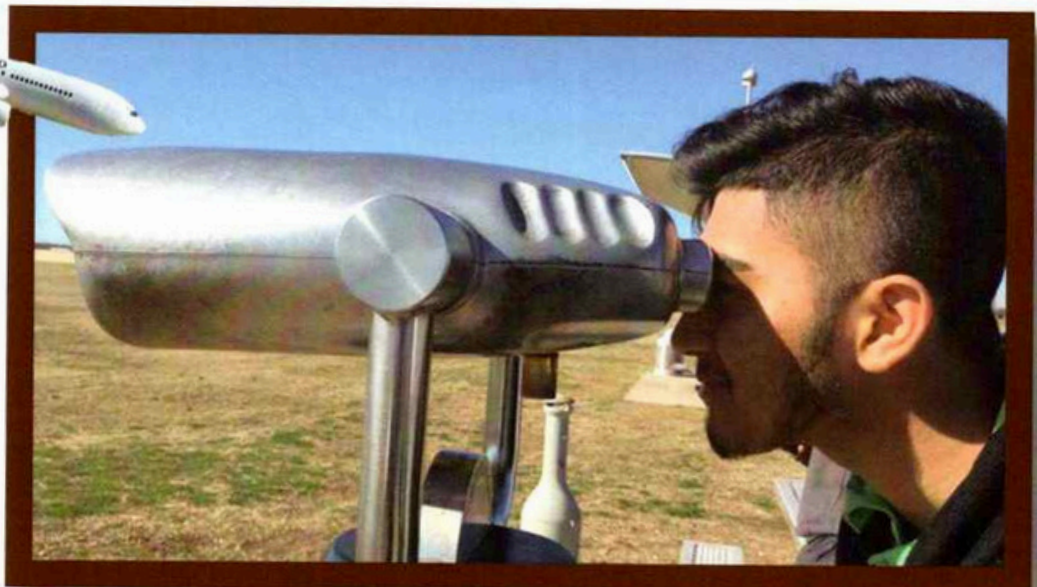
**CHELSEY YAROFALMEG**

**SINGLEY ACADEMY**  
.....

I wanted to participate in FLI to ...

*I believe that FLI will allow me to improve my skills in a professional working environment and grow as a leader.*

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