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Independent School District

FUTURE LEADERS *of* IRVING



YEARBOOK

CLASS 2024-2025

Memories



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MESSAGE FROM THE USMCEF CHAIRMAN AND CEO



With great pleasure the United States–Mexico Cultural and Educational Foundation presents the Yearbook of the Future Leaders of Irving Program, Class of 2024–2025.

It has been a true joy for me personally, and for the entire Foundation team, to meet the exceptional students who participated in this year’s program. The Future Leaders of Irving initiative was created to broaden the horizons of our youth, nurture their leadership potential, and inspire them to become the best of themselves as they explore opportunities for their professional futures.

We are deeply grateful for the support of the Superintendent of Irving Independent School District, Magda A. Hernández, and we also sincerely appreciate our sponsors who generously contribute their time, knowledge, and resources to enrich the experience of these young leaders.

Most importantly, we thank the students themselves. Their curiosity, enthusiasm, and ambition have been a source of inspiration to us all and fuel our commitment to continue opening doors for the next generation of leaders. We can’t wait to see what the future holds for them!

We hope you enjoy this yearbook, which captures the memories and milestones of the Future Leaders of Irving, Class of 2024–2025.

Albert C. Zapanta
Chairman and and CEO

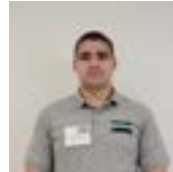
FLI CLASS OF 2025 GRADUATES



Krystal Cruz
Cardwell Career
Preparatory
Center



Jose Jimenez
Cardwell Career
Preparatory
Center



Estirlitz Gutierrez
Irving
High School



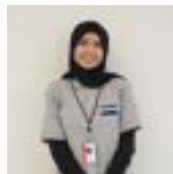
Ikiro Quintero
Irving
High School



Elijah Taylor
Irving
High School



Andrea Alfaro
MacArthur High
School



Zainab Alsalami
MacArthur High
School



Jaqueline Huerta
MacArthur High
School



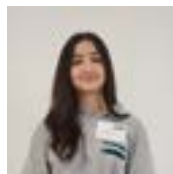
Alexyss Pasillas
MacArthur High
School



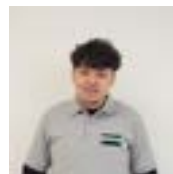
David Petty
MacArthur High
School



Zoe Winborn
MacArthur High
School



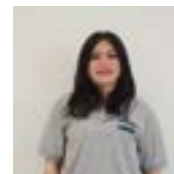
Aimma Zaidy
MacArthur High
School



Wilber Alvarenga
Nimitz High
School



Jasmine Cervantes
Nimitz High
School



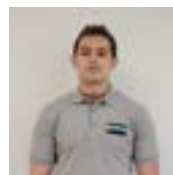
Yulissa Cruz
Nimitz High
School



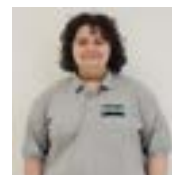
Gael Gallardo
Nimitz High
School



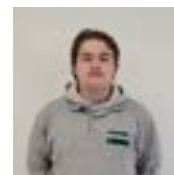
Abraham Garcia
Nimitz High
School



Alex Valadez
Nimitz High
School



Micaela Rosenberger
Singley Academy



Dawson Sloan
Singley Academy

FLI PROGRAM SESSION 1: ORIENTATION, TEAM BUILDING & LEADERSHIP OCTOBER 23, 2024

Invited Speakers:

Joseph Moses, Director -Parks and Recreation, City of Irving
Michael A. Brown, Director -Experiential Solutions

Activities:

Team Building
Introduction to Projects Guidelines
Topic Raffle
Topic Presentation by Groups



FLI PROGRAM SESSION 2: EDUCATION & NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS NOVEMBER 20, 2024

Invited Speakers:

Bill La Barr, President -Irving Las Colinas Rotary Club
Dr. Christa Slejko, President -Dallas North Lake College
German Lopez, Counselor -University of Dallas
SFC Felipe Ester -Irving Army Recruiting Station
LT. Richard Reynolds, President -Salvation Army



FLI PROGRAM SESSION 3: GOVERNMENT OF IRVING DEPARTMENTS & DALLAS COUNTY DECEMBER 11, 2024

Invited Speakers:

Dr. Elba Garcia, Commissioner District 4 -Dallas County

Rick Stopfer, Mayor -City of Irving

Chris Hillman, City Manager -City of Irving

Teresa Adrian, Assistant City Manager -City of Irving

Jennifer Landry, Director -Irving Archives and Museum

Derick Miller, Police Chief -Irving Police Department

Victor Conley, Fire Chief -Irving Fire Department



FLI PROGRAM SESSION 4: HEALTH CARE & ENERGY JANUARY 15, 2025

Invited Speakers:

Dr. Mildred Betancourt, Senior Manager -Public Safety Wellness Unit City of Irving
Joseph Chapa, Executive Director -Greater Irving - Las Colinas Chamber of Commerce
John Drake, President -Baylor Scott & White Irving Foundation
Kimberly Hilley, Manager Community Affairs -Vistra Energy



FLI PROGRAM SESSION 5: ENTERTAINMENT, HEALTH CARE & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT MARCH 19, 2025

Invited Speakers:

Sean Burton, Operations Manager -Live Nation

Tiffany Capeles, Deputy Chief Diversity Officer -Christus Health

Nakia Wilson, Manager Cultural Competency & Language Access -Christus Health

Jessica Hubble-Luther, Manager Digital Marketing -Las Colinas Association



FLI PROGRAM SESSION 6: HEALTH CARE, HOSPITALITY & TRANSPORTATION

APRIL 16, 2024

Invited Speakers:

Telisa King, Director of Customer Support -McKesson

Maura Gast, Executive Director -Irving Convention & Visitors Bureau

John Nicks, Senior Vice President -Envoy Air



FUTURE LEADERS OF IRVING GRADUATION DAY APRIL 16, 2024

Invited Speakers:

Anthony Buttafuoco, General Manager - Omni Las Colinas Hotel
Dr. Elba Garcia, Commissioner District 4 - Dallas County
Rick Stopfer, Mayor - City of Irving
Chris Hillman, City Manager - City of Irving
Dorian Galindo, Chief of Staff - Irving ISD

FLI Project Presentations

Sustainable Development * Youth Leadership * Empowerment *
Economic Growth * Community Wellness & Inclusion *
Technology & Innovation



TESTIMONIES

Micaela Rosenberger

What inspired you to join FLI?

"I know that the field I want to go is very leadership based and I was looking for an opportunity to increase my leadership skills and FLI seemed like the perfect program."



Elijah Taylor

Share how you felt about the FLI program.

"FLI program help me built more leadership skills and it help me get out of my comfort zone because I used to be very shy around strangers."



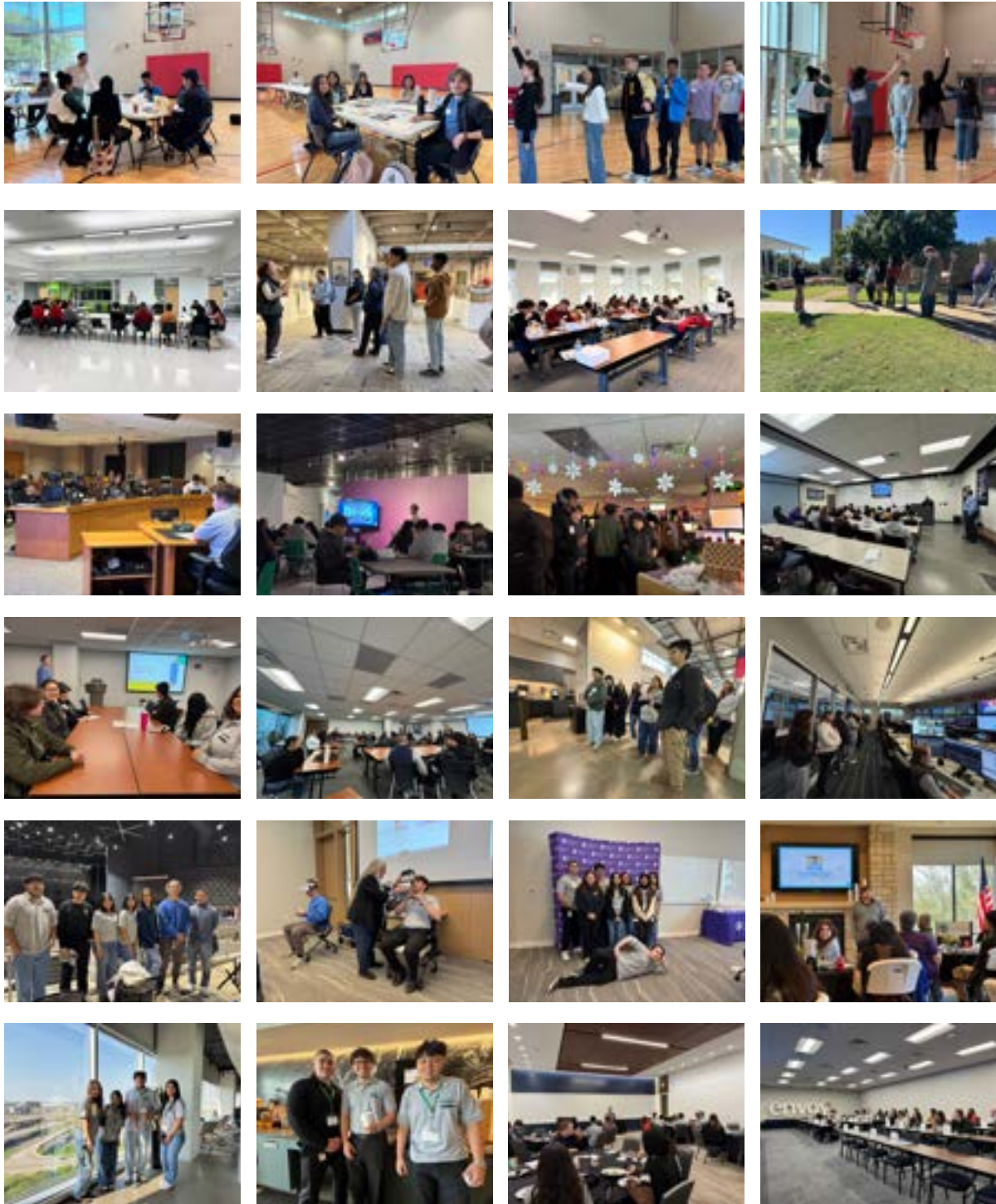
Krystal Cruz

What advice would you give to new students considering joining FLI?

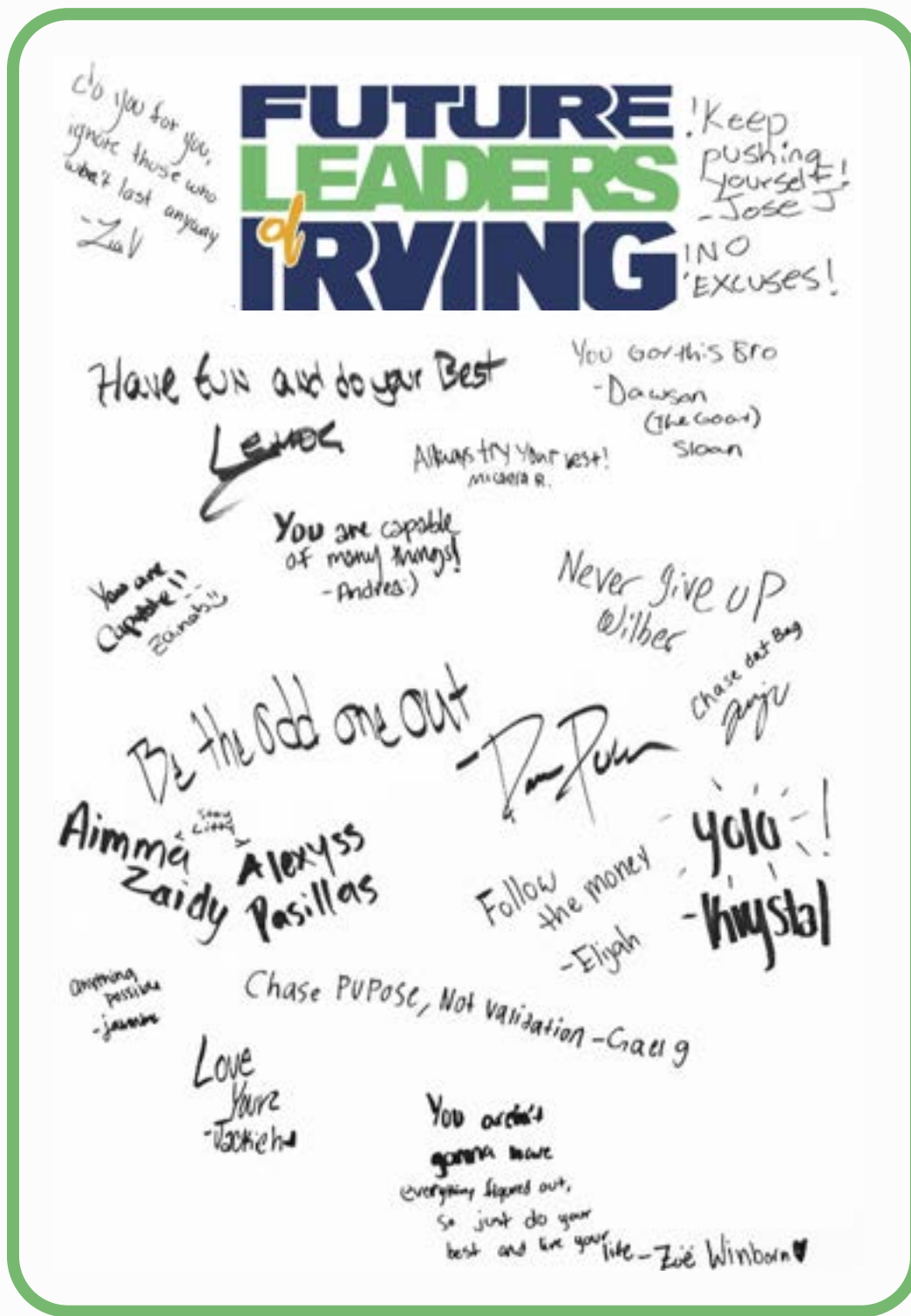
"Definitely, go for it. It is a great program. It helps you connect with other people and the most important, it helps you expand your horizons."



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