As children, we used to wish upon stars. There was no limit to where our imagination could take us; our world was filled with endless possibilities. As we grew older, our visions took shape and became concrete goals we wanted to achieve. And for most of us, attaining those goals required a college degree.

Right now, there are high school students in Dallas who do not believe they can go to college. Even the most hardworking and high-achieving students face many obstacles that stand in their way: confusing college and financial aid applications, the high cost of tuition and parents who want to help but don’t know how.

The Naveen Jindal School of Management developed the Jindal Young Scholars Program (JYSP) to help high school students overcome these obstacles, clearing a path to college and a world of endless possibilities.

The JYSP is a partnership between the Jindal School and Dallas Independent School District to prepare socioeconomically disadvantaged students for admission into four-year, accredited colleges and universities by addressing critical needs for Dallas ISD students, promoting a culture of academic excellence and instilling a mindset of achievement.

The program is available at five Dallas ISD high schools: Franklin D. Roosevelt High School, H. Grady Spruce High School, Moises E. Molina High School, School of Business and Management at Yvonne A. Ewell Townview Center, and W.T. White High School.

There are two tracks to the program. The first focus area is year-round leadership activities for high school students selected to be part of the JYSP, including tutoring and test prep courses; parent engagement activities; a mentoring program with current Jindal School students, staff and faculty; and opportunities to visit campus. The second track includes the awarding of full scholarships to the Jindal School, covering any remaining unmet needs.
Navigating a Path to the Stars for DISD Students

Dr. Gregory Dess, Andrew R. Cecil Chair in Applied Ethics and professor in management at the Jindal School of Management at the University of Texas at Dallas, has developed a strong admiration for the impact of Dess’ gift to the dean’s discretionary fund because it provides a guaranteed income stream in the coming years. “Since circumstances change, this will allow for more flexibility in helping to meet the future’s ever-evolving needs,” he says.

Dr. Dess recognizes that many helped pave the way for his professional success, and he wants to provide similar opportunities for others. “Given all that my family and I have received over the years, my wife and I decided that it was time to give back,” he says.

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GEICO's SPONSORSHIP of THE JINDAL SCHOOL has paid dividends for both the insurance company and UT Dallas students. The school's Career Management Center (CMC) recently named a meeting room in honor of GEICO's longstanding support.

From GEICO's Management Development Program, it's the gecko who leads employees to its Achievement Awards for college sophomores and juniors, the Jindal School has provided GEICO with a pipeline of top talent flowing through its doors. Matthew J. Zuraw, GEICO's assistant vice president for underwriting, sales and service in the company's Dallas regional office, knows firsthand the value of the relationship. Zuraw was a college intern when he met the current CEO, Mark Bertolini, his current position, where he oversees a 1,000-employee operation. Zuraw is also a member of the Jindal school Advisory Council.

"The Jindal School offers students an amazing environment conducive to learning and personal development," said Zuraw. "I am proud that GEICO is committed to an endeavor that prepares students to be a part of, said Victoria Elliott, GEICO human resources. "The students are disciplined, hardworking and responsible. All of these characteristics align with GEICO's core values. It makes perfect sense to enhance our investment with sponsorship dollars.

"Corporate partners such as GEICO are the lifeblood of our CMC operations," says Tom Kim, CMC assistant dean. "Such an investment at Jindal School earns his or her spot in the workplace based on personal achievements and talents. When valuable partners such as GEICO, gives confidence to our students—and to other companies—that this is a university where a student can lay the foundation for a successful future.

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"As envisioned by the Davidsons, this center will be a gateway to the future. It will be the front door for alumni, students, our faculty, our staff and our alumni for decades to come." Alumni, corporate partners and supporters who had made gifts resulting in named spaces within the center were recognized that evening during a celebratory dinner held in the center's Ashton Hall, late into the evening.

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**Alumni Spotlight**

Avi Arora MS’12

Observing his own family’s generosity is what motivated Avi Arora MS’12 to establish the Ashok Opportunity Fund at the Jindal School. Arora gave the gift in honor of his father, although he also cites inspiration from many remarkable professors at UT Dallas.

Arora hopes to eventually upgrade the Ashok Opportunity Fund to a fellowship in order to directly impact Jindal school students. “My goal is to reduce the financial burden for students so they can focus on their schooling,” he says.

In honor of the Ashok Opportunity Fund, Dean Pirkul awarded a fellowship in Spring 2017. The fellowship recipient is an international graduate student who is pursuing her master’s degree in information technology and management. Her eventual goal is to obtain her PhD in business intelligence.

Arora moved to the United States in 2009 to complete double master’s degrees in supply chain management and information technology and management at the Jindal School. He began his career as an intern at Ericsson. In 2016, he joined CBRE as a senior consultant.

Even at a young age, Arora always believed in paying it forward. “You don’t have to wait until you’re further along in your career to give back. You can start now, and even small, positive actions can change the trajectory for someone in need,” he says.

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**JindalConnect Expands Number of Groups**

Earning an accounting degree only goes so far in describing a person’s career. The same holds true for almost any academic degree. The degree serves as a starting point, rather than a definition.

The Groups pages on JindalConnect offer a way to help students and alumni find other like-minded people among the Jindal School community. An accounting graduate who works in high tech might be interested in joining the Information Technology and Management group. A finance graduate working in one of the nation’s many healthcare operations might find others similarly positioned.

Applications are invited for those interested in joining JindalConnect or creating a new group.

Alumni Affinity chapter. Since membership in these groups is self-determined, it’s up to the user to join those relevant to their career path.

*The Groups pages allow alumni to find each other in a way that the directory can’t always detect,* says Jasmine Carter, director of alumni relations for the Jindal School. *While business analytics graduates would naturally find a good fit with the Business Analytics group, it’s also true that MBA alumni working in an industry that relies on business analytics to drive profitability might also find the business analytics group a good place to find advice or job candidates or mentors.*

**Development and Alumni Relations Team Welcomes New Directors**

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JindalConnect Live Event Brings Alumni Together

THE JINDAL SCHOOL HOSTED its first on-campus JindalConnect Live event on Sept. 21 in the Davidson-Gundy Alumni Center. Formerly called PowerGrid, the newly rebranded event reflects the growing success of the school’s networking platform, jindalconnect.com.

JindalConnect Live is the official alumni networking event series for the Jindal School. Quarterly events provide opportunities to reconnect with classmates and professors, enjoy complimentary refreshments, and learn from industry leaders in business, career development and education. For more information on future events like JindalConnect Live, visit jindalconnect.com/event.

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