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Jindal Young Scholars Program Introduces New Cohort (Page 11)
The Jindal Young Scholars Program welcomed seven students from the Dallas Independent School District in May as they signed letters of intent signaling their commitment to enroll at The University of Texas at Dallas and in an undergraduate degree offered by the Naveen Jindal School of Management.

Christopher Adkins from W.T. White High School, Julio Tovar from H. Grady Spruce High School and five students from the School of Business and Management at Yvonne A. Ewell Townview Center—Jacob Gonzalez, Joshua Jernigan, Ariana Morales, Jenna O’Brien and Samuel Villalobos—will comprise the second cohort of Jindal Young Scholars. This fall, the program will have 10 former DISD students enrolled at the Jindal School.

Dr. Hasan Pirkul, Caruth Chair and dean of the Jindal School, envisioned this academic program as a partnership between the Jindal School and Dallas ISD. The goal is to help economically disadvantaged high school students from Dallas ISD bridge the college readiness gap. Participating students who meet requirements qualify to receive an annual award for up to four years that will cover any unmet need after federal, state and institutional financial assistance.

"It’s really quite an achievement and very touching to see these families and students recognize their dreams and be able to come to a great school," Pirkul said. "I’m amazed and blown away by their strengths and capabilities. Almost 200 students in grades 9 to 12 from across five Dallas ISD campuses (Moisés E. Molina High School, Franklin D. Roosevelt High School, Spruce, Townview and W.T. White) have signed up for the college readiness program while in high school.

"A lot of our students come from families that didn’t go to college, so they don’t know how to do it," said Spruce Principal Danielle Petters. "This program shows a path to college. Personally, having one of our students earn a scholarship means I’m doing what I set out to do. When I came to Spruce four years ago, my goal was to impact the community by transforming the school. By the things that our teachers are doing, the successes that our kids are having it’s impacting the entire community.”
Enjoy a Private Golf Cart Campus Tour

Jump onboard a UT Dallas golf cart for a private campus sightseeing tour. You’ll also get a quick, escorted tour through the first floor of the Jindal School of Management building. You must register in advance. Tour carts hold two guests. If there are more in your party, two carts can go at the same time.

A trained student guide will drive you around campus, and a member of the Jindal School Development and Alumni Relations team will ride along to answer questions. Tours typically last about 45 minutes. Most tours are in the late afternoon although other times can be arranged. For tour details or to sign up, contact Janine Lane, Janine.Lane@utdallas.edu.

On Cart 227 (left) Shannon Skripka, BS’87, events manager for Richardson Chamber of Commerce/Tech Titans (sitting in back seat) and Rebecca Noah Poynter, BS’86, co-founder of OnPoynt Aerial Solutions and 2017 UT Design Startup Challenge winner, get ready to take a tour of the UT Dallas campus. Doug Anderson, Jindal School assistant dean, met them at the Davidson-Gundy Alumni Center before heading out. “I’m delighted to see how UTD has flourished since my graduation,” Skripka said after her tour. “New buildings, new colleges, but the same friendly and welcoming atmosphere that I found back when I was attending classes.”

On Cart 226 (right) UT Dallas students lead the tours, offering their guests a fresh take on campus life. Ron Poynter (in front), founder and CEO of OnPoynt Aerial Solutions, and Curtis Blankenship, MBA’07, join the two-cart tour. “Since I’ve been away from campus for a long time, taking the tour gave me a great overview of the growth UTD has experienced since I was last there,” Blankenship said. “The buildings are really state of the art, and appear to really sync with UTD’s mission of innovation in its education.”

It is a great honor to serve as your new assistant dean of Development and Alumni Relations for the Naveen Jindal School of Management. I am proud to be a part of UT Dallas, with its impressive history but an even more exciting future of growth and unlimited opportunities.

Thank you for reading ASPIRE. We want to keep you connected to UT Dallas with engaging stories about our students, alumni, donors and community partners who are united in our common mission. Together, we are launching brighter futures for the next generation of leaders in North Texas and across the world.

Our Jindal Young Scholars Program (photos on the cover; story on page 11) begins its second year with seven new students from Dallas Independent School District. Through this program, we now have 10 Dallas ISD students from economically disadvantaged areas attending college without the burden of student loans. These future Jindal School graduates will hold a business degree from a top tier university and will be positioned to grow our North Texas economy with their new ideas and innovative spirit.

If you are one of our more than 40,000 alumni, we invite you to return to campus so we may show you how much your alma mater has changed in recent years. Look through this publication for opportunities to connect at upcoming campus events. In the meantime, do not hesitate to contact me personally at either 972-883-5855 or doug.anderson@utdallas.edu.

Thank you for your continued support of the Jindal School at UT Dallas.

Whoooah! Doug Anderson
MAKING AN IMPACT

Dean’s Circle Welcomes New Members

Two payoffs await Dean’s Circle donors. First, with a one-time contribution of $1,000, donors immediately help the Jindal School provide scholarships to worthy students; support academic program activities, such as study trips abroad or intercollegiate competitions; or underwrite specific school activities, such as Comet Closet, which gives students in need interview-appropriate business attire.

The donation also guarantees an invitation for you, the donor, to attend the annual Dean’s Circle reception, this year on Thursday, Sept. 19, at the Jindal School. At this “State of the School” event, Dean Hasan Pirkul, one of the longest-serving business school deans in the nation, will speak to donors on improvement plans at the school and gather input from attendees. (An invitation will be emailed to you closer to the date.)

Your $1,000 donation may be paid as a one-time gift or in installments over the course of a year. Go to giving.utdallas.edu/jsom.

- Designate that you want your donation to be credited to Dean’s Circle.
- Select which fund you’d like to donate to.
- Indicate if this is a one-time gift or set up installments.
- Note if the gift is in honor or in memory of someone.
- See if your company matches gifts.

If you’d like to speak with someone about your donation, or about the Dean’s Circle, contact Doug Anderson, 972-883-5855 or doug.anderson@utdallas.edu.

ALUMNA WORTH KNOWING

Angelica E. Barriga BS’03, MBA’08
Business Planning Manager, Google

Angelica E. Barriga credits the knowledge she gained at UTD in the field of organizational behavior with launching her career helping companies manage change. Prior to working at Google, Barriga served in various business management positions at FleetPride, ADVA Optical Networking, FedEx and Cisco Systems. She is an active supporter of Minnie’s Food Pantry in Plano, and Operation Underground Railroad, and serves as a professional career mentor to several individuals each year.

Barriga stays close to her alma mater, attending events including a quarterly alumnae breakfast and speaking freely about her life’s journey that included helping her immigrant parents as a translator from a very young age. “It taught me that it was OK to ask for help,” Barriga said. One of her fondest memories, based on her professional success, is a personal experience – taking her mother to Florida so her mother could see an ocean for the very first time.

Barriga also has established an endowed undergraduate scholarship at the Jindal School. The Green and Orange Award honors UT Dallas graduates and friends who have provided faithful support and service to the University.
3rd Annual Comets Giving Day
Campus-wide giving on April 2 by alumni, students, faculty and friends

History of Giving Across UT Dallas

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Angelica E. Barriga BS'03, MBA'08 speaks at the UT Dallas Awards Gala in March, when she received her recognition.

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The Herbert D. Weitzman Institute for Real Estate at The University of Texas at Dallas, established last year through a $3 million gift from Herb and his wife, Donna, will be helping future students with scholarships.

“Many people don’t realize that a $1,000 scholarship represents 100 hours or more that a student doesn’t have to work to pay tuition,” says Dr. Randall S. Guttery, director of the real estate institute. “This can be a game changer for a student. Scholarships let students stay on campus to take part in the Real Estate Club or case competitions with other students. I’m grateful for every scholarship dollar we can offer to students.”

In addition to more scholarships, Jindal School real estate students have expanded opportunities for internships, mentoring and full-time positions. More students will be able to participate in case competitions and attend real estate conferences nationwide.

Guttery has been at the Jindal School since 2011. Since then, the school’s real estate program, open to undergraduate and graduate students, has racked up a string of intercollegiate successes and has a nine-member advisory panel that includes Dallas-area real estate standouts.

For information, go to jindal.utdallas.edu/weitzman.