

DALLAS-FORT WORTH

AFFILIATE AWARD

The Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex hosted their 4th annual Affiliate Award for Aspirations in Computing reception in February. The event was hosted at a Metroplex Technology Business Council Luncheon, along with festivities throughout the day. The young women arrived early to meet the keynote speakers — AT&T Labs' SVP of Network Technologies Kris Rinne and CEO/Co-founder of ViaWest Nancy Phillips. Both speakers interacted with the Winners and their parents. After the formal reception, the Awardees were able to tour the ViaWest data center and walk on a "cloud." Nancy brought out the iconic Sit With Me red chair for a few memorable photo ops. Afterward, the girls headed across the street to the University of Texas at Dallas where they toured three busy labs at the Erik Jonsson School of Engineering & Computer Science. The labs' research was in cyber security, sound formation, and brainwave translation. Representatives from local sponsoring organizations, as well as students from the university were in attendance and assisted in answering questions about college, internships, and beyond.

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“Without Mr. Baker’s guidance, I wouldn’t be studying computer science on scholarship at an amazing university. I wouldn’t have discovered what I wanted to do for the rest of my life. He is an amazing teacher, and I will always value what he has done for me and every single student that passes through his classroom.”

~ Aspirations
Award Recipient



Geographic region covered

Counties around the DFW Metroplex



Number of years Affiliate Award held in this region

4



Number of 2013 Awardees

10



Number of 2013 volunteers

28

LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS OFFERED

University of North Texas

The University of North Texas will offer \$1,000 scholarships for up to two Aspirations Award Winners or Runners-up who enroll in a degree program offered by the Department of Computer Science and Engineering.

University of Texas at Dallas

UTD offers \$2,000 scholarships for winners who enroll in a degree program offered by the Jonsson School.

LOCAL COORINATORS

- Pam Krause, Metroplex Technology Business Council
- Wendy Stewart, ViaWest
- Tracey Uddin, University of Texas at Dallas

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