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*Reception: 6:30 pm*

*Silent Auction: 6:30-8:00 pm*

*Dinner: 7:30 pm*

*Live Auction: 9:00 pm*

*Live Music: 9:30 pm*

### ***Honored guests***

*Chris Huckabee, Philanthropy*

*Ashley Purgason, Distinguished Scholar*

### ***Master of Ceremonies***

*Steve Eager, KDFW Channel 4 Anchor*



*Chris Huckabee*  
*Philanthropy*

*When the foundation discussed who we would like to honor at our first Gala, Chris Huckabee was the first person we thought of. Chris has been a major contributor to the Mansfield ISD Education Foundation for the past nine years. He is also a contributor to many other Education Foundations in the State of Texas where he does business. He continues to fund grants that have made a significant impact on the students in Mansfield ISD. He also is a major sponsor of the Academic Recognition Banquet that honors the top students in the district and is a platinum sponsor for the Education Foundation golf tournament. The MISD Education Foundation could not have chosen a more worthy person to honor.*

*Chris Huckabee is passionate about education, his clients and the Fort Worth community. On any given night, you'll find him at a local charity function, a Cook Children's Medical Center event or sitting in one of his client's board meetings ... even when he doesn't need to be there.*

*Chris is the CEO of Huckabee, a Fort Worth-based architectural firm that serves public educational clients. He is a registered architect and has been responsible for more than 250 educational projects across the State of Texas including over \$1 billion in school construction projects for Mansfield ISD since 1989. He is also a writer with work frequently published in national publications. True to his character, Chris established a foundation to which he donates 100 percent of the proceeds from his speaking and writing engagements to educational and health-related organizations.*

*In addition to serving countless students, teachers and communities throughout his professional career, Chris also strives to make an impact of excellence on the entire Fort Worth community and sits on several boards for organizations like Cook Children's and the Community Foundation of North Texas.*



*Ashley Purgason  
Distinguished Scholar*

*When the foundation discussed who would be recognized, as our Distinguished Scholar, Ashley Purgason was at the forefront. Ashley was honored in 2002, by the Education Foundation, as one of the top Distinguished Scholars. Ashley began and completed her high school education at Mansfield High School in Mansfield, TX. She is extremely proud to call herself a member of three of the four state championship Lady Tiger basketball teams from Mansfield. Ashley received several academic awards and scholarships. After graduating Summa Cum Laude, Ashley went on to New York City to attend New York University on an academic and athletic scholarship.*

*Following a sidelining injury and a coaching change to her basketball team, Ashley transferred to The University of Texas at Arlington in Arlington, TX to continue playing basketball and pursue a degree in Biology. Ashley received a Bachelor of Science in Biology with Honors from UTA in May of 2006 and was also recognized during her degree as an Academic All-American for the women's basketball team, a UTA Scholar Athlete, and received an Outstanding Academic Achievement Award from the College of Science. She then went on to complete a Master of Science in Biology in December of 2007 also from UTA. There she began participating in research activities which would eventually lead her to The University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston, TX beginning in August of 2008. Ashley is currently completing a Ph.D. at UTMB in Population Health Sciences with a concentration in Environmental Toxicology and expects to have the degree conferred in the summer of 2012. Her research is conducted at the NASA Johnson Space Center in Houston, TX and is focused upon the dangers of the space radiation environment and its effects on the health of astronauts in long duration missions beyond low Earth orbit.*

*During her tenancy at NASA-JSC and UTMB, Ashley has been named a National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences Toxicology Scholar, a NASA Graduate Student Research Proposal Pre-Doctoral Fellow, and a Texas Space Grant Consortium Scholar. She recently completed the prestigious NASA Space Radiation Summer School program at the NASA Space Radiation Laboratory at the world renowned Brookhaven National Laboratory in Upton, NY. Ashley has been invited to present her research at multiple scientific conferences both in the United States and overseas*

*and will next travel to Poland to speak. Her next project, however, is sending her research model into space on the final American shuttle mission, STS-135, scheduled to launch on July 8, 2011 and return to Earth on July 20, 2011. Ashley has served on a myriad of volunteer committees at UTM&B including a Presidency of the Graduate Student Organization and she is currently the Student Government Association President. After two lobby trips to Austin for the greater good of UTM&B, Ashley has been chosen as a representative of the UTM&B Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences to lobby for health policy in Washington, DC and will do so in September.*

*The MSD Education Foundation is proud to honor Ashley Purgason.*