



**Student Recognition Luncheon Featuring  
State Representative Rafael Anchía**

**Friday, January 13, 2006 at Brookhaven Country Club  
3333 Golfing Green Drive, Farmers Branch**

**11:30 AM—1:00 PM - Cost - \$25**

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**Join us on Friday, January 13th as we recognize students from R.L. Turner High School , Texans Can! At Carrollton—Farmers Branch and Mary Grimes Education Center and reaffirm a strong commitment to excellence from the Business Community to the Leaders of Tomorrow.**

Rafael Anchía was elected in November 2004 to represent District 103 in the Texas House of Representatives. District 103 includes parts of North Oak Cliff, West Dallas, La Bajada, Los Altos, Love Field, North Park, Irving, Farmers Branch and Carrollton.

Rep. Anchía began his public service at the local level where he was twice elected to the Board of Trustees of the Dallas Independent School District - the nation's 11th largest school district. During his tenure on the Dallas School Board, he served as First Vice President and chaired the Policy and Governance Committee.

Anchía is an attorney with the law firm of Patton Boggs LLP. He specializes in public and corporate finance. Rep. Anchía was a 2001 American Marshall Memorial Fellow, a 2003 Broad Fellow and a 2003 British-American Project Conference Delegate. In 2003, he also received the "Rising Star" award from the Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Dallas for contributions made to improving the lives of young people in his community. He is a member of various professional, civic and charitable organizations, among them: the NALEO Education Fund Board, the Leadership Dallas Alumni Association, the Dallas Assembly, the SMU Clements Center on Southwest Studies and the Oak Cliff Lions Club.

Rep. Anchía is a graduate of Southern Methodist University and he received his J.D. from Tulane University School of Law. He lives in North Oak Cliff with his wife, Marissa, and daughter, Sofia.

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**DALLAS SEMICONDUCTOR CORPORATION  
TO SPONSOR STUDENT RECOGNITION LUNCHEON**

This month's sponsor, Dallas Semiconductor, joined our Chamber in 1984 when it first opened its doors for business. The firm designs, manufactures and markets electronic chips and chip-based subsystems. Rather than building commodity products, Dallas Semiconductor management has opted to focus on one-of-a-kind solutions that span many areas. Dallas Semiconductor chips are used in a variety of computers, communications and industrial equipment. So diverse are the product applications, that Dallas Semiconductor's top 25 customers account for only about 30 percent of sales. Approximately 1,500 people are employed at the northeast Farmers Branch location.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### JANUARY 2006

January 4th	<b>Branch Out!</b> 7:30 a.m. @ Brookhaven Country Club 3333 Golfing Green Drive
January 5th	<b>Education Committee</b> 1:30p.m. @ F.B. Chamber  <b>Economic Development Committee</b> 3:00 pm @ F.B. Chamber  <b>Executive Committee</b> 4:00 pm @ F.B. Chamber
January 10th	<b>Texas Scholars Training</b> 9:30 a.m. @ Ranchview High School 8401 Valley Ranch Parkway East— Irving, TX 75063  <b>Ambassador Committee</b> 4:00 pm @ F.B. Chamber
January 11th	<b>Branch Out!</b> 7:30 a.m. @ Brookhaven Country Club 3333 Golfing Green Drive
January 13th	<b>Board of Directors Meeting</b> 10:30 a.m @ Brookhaven Country Club 3333 Golfing Green Drive  <b>Student Recognition Luncheon</b> 11:30 a.m @ Brookhaven Country Club 3333 Golfing Green Drive
January 16th	<b>Chamber Closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day</b>
January 17th	<b>Ribbon Cutting—Joe's Italian Café</b> 4:00 p.m. 4002 Beltline Road—Addison
January 18th	<b>Branch Out!</b> 7:30 a.m. @ Brookhaven Country Club 3333 Golfing Green Drive
January 25th	<b>Branch Out!</b> 7:30 a.m. @ Brookhaven Country Club 3333 Golfing Green Drive
January 26th	<b>“How to Have Your Best Year Ever: Brian Tracy's Business Building Seminar”</b> 12:00 p.m. @ F.B. Chamber

## CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

— Paul Beeler —  
*Chairman of the Board*



### Edward Jones rated No. 1 Overall for Client Statements

The financial serviced firm Edward Jones ranked No. 1 overall in a recent evaluation of customer statements by Dalbar, according to the four Farmers Branch investment representatives.

This No. 1 ranking was awarded to the firm by Dalbar's annual 2005 Trends and Best Practices in Investor Statements. Dalbar develops standards for and provides research, ratings and rankings of intangible factors to the financial services industry.

Dalbar's 2005 Trends and Best Practices in Brokerage Statements Report evaluates brokerage statements to address both the needs of the investor and the brokerage firm. This ranking is given to firms most effective in combining investor preferences and statement efficiency.

"The brokerage statement is ...evolving into an invaluable tool that provides the investor with a comprehensive picture of (his or her) financial standings, while leveraging the financial professional and the brokerage firm as a one-stop shop for gaining information and perspective," according to Dalbar. "As the brokerage statement moves beyond the passivity of simply listing holdings and activity, an array of useful features has emerged on leading brokerage statements."

Some features offered by Edward Jones include:

- Comparisons between actual asset allocation and a predetermined target allocation
- Estimations of income based on existing investments
- Messages throughout the statement highlighting product offerings

### FB Chamber Honors Ambassadors

The Ambassadors Club has placed a plaque in the FB Chamber office which honors and memorializes those who have "soared like eagles" in serving the Chamber through the Ambassadors Club. Jim Dalton, Laverne Gilbert and Ivy Tomlin were the first to have their names engraved on the plaque. Previous recipients include Ruth Ann Parish, Bill Moses and Richard Brown. This year's recipients are Joan Abbey and Fred Badyna for their long time service to the Ambassador Club and the Farmers Branch Chamber of Commerce.

### Edward Jones Ranks No. 1 in National Survey of Brokers for the 13th Consecutive Year

For the 13th consecutive year, Edward Jones ranked No. 1 in Registered Representative magazine's annual survey of the nation's seven largest financial-services firms. The magazine randomly selects brokers nationwide and asks them to rank their firms in various categories.

"Jones is famous for its one-person branches in cities and towns across the country," the magazine said in its December 2005 issue. "And, by and large, the reps are free to run these offices as they see (fit); they set their own hours and are unencumbered by unattainable sales quotas set by the home office."

Edward Jones investment representatives gave the firm its highest scores in 14 of the 20 categories in which it was rated. Some of those categories include: hiring and recruiting practices, ongoing training, client account statements, quality of research and the firm's strategic focus. This year, the firm ties for the No. 1 spot.

## Education Committee Update by Mary Jane Stevenson, City of Farmers Branch

The Lorraine and Dave Blair Scholarship fund is used to provide \$1,000 college scholarships to seniors at R.L. Turner High School. The recipients are selected by members of the Education Committee who interview the scholarship candidates and consider the students' academic record, college placement scores, extracurricular activities and financial need when selecting the winners. Donations are needed to award these scholarships in May. Please contribute to the fund when attending the Chamber luncheons or by mailing a contribution to the Chamber office.

The Farmers Branch Chamber of Commerce Education Committee is partnering with the Irving/Las Colinas Chamber of Commerce to expand the Chamber's successful "Applause" and "Academic Honor" cards to include merchants on the east side of Irving/ Las Colinas, especially those establishments at the intersection of McArthur Boulevard and the LBJ Freeway.

The "Academic Honor" card was started in 1988 by the Farmers Branch Chamber of Commerce and is a card issued to students in the Carrollton-Farmers Branch Independent School District who maintained a grade average of at least 85 during the previous semester. The card entitles the student to certain discounts and benefits at area businesses.

The "Applause" card gives teachers and other District personnel a ten percent discount at local shops and restaurants. Participating businesses are not charged to be part of either card program and reap the rewards of greater patronage and widespread advertising in the community. Please contact Paul Beeler at 972-968-5780 for more information on the Academic Honor Card and the Applause Card or visit the Education Committee webpage on the Chamber website at [www.fbchamber.com](http://www.fbchamber.com).

Texas Scholars is a community-driven effort involving educators, the business sectors and local volunteers that help 8th grade students and their parents understand that good, well-paying jobs go to those who have prepared themselves by obtaining a fundamentally sound academic education. 2006 Texas Scholars presentations will take place on January 18 & 20. Training will be offered on January 10th from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at Ranchview High School. Please contact Paul Beeler at 972-968-5780 for more information on Texas Scholars.

### RENEWALS

**The Farmers Branch Chamber recognizes our successes are achieved because of our members. We wish to thank the following firms and individuals who continue to show their support by renewing their membership:**

Budget Blinds of Dallas  
Fencing Institute of Texas  
IBM  
Jan Woody  
Omni Dallas Hotel Park West  
Prentiss Properties  
TD Industries

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

The Farmers Branch Chamber of Commerce would like to welcome the following firms who have recently chosen to show their support of the Chamber's Mission by signing on as a new member.

**Shamrock Bolt & Screw, Inc.**  
Gary Embrey  
14816 Venture Drive  
Farmers Branch, TX 75234  
Phone: 972-241-4226  
E-mail: [gembrey@shamrock-bolt.com](mailto:gembrey@shamrock-bolt.com)  
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### Texas Workforce Commission Calls on Employers to Hire Displaced Hurricane Victims

*1-800 Hotline Helps Texas Employers Get the Job Done*

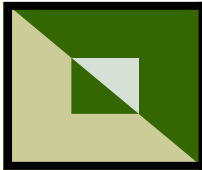
Thousands of hurricane victims are living in Texas and in need of employment. To help these people get back to work, the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) established a toll-free hotline for employers who have available jobs for those affected by the recent disasters.

Dallas employers may call 1-800-695-6879 to post job opportunities specifically for workers displaced by the hurricanes. Since Hurricanes Rita and Katrina hit the Gulf Coast, more than 1,350 Texas employers have posted more than 12,000 jobs via the hotline.

TWC employees staffing the hotline will assist employers with a job order and contact local workforce development professionals in your area ([www.worksource.org](http://www.worksource.org)) and begin the process of matching your organization with qualified applicants. In addition, the job will be posted to [www.WorkInTexas.com](http://www.WorkInTexas.com), Texas' free online employment resource.

On an ongoing basis Dallas employers can visit [www.WorkInTexas.com](http://www.WorkInTexas.com) to register and post positions as they become available. Currently, the site boasts more than 54,000 job postings with more than 130,000 employers registered in the system. WorkInTexas.com contains a variety of job postings, ranging from entry- to executive-level positions.

In addition to [www.WorkInTexas.com](http://www.WorkInTexas.com), a local workforce center in your area can provide additional services, including placement resources, certification and training, up-to-date information on the labor market and emerging occupations, assistance with recruiting, retention, tax and hiring incentives.



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Chairman of the Board

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