

DSF NEWS

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Hello all,

It's been a while since I have made a post to the website. Sorry about that, sometimes we get so caught up in our everyday lives that one day you look up and a year has passed ... again.

A lot is happening with the DSF but nothing more significant than what I experienced on Friday, May 16th 2014.

I flew down to Austin, TX to witness our very first applicant, Jordan Madrigal, graduate from the University of Texas with a degree from the Moody College of Communication.

What an incredible achievement by this young man. Going to school full time (18 hours his final semester) while dealing with 4.5 hour dialysis treatments, three times per week. He also held a part time job, completed an internship and was an officer in two organizations, not to mention one of the premier salsa dancers in the Austin metro area.

I got into town around 2:00 pm with the ceremony starting at 3:30. I caught a cab to the Erwin center and found his family. What a terrific group of people. I sat with his Mother, his girlfriend, and a whole group of his family and friends, about three rows worth.

I have not been to a commencement ceremony for quite some time, but I was quickly reminded of how cool they really are. You have different groups of people cheering from all different directions, the speeches and all of the great achievements. It was a real festive atmosphere.

We watched all of the graduates cross the stage and cheered our heads off when Jordan took his turn. We all joined up for dinner later on and collectively celebrated Jordan's remarkable achievements. We took turns saying a few words. I got up and spoke about the charity a little bit, but this day was all about Jordan, and deservedly so.

There is no doubt in my mind that he would have graduated from the University of Texas, or any other educational institution for that matter, with or without the assistance of the DSF, but we are very happy we were able to give him a little bit of a boost.

Jordan told me he already had a job lined up where he would start the following week, and they are very lucky to have him there. No matter what tasks they challenge him to he will take care of them, no problem. I consider myself honored to meet him and I look forward to see how he impacts this world in such a positive way.

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Jordan with his Family and Friends



Look out world, Here Comes Jordan!!

Since we started this charity nearly five years ago, I always said that even if we help one person it is worth doing. I knew there were people out there looking to take advantage of the time spent at treatments and utilize it for positive results. Well, we couldn't have been more blessed to find a perfect example of an ideal candidate on our very first try. And now, five years later, I have received a huge amount of qualified applicants who really need our services. I hope that one day we have the funds to give them all a boost.

Of course, we wouldn't be around today if it wasn't for the backing of all of our wonderful supporters. Thank you so much for being such an important part of our existence.

Hope all is well!!

John Turek