



This year marks the 6<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Somerset ISD Education Foundation (SISDEF), making it a time for celebration as well as a time to look towards the future. The Somerset ISD Education Foundation (SISDEF) is excited and enthusiastically looking forward to another successful year in support of the Somerset Independent School District (SISD).

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We are most thankful for our all-volunteer Board of Directors who gives their time, knowledge, experience, generous financial support and in-kind contributions. The board continues to grow and develop our organization through training for board members. SISDEF board members attend trainings and workshops throughout the year to learn about the workings of foundations and the successful activities of other foundations in our area. Also, we are currently in the process of developing a Strategic Plan with a vision to ensure the continuity of our foundation. We have aligned ourselves with successful organizations such as the San Antonio Area Foundation and the Texas Education Foundation Network.

Somerset ISD Education Foundation is excited about the activities planned for 2014:

- We will hold our 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament at the Republic Golf Course, Wednesday, May 21, 2014 starting at 12 noon. We are being recognized as providing very generous prizes for the top three winning teams, some very nice raffle items and door prizes as well. Please contact Susie Hernandez for registration information at 866-852-9858 ext. 6368 or email at [laura.hernandez@sisdk12.net](mailto:laura.hernandez@sisdk12.net).
- Our annual Academic Recognition Banquet will be held at the beautiful Fort Sam Houston Golf Club on Saturday, May 31, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. to recognize the top fifteen percent of the graduating senior class, teachers who have impacted their life and parents for their continued support.
- Please make plans to join us at our 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Casino Night on Saturday, September 13, 2014 at Our Lady Queen of Heaven Family Center, located at 11150 Macdona-LaCoste Road, Macdona, TX.

The Education Foundation is also in support of Somerset ISD in establishing educational trends by initiating an Early College High School within the school district and pursuing Science, Technology, Engineering & Math (STEM) curriculum within the high school and junior high. These two programs will improve our students' opportunities in their college/university goals and objectives. The Education Foundation will do whatever we can to further enhance these two programs within the district.

On behalf of the Somerset ISD Education Foundation, I would like to thank the following:

- Our faithful corporate sponsor, HEB, who provides substantial support each year, so please support your local favorite HEB store.
- SunEdison whose grant has helped to establish the Education Foundation as a solid and growing non-profit organization.
- All teachers and staff for your generous financial support through a new payroll deduction process.
- All who have contributed; the Somerset ISD Education Foundation relies on the generosity of all donors and is grateful for all who support our mission.

We look forward to your continued efforts on behalf of our students at Somerset ISD.

A brief review of past SISDEF successes in supporting Somerset ISD is as follows: have provided over \$224,000 through innovative teacher grants, student scholarships and student, parents and teacher recognition.

The Somerset ISD Education Foundation encourages you to visit our web site at [www.sisdef.com](http://www.sisdef.com) to learn more about our foundation, how to support SISD and how to get involved. I wish all a prosperous, safe and healthy Happy New Year!

Regards,  
Robert Casias, President