

TEXAS SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF MEDIA ALERT

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TEXAS SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF'S 9TH ANNUAL DIAMOND CHEFS GALA – MAY 1

HILTON DIAMOND CHEF MENTORS DEAF STUDENTS

VEGAS THEMED FUNDRAISING GALA SUPPORTS TEXAS STUDENTS WHO ARE DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING

Media Video and Photo opportunities with 15 culinary students from the Texas School for the Deaf in action, working in the Hilton kitchen alongside Diamond Chef Mark and the Hilton culinary staff, during preparations:

Thursday, April 30, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Friday, May 1, 3:00 – 8:00 pm

WHAT: Presented by the Texas School for the Deaf (TSD) Foundation, TSD's 9th Annual Diamond Chefs Gala - "Vegas Nights" – is a student prepared, multi-course banquet with wine pairings, silent and live auctions, and fun casino-style gaming.

Hilton's Diamond Chef, Mark Dayanandan, and the Hilton Austin staff, give a select group of TSD culinary students the opportunity to participate in a once-in-a-lifetime experience in the back of the house of the renowned downtown Austin landmark hotel – working alongside Dayanandan and his top chefs to create unique, locally-sourced, gourmet meals for almost 300 special guests.

The annual Diamond Chefs Gala showcases the TSD-Hilton partnership as well as the talents of TSD students, and celebrates TSD's rich 159+ year history of providing an exemplary education, tools and experiences to Texas' students, ages 0-22, who are deaf and hard of hearing.

Proceeds will support the Texas School for the Deaf, and the 7,000+ deaf and hard of hearing Texas children, their families, professionals, and the networks of support that hold us all together.

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WHEN: Friday, May 1, 2015
6:00 pm

WHERE: Hilton Austin Downtown
500 East 4th Street

MORE: Tickets and more information available at: tsdfoundation.org/diamond-gala.

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ABOUT THE TEXAS SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF (TSD)

The Texas School for the Deaf is the oldest continuously operating public school in Texas. Educating deaf and hard of hearing students of Texas since 1856, the campus also provides outreach and educational resources for students, their families and professionals in the field throughout the state of Texas. With educational excellence and a strong belief in a culture and community at TSD, students form a unique identity based on their individual strengths and talents. TSD is an environment where students learn, grow, and belong. For more information about the Texas School for the Deaf, visit <http://www.tsd.state.tx.us/>.

ABOUT TEXAS SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF'S DIAMOND CHEFS GALA

A partnership with the [Hilton Austin](#) was formed in 2007 when Texas School for the Deaf met award-winning Chef, Mark Dayanandan, who quickly developed a fondness and passion for working with TSD's culinary students. At the time, Dayanandan had just been named Hilton's Diamond Chef, the highest honor among Hilton chefs worldwide. Today, Dayanandan and his staff remain loyal and dedicated supporters of TSD, mentoring students year after year. TSD's annual Diamond Chefs Gala is named in honor of Dayanandan's prestigious Diamond Chef title.

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