

## TEXAS SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF MEDIA ALERT

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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## **7<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL DIAMOND CHEF'S GALA – MAY 23** **HILTON DIAMOND CHEF GIVES DEAF STUDENTS OPPORTUNITY TO SHINE**

FUNDRAISING EVENT SUPPORTS WORK AND COLLEGE READINESS PROGRAMS FOR TEXAS STUDENTS WHO ARE DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING

**WHAT:** Presented by the Texas School for the Deaf (TSD) Foundation - KICK UP YOUR HEELS for TSD's 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Diamond Chef's Gala – a student prepared, multi-course banquet with wine pairings, silent and live auctions, and "Boots & Bling" themed fun.

Hilton Diamond Chef, Mark Dayanandan, gives 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 Hilton-Austin – working alongside Dayanandan on his signature, locally-sourced, gourmet creations for more than 200 special guests.

The annual Diamond Chefs Gala showcases the talents of TSD students and celebrates the rich history of TSD's 150+ years 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 approximate 5,000 deaf and hard of hearing Texas children, their families, professionals, and the networks of support that hold us all together.

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***Media opportunities for video/photo with students in action, working in the Hilton kitchen alongside Diamond Chef Mark and the Hilton culinary staff, during banquet preparations:***

***Wednesday, May 22: 10:30 am – 2:30 pm***

***Thursday, May 23: 2:30 – 9:00 pm***

**WHEN:** Thursday, May 23, 2013  
6:00 pm

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WHERE: Hilton Austin Downtown  
500 East 4th Street

MORE: For tickets, sponsorships and more information, visit: <https://tsdfoundation.org/diamond>.

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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/>.

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