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WOODROW WILSON HIGH SCHOOL COMMUNITY FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES BOARD MEMBER AND VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

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Dallas, Texas, February 26, 2013. In honor of their service and accomplishments on behalf of the organization, the Woodrow Wilson High School Community Foundation has named Jason Kulas as Board Member of the Year and Chris Angarola as Volunteer of the Year for 2012.

Jason Kulas, a Woodrow alumnus, is the Treasurer of the Foundation. Under his guidance, the Foundation has implemented comprehensive systems for receiving, disbursing, and accounting for funds and expenses. Kulas works with the financial team to collect, analyze and prepare all financial information and reports.

In addition, Kulas and his wife, Amy, have been generous benefactors to the Foundation. They established the Marca Lee Bircher Scholarship. The \$1,000 (endowed) scholarship will be awarded annually to a Woodrow Wilson High School graduating senior who plans to attend a four-year university and study vocal performance, music education, choral conducting or musical theater. The Kulas family also established the Amy and Jason Kulas Family Scholarship, which is the Foundation's first four-year endowed scholarship.

Kulas is chief financial officer for Santander Consumer USA, Inc. He and Amy live in Lakewood with their three children.

Foundation President Richard H. Vitale says, "We credit much of the Foundation's solid financial footing to Jason's leadership. Under his direction, we have established ourselves as faithful, prudent stewards of the funds entrusted to us. And thanks to Jason and Amy's scholarship donations, Woodrow students for years to come will have encouragement and financial assistance to pursue their educational dreams."

Chris Angarola is the president of the Friends of Lakewood, a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization that raises funds and provides other assistance to Lakewood Elementary School. Most recently, Angarola worked with the Foundation to establish the Friends of Lakewood fund, allowing for efficient financial transactions and management within the Foundation's financial structure. In addition to promoting the Friends of Lakewood among the school's parents, Angarola recruited more than 25 Cornerstone Donors for the Foundation. Cornerstone donors, who give a monthly donation of \$25 or more, provide the ongoing sustenance of the Foundation and its programs. Chris has also founded sponsor of another Foundation fund for the Friends of J.L. Long Middle School.

Angarola and his wife, Suzi, have two children. He is a commercial relationship manager for Wells Fargo Bank.

According to Vitale, "Chris has been incredibly successful in enlisting Lakewood families to support the elementary school. More important, by encouraging them to become Cornerstone donors, Chris has fostered long-lasting engagement among these families, the Foundation, and the advancement of public education in East Dallas."

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The Woodrow Wilson High School Community Foundation was created in 2009 and serves as a central point for fundraising, grants, scholarships, and other programs and projects that benefit Woodrow as well as the public middle and elementary schools in its feeder pattern. The Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization registered with the Internal Revenue Service and is completely independent of the Dallas Independent School District.

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