

La Fiesta de las Seis Banderas Highlander Award



For the first time, the Highland Park Education Foundation and High School Alumni Association are giving the Highlander Award to an organization. When looking at those who have made a consistent and lasting impact on the schools and the community over the past twenty plus years, the name of **La Fiesta de las Seis Banderas** has to be the first to come to mind. Since their formation in 1986 they have supported numerous needs and initiatives across the school community. Originally La Fiesta was founded to help save the oldest house in Highland Park from demolition. The first gala was held with six duchesses from Highland Park and University Park each representing one of the six flags that have flown over the state of Texas. Since that time, literally hundreds of dedicated La Fiesta volunteers have given countless hours of time to raising over \$5.8 million dollars; most in support of the schools. The Education Foundation alone has received over \$3 million in support of such vital areas as teacher and staff salaries, global education, the Tartan Endowment, technology at the schools, the Elisa Project, drug and alcohol awareness programs, scholarships and the Teacher of the Year Awards. And that is to name just a few of the many areas that have benefitted from the generosity of La Fiesta. The support of La Fiesta is critical to the success of our schools and to the continuation of many programs that make a significant difference in this community. It is a great honor to be able to recognize and publicly thank La Fiesta for all that they do in support of our community by presenting them with the 2013 Highlander Award.